



# UC RIVERSIDE - Student Comments of Instructor, Discussion Courses - Spring 2015

Course: MATH 009C Section: 031  
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.

- His teaching was good. I was able to understand the content. I was able to complete his quizzes with accuracy and I didn't have to much problems.
- Xavier was very clear and easy to understand when it came to discussion. He was always available and prepared to answer any questions or concerns that we had. Throughout the quarter he was very patient and willing to help until we clearly understood something and had a full grasp on the subject matter.
- He was great! He thoroughly explained every concept and idea that the professor was not able to explain well enough. I could go to his one discussion a week instead of the professor's three lectures a week, and still learn just as much - if not more!
- Good Ta, very helpful.
- First and foremost, I think that Xavier with an 'X' as opposed to with a 'J' is pretty cool, props to him for his cool name. Secondly, I thought that he does in fact have a great handle on math and explaining the origins of each equation and/or theorem we had to use throughout the quarter. I only wish we had a bit more time to be able to discuss more in depth and more topics covered during the week because at times I felt that we did 1 or 2 problems throughout the whole discussion because the homework problems were so long and difficult and the concepts had to be explained and then used to further explain them. I tried to go to office hours, but I was a tad bit shy and there were A LOT of students there. I have to say.. I think that he is very approachable and friendly and I think it is very fortuitous for him to have people so readily willing to go to him to ask for help when they need it. However, I hope that when he gives hints to other students hints for homework, he includes a bit more example and a little less theorem, because while it may be marvelous to have someone in person explain it, to have to read a theorem....on your own... definitely discourages you from pursuing math as a career. But he is awesome, and friendly, and I think that his accent is cute (personally).
- Super helpful and nice when I asked questions in class and during office hours.
- The only thing that I found a bit discouraging was the email congratulating our section for having received an average of a "D" for the midterm. Although I understand that our section scored higher, I didn't feel that it was something to really celebrate about. But other than that, Xavier was very helpful. He knew the material well and was able to explain it even better than the professor. On a scale from 1-10 he deserves a 10.
- Definitely one of the most helpful TAs I've had this year. He really understood and sympathized with students, especially on the homework assignments. Feedback on quizzes were phenomenal and really helped me learn what is expected of me and how to get there. Very open and was inviting to class participation, even though it was not required.
- Great TA, shitty professor.
- Very helpful, informative, and overall awesome.
- One of the best TAs I have had this entire year. Explained the lecture material clearly, clarified any questions students had, and most definitely contributed to my understanding of the course.
- You simplified the material well and clarified many things that were confusing. I enjoyed your discussion very much.
- Very helpful, always takes the time to answer questions and let us know he's available for office hours if need be