



UC RIVERSIDE - Faculty Instruction Evaluation (iEval)

Fall 2013

Course: MATH 009A Section: 040 - FIRST-YEAR CALCULUS
 Instructor: Jacob Richard West
 Home Dept.: Mathematics

Enrollment: 89
 Respondents: 58
 Response Rate: 65%

Enrollment: 4977
 Respondents: 3839
 Response Rate: 77%

Enrollment: 68344
 Respondents: 52492
 Response Rate: 77%

Questions	Course							Department				Campus					
	5 High	4	3	2	1 Low	N/A	Mean	Med	SD	% tile	Mean	Med	SD	% tile	Mean	Med	SD
1 I had a strong desire to take this course	24	21	5	7	-	-	4.1	4.0	1.0	63	3.9	4.0	1.1	68	4.0	4.0	1.0
2 I attended class regularly	42	8	7	1	-	-	4.6	5.0	0.8	71	4.4	5.0	0.9	78	4.5	5.0	0.8
3 I put considerable effort into this course	30	25	2	-	-	-	4.5	5.0	0.6	75	4.4	5.0	0.8	77	4.3	4.0	0.8
4 I gained a good understanding of the course content	28	26	3	1	-	-	4.4	4.0	0.7	81	4.1	4.0	0.9	75	4.2	4.0	0.9
5 I normally spent at least two hours preparing for each hour of class	27	20	9	1	1	-	4.2	4.0	0.9	75	3.9	4.0	1.0	75	3.9	4.0	1.1
6 Instructor was prepared and organized	48	8	2	-	-	-	4.8	5.0	0.5	88	4.3	5.0	0.9	91	4.4	5.0	0.8
7 Instructor used class time effectively	47	10	1	-	-	-	4.8	5.0	0.4	89	4.4	5.0	0.9	92	4.3	5.0	0.9
8 Instructor was clear and understandable	39	13	5	1	-	-	4.6	5.0	0.7	83	4.0	4.0	1.2	85	4.3	5.0	1.0
9 Instructor exhibited enthusiasm for subject and teaching	47	8	3	-	-	-	4.8	5.0	0.5	88	4.3	5.0	0.9	91	4.5	5.0	0.8
10 Instructor respected students; sensitive to and concerned with their progress	42	13	3	-	-	-	4.7	5.0	0.6	87	4.3	5.0	0.9	88	4.4	5.0	0.8
11 Instructor was available and helpful	42	15	1	-	-	-	4.7	5.0	0.5	82	4.3	5.0	0.9	88	4.3	5.0	0.8
12 Instructor was fair in evaluating students	45	11	2	-	-	-	4.7	5.0	0.5	87	4.3	5.0	0.9	86	4.3	5.0	0.9
13 Instructor was effective as a teacher overall	43	10	4	-	-	-	4.7	5.0	0.6	86	4.2	4.0	1.0	89	4.3	5.0	0.9
14 The syllabus clearly explained the structure of the courses	38	16	4	-	-	-	4.6	5.0	0.6	87	4.4	5.0	0.8	83	4.4	5.0	0.8
15 The examinations reflected the materials covered during the course	38	18	1	1	-	-	4.6	5.0	0.6	86	4.4	5.0	0.8	83	4.3	5.0	0.8
16 The required readings contributed to my learning	22	17	19	-	-	-	4.1	4.0	0.8	65	3.9	4.0	1.0	59	4.2	4.0	0.9
17 The assignments contributed to my learning	35	20	2	-	1	-	4.5	5.0	0.7	69	4.3	5.0	0.8	76	4.3	4.0	0.8
18 Supplementary materials (e.g. films, slides, videos, demonstrations, guest lectures, iLearn, web pages, etc) were informative	28	23	6	-	1	-	4.3	4.0	0.8	69	4.1	4.0	0.9	68	4.3	4.0	0.8
19 The course overall as a learning experience was excellent	39	17	1	1	-	-	4.6	5.0	0.6	89	4.1	4.0	1.0	85	4.2	4.0	0.9
20 Q1	1	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	5.0	0.0	100	4.2	4.0	0.9	100	4.2	4.0	0.9
21 Q2	1	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	5.0	0.0	100	4.2	4.0	0.9	100	4.2	4.0	0.9
22 Q3	1	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	5.0	0.0	100	4.2	4.0	0.9	100	4.2	4.0	0.9
23 Q4	1	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	5.0	0.0	100	4.2	4.0	0.9	100	4.2	4.0	0.9
24 Q5	1	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	5.0	0.0	100	4.2	4.0	0.9	100	4.2	4.0	0.9

* The number of N/A is not included in the Mean, Median, and S.D. calculation.



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Question # 25: Please comment on how the instructor's teaching helped your learning of the material in this course. Please give serious thought to your comments. Your comments will be studied by the professor after the grade and performance evaluation of your work have been submitted and may be used in changing future offerings of the course. In addition, these comments are placed in the instructor's file and may be used for purposes of evaluating the instructor's teaching. The information collected will remain anonymous.

