



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

Course: MATH 009A Section: 011 - FIRST-YEAR CALCULUS
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.

- TA Grossack is quite exceptional. They explain the material clearly and concisely leaving no room for confusion. The overall period of time is used effectively and is useful overall.
- Christ was a very understanding, patient, and thorough TA! Because our calculus professor did not teach the material well during lectures, Chris always brought our class up to speed and gave us countless tips on how to effectively solve problems in less time and apply them to real life. I can tell that Chris has a great understanding of calculus, and never judged those that had questions. Chris is a great teacher, and I would not understand calculus as well as I do now without their help!
- Firstly, the TA does a good job of managing the discussion time. For nearly every discussion we take a quiz, but first, the TA answers any questions we may have. For example, covering a question on the homework that seems difficult to understand. The TA walks us through the problem and explains how to solve it but asks the class what the next step is. The TA does not tell us the answer straight away but has the students tell the process.
- He is overall willing to help you with whatever problem you have and he gives me a better understanding of the course material than the instructor does sometimes. Generally a nice guy.
- Chris was extremely helpful in clarifying lecture and created an environment that allowed people to ask questions and clarify any confusion.
- GREAT TA! Clarifies lectures in a much more concise and faster way. He covers the concepts more easily and shows us why these concepts are true (through proofs and other visual aids, which are not available in the actual lecture class.)