



UC RIVERSIDE - Student Evaluation of Instructor, Discussion Courses - Winter 2012

Course: MATH 145A Section: 002
Instructor: Jacob Richard West

Enrollment: 15
Respondents: 14
Response Rate: 93%

Enrollment: 4118
Respondents: 3198
Response Rate: 78%

Enrollment: 39133
Respondents: 32435
Response Rate: 83%

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	7.0	0.0	100	6.1	1.3	100	6.0	1.3
2 Is well prepared and clearly organized.	12	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	6.8	0.6	93	6.1	1.3	95	6.1	1.3
3 Thoroughly understands the subject matter.	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7.0	0.0	100	6.3	1.1	100	6.3	1.2
4 Explains the relevancy of the material.	13	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.3	100	6.1	1.3	97	6.1	1.3
5 Clarifies lecture and readings	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.0	0.0	100	6.1	1.3	100	6.1	1.4
6 Encourages my participation through questions and/or classroom activities.	12	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.4	100	6.0	1.4	98	6.0	1.4
7 Creates a classroom atmosphere where I feel free to ask questions.	12	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.4	96	6.2	1.3	97	6.1	1.3
8 Uses language appropriate to the level of the course.	13	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.3	95	6.3	1.1	97	6.3	1.2
9 Gives useful feedback on assignments and exams.	13	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.3	96	6.1	1.3	98	6.0	1.4
10 Effectively manages the classroom environment	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	7.0	0.0	100	6.2	1.3	100	6.1	1.3
11 Motivates me to do my best.	13	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.3	97	5.9	1.4	98	5.9	1.4
12 Is accessible and helpful during office hours.	13	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.3	95	6.3	1.2	97	6.2	1.2
13 Is approachable - his/her demeanor encourages interaction.	13	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.3	96	6.2	1.3	97	6.2	1.3
14 Respects the role of each student in a diverse environment.	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.9	0.3	100	6.3	1.1	97	6.3	1.2
15 Encourages and respects diverse perspectives.	13	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.3	95	6.3	1.1	97	6.3	1.2
16 Appropriately handles sensitive situations and/or inappropriate student comments.	11	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.8	0.4	91	6.3	1.1	94	6.2	1.2
17 Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment.	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7.0	0.0	100	6.3	1.1	100	6.3	1.2
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.	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.0	0.0	100	6.2	1.2	100	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.

- I love Jacob! I've had him three times now and every time has been amazing!! He is so helpful and every discussion helps me to better understand the material. I appreciated how he was able to describe concepts in ways which allowed me to think about them differently and grasp them much better. He was always available in office hours and could answer practically any question you might come up with. Again, he was awesome. I only wish I would always have TAs as good as Jacob.
- Great TA as always. Keep up the good work!
- I still consider Jake one of the best TAs I've had. He's incredibly adept at simplifying abstract concepts, and is approachable for any sort of math problem. People ask him questions for courses he's not teaching (and perhaps has never taught) and he answers them quickly and clearly.
- Jake is a great TA. His explanations and proofs are extremely accessible and thorough, yet concise. He's normally very animated about his topics, and is always willing to answer any question. He takes time to go into concepts where he could get away without it, which makes all of the difference between knowing the material and understanding the material. He's very approachable, and always responds promptly to e-mails. Jake spends a lot of extra time making sure he's available for review and question sessions during office hours. He can explain things in ways that give an intuition for the topic rather than just pushing around definitions. I would very much enjoy having him as a TA again.
- Awesome TA. Very knowledgeable in the subject and able to explain in a way which we can understand it. Very helpful with assignments, guiding us along but encouraging us to work out the problems ourselves. Great experience to have him as a TA.
- Great T.A. Always available for extra help. Tried his best to help students understand the hard material. Showed interest in students' success. Very helpful
- Jacob was very helpful and he made it easy for you to ask him questions. Office hours were a great place to ask questions.
- Good job Jacob!
- Amazing TA! Definitely wouldn't have survived this class without all the help he gave. Thank you so much!