



UC RIVERSIDE - Student Comments of Instructor, Discussion Courses - Fall 2023

Course: MATH 007B Section: 013 - 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 is the best TA I've ever seen. Provided great learning, and spectacular supplemental examples, while making a comfortable learning environment for their students.
- Chris is an Amazing TA. They are always available for office hours if we need help and is completely willing to go over and explain something until we understand. They are approachable with office hours and questions, and overall a very nice person. Every class is started with asking us if we have any questions, topics, or explanations we'd like to go over. The discussion is geared toward what we want to know. I have been in classes where the same material in class has been covered, but I never felt like I understood the topics until now. Chris remembers what it was like to be one of us, their explanations are incredibly helpful. When I cannot understand the professor's explanation, I know I can count on Chris. This also makes the class want to respect them and listen. We know Chris cares. Overall, a very very helpful TA and a great learning experience.
- An excellent TA. Questions answered thoroughly and when questions were further asked, they went into depth to ensure a better understanding. Super motivated to help us achieve success and made calculus way easier to understand with related language and stronger explanations than lecture. Felt discussions went into depth and helped me understand the material when I previously did not.
- They were very understanding with students and worked through students issues well.
- Chris is such a nice TA, I definitely felt more confident in the subject after reviewing them during the discussion. They are very approachable and nice and kind, really nice meeting them.
- Chris was a great TA and I personally believe they are the sole reason for me doing well in this class. They were so helpful and understanding of us students. Our professor is not good at teaching but Chris made this course a little more understandable.
- Hi, Chris! I just want to say you are the best TA I have ever had in college thus far (I'm in my third year now), and you helped me understand calculus a lot better than I ever thought I could. Because of you, I was about to pass the midterm and do well on quizzes, and I am horrible at math. Thank you so much for your kindness and help. Keep doing what you are doing!
- Chris Grossack is a wonderful, truly inspiring teacher. Chris has a deep understanding of the information and material provided to us during the lecture, and is always there to clear stuff up for us if needed. Chris also treats the class with respect, and never once did I feel a sense of superiority or rudeness coming from them. Chris has a bunch of office hours and consistently attends them all almost every week. The way that Chris explains concepts or problems is very understandable and makes for a better learning experience in my opinion. They have done a wonderful job for the classroom, and I feel as though my experience of being in this class was vastly improved by Chris.
- Chris was a very helpful TA, they were effective in my learning of calculus and frequently helped me and the rest of the class for problems we didn't understand. They were also very friendly and enjoyable to be around, with my friends and I enjoying to go to their office hours and just talking with them. A lot of the material they covered during our discussion were very relevant to the quizzes and exams and often helped me score better on our weekly quizzes. Chris also was very lenient with their grading, teaching, and quizzes, they were massively influential for me to pass this class. Overall I would be delighted to have Chris as my TA again, and if I had the chance I would sign up for their discussion 10 out of 10 times.
- Words cannot express how thankful I was to have Chris as my TA for Calc 07B; he truly helped me succeed in this class. From the very start of class, Chris made it known that we could approach them with any questions we may have about the math concepts and even review past concepts. Furthermore, they were also very easy to communicate with whether through email, during office hours, or discussions. They also went out of their way to help us prepare for our midterm and final which was very helpful to me. The only complaint that I have about Chris is that some of the methods that he used to solve the math problems in discussion differed from what was taught in class; as a result, points were deducted for using their methods.
- Their teaching and way of explaining concepts was very good and helped with my understanding on the subject. They also seem to enjoy teaching and the subject which makes the class enjoyable.
- Chris was an outstanding TA who effortlessly made the class content understandable with exceptional examples. Their boundless enthusiasm and helpfulness made the class discussions more engaging and exciting. Honestly, having Chris as my TA for the next four years

would be an absolute privilege!

- Chris is a great TA who knows how to connect to students using relatable language. Problems and concepts that students have trouble with were gone over clearly. There was enough time to do quizzes. As with any discussion section, I felt that concepts were refreshed in each section.
- Chris is a competent, informative, and well spoken teacher. With their help, I was able to better understand the concepts taught during the calculus lectures. They are an enjoyable presence, and each discussion that they taught was a delight. I would have Chris as my TA again if I could.
- Very enthusiastic when it comes to teaching, also explained the concepts very well so it's easy to understand.