



UC RIVERSIDE - Student Evaluation of Instructor, Discussion Courses - Fall 2011

Course: MATH 144 Section: 003
Instructor: Jacob Richard West

Enrollment: 23
Respondents: 14
Response Rate: 61%

Enrollment: 5215
Respondents: 4021
Response Rate: 77%

Enrollment: 41820
Respondents: 33068
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.	13	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.3	97	6.0	1.3	97	6.0	1.3
2 Is well prepared and clearly organized.	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.0	0.0	100	6.0	1.4	100	6.1	1.3
3 Thoroughly understands the subject matter.	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.0	0.0	100	6.3	1.2	100	6.3	1.1
4 Explains the relevancy of the material.	12	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.6	93	6.1	1.3	95	6.1	1.3
5 Clarifies lecture and readings	12	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	6.6	1.1	88	6.0	1.4	90	6.0	1.3
6 Encourages my participation through questions and/or classroom activities.	12	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.4	97	5.9	1.5	97	6.0	1.4
7 Creates a classroom atmosphere where I feel free to ask questions.	13	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.3	96	6.1	1.3	97	6.1	1.3
8 Uses language appropriate to the level of the course.	13	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.3	96	6.3	1.1	97	6.3	1.2
9 Gives useful feedback on assignments and exams.	12	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.7	90	6.0	1.4	92	6.0	1.4
10 Effectively manages the classroom environment	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.9	0.3	97	6.1	1.3	97	6.1	1.3
11 Motivates me to do my best.	11	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	6.8	0.6	97	5.8	1.5	95	5.9	1.4
12 Is accessible and helpful during office hours.	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	7.0	0.0	100	6.2	1.2	100	6.2	1.2
13 Is approachable - his/her demeanor encourages interaction.	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.0	0.0	100	6.2	1.3	100	6.2	1.3
14 Respects the role of each student in a diverse environment.	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.9	0.3	96	6.3	1.1	97	6.3	1.2
15 Encourages and respects diverse perspectives.	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	7.0	0.0	100	6.3	1.1	100	6.3	1.1
16 Appropriately handles sensitive situations and/or inappropriate student comments.	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	7.0	0.0	100	6.3	1.2	100	6.3	1.2
17 Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment.	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7.0	0.0	100	6.3	1.2	100	6.3	1.1
18 Speaks clear, understandable English. (Not applicable in foreign language sections.)	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.0	0.0	100	6.5	1.1	100	6.3	1.3
19 Overall, is an effective teacher.	13	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.3	97	6.1	1.3	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.

- Amazing TA!!
- Excellent teacher. Knows the subject matter and explains it better than the professor. Made himself available to help.
- Seemed incredibly knowledgeable in mathematics, more so than others I've met before, and was able to explain concepts clearly without prior preparation (in the case of questions). He was able to explain things beyond the scope of the class, which I appreciated.
- Jacob always helps out and is always available. He is always clear in his explanations and always has a smile on his face! Very knowledgeable. Could not have asked for a better TA.
- Made any difficult questions from lecture a little simpler, but I think there needs to be more communication between TA and Professor, because at times Professor expected something different from TA.
- Mr. West is bar none the best TA for any class I have ever had for any subject. He understands the material on a level that I can only dream and readily explains concepts that are quite abstract in relatively simple terms. He is very available and present at all times and tries to help every student to the best of their limitations. The only section in which he doesn't receive a perfect score is in clarifying lectures, but that lies more in the fault of the professor rather than Jacob. If more math classes had a Mr. West helping the students you would have more students interested in mathematics.
- For the material that he was assigned to teach and cover, Jacob West did an excellent job. The only problem I had with his teaching style was that it went slower than I would have preferred for the subject matter. However this isn't a flaw, since this was the first time seeing the material for many students. The only other problem I had was that the instructor for the class didn't work very well with the TA and it was more like 2 separate classes were being taught. Through it all though, Jacob was a very strong TA.
- Jacob did an incredible job teaching. I don't think there is anything he needs to improve on.
- Made everything more clear after going to lectures. Is very smart and very helpful.
- Jake covered a vast and various amount of material very well for just one hour a week. He challenged us to at least consider the ramifications of a newly introduced topic; he never just handed us the answers or threw formulas at us without explanation. I appreciate that he always made sure we were following completely, and gave us a chance to give comments and questions before moving on from a key part of a topic. Jake was patient with us, and was never condescending or patronizing. He was always willing to answer any question, and if he didn't know the answer, he would go find out and get back to you quickly. Overall, he's a fantastic TA, who clearly demonstrates that he not only understands the material, but can communicate it. There is no room for improvement.
- Jacob is an excellent TA. He is well organize and makes effective time of the discussion period. He shows a clear understanding of the subject and finds ways to explain in which everyone can understand. Although what he was teaching in discussion was not always linear to being taught in lecture. He always did his best to tie the two together as much as possible. He shows a genuine concern for the success of his students. He is very approachable which makes it easy to come to him with any questions or additional help. Overall he was a very effective teacher and I hope to get him for another course.
- Instructor West is always on time, and very prepared. The material provided is very helpful, clear and easy to follow. He is an excellent teacher assistant.