



# UC RIVERSIDE - Student Comments of Instructor, Discussion Courses - Spring 2020

Course: MATH 046 Section: 034 - ORDINARY DIFF EQUATIONS  
Instructor: Ryan Ta

*This course was offered during the COVID-19 global pandemic in an emergency remote learning environment.*

**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 enjoyed you as my TA for math this year. You are very clear with your work when you work out solutions with us in the discussion and you explain any confusion very clearly. You are easy to approach and very willing to help. I have no criticism of your performance as our TA.
- The TA does a good job. However, he only goes over questions that people have on homework. In my opinion, he should do worksheets or different examples that revolve around the concepts taught in lecture. It would make me gain a better understanding if there were more examples taught after lecture (rather than asking homework questions). He does provide in-depth explanations for each step he does in a problem, using key terms. He is very effective and knows how to clarify any confusion in the course.
- If the class took place in person, there is no doubt that Ryan Ta would perform much better as a teaching assistant. Ryan Ta encourages students to engage and he really tries his best to help his students. He understands the material very well, however, he does get off track at some times by mentioning other material that does not relate to the course. During Zoom meetings, he responds relatively quickly to any questions that show up in the chat. On the other hand, he does not respond to emails until a much later time. I do wish that Ryan used up the entire discussion time since there were multiple discussions where he ended incredibly early and only a few where we took up the entire class time. Despite not maximizing the time and going off topic at some times, Ryan is very organized. He created a website where he organizes all his work from discussion material to homework answers. Overall, Ryan makes a good teaching assistant, especially with the circumstance that we are in.
- Ryan was a great TA because he always managed to clear up any confusion I had about the material in the class. He was very accessible and very approachable. I never hesitated to email him about questions as he was very approachable. He did make occasional mistakes while teaching but nothing that confused me too much. Ryan was very apologetic when he did make mistakes and made sure to go over them so we all understood. Overall, he was a great TA and very nice!
- Helpful