

UC RIVERSIDE - Student Comments of Instructor, Discussion Courses - Winter 2024

Course: CS 011 Section: 005 - INTRO TO DISCRETE

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Cross Course: MATH 011 Section: 005

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.

- I really liked Chris, they (that's the pronoun they go by) were really nice and helpful! Our professor would often rush through concepts, but going to discussion was incredibly helpful because Chris would take more time to review how to do the example problems and the explanations for them. I always felt like if I showed up to discussion, I would have almost no issues with the class because they would give us problems akin to those from lecture.
- Clears up any questions and provides many ways of understanding how to answer problems. Thank you for being very approachable and for being respective to each student.
- Chris is an amazing TA! They really explained complicated topics in a simple way. Many concepts were difficult but when Chris explained it, it made the concepts simpler. They really utilize discussion time wisely and I enjoyed going to discussion. They were always enthusiastic about the subject even when the discussion was quiet and I appreciated the effort to try to get the class to be more engaged! Overall, I really appreciated Chris as they were a wonderful TA who knew clearly what they were talking about. Thank You Chris!
- Chris might be my favorite TA of the quarter! They are great at reiterating material that we learned from lecture in a language that is familiar
 to the students. For example, there was one time they used "friends" as an analogy for injection and surjection. It was great for understanding
 and remember injectivity and surjectivity. Christ is also great at slipping in little jokes and comments to keep students engaged, and he
 explains concepts in a very concise way. Overall, a very engaging and knowledgeable teacher!