- Great work! He tried to make the class engaging, always outlined his plan for the day, answered doubts raised by students then and there, and was hilarious, too.
- I loved having Jacob as my Math9A instructor. He was always helpful and had a very clear course plan. This allowed me to study the proper materials and gave me a good idea of what was going to be taught in the lecture.
- One of the best teachers I have had so far
- Very good instruction, and clear in speech. Answers all questions clearly! also makes class fun and hilarious!
- Jake was a great math teacher! Occasionally his pace was a bit fast, and other times I wish he did a few more examples, but he did a good job with the allotted time. He was an entertaining teacher, occasionally throwing in jokes to make his class more enjoyable. I have him again next quarter for Calc 09B and I'm quite happy about it!
- He's a very great professor! His teaching style is very effective especially considering this is a Calculus course! The way he teaches is very clear and effective
- Jacob West is a very good teacher. He explains the materials thoroughly to make sure each student understands the material. He provided a lot of supplementary problems and midterm/final samples to help me get a better understanding of the material and format for the exams. He's very helpful during office hours and he uses piazza to allow us to all discuss about homework problems we need help on.
- His attitude allowed students to be more willing to engage with with and ask questions. He made sure to go over the material simple enough for the students to understand. Lectures were definitely geared to helping the students learn.
- Great course overall. My only suggestion would be to change some of the homework problems on WebWork. Excellent course and enthusiasm.
- He was a good teacher.
- Professor West was an excellent professor! I thought his explanation on all mathematical concepts were top notch. He explained everything well enough for everyone to pass the final, there is no excuse really.
- Jacob West is a very good professor. I like how Jacob is informal with his students, which allows them to have a better relationship and it's less "scary" to ask a question. On the other hand, his teaching is formal and he really cares about what he is teaching. 10 out of 10 from me.
- Jacob was an excellent calculus instructor, of whom I am unfortunately unable to take the next quarter's MATH001B. He possess an enthusiasm and understanding of the material of which all previous mathematicians that I have come across have seemed to lack. Again, an excellent instructor.
- Great professor. Engaged students enthusiastically, and provided effective supplemental exercises for extra study. He was my favorite professor this quarter by far.
- Very good at teaching everything in the class. Very good at clearly explaining the material and helping everyone in the class with things they do not understand.

- I can honestly say that Mr. West is my favorite of all my instructors this quarter. In all ways he helps the students around him and he is very organized in everything he does. His sense of humor is quite awesome and I am very happy to have him as my instructor.
- Jacob West is a great teacher who always seems eager to teach. He comes prepared with a lesson plan, examples and clarifies any confusing concepts we may come across.
- As someone who's not the best at math, I'm really glad that Jake was my professor! He knows exactly what he's doing in class, and is really time-efficient while making the information as clear as he can. He's really nice and approachable, which is something that I really appreciate. If there's something that you don't understand, you can just ask him directly. He's great! Couldn't have asked for a better first quarter!
- He was very organized with his presentation, and he would always answer students' questions. He teaches the lesson very fast, so it was hard for some students to understand the lesson.
- Mr. West's lectures were reliable enough to help me understand the material of this course, even without a book, which is usually a-must when taking a math class. He is helpful and regularly available in giving and explaining step-by-step solutions for difficult problems either during his office hours or in Piazza.
- This particular teacher, although young in age, was able to display his vast knowledge of the subject in general. He displayed much enthusiasm in teaching the topic and was always ready to help any student.
- Disappointed in the instructor's first name not being "Kanye". Other than that, I learned a lot. Super interesting. Thanks.
- Very enthusiastic. Should be a professor.
- I did learn a lot from all the home works, note-taking, and also from my professor and math TA. The thing I did like the most of the professor is his organization skills and his enthusiasm for math. However, I feel like he isn't completely rounded in math in a consistent way. There were some sections where he had some great examples and showed some great explanations and really did a nice job, but there were other topics/sections where I just didn't feel like he explained the materials all that well. This would clearly show when students would ask him questions throughout the course. Some topics he was so on point and when someone would ask him a question, he would explain it in a great, understandable way. However, when it was a topic that he wasn't explaining as well to begin with, I would for example ask him a question and he would kind of just float around it and not quite answer it as effectively as other topics and when this would happen, I wouldn't feel like my question was answered and I wouldn't feel like he helped me almost at all in those situations. He's not a bad teacher, I just think that he should be more consistent and should work on teaching and explaining those topics that he doesn't do the best of a job on. Overall, I give him a strong 6 or a light 7 out of 10.
- I don't really understand why we have to learn all of the proofs. I find it easier if we just went straight to learning how to actually solve problems based on specific topics rather than waste time by learning about proofs on why or how we have to solve it.
- Excellent teaching. He did very well in explaining each topic.
- Great instruction, very enthusiastic about the subject. Only thing is that some things went by too fast and, when missed, made the future material hard to understand. Only suggestion is maybe more examples, even though I know time is not a commodity that can be handed out freely, but it would be helpful.
- he was overall better than any other math professor i have had.
- In the 111 units I've completed so far as an undergraduate, I would say Jake is probably the best Professor I've had. He is very knowledgeable and is able to explain things in a way that is understandable. I came into this class very behind in my knowledge of the subject, and Jake was very patient in explaining things that I didn't understand, and recognized that I needed to catch up in the material, so he spent time covering basic material that I had forgotten.
- Jacob West was a really good teacher.
- Overall Jacob was my favorite instructor this quarter, his energy blended well with his ability to teach
- Mr west is a good teacher yet I wish that the homework was a little useless compared to the tests. they did not really prepare me well enough for the tests.
- I struggle a lot in calculus so the extra support was very helpful. Through the homework problems and sample exams, I began to understand the

topics better.