



UC RIVERSIDE - Faculty Instruction Evaluation (iEval)

Fall 2013

Course: MATH 008A Section: 010 - INTRO TO COLL MATH
 FOR SCIENCES
 Instructor: Soheil Safii
 Home Dept.: Mathematics

Enrollment: 73
 Respondents: 53
 Response Rate: 73%

Enrollment: 4977
 Respondents: 3839
 Response Rate: 77%

Enrollment: 68344
 Respondents: 52492
 Response Rate: 77%

Questions	Course							Department				Campus					
	5 High	4	3	2	1 Low	N/A	Mean	Med	SD	% tile	Mean	Med	SD	% tile	Mean	Med	SD
1 I had a strong desire to take this course	25	20	7	1	-	-	4.3	4.0	0.8	75	3.9	4.0	1.1	75	4.0	4.0	1.0
2 I attended class regularly	41	11	1	-	-	-	4.8	5.0	0.5	86	4.4	5.0	0.9	89	4.5	5.0	0.8
3 I put considerable effort into this course	37	15	1	-	-	-	4.7	5.0	0.5	92	4.4	5.0	0.8	86	4.3	4.0	0.8
4 I gained a good understanding of the course content	39	13	1	-	-	-	4.7	5.0	0.5	100	4.1	4.0	0.9	88	4.2	4.0	0.9
5 I normally spent at least two hours preparing for each hour of class	29	13	7	2	1	-	4.3	5.0	1.0	81	3.9	4.0	1.0	78	3.9	4.0	1.1
6 Instructor was prepared and organized	47	5	1	-	-	-	4.9	5.0	0.4	94	4.3	5.0	0.9	96	4.4	5.0	0.8
7 Instructor used class time effectively	45	7	1	-	-	-	4.8	5.0	0.4	89	4.4	5.0	0.9	92	4.3	5.0	0.9
8 Instructor was clear and understandable	45	7	1	-	-	-	4.8	5.0	0.4	91	4.0	4.0	1.2	92	4.3	5.0	1.0
9 Instructor exhibited enthusiasm for subject and teaching	39	10	3	1	-	-	4.6	5.0	0.7	76	4.3	5.0	0.9	83	4.5	5.0	0.8
10 Instructor respected students; sensitive to and concerned with their progress	46	6	1	-	-	-	4.8	5.0	0.4	93	4.3	5.0	0.9	92	4.4	5.0	0.8
11 Instructor was available and helpful	50	2	1	-	-	-	4.9	5.0	0.3	94	4.3	5.0	0.9	96	4.3	5.0	0.8
12 Instructor was fair in evaluating students	44	8	1	-	-	-	4.8	5.0	0.4	93	4.3	5.0	0.9	91	4.3	5.0	0.9
13 Instructor was effective as a teacher overall	48	4	1	-	-	-	4.9	5.0	0.4	95	4.2	4.0	1.0	96	4.3	5.0	0.9
14 The syllabus clearly explained the structure of the courses	40	10	2	-	-	-	4.7	5.0	0.5	93	4.4	5.0	0.8	87	4.4	5.0	0.8
15 The examinations reflected the materials covered during the course	44	8	1	-	-	-	4.8	5.0	0.4	100	4.4	5.0	0.8	91	4.3	5.0	0.8
16 The required readings contributed to my learning	32	11	8	1	-	-	4.4	5.0	0.8	82	3.9	4.0	1.0	73	4.2	4.0	0.9
17 The assignments contributed to my learning	45	7	-	-	-	-	4.9	5.0	0.3	94	4.3	5.0	0.8	95	4.3	4.0	0.8
18 Supplementary materials (e.g. films, slides, videos, demonstrations, guest lectures, iLearn, web pages, etc) were informative	39	11	3	-	-	-	4.7	5.0	0.6	94	4.1	4.0	0.9	86	4.3	4.0	0.8
19 The course overall as a learning experience was excellent	44	7	1	-	-	-	4.8	5.0	0.4	95	4.1	4.0	1.0	92	4.2	4.0	0.9
20 Q1	4	-	1	-	-	-	4.6	5.0	0.9	82	4.2	4.0	0.9	84	4.2	4.0	0.9
21 Q2	3	-	1	-	-	-	4.5	5.0	1.0	78	4.2	4.0	0.9	80	4.2	4.0	0.9
22 Q3	3	-	1	-	-	-	4.5	5.0	1.0	76	4.2	4.0	0.9	79	4.2	4.0	0.9
23 Q4	3	-	1	-	-	-	4.5	5.0	1.0	78	4.2	4.0	0.9	80	4.2	4.0	0.9
24 Q5	3	-	1	-	-	-	4.5	5.0	1.0	76	4.2	4.0	0.9	80	4.2	4.0	0.9

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



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Question # 25: Please comment on how the instructor's teaching helped your learning of the material in this course. Please give serious thought to your comments. Your comments will be studied by the professor after the grade and performance evaluation of your work have been submitted and may be used in changing future offerings of the course. In addition, these comments are placed in the instructor's file and may be used for purposes of evaluating the instructor's teaching. The information collected will remain anonymous.

