



# UC RIVERSIDE - Student Evaluation of Instructor, Discussion Courses - Winter 2011

Course: MATH 010A Section: 002  
Instructor: Jacob Richard West

Enrollment: 21  
Respondents: 15  
Response Rate: 71%

Enrollment: 3766  
Respondents: 2970  
Response Rate: 79%

Enrollment: 38144  
Respondents: 30892  
Response Rate: 81%

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	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	6.5	1.1	84	6.1	1.3	86	6.0	1.3
2 Is well prepared and clearly organized.	10	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	6.5	0.9	82	6.0	1.3	87	6.1	1.3
3 Thoroughly understands the subject matter.	12	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.8	88	6.3	1.1	91	6.2	1.2
4 Explains the relevancy of the material.	12	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.8	88	6.1	1.3	92	6.1	1.3
5 Clarifies lecture and readings	11	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.8	85	6.1	1.3	90	6.0	1.4
6 Encourages my participation through questions and/or classroom activities.	10	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.5	0.8	85	6.0	1.4	88	6.0	1.4
7 Creates a classroom atmosphere where I feel free to ask questions.	13	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.8	92	6.1	1.3	92	6.1	1.4
8 Uses language appropriate to the level of the course.	10	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.5	0.9	81	6.3	1.1	85	6.2	1.2
9 Gives useful feedback on assignments and exams.	12	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.9	88	6.1	1.3	90	6.0	1.5
10 Effectively manages the classroom environment	12	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.9	88	6.1	1.3	90	6.1	1.3
11 Motivates me to do my best.	11	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	6.6	0.8	87	5.9	1.4	91	5.8	1.5
12 Is accessible and helpful during office hours.	12	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.8	88	6.2	1.3	92	6.1	1.3
13 Is approachable - his/her demeanor encourages interaction.	12	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.8	89	6.2	1.3	93	6.1	1.4
14 Respects the role of each student in a diverse environment.	10	3	-	1	-	-	-	1	6.6	0.9	83	6.3	1.2	89	6.2	1.2
15 Encourages and respects diverse perspectives.	10	3	-	1	-	-	-	1	6.6	0.9	83	6.3	1.2	89	6.2	1.2
16 Appropriately handles sensitive situations and/or inappropriate student comments.	9	2	1	1	-	-	-	2	6.5	1.0	79	6.2	1.2	86	6.2	1.2
17 Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment.	10	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	6.5	0.9	79	6.2	1.2	86	6.2	1.2
18 Speaks clear, understandable English. (Not applicable in foreign language sections.)	12	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.7	0.8	85	6.5	1.1	93	6.3	1.3
19 Overall, is an effective teaching assistant.	11	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.8	84	6.2	1.3	90	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 TA'S TEACHING SKILLS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. PLEASE WRITE YOUR COMMENTS IN THE TEXTBOX BELOW. PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO 2000 CHARACTERS.

- There were times where he went too far into the math concepts, but overall a good TA.
- If UCR is looking for a new math professor I highly encourage you to hire Jacob. He is a very smart man. I have never been to an office hour where it is packed not only with students from my section but his students from other sections in upper division. He explained everything way better than the teacher and instantly knew how to even draw things out to better explain. Pretty much the best TA I have had so far in college and hope he will continue to teach here.
- Jacob is the best, seriously. He thoroughly understands the subject matter and should be a professor himself. His office hours helped tremendously and helped me to stay on track during the lectures. He clarifies key concepts from the lectures during his office hours and discussion times. Not only does Jacob help with various homework/exam questions but he also explains its relevancy to its applicable area. What Jacob emphasizes most is the plane or the transitions of the planes that are dealt with in each problem. For example, he further explains that a particular problem deals with changing a function in the 2-dimensional plane to 3-dimensional, which is crucial to multi-variable calculus overall. Jacob explains how this transition of planes is relevant to the real world in a couple concise sentences so that the student does not get confused. He encourages curiosity in the subject matter to further stimulate learning and provides students with a lot of insight pertaining to specific problems. Jacob also shows respect to all students. Overall, he uses discussion time very efficiently and his communication skills are very effective. Keep it up Jacob!
- Jacob, you are the best. No changes necessary!
- Good TA, easy grader, but does not explain exactly what the teacher expects from us in the tests.
- Great TA! Hope to have him as a TA in the future. Very good at explaining the material and clarifying lecture, as well as being understanding toward the student.
- Jacob was really great at teaching the materials, the discussion was extremely helpful in my understanding of the course.
- Jacob west was a fantastic TA. he helped me whenever i didnt have a firm grasp of what the teacher explained during his lecture and helped me obtain a good understanding in the course overall