



# UC RIVERSIDE - Faculty Instruction Evaluation (iEval)

## Spring 2013

Course: MATH 009A Section: 010 - FIRST-YEAR CALCULUS  
 Instructor: Soheil Safii  
 Home Dept.: Mathematics

Enrollment: 35  
 Respondents: 26  
 Response Rate: 74%

Enrollment: 3309  
 Respondents: 2577  
 Response Rate: 78%

Enrollment: 61175  
 Respondents: 47978  
 Response Rate: 78%

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	12	12	2	-	-	-	4.4	4.0	0.6	75	4.0	4.0	1.0	78	4.0	4.0	1.0
2 I attended class regularly	20	6	-	-	-	-	4.8	5.0	0.4	80	4.4	5.0	0.8	89	4.4	5.0	0.9
3 I put considerable effort into this course	15	11	-	-	-	-	4.6	5.0	0.5	82	4.4	4.0	0.8	83	4.3	4.0	0.8
4 I gained a good understanding of the course content	16	9	1	-	-	-	4.6	5.0	0.6	87	4.1	4.0	0.9	83	4.2	4.0	0.9
5 I normally spent at least two hours preparing for each hour of class	10	7	7	2	-	-	4.0	4.0	1.0	60	4.0	4.0	1.0	66	3.9	4.0	1.1
6 Instructor was prepared and organized	20	5	1	-	-	-	4.7	5.0	0.5	79	4.4	5.0	0.8	87	4.3	5.0	0.8
7 Instructor used class time effectively	21	4	1	-	-	-	4.8	5.0	0.5	88	4.4	5.0	0.9	91	4.3	5.0	0.9
8 Instructor was clear and understandable	22	4	-	-	-	-	4.8	5.0	0.4	94	4.2	4.0	1.0	93	4.3	5.0	0.9
9 Instructor exhibited enthusiasm for subject and teaching	19	6	-	-	1	-	4.6	5.0	0.9	75	4.4	5.0	0.9	81	4.4	5.0	0.8
10 Instructor respected students; sensitive to and concerned with their progress	21	3	2	-	-	-	4.7	5.0	0.6	86	4.4	5.0	0.8	85	4.3	5.0	0.9
11 Instructor was available and helpful	22	3	1	-	-	-	4.8	5.0	0.5	87	4.3	5.0	0.8	91	4.3	5.0	0.9
12 Instructor was fair in evaluating students	21	5	-	-	-	-	4.8	5.0	0.4	92	4.3	5.0	0.8	90	4.3	4.0	0.9
13 Instructor was effective as a teacher overall	21	4	1	-	-	-	4.8	5.0	0.5	88	4.3	5.0	0.9	92	4.3	4.0	0.9
14 The syllabus clearly explained the structure of the courses	18	7	1	-	-	-	4.7	5.0	0.6	85	4.4	5.0	0.8	88	4.4	5.0	0.8
15 The examinations reflected the materials covered during the course	21	5	-	-	-	-	4.8	5.0	0.4	86	4.4	5.0	0.8	91	4.3	4.0	0.9
16 The required readings contributed to my learning	12	4	9	1	-	-	4.0	4.0	1.0	41	4.1	4.0	1.0	55	4.2	4.0	0.9
17 The assignments contributed to my learning	18	7	1	-	-	-	4.7	5.0	0.6	83	4.4	5.0	0.8	86	4.3	4.0	0.9
18 Supplementary materials (e.g. films, slides, videos, demonstrations, guest lectures, iLearn, web pages, etc) were informative	13	5	8	-	-	-	4.2	4.5	0.9	69	4.1	4.0	0.9	64	4.3	4.0	0.9
19 The course overall as a learning experience was excellent	18	8	-	-	-	-	4.7	5.0	0.5	88	4.2	4.0	0.9	88	4.2	4.0	0.9
20 Q1	2	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	5.0	0.0	100	4.3	4.0	0.9	100	4.2	4.0	0.9
21 Q2	2	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	5.0	0.0	100	4.3	4.0	0.9	100	4.2	4.0	0.9
22 Q3	2	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	5.0	0.0	100	4.3	4.0	0.9	100	4.2	4.0	0.9
23 Q4	2	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	5.0	0.0	100	4.2	4.0	0.9	100	4.2	4.0	0.9
24 Q5	2	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	5.0	0.0	100	4.3	4.0	0.9	100	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.

