



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

Course: MATH 145A Section: 003
Instructor: Jacob Richard West

Enrollment: 19
Respondents: 18
Response Rate: 95%

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.	17	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.2	96	6.1	1.3	97	6.0	1.3
2 Is well prepared and clearly organized.	17	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.2	96	6.1	1.3	97	6.1	1.3
3 Thoroughly understands the subject matter.	16	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.3	96	6.3	1.1	97	6.3	1.2
4 Explains the relevancy of the material.	13	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	6.6	0.7	86	6.1	1.3	89	6.1	1.3
5 Clarifies lecture and readings	16	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.3	96	6.1	1.3	97	6.1	1.4
6 Encourages my participation through questions and/or classroom activities.	16	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.3	100	6.0	1.4	98	6.0	1.4
7 Creates a classroom atmosphere where I feel free to ask questions.	17	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.2	96	6.2	1.3	97	6.1	1.3
8 Uses language appropriate to the level of the course.	16	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.5	90	6.3	1.1	94	6.3	1.2
9 Gives useful feedback on assignments and exams.	15	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.9	0.3	96	6.1	1.3	98	6.0	1.4
10 Effectively manages the classroom environment	16	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.3	96	6.2	1.3	98	6.1	1.3
11 Motivates me to do my best.	14	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.4	93	5.9	1.4	95	5.9	1.4
12 Is accessible and helpful during office hours.	16	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.3	95	6.3	1.2	97	6.2	1.2
13 Is approachable - his/her demeanor encourages interaction.	17	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.2	96	6.2	1.3	97	6.2	1.3
14 Respects the role of each student in a diverse environment.	16	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.3	100	6.3	1.1	97	6.3	1.2
15 Encourages and respects diverse perspectives.	15	2	-	-	-	-	-	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.	14	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	6.9	0.3	95	6.3	1.1	97	6.2	1.2
17 Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment.	16	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.3	95	6.3	1.1	97	6.3	1.2
18 Speaks clear, understandable English. (Not applicable in foreign language sections.)	17	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	0.2	96	6.5	1.1	98	6.3	1.3
19 Overall, is an effective teacher.	16	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.9	0.2	96	6.2	1.2	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.

- Give this man a Ph.A (the joke here is that an A being better than a D in a grading scale means a "Ph.A" is better than a Ph.D)
- Mr. West you're a great TA I learned a lot from your office hours and discussions. I hope that you TA differential geometry next quarter.
- Great TA was very helpful
- JACOOOOOOOBB! How was your day? Want to let you know I appreciate all the work you did for our discussions and that you need a medal of some sorts, but your Ph.D will be a fine medal when it comes. You are the definition of an amazing TA. Stay the same. :)
- If there was a score higher than seven, I would give Jacob that. He's probably the best math TA that I've had while at UCR and I'm kind of sad I won't have him again. He explains everything really well and goes slow enough that everyone can keep up. The fact that he's funny just makes everything better. =)
- I love him.
- Probably one of the greatest TAs I've ever had. Knew what he was talking about and knew how to explain it. Thank you for all your help.
- He is a TA I've had several times and I appreciate having him again as a TA. He is very friendly and personable which makes it easy to approach him with questions. He also does an excellent job at going over material which we need to know for the coursework.
- Jacob is the best TA I have had in any math class. He was always very helpful and was willing to go over whatever questions we had. He explained the material very well and helped to make the class manageable. I would be extremely happy to have Jacob as a TA again.
- I wanted to write this review as a single sentence, quoting R.J. Duffin in his letter of recommendation for Dr. John Forbes Nash, Jr: "This man is a genius." While this is certainly true, it neglects a number of qualities that make Mr. West an absolutely outstanding teaching assistant. This is my second quarter having Jacob as my TA and he just keeps getting better and better. Without Jacob, I can honestly say that I would not even be close to passing this class: Jacob is a light in the darkness and a beacon of truth among the lies. I am not a math major so this class is even that much more difficult for me, however Mr. West takes the time out of his busy day to explain things to me step by step and has the patience of a saint. I know we as a class probably drive Jacob crazy with our neediness and our penchant for petulance, yet he never falters and never shows us his disapproval. I said this last year but it is worth repeating that Jacob is the best TA I have ever had for any class period. If I don't have Jacob as a TA next quarter then honestly don't know how I will cope with the loss. This man has ruined all other math TA's in my eyes. My only hope is I can settle for a lesser TA in my remaining classes. Jacobs's motto, in my opinion is: "Errantem in viam reduction." Thank you for another amazing quarter Mr. West!
- Best TA I have ever had at UCR. Very helpful and is always willing to give up his own time to help his students. Very nice as well. I hope he continues to TA other upper division math courses. You can tell he loves math.
- Amazing TA
- I, to this day, still think Jacob West is by far the best grad student instructor in the math department. He is very effective at teaching, exemplifying concepts, and answering questions. I hope that he will continue this trend because I can seriously see him as becoming an excellent professor. I'm not going to say that he was more thorough than Dr. Bergner because I do not think that is fair to her, but I do think he has the capability to teach this course, or any course for that matter, as the head professor. I will definitely recommend him to any students in the future who are considering to have him as a T.A.