



UC RIVERSIDE - Student Evaluation of Instructor, Discussion Courses - Spring 2014

Course: MATH 131 Section: 004
Instructor: Soheil Safii

Enrollment: 17
Respondents: 13
Response Rate: 76%

Enrollment: 3387
Respondents: 2389
Response Rate: 71%

Enrollment: 37033
Respondents: 27809
Response Rate: 75%

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.	10	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	6.7	0.8	93	5.9	1.4	91	6.1	1.3
2 Is well prepared and clearly organized.	8	3	1	-	-	-	-	1	6.6	0.7	90	5.9	1.4	89	6.1	1.3
3 Thoroughly understands the subject matter.	10	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	6.8	0.6	92	6.1	1.3	94	6.3	1.2
4 Explains the relevancy of the material.	7	3	2	-	-	-	-	1	6.4	0.8	82	6.0	1.4	82	6.1	1.3
5 Clarifies lecture and readings	10	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	6.7	0.8	88	6.0	1.4	91	6.1	1.3
6 Encourages me to participate and/or ask questions.	8	3	1	-	-	-	-	1	6.6	0.7	90	5.9	1.4	89	6.1	1.3
7 Uses language appropriate to the level of the course.	10	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	6.7	0.8	88	6.2	1.2	91	6.3	1.2
8 Gives useful feedback on assignments and exams.	8	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	6.4	1.0	78	6.0	1.4	84	6.0	1.4
9 Effectively manages the classroom environment	10	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	6.8	0.6	93	6.0	1.4	94	6.1	1.3
10 Motivates me to do my best.	8	1	3	-	-	-	-	1	6.4	0.9	83	5.8	1.5	85	6.0	1.4
11 Is accessible and helpful during office hours.	11	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	6.8	0.6	92	6.1	1.3	94	6.2	1.2
12 Is approachable - his/her demeanor encourages interaction.	10	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	6.8	0.6	93	6.1	1.4	94	6.2	1.3
13 Encourages and respects diverse perspectives.	9	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	6.6	0.8	83	6.2	1.2	88	6.2	1.2
14 Appropriately handles sensitive situations and/or inappropriate student comments.	8	1	2	-	-	-	-	2	6.5	0.8	80	6.2	1.3	85	6.2	1.2
15 Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment.	10	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	6.8	0.6	92	6.2	1.3	94	6.2	1.2
16 Command of English language does not impede my learning the material. (This question is not applicable in foreign language sections.)	8	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	6.7	0.7	87	6.3	1.2	92	6.3	1.2
17 Overall, is an effective teacher.	9	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	6.7	0.7	89	6.0	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 # 18: 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 guy deserves a freaking medal! While being stuck to a lousy professor, Mr. Safii went over the homework and practice exams in a way that made way more sense than the professor. Honestly, I learned more from him than [REDACTED]
- Soheil was probably the greatest teaching assistant I ever had. He explains the course material more clearly than the professor, and was extremely accessible/approachable. He is the reason why I am keeping up with this class.
- Soheil is an excellent TA. He explained many, many of the difficult concepts to us in a way that was much more understandable. The difficulty of the homework we were given in this class is absurd, but Soheil helped us work through each problem and really helped to prepare us for the midterm. Thankfully, he was always available during his office hours and ready to help anyone who needed it.
- He was one of the best TA's I've had so far in my math classes. The professor did not make any sense and Soheil clarified everything and helped me understand the material at a deeper level. Also, if I did not have Soheil as my TA, I would have probably received a D in this class.
- Best T.A. in mathematics.
- He was a great help during this quarter, if it wasn't for him I would have most likely failed Linear Algebra this quarter.
- Soheil Safii was a superior T.A., far better than the actual professor. Safii was supremely knowledgeable in the subject matter, and further, he was masterful at relating the material to us students. The University of California should take great pride in developing such a fantastic Practitioner of Education in Soheil Safii.
- very helpful TA