



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

Course: MATH 009B Section: 031
Instructor: Soheil Safii

Enrollment: 29
Respondents: 26
Response Rate: 90%

Enrollment: 4118
Respondents: 3198
Response Rate: 78%

Enrollment: 39133
Respondents: 32435
Response Rate: 83%

Questions	Course									Department			Campus			
	7 High	6	5	4	3	2	1 Low	N/A	Mean	SD	% tile	Mean	SD	% tile	Mean	SD
1 Provides goals and objectives in his/her presentations.	19	4	1	-	-	-	-	2	6.8	0.5	92	6.1	1.3	95	6.0	1.3
2 Is well prepared and clearly organized.	22	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.9	0.3	96	6.1	1.3	97	6.1	1.3
3 Thoroughly understands the subject matter.	22	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.9	0.3	96	6.3	1.1	97	6.3	1.2
4 Explains the relevancy of the material.	20	4	-	-	-	-	-	2	6.8	0.4	95	6.1	1.3	95	6.1	1.3
5 Clarifies lecture and readings	22	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.9	0.3	96	6.1	1.3	97	6.1	1.4
6 Encourages my participation through questions and/or classroom activities.	20	3	1	-	-	-	-	2	6.8	0.5	96	6.0	1.4	95	6.0	1.4
7 Creates a classroom atmosphere where I feel free to ask questions.	21	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.8	0.4	92	6.2	1.3	95	6.1	1.3
8 Uses language appropriate to the level of the course.	21	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.8	0.4	90	6.3	1.1	94	6.3	1.2
9 Gives useful feedback on assignments and exams.	21	3	1	-	-	-	-	1	6.8	0.5	93	6.1	1.3	95	6.0	1.4
10 Effectively manages the classroom environment	21	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.8	0.4	92	6.2	1.3	95	6.1	1.3
11 Motivates me to do my best.	20	3	2	-	-	-	-	1	6.7	0.6	90	5.9	1.4	93	5.9	1.4
12 Is accessible and helpful during office hours.	22	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.9	0.3	95	6.3	1.2	97	6.2	1.2
13 Is approachable - his/her demeanor encourages interaction.	22	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	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.	22	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.9	0.3	100	6.3	1.1	97	6.3	1.2
15 Encourages and respects diverse perspectives.	20	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.8	0.4	90	6.3	1.1	94	6.3	1.2
16 Appropriately handles sensitive situations and/or inappropriate student comments.	19	5	-	-	-	-	-	2	6.8	0.4	91	6.3	1.1	94	6.2	1.2
17 Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment.	21	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.8	0.4	89	6.3	1.1	93	6.3	1.2
18 Speaks clear, understandable English. (Not applicable in foreign language sections.)	22	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.9	0.3	96	6.5	1.1	98	6.3	1.3
19 Overall, is an effective teacher.	23	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.9	0.3	96	6.2	1.2	98	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.

