



UC RIVERSIDE - Student Comments of Instructor, Discussion Courses - Fall 2014

Course: MATH 005 Section: 002
Instructor: Xavier Ramos Olive

Question # 18: 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.

- Xavier was a well prepared SI throughout the entirety of the quarter. He answered questions asked in class with thorough explanations and always maintained a professional demeanor. All students in my discussion section respect Xavier and would agree that low scores in quizzes/exams/etc are at the fault of the student and not the student instructor. Overall, the learning atmosphere was well organized and carefully thought out.
- He explains the material very well, but sometimes his english gets in the way. I speak spanish, so its easier for me to interact with him in the mother tongue, but I know that not all students have that capability.
- Xavier is a very good instructor for Math 5. His understanding of the material is very good, which helped me understand the material more. However, his English was something that kept me from understanding him most of the time, but this is very understandable. Overall, he was a great instructor.
- I loved Xavi. He was super helpful in giving help if I ever needed it and was very good at math. He made math understandable and was very helpful. The class we had was a little disrespectful sometimes and distracting which annoyed me. But if it got too loud he would tell them to quiet down.
- He is a good TA; really nice and explains materials very good and office hours are very helpful plus his lecture is good and the problems of the day do assist me to understand the content better.
- He was good instructor, he just had a habit of not writing down or vocalizing all the steps in whatever problem he was doing at the time and that made it easy to get confused.
- Xavier is a wonderful person, but he still needs to develop teaching skills. He is so friendly and motivational, but doesn't know how to keep the class quiet or pay attention. It's like students are teaching him not vice versa. He didn't clarify any lectures or notes, but kind of made the subject more confusing for me.
- Although I was able to comprehend lessons in discussion, I feel as though if the same lesson was taught by the professor, it would be much easier to understand. The strategies used to solve certain problems largely differed from what I was used to. Therefore, it was harder to understand the lessons taught.
- Chabi you can't let the students boss you around.
- Xavier is very helpful in his teaching skills. He is very open and wants students to ask him questions. However, because he came from a foreign country recently, it was hard to understand what he was saying as he seems to not be used to the English language. But other than that, he does help and knows his material very clearly and teaches that to the students.
- Really great teacher, and a very fair grader. Had a great time in the class and learned a lot.
- He is very well respected with others in the discussion. He stays focused and on topic of the lesson. He answers any question that is being asked. He clearly states ways to solve math problems. Overall, he is recommended.
- Xavier was a very helpful TA, and always accessible during office hours and on his own time. My only critique is that sometimes his explanations of various concepts were difficult to understand.
- Xavier is a very patient and thorough instructor, and he has a solid grasp of the material. It is sometimes a little bit difficult to understand what he is saying though since he sometimes solves problems differently than the professor does in lecture. It is a bit difficult to understand his processes at times, but he always goes back and explains when asked. His office hours are always incredibly helpful, and his review sessions

definitely helped with upcoming exams.

- Xavier has a genuine liking for his students. He wants them to succeed and is a very likable guy. One thing he does very well is clarifying a subject matter when a student is confused. He could use improvement in his writing. sometimes it is a little hard to read.
- His lack of skills in english makes it hard, at times, to understand him. His ways of solving problems can be different from Professor Curtis, which makes the class confusing. Xavier does try his best to teach us the course, though, so I appreciate his efforts.