



UC RIVERSIDE - Student Evaluation of Instructor, Discussion Courses - Spring 2012

Course: MATH 144 Section: 003
Instructor: Soheil Safii

Enrollment: 28
Respondents: 22
Response Rate: 79%

Enrollment: 3114
Respondents: 2328
Response Rate: 75%

Enrollment: 35122
Respondents: 28534
Response Rate: 81%

| Questions | Course | | | | | | | | Department | | | Campus | | | | |
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| | <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. | 18 | 3 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 6.8 | 0.5 | 96 | 6.1 | 1.3 | 94 | 6.1 | 1.3 |
| 2 Is well prepared and clearly organized. | 18 | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6.8 | 0.4 | 93 | 6.1 | 1.3 | 94 | 6.1 | 1.3 |
| 3 Thoroughly understands the subject matter. | 19 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 6.9 | 0.3 | 96 | 6.2 | 1.2 | 97 | 6.2 | 1.2 |
| 4 Explains the relevancy of the material. | 18 | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 6.8 | 0.5 | 93 | 6.1 | 1.3 | 94 | 6.1 | 1.3 |
| 5 Clarifies lecture and readings | 17 | 4 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 6.6 | 0.9 | 85 | 6.1 | 1.3 | 89 | 6.1 | 1.4 |
| 6 Encourages my participation through questions and/or classroom activities. | 15 | 3 | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | 6.5 | 1.0 | 85 | 6.0 | 1.4 | 86 | 6.1 | 1.4 |
| 7 Creates a classroom atmosphere where I feel free to ask questions. | 17 | 4 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 6.7 | 0.6 | 88 | 6.2 | 1.3 | 91 | 6.1 | 1.3 |
| 8 Uses language appropriate to the level of the course. | 18 | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6.8 | 0.4 | 91 | 6.3 | 1.1 | 94 | 6.2 | 1.2 |
| 9 Gives useful feedback on assignments and exams. | 18 | 3 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 6.8 | 0.5 | 93 | 6.1 | 1.4 | 95 | 6.0 | 1.4 |
| 10 Effectively manages the classroom environment | 18 | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6.8 | 0.4 | 93 | 6.2 | 1.3 | 94 | 6.1 | 1.3 |
| 11 Motivates me to do my best. | 16 | 4 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 6.6 | 0.8 | 86 | 6.0 | 1.4 | 89 | 5.9 | 1.4 |
| 12 Is accessible and helpful during office hours. | 19 | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6.9 | 0.4 | 96 | 6.2 | 1.2 | 97 | 6.2 | 1.3 |
| 13 Is approachable - his/her demeanor encourages interaction. | 20 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6.9 | 0.3 | 96 | 6.2 | 1.3 | 97 | 6.1 | 1.3 |
| 14 Respects the role of each student in a diverse environment. | 19 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 6.9 | 0.3 | 95 | 6.3 | 1.1 | 97 | 6.2 | 1.2 |
| 15 Encourages and respects diverse perspectives. | 15 | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | 6.8 | 0.4 | 90 | 6.3 | 1.1 | 93 | 6.3 | 1.2 |
| 16 Appropriately handles sensitive situations and/or inappropriate student comments. | 16 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | 6.9 | 0.3 | 95 | 6.3 | 1.1 | 97 | 6.2 | 1.2 |
| 17 Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment. | 15 | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 6.8 | 0.4 | 91 | 6.3 | 1.1 | 94 | 6.2 | 1.2 |
| 18 Speaks clear, understandable English. (Not applicable in foreign language sections.) | 19 | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6.9 | 0.4 | 95 | 6.5 | 1.0 | 98 | 6.3 | 1.3 |
| 19 Overall, is an effective teacher. | 18 | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6.8 | 0.4 | 92 | 6.2 | 1.3 | 95 | 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.

- Helpful T.A. overall.
- Soheil is still the best TA I have had here at UCR. I had him for Math 9A and now again for Math 144. He is great. He explains every problem step by step, and is always making sure that we are following through. He is very helpful during office hours, and his potential is great. If it was not for him I would have given up hope a long time ago. The material that has to be learned is very different and abstract, and Soheil teaches it in the best way possible. I am really glad I had him!
- Soheil, Thank you so much for being an amazing TA this quarter! I have never had a TA who is so willing to help. You always explained every problem very clearly. You approached problems in ways that were clear and understandable to us. Thank you so much, without you I would not have done this well in class! Keep up the good work. Wish you the best of luck in your future classes. I hope you TA one of my future classes!!
- Best TA ever. Soheil helped me through all of the class by giving me a considerable amount of assistance with homework assignments and with topics in lecture. He is really considerate and he is really nice and he tries to help anyone who has a question or doubt.
- A very good TA. Has multiple office hours and shares a passion to help students. He even holds extra office hours on Friday. Explains each concept with a better understanding.
- The best TA I have had Overall. HE is very approachable, helpful, and available. He offered many hours and opportunities for appointments when needed which is great for different students including myself. He is very helpful and does show a strong interest in wanting to teach and the students to learn. If I could I would want to have him as a ta for the majority of my math classes because he is very approachable and always encourages to seek help from him at any time even through email. Very Very helpful! Thank you for all your help this quarter I strongly appreciate it.
- Soheil was an absolutely amazing TA. There isn't one thing he could not help with, or not explain in an understanding way. Key things were his patience, his mode of delivery, organization, and large knowledge base. This was a conceptually difficult class for me. -I came to office hours quite a bit, feeling that I could approach Soheil with any question that I would hesitate to give to another TA in fear of the question being too simple, or repetitive... It was this that has me in the end coming away with a greater understanding than I have had in the past with difficult classes. I wish I had time to write more - I would consider him one of the best TAs I have ever had.
- I think Soheil is a genius. There seems to be nothing that he can't figure out. He is always prepared and ready for anything that can come his way
- Soheil was willing to help us through discussion and his office hours. He used the time effectively by going over homework problems. Additionally, he provided feedback on the homework which enabled us to learn from our mistakes and gain a better understanding of the material. Overall, he was a great TA.
- The TA was a tremendous help in every aspect of this course. The homework would always seem intimidating but your explanations helped me to understand the content. Thank you for all the time and effort you have put into helping us, the students, learn and understand the material. I appreciate it.
- Really great! Thank you for all your help. You really took the time to clarify all the hmwk and even answer emails in a timely fashion. Awesome help. Thanx