



# UC RIVERSIDE - Student Evaluation of Instructor, Discussion Courses - Winter 2013

Course: MATH 008B Section: 021  
Instructor: Soheil Safii

Enrollment: 26  
Respondents: 17  
Response Rate: 65%

Enrollment: 3893  
Respondents: 2870  
Response Rate: 74%

Enrollment: 38990  
Respondents: 30866  
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.	12	2	1	-	-	-	1	1	6.4	1.5	82	6.0	1.3	83	6.1	1.3
2 Is well prepared and clearly organized.	13	-	2	-	-	1	-	1	6.4	1.4	79	6.0	1.4	83	6.1	1.3
3 Thoroughly understands the subject matter.	13	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	6.6	1.1	84	6.2	1.2	86	6.3	1.2
4 Explains the relevancy of the material.	11	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.5	0.9	83	6.0	1.3	86	6.1	1.3
5 Clarifies lecture and readings	13	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.7	90	6.0	1.4	89	6.1	1.3
6 Encourages my participation through questions and/or classroom activities.	10	4	2	-	-	-	-	1	6.5	0.7	83	5.9	1.5	85	6.1	1.4
7 Creates a classroom atmosphere where I feel free to ask questions.	13	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.6	89	6.2	1.3	91	6.1	1.3
8 Uses language appropriate to the level of the course.	13	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.6	88	6.3	1.2	89	6.3	1.2
9 Gives useful feedback on assignments and exams.	13	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.7	89	6.0	1.4	89	6.0	1.4
10 Effectively manages the classroom environment	13	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.9	86	6.1	1.3	88	6.1	1.3
11 Motivates me to do my best.	13	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	6.5	1.1	85	5.8	1.5	87	5.9	1.4
12 Is accessible and helpful during office hours.	14	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	6.5	1.3	79	6.2	1.2	83	6.2	1.2
13 Is approachable - his/her demeanor encourages interaction.	15	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	6.5	1.5	81	6.2	1.3	84	6.2	1.3
14 Respects the role of each student in a diverse environment.	15	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	6.5	1.5	78	6.3	1.2	81	6.3	1.2
15 Encourages and respects diverse perspectives.	14	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	6.6	1.3	82	6.3	1.2	84	6.3	1.2
16 Appropriately handles sensitive situations and/or inappropriate student comments.	13	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	6.6	1.1	83	6.3	1.2	85	6.3	1.2
17 Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment.	14	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.9	83	6.3	1.2	85	6.3	1.2
18 Speaks clear, understandable English. (Not applicable in foreign language sections.)	15	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.7	91	6.4	1.2	95	6.3	1.3
19 Overall, is an effective teacher.	13	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.6	91	6.1	1.4	92	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.

- this TA effectively explained any concerns or complications with the subjects being taught. he was always on subject and provided the correct atmosphere for the course. at times he was unprepared but was able to manage the setbacks. he was always available for his office hours to provide further explanation.
- Very helpful. Knows his subject very well. Good instructor!
- Very good at explaining concepts.
- Awesome TA. Teaches us math very well. Super helpful and accessible at all times. Always answers questions and explains things in a way so we understand it. Helped me to understand math much better. He also always explains why things are this way, which is helpful to see where certain things came from
- I probably attended Soheil's office hours at least once every week. He was very helpful in explaining difficult concepts and helping with homework. He was very helpful and committed to helping students.
- I greatly enjoyed having him as my discussion teacher. I feel as though I was better able to focus in discussion opposed to lecture because he was a more effective and interesting teacher. I feel as though he adequately prepared us for the midterm and final coming up. Overall, he is a very good teacher.
- I absolutely liked how he taught the class discussions. i also liked the fact that he would give us a preview of what the quiz would be like. I also liked asking questions in his class because he would break down the process for me. That helped me understand the material much easier.
- A wonderful TA!! Office hours were definitely worth it. He explains everything very clearly! A++++!
- Soheil was a very good TA for Math 8B. He used class time effectively in order to help us understand what was covered in lecture and what would be covered. He knew a lot about the subjects and was able to answer most of the questions we asked.
- Approachable, clear, direct, helpful and intelligent. Overall a good TA.
- Soheil was always very helpful and always took the time to answer my questions.