- I love this course. He is extremely helpful with students both in class and during office hours. He makes sure that every student in the class is on track with the material that he is discussing. He is concerned and considerate of his students.
- Seemed truly concerned with our progress. Lessons were very structured. Provided an environment where students were not afraid to ask questions. When students asked questions gave very good explanations and provided other examples if students were still confused. Provided extra office hours before exams and very quickly responded to emails.
- Soheil is awesome.
- Professor Safii was an excellent teacher and was very helpful. His lectures were well managed and the material was explained clearly. He was extremely helpful in his office hours and would often stay later than planned to help students prepare for exams. Overall I really enjoyed the course and having Professor Safii as my instructor.
- One of the best math teachers I've ever had. What my high school teachers failed to teach me in years, this math teacher accomplished in a few weeks. Perfect pacing, and slowed down if students needed help. Extremely friendly and easy to approach about questions. Sent out emails asking if the speed of the class was okay for everyone, and gave constant updates and encouragement to students.
- Very Good Job!
- Great instructor! Always on time for lecture and prepared to cover planned material. Always notifies the class of upcoming exams/assignments/etc. Quick yet thorough when going over material, always stops to answer any questions. Makes math fun and easy to understand. Always in a great mood and understanding of problems that arise unexpectedly. Really wants students to succeed!
- I loved taking this class. I took a math class in the summer and I had a little bit of trouble understanding the professor. But in this course everything was taught clear, and understandable. Math is usually not my favorite subject but through your explanations I did very well on my midterms, I received an A on both midterms.
- As an instructor, he took some getting used to, but in the long run he is a very clear teacher, who was very respectful of the needs of the students and made himself very available. He had to teach in a rapid manner, mainly due to level of material needed to be covered, but his pace is something one can easily adjust to.
- The best professor I have ever had. Very understanding with students and always willing to help. Lectures are informative and well organized. Math could sometimes come very difficult to me but I could honestly say that with his class I learned so much. During office hours he will always help one on one to make sure you understand. I am so glad to have had him as my math professor.
- Very informative and a great teacher.
- Professor Safii did a very good job in being accommodating to each student in his class. He left no question unanswered and did a very good job of explaining each topic, sometimes more than once if any one student didn't understand it at first. He is very easy to understand. He pushes through the material at a fairly quick pace, but it was necessary to complete the course, and it didn't cause any problems in learning; nothing important was skipped over. Overall the class was a very good experience.
- Great professor! Would love to have him again for my Calculus classes, very enthusiastic, lively and easy to understand
- The instructor was clear and approachable in office hours. Almost if not always when I had an issue about the material, questions were always

clearly answered and I always left class/office hours with better knowledge of the material.

- I enjoyed the class and learned math effectively.
- great teacher, he was very thorough, and he always made sure we were keeping up. I liked him and the course very much
- Great teacher.
- The instructor was extremely helpful, taught well, and went out of his way to try to ensure that we succeeded in his class.
- Professor Safii was an excellent teacher who always made time to help his students on his own time when his office hours did not work.
- One of the best, if not, math courses I have taken. Although we had to go through the material quickly, the professor clearly explained each section. He was patient with the students that needed help. The teachings and assignments were clear. The quizzes and tests were right on point with what was covered in class. Overall, I would recommend this course with this professor to anyone!
- The professor was excellent. He always had time to help someone if they didn't quite understand the concepts. In lectures he was very clear and precise on the materials we really had to memorize or what was minor details. He also had a very great attitude that made learning the material easier.
- He is an excellent teacher and a fair grader. He is an excellent, excellent teacher. Highly recommend him.
- The course was taught at a perfect pace. Prof. Safii covers every topic thoroughly and asks his students whether he needs to go over anything about the topic he just went over. He gave a fair amount of assignments that further helped the learning experience away from the classroom. Safii is my first math teacher in my college career and I hope my future math professors are like him.
- I really enjoyed this class the way you planned out all the lessons were perfect and you never rushed a section. you always explained the sections very well and had plenty of examples to make the lesson clear. this was a very helpful class and I'm glad I got placed in this class
- Instructor was great, he was very approachable, his lectures are clear and I enjoyed the course over all.
- Overall I think Soheil did a great job in teaching the course material. Although at times it felt like we moved fast through the material, he would always take the time to ask us if we had questions.
- This class was very helpful and the professor cared about the student's grades.
- Was a pleasure to have him as a professor. Came to class everyday ready to go. Didn't even have to tell the students to quiet down, because they felt and respected his presence when he came to class. Very respectful in every way, always willing to answer a question and never had an attitude. Was always ready to make time for his students. Even his emails to inform the class of something felt very sincere. Genuine person and great teacher. Not only understood what he was teaching, but taught it very well. I doubt I'll have another teacher so willing to help their students as he was, or as gentle with his students as he was. Great professor, had great teaching skills and great social skills. Wonderful.
- A great professor to take, is always open to questions that's what I really liked. He was always available if needed.
- I really enjoyed this class because my instructor was very clear. If there was any gray area, he was very eager and quick to clear it up. When midterms came around he opened up additional office hours for student to attend, which was very helpful. He also was very concerned with our grades and if we were struggling with any topic then he asked us to see him so he may help clear up any misunderstanding with the course material. I received good vibes from him and he was very direct when teaching the course material. He provided many different types of examples, which helped. Overall, this course has been a great experience.
- Thank you for ensuring the success of your students.
- The notes were really good and the homework helped!
- This instructor was very good at explaining the material and made it possible to retain information better than most math instructors

