



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

Course: MATH 005 Section: 007
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 Ramos Olive put great care and exceptional effort to teach students course materials! Though one wouldn't say his English is the best around, he was always able to concisely explain concepts. Perhaps his confidence is what may deter him from his full potential, but he definitely made learning fun and productive with his character.
- I do not want to seem harsh but, he is a very difficult person to follow through. He seems to have a good handle on the material, and as a graduate student, he seems he know what he is doing, obviously. But as a teacher, he does not have the natural ability of breaking things easy enough for those who know nothing about the subject. His English might be a factor in his teaching style, but I would appreciate if he tried relating to students from their point of view not as a graduate student who knows what everything means.
- I think that Mr. Olive did a great job in teaching new information and also fortifying information from lectures. My only recommendation would be for Mr. Olive to command more of a teaching presence. I think that students would take much more interest if there was more of an authority and assertiveness in the lessons.
- Is a good teaching assistant. Makes the material easy to understand and answers questions whenever provided. Uses class time effectively and is approachable, just needs to make the class a little bit more interactive.
- Xiaver is an effective teacher. His style of teaching is effective and can teach the lessons with ease. The only criticism i have towards his teaching style is the adjustment to English. Towards the beginning of class, his 1's looked like l's and he struggles to communicate arithmetic into math. Other then the adjustment, which over the course has become better, Xiaver was a great overall teacher. Thanks Xiaver!
- Thank you Xavier for teaching us in the discussion of the class. You helped break down a lot of questions I couldn't really figure out in lecture.
- Xavier was an awesome TA and discussion leader! He was always on top of his game, and was ready to answer any questions we had. He is extremely kind and patient, and especially when it came to grading, worked extremely quickly and effectively.