



UC RIVERSIDE - Student Comments of Instructor, Discussion Courses - Winter 2021

Course: MATH 007A Section: 034 - CALCULUS FOR LIFE
SCIENCES

Instructor: Chris Grossack

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.

- Chris was my favorite TA!
- Chris was very easy to talk to and was very helpful. He was pretty organized and explained all the concepts that we had trouble with. Overall, a really nice, clear, and helpful teacher.
- Great energy; always made discussion a fun class. Very good at explaining examples.
- Chris was a great TA in my opinion. They were always willing to answer questions, and they made sure to always ask what it was that we as students needed to review to make sure that we understood everything we needed to know. Chris was a very approachable TA and has helped me a lot in my understanding of the math taught in this course.
- I think by far Chris has been one of my absolute favorite TA's. The reason being is he is knowledgeable in all math topics learned in the course and is the most approachable person. I tend to shy away or dread needing help from some TA's because they're not approachable but Chris is the exact opposite. I enjoy every class with Chris because they make discussions fun while still learning. They're a great instructor and portray the information/topics in an understandable and useful way. I have nothing but great things to say about Chris. I would recommend them to anyone.
- Best TA so far! They clearly know and love the subject and they were so helpful. Their explanations really help to clear out any doubts, and they made the discussion sessions practical and fun. They make calculus look easy (which is harder than it sounds), I wish I could have them for every class.
- Christopher was a great TA who was very humorous and knowledgeable to the students.
- I love the teaching style used in this class. Where examples and question were brought up by students and heavily discussed and analyzed by the t.a. in such a way that made the concepts easy to understand.
- Chris is a good TA. Thoroughly understands the material. I'd wish they'd slow down a bit more and use more relevant examples than super complicated ones. Overall great person.
- The instructor was extremely helpful and fun. I really enjoyed these sessions because they always ended with me having a better understanding of the material and simply feeling more prepared. The instructor created a really fun, helpful, and comfortable environment. Though I didn't really talk, I felt comfortable participating and asking for clarification if necessary. :)
- Great discussion, thank you, Christopher! Have a great rest of your quarter and eat plenty of hot Cheetos for us!
- Chris is the most epic TA I've had. They do an awesome job at making math less sufferable :) Although not going to lie, I wish their handwriting was a bit better. Overall, Chris does an excellent job at explaining the material more in-depth and is very clear when going over it. The best!
- He was fun and easy to get along with. He went over the lecture notes and gave preparations before the quiz.
- Chris was an amazing TA. They had a great attitude every day which made coming to class fun and made them more approachable. Whenever we had questions, Chris was very helpful in explaining the answers and made sure that we did not feel embarrassed for our questions. They did a good job of sharing the real-life applications of the concepts. The discussion content was more student-led — Chris would always ask the class what we were struggling with and would base the discussion around those topics — which sometimes seemed a little unorganized, but was ultimately better for my understanding of the content. Chris also tried to make sure that we were always prepared for the quizzes and was very encouraging. The discussion sometimes ran over into the quiz time, so better time management would be good, but overall I really enjoyed having Chris as a TA.

- Christopher was a really fun TA to have. Christopher was really flexible during the class, for example asking if anyone had questions and proceeded to do examples to make sure we understood.