



UC RIVERSIDE - Student Comments of Instructor, Discussion Courses - Winter 2015

Course: MATH 009C Section: 011
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.

- I appreciated Olive as a teacher, he put in the time to answer questions even though there was a slight language barrier. Other than that, I only wish there was more review over our mistakes on the homework and quizzes. It was more likely the case that there was not enough time due to the weekly quizzes.
- Xavier is a very good TA who is extremely effective in helping any student understand any concept at any time. He is very respectful and understands the subject matter well. Although his command of the English language is not extremely well, he always tries his best to make sure that each student understands the concept no matter how long it takes. Overall, Xavier was a great TA and clarified any confusing topics during the course.
- Xavier (Xavi) was a very good TA. The class itself was very difficult due to the fact that the content itself was difficult and the fact that the professor was unable to appropriately explain different concepts. Xavi definitely cleared up a lot of confusion for a majority of students (including myself). He was always available at office hours and would answer any question you had, no matter how "simple" it may be. He spent the first half of class explaining what went on in lecture throughout the week, answering questions, and going over topics that would be present on the quizzes. His quizzes were fair for the concepts we were learning (he tried to make you think but definitely didn't make it hard). I enjoyed my time in his class and found him to be a very helpful TA.
- Xavier is a great math teaching assistant because he knows the relevancy of the material as well as how to explain it. He did a great job supplementing the lectures and preparing us for the quizzes. He gave feedback on our midterm and quizzes and helped point out mistakes made that we should avoid. He did a great job supplementing my learning through math 009C. Thanks Xavier!
- Very effective at reviewing the material.
- You are nice and helpful but you need to provide more helpful examples. This material is hard and we need better more effective examples and practice.
- Xavier is an outstanding TA that helped very much with my understanding of Calculus.