

All of the following questions are optional; if you write a lot on some questions that are important to you, it is OK to skip others. Please answer them in order.

Please spend 30 minutes on this, in total. You can type in the text box OR upload a PDF file.

Survey questions:

Q1: What is your name? Share pronouns if you like.

Yvan, He/Him/His

Q2: Where are you from before Mac?

Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

Q3: Was your most recent calculus experience in Math 137 at Macalester, a high school calculus course, or something else?

Math 237, Macalester

Q4: Share any high/low moments from your previous math classes that might help me imitate/avoid those things.

My lowest math moment was not really teacher related, we were just having a class and I did not understand anything the professor was explaining although everything made sense to most people I had no clue what was going on.

Q5: Why did you sign up for this class? What are you hoping to get from it?

I am hoping to learn, practice and implement the art of modelling social phenomena and being able to provide a rigorous model with strong and accurate predictions to explain them.

Q6: What helps you keep going when things get tough?

Praying, resting and looking forward to the future.

Q7: What are you excited about? What are you nervous about?

I am really excited about my honors thesis this semester. I am hoping to create some new knowledge and contribute even a tiny bit to my fields of study. I am nervous that I am not going to be able to manage this semester, burnt out and fail to secure a post-graduate position.

Q8: What cool talents or skills do you have?

I am really good at time and task management, and learning things really quickly.

Q9: Describe a recent minor victory or a recent minor failure. Example: I tried to make pizza dough, but I forgot the salt and it was terrible.

I was able to get some rest despite the workload that I have to do before certain deadlines, I was able to learn how to hike and bike.

Q10: Does your birthday occur during the semester? If so, is it OK for the class to sing to you?

No, unfortunately but my birthday was a few weeks ago.