



# UC RIVERSIDE - Student Evaluation of Instructor, Discussion Courses - Fall 2012

Course: MATH 146A Section: 004  
Instructor: Soheil Safii

Enrollment: 33  
Respondents: 27  
Response Rate: 82%

Enrollment: 4590  
Respondents: 3377  
Response Rate: 74%

Enrollment: 40169  
Respondents: 31808  
Response Rate: 79%

Questions	Course								Department			Campus				
	<u>7</u> High	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> Low	<u>N/A</u>	Mean	SD	% tile	Mean	SD	% tile	Mean	SD
1 Provides goals and objectives in his/her presentations.	21	4	1	-	-	-	-	1	6.8	0.5	93	6.0	1.4	94	6.0	1.3
2 Is well prepared and clearly organized.	22	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.5	94	6.0	1.4	94	6.1	1.3
3 Thoroughly understands the subject matter.	22	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.8	0.4	93	6.2	1.3	93	6.3	1.2
4 Explains the relevancy of the material.	21	3	-	1	-	-	-	2	6.8	0.7	93	6.0	1.4	94	6.1	1.3
5 Clarifies lecture and readings	24	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.3	97	6.0	1.4	97	6.0	1.4
6 Encourages my participation through questions and/or classroom activities.	19	3	1	1	-	-	-	3	6.7	0.8	91	5.9	1.5	92	6.0	1.4
7 Creates a classroom atmosphere where I feel free to ask questions.	23	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.4	96	6.2	1.3	97	6.1	1.3
8 Uses language appropriate to the level of the course.	22	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.4	92	6.3	1.2	93	6.3	1.2
9 Gives useful feedback on assignments and exams.	23	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.6	94	6.0	1.4	94	6.0	1.4
10 Effectively manages the classroom environment	23	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.4	97	6.1	1.4	97	6.1	1.3
11 Motivates me to do my best.	20	4	-	2	-	-	-	1	6.6	0.9	89	5.8	1.5	89	5.9	1.4
12 Is accessible and helpful during office hours.	24	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.3	96	6.2	1.2	97	6.2	1.2
13 Is approachable - his/her demeanor encourages interaction.	24	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.3	96	6.2	1.3	97	6.2	1.3
14 Respects the role of each student in a diverse environment.	21	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	6.9	0.3	95	6.3	1.1	96	6.3	1.2
15 Encourages and respects diverse perspectives.	21	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	6.9	0.3	95	6.3	1.1	96	6.3	1.2
16 Appropriately handles sensitive situations and/or inappropriate student comments.	19	3	-	-	-	-	-	5	6.9	0.4	96	6.3	1.2	96	6.3	1.2
17 Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment.	21	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	6.9	0.3	96	6.3	1.2	96	6.3	1.2
18 Speaks clear, understandable English. (Not applicable in foreign language sections.)	25	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.3	96	6.5	1.2	98	6.3	1.2
19 Overall, is an effective teacher.	24	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.3	97	6.1	1.3	97	6.1	1.3

\* The number of N/A is not included in the Mean and S.D. calculation.



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**Question # 20:** YOUR CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENTS ON YOUR GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR'S TEACHING SKILLS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. PLEASE WRITE YOUR COMMENTS IN THE TEXTBOX BELOW. PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO 2000 CHARACTERS.

- Extremely helpful, and always available and eager to help students. Very polite and thorough with example problems.
- As always Soheil is a great TA. He always knows the material, and goes through it thoroughly and understandably.
- One of the best TA's I have ever had! extremely helpful and very nice!
- Soheil is very good about making sure everyone is clear on the material, and gives good explanations and demonstrations. His flexibility and dedication to seeing everyone has mastered the topics is commendable.
- Great TA!!! He knows what he is talking about and he is very helpful! He makes things clear and easy to understand because he goes step by step and never makes you feel like he's annoyed or frustrated. He wants to help the students out and creates an atmosphere where it's easy to ask for help. He's also always available during office hours and always has time to help everyone. There is no need to change anything.
- He is a very great TA. Very organized and prepared, and thoroughly answers any questions that are asked. Although I did not have the opportunity to meet with him during office hours, he was still very helpful in discussion and I gained a lot from going to those. Overall, a very good TA and would love to have him again.
- Even though this class is not in his field of specialization he was very knowledgeable and helpful. I hope I have him again as a TA.
- Great TA. Knows exactly what he's doing and can explain it very clearly.
- Very helpful in discussion and in office hours.
- He did a really good job in discussion. He was very helpful and was always able to answer questions in a clear and understandable way.
- He is a great TA. He is very understanding, and really helps make the content alot easier to understand. He is also willing to go to that extra length to make sure we get the help that we need, if we need it.
- Smart and always willing to go out of his way for students. Model TA. Best TA at Riverside, hands down.
- Soheil is an excellent TA. He makes trips to office hours a good experience because he leaves you with a solid understanding of the material. In his emails, he always encourages you to ask for help and is always available. An excellent TA!
- You are extremely helpful. Don't change anything.
- If it were not for Soheil I wouldn't be as successful in the class as I am. Sure, [REDACTED] is great, but it's easy to get lost with him during lecture, but with Soheil, he makes it easy to follow and he goes at a good pace to keep things clear and understanding. He pauses and asks if anyone has questions so that he can clarify if it's confusing. Excellent TA! Super helpful during office hours, so glad that he led my discussion section this quarter!