- The instructor makes the material seem so much more understandable than the professor. He is very clear and helpful.
- If I could give an 8 or 9 or 1000 in helpfulness and understanding of the material, I would. He completely understands the material, takes a mere iota of time to figure out where exactly in your work you made a calculative error, and how to fix it. He begins each class preparing for the quiz or teaching concepts, as each week has 2-3 new concepts. In 40~ minutes he is able to do problems from each concept while teaching all of them in a manner that is so basic and fundamental that it is the perfect supplement to [REDACTED] lectures, which focus on understanding what's going on conceptually. He teaches the basic concept, how to do the problem, and how the concept and method for solving connect to each other. He truly has an understanding of math, and apologizes profusely when students don't understand his examples. He is very helpful during office hours and answers all emails with tips on how to understand the material. He works out sample finals and midterms and homework questions from the math department and sends them to the students if they are having trouble, likely because he wanted them to succeed and not because the department asked him to. I WOULD NOT be able to pass Math09B without his supplementary mini-lectures and constant feedback on questions/concepts I had trouble with and asked him over email or during office hours. Having two professors in Math09B already, I can say that he is the most efficient in teaching math out of all the math professors and TA's I've had thus far, no offense to those named and unnamed.
- very # 20 nice and helpful. keep it up and taught me more than the professor
- best ta i ever had. he explained the subject and i could tell he really wanted to help out his students. honestly, he taught better than the professor and a lot of other students agreed with me. his review sessions made more sense to me than the professors lectures. i was very dissapointed he was only the ta and not the professor.
- Hands down this T.A. was amazing! He should become a professor fast. Actually he should have just taught my math class. He is so clear when he teaches that it made the material very easy to understand.
- Soheil is one of the best TA's I have had at UCR. He is fully capable of making a lost student find understanding in the most difficult topics of mathematics. He is extremely knowledgeable of his subject. He wants each student to succeed and provides numerous times for supplemental help including: office hours and review sessions. He offers the assistance and guidance needed to succeed in the difficult course of Math 9B. Simply put, he is an excellent TA, in my opinion a better teacher than the professor.
- You helped me understand the concepts a lot better
- Soheil was an excellent TA. He took his time to explain each section and addressed every students' concerns. He was very patient and helpful. He went out of his way to make a tutoring/review session for the midterm. That helped alot. I probably learned more in discussion than in lecture.
- excellent teacher i would not have been able to pass the class with such ease without his help
- He's one of the best math TA's I've had. Sometimes I think why couldn't he be the math professor instead of a math TA.
- Very nice and helpful.
- Safii was an amazing TA. He came to discussion on time, he was prepared, and he was extremely helpful. He walked us through the problem, step by step, and answered any questions without hesitation. He would take his time and ask if we understand the material thus far. He was very helpful in his emails and wrote everything out so that I could understand it better. He even adds office hours and study sessions, in case we need it. Overall, I gain a better understanding of the material because of him.
- He was a good teacher and helped so much when the professor was much help. It was very helpful that he was responding emails frequently that helped me understand problems I had with homework. He made sure the class understood the material and giving good examples to ensure we had the best chance possible to pass our quizzes. Good instructor.

- This evaluation was super easy to make because Soheil is an amazing TA!! He helped me to understand the material when I needed help and he even made time to meet up with me because I didn't understand something. Soheil is an excellent teacher and he is very approachable. If you could choose your TA, I would choose him and tell everyone else to choose him!
- BEST MATH TA EVER! This is my third time having Soheil. He seriously helps explain all my questions and is extremely helpful with homework. I do not feel intimidated and dumb when I have to ask a question. He is seriously approachable and extremely kind. BEST TA!!!
- Soheil is hands down the best discussion teacher I have had in my WHOLE time here at Riverside. He SHOULD be the math teacher instead of the discussion section teacher because he is so easy to understand. Calculus feels like a joke when he teaches it. I understood EVERYTHING when he taught it. Thank you! The only reason why I passed Math 9B is because of Soheil. His lectures are perfect. He's perfect for being a math teacher. Put ANYONE in Soheil's class, and they will understand math. He helps us out on quizzes, gives us hints, and provides examples. He's very generous in his gradings. He acts professional on all occasions. He says the right and mannerly, polite things to us colleagues. He needs to be hired over and over again. Thanks again Soheil!
- Soheil is very patient and willing to help students. It's actually very encouraging and amazing to have someone so willing to help and answer questions. He also helps through emails with very detailed explanations on how to do particular questions, so he is very accessible even when students cannot make his office hours.
- MOST helpful man on earth! I loved going to discussion because I knew that I would walk out completely understanding every concept that I was previously confused about during lecture. He taught me so much, I honestly wish he was the professor! SO thoughtful and always available whenever I needed extra help. On top of that, he replies to emails SO quick and continuously helps with homework and what not. Overall EXTREMELY wonderful TA!!!!
- This teacher was always on time and was very helpful. he helped out students and also explained the material in great detail overall he was a good teacher.
- Great TA. Made everything very clear and understandable. Very thorough and knowledgeable.