- Great teacher
- Best math teacher i have had in a while, made the transition to calc easy!
- This professor was probably the best math teacher I have ever had in my life. Lectures were clearly outlined and he made sure everyone comprehended the material or examples before proceeding on to the next step or problem. Much better experience than my first 9a professor who was horrendous.
- I like how this teacher is very considerate of the students and is always lending a helpful hand for any student in need of help. He makes the course as easy to understand as possible. He has been quite fair with things and he is a great math teacher.
- Great Calculus teacher. Learned so much. Knows his material VERY WELL. Enjoyed taking his class, material was hard, but it's on the student if they want that good grade.
- This course was excellent; Dr. Safii did an amazing job teaching the material in a way that made it accessible for everyone.
- Professor Soheil, I just want to say you are a very strong professor in the sense that it is very easy to follow and understand. I think you made your lectures very clear and if someone didn't get something they should just go to your office hours because you really help clarify some problems. I do want to say however that sometimes you "break down" the math too much and we start doing math from the very bottom (simple math). I think it slows the class down but then again, I am not sure where the learning curve is for every student.
- I do not write comments very often, but Prof. Safii is best professor I have had in math so far! Very patient, clear, and concise in teaching the material to students. Expectations for the course, quizzes, midterm, and final were explained very well. I appreciate how he does not skip steps while doing math examples because it made the material so much easier to understand and to study for. The professor always, always asks his students for any questions during lesson which shows his concern for his students' understanding rather than just getting the class over with and homework turned in. I feel that he explains the material even better than the TA and the Math9A book itself. This is the first math class in college where I did not feel confused in class or that I should be afraid of math. I would definitely take Prof. Safii's class again if I had the chance because I feel that he is an excellent instructor.
- The instructor demonstrated the concepts very efficiently and smoothly. He was always polite and approachable. I really enjoyed his teaching style; one that is not meticulous, but thorough enough that nobody gets lost. I would like to thank the instructor for his excellent assistance in my understand of calculus.
- I have been looking forward to evaluating Professor Safii because he is easily one of the BEST math professors I have ever had. He was incredibly helpful in his frequently-held office hours. His lectures were very clear and well-organized and I never felt that class time was wasted in any way. He certainly motivated me to do my best and for the first time, I didn't feel that Calc was a bore. The only thing that was slightly discouraging was his makeup policy. It made me wonder why I should show up to the quizzes given in discussion when I could take the exact same quiz however late I wanted within the rest of the quarter. Other than that, this class was a great experience. I should be so lucky to have Professor Safii in a future math course (crossing my fingers!!!).
- Professor Safii is very clear in explaining lecture material. He makes sure students understand the content and is always happy to explain material over again if students are lost. He makes calculus seem much easier by explaining things step by step and in different ways. Along with that he is regularly available for office hours with those of us who need some extra help. Math is not my greatest subject but, I believe this class went very well due to the extra help and effort Professor Safii put in making sure all students understood the material.
- This class was very good. Material was explained concisely and not wordy. useful examples were shown. Thank you.

- This teacher provide clear and concise examples and focused on preparing the student for future calculus classes, rather than focusing on bizarre problems that will never pertain to the student again. In doing so he taught Math 9A HOW it should be taught, I highly praise this teacher and would highly recommend that UCR continuously utilizes him as an effective and respective instructor.
- My instructor showed great respect and attention whenever I needed assistance. In addition, my instructor taught the material straight forward which led to my highest scores, so far.
- The class was a bit dry, but it probably couldn't have been helped.