



# UC RIVERSIDE - Student Evaluation of Instructor, Discussion Courses - Winter 2013

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

Enrollment: 23  
Respondents: 13  
Response Rate: 57%

Enrollment: 3893  
Respondents: 2870  
Response Rate: 74%

Enrollment: 38990  
Respondents: 30866  
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.	12	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.8	96	6.0	1.3	94	6.1	1.3
2 Is well prepared and clearly organized.	12	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.8	93	6.0	1.4	94	6.1	1.3
3 Thoroughly understands the subject matter.	12	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.8	92	6.2	1.2	93	6.3	1.2
4 Explains the relevancy of the material.	12	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.8	93	6.0	1.3	94	6.1	1.3
5 Clarifies lecture and readings	12	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.8	97	6.0	1.4	94	6.1	1.3
6 Encourages my participation through questions and/or classroom activities.	12	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.8	93	5.9	1.5	94	6.1	1.4
7 Creates a classroom atmosphere where I feel free to ask questions.	12	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.8	93	6.2	1.3	94	6.1	1.3
8 Uses language appropriate to the level of the course.	12	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.8	92	6.3	1.2	93	6.3	1.2
9 Gives useful feedback on assignments and exams.	12	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.8	96	6.0	1.4	94	6.0	1.4
10 Effectively manages the classroom environment	12	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.8	93	6.1	1.3	94	6.1	1.3
11 Motivates me to do my best.	12	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.8	94	5.8	1.5	95	5.9	1.4
12 Is accessible and helpful during office hours.	12	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.8	92	6.2	1.2	93	6.2	1.2
13 Is approachable - his/her demeanor encourages interaction.	12	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.8	93	6.2	1.3	94	6.2	1.3
14 Respects the role of each student in a diverse environment.	12	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.8	91	6.3	1.2	93	6.3	1.2
15 Encourages and respects diverse perspectives.	11	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	6.8	0.9	91	6.3	1.2	92	6.3	1.2
16 Appropriately handles sensitive situations and/or inappropriate student comments.	11	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	6.8	0.9	91	6.3	1.2	93	6.3	1.2
17 Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment.	11	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	6.8	0.9	91	6.3	1.2	93	6.3	1.2
18 Speaks clear, understandable English. (Not applicable in foreign language sections.)	12	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.8	91	6.4	1.2	95	6.3	1.3
19 Overall, is an effective teacher.	12	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.8	0.8	94	6.1	1.4	95	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.

- West was very knowledgeable of the material and thoroughly explained each concept to the best of his ability. His office hours were very helpful, however his office hours were very limited.
- Jacob is an exceptional TA! He goes slow enough for students to grasp the material, and is always helpful. His office hours are always crowded with students. Excellent TA!
- Jacob West is one of the best math TA's I have had. He is very organized and seems to thoroughly understand what he's doing. He is very smart and doesn't hesitate when asked a question. He is also friendly and approachable and he makes it easy to ask questions whether in discussion or office hours.
- Jacob is my absolute favorite TA in the whole wide world. He knows all the material inside and out and he is the perfect example of what all TA's should be like. He effectively teaches the material in a way that engages the class which in turn helps the student understand the material better and he always encourages critical thinking. I could go on for days and days about this guy but I'll stop here.
- BEST TA EVER!
- Absolutely wonderful TA!!! I understand the content for this class a whole lot better than I ever would have on my own because of Jacob. I actually looked forward to discussions because it would clarify things a lot for me and would help me look at proofs/problems with a different perspective. Office hours were also extremely helpful and homework wise, a great help. Very approachable. Hope to have him as a TA again in the future. Thank you Jacob!
- Jacob is amazing! At first coming into this class I was, still am, scared. This class is just a whole different universe. But Jacob made it so much more clear. He is very helpful and definitely explains things really clear, whether in class or office hours. He is so knowledgeable it is kind of scary. I really appreciate all the help he has given me, and I will pass because of him. Thanks Jacob you are great!
- Mr. Jacob West really cares about his pupils and strives to help and motivate them.
- I have had Jacob West several times and every time I have retained a better understanding of the course due to his teaching. For most of the term I have been confused by the lecturer and have relied on his supplementary instructions to give me my understanding of the present topics. He not only aided me with my course material, but he also advised me on the applications I was submitting to do further research in mathematics. Ultimately, he is the best teaching assistant I have had in my academic career and I would look forward to having him again.