



# UC RIVERSIDE - Student Comments of Instructor, Discussion Courses - Spring 2018

Course: MATH 010A Section: 003 - CALCULUS:SEVERAL VARIABLES  
Instructor: Michael Pierce

**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.

- Mike was great TA. He was always very excited to teach and learning the material with him made it a lot easier. He explained concepts very well, and explained their relevancy. In addition to the Professor, he made the material in MATH 010A much easier to understand, and I struggled less in class because of it.
- Great TA! He taught us ahead of time so when lecture came around I already had a pretty good grasp on the material. He also sent out emails regarding math programs for any of the math majors in class. I learned about the programs that way. Plus he was passionate about the subject so discussion was never boring.
- Love this guy! He could summarize 4 lectures in 10 minutes. I learned more from him than lecture and he made it extremely understandable. GIVE HIM A JOB! a good one. He's got it all and he's funny too! It's not dull going to class.



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VARIABLES  
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Enrollment: 25  
Respondents: 8  
Response Rate: 32%

Enrollment: 4044  
Respondents: 1950  
Response Rate: 48%

Enrollment: 42699  
Respondents: 21796  
Response Rate: 51%

Questions	Course								Department			Campus				
	<u>7</u> High	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> Low	<u>N/A</u>	Mean	SD	% tile	Mean	SD	% tile	Mean	SD
1 Provides goals and objectives in presentations.	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.71	0.5	86.11	6.07	1.4	88.15	6.16	1.3
2 Is well prepared and clearly organized.	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.57	0.5	76.97	6.08	1.4	80.72	6.19	1.3
3 Thoroughly understands the subject matter.	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.71	0.5	80.86	6.32	1.2	85.79	6.33	1.1
4 Explains the relevancy of the material.	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.71	0.5	85.16	6.12	1.3	88.74	6.20	1.3
5 Clarifies lecture and readings	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.71	0.5	85.05	6.12	1.4	87.87	6.16	1.3
6 Encourages me to participate and/or ask questions.	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.71	0.5	89.78	6.03	1.4	88.24	6.14	1.3
7 Uses language appropriate to the level of the course.	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.71	0.5	81.55	6.28	1.2	85.54	6.32	1.1
8 Gives useful feedback on assignments and exams.	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.71	0.5	88.46	6.06	1.4	90.71	6.09	1.4
9 Effectively manages the classroom environment	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.71	0.5	87.63	6.12	1.3	86.78	6.18	1.3
10 Motivates me to do my best.	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.71	0.5	90.00	5.96	1.5	89.32	6.03	1.4
11 Is accessible and helpful during office hours.	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	6.67	0.5	83.14	6.22	1.2	84.12	6.25	1.2
12 Is approachable - has a demeanor that encourages interaction.	4	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	6.14	1.5	49.47	6.15	1.3	55.86	6.20	1.3
13 Encourages and respects diverse perspectives.	5	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.38	1.1	59.88	6.28	1.2	63.36	6.34	1.1
14 Appropriately handles sensitive situations and/or inappropriate student comments.	4	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	6.29	1.1	45.51	6.28	1.2	58.24	6.32	1.2
15 Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment.	5	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.38	1.1	56.45	6.27	1.2	65.34	6.32	1.2
16 Command of English language does not impede my learning the material. (This question is not applicable in foreign language sections.)	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	6.71	0.5	74.05	6.49	1.0	84.04	6.41	1.1
17 Overall, is an effective teacher.	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.75	0.5	87.79	6.15	1.3	89.76	6.19	1.3

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Instructor: Michael Pierce

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- Mike Pierce is a very entertaining TA but sometimes seemed to trail off from the content that we were covering in lecture. I always liked the little riddles he would put on the back of every quiz.
- Enjoyed his discussion section and any questions that I had in lecture were cleared up in discussion.
- Wish he used the remainder of class time to go over difficult problems we will come across on homework.
- Michael really helped me understand the material more in depth. He really did explain the reason why we have to learn what we are learning. He does his best to better assist every student's questions through examples. Respect to him for being the only T.A. for the course.
- Mike is overall a great T.A. He gives the class a motivational environment and always answers questions in the most effective way.
- Mike was a fun and energetic TA who clearly knew the material. He was like a true supplementary teacher who could explain and teach the material in depth whenever we needed clarification. He encouraged questions and a fun, open environment and was understanding towards the students. Overall, Mike was a really great TA and truly helped a lot.



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Course: MATH 010A Section: 011 - CALCULUS:SEVERAL  
VARIABLES  
Instructor: Michael Pierce

Enrollment: 24  
Respondents: 15  
Response Rate: 63%

Enrollment: 4044  
Respondents: 1950  
Response Rate: 48%

Enrollment: 42699  
Respondents: 21796  
Response Rate: 51%

Questions	Course								Department			Campus				
	<u>7</u> High	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> Low	<u>N/A</u>	Mean	SD	% tile	Mean	SD	% tile	Mean	SD
1 Provides goals and objectives in presentations.	7	5	2	1	-	-	-	-	6.20	0.9	55.00	6.07	1.4	60.77	6.16	1.3
2 Is well prepared and clearly organized.	6	5	2	2	-	-	-	-	6.00	1.1	42.13	6.08	1.4	48.12	6.19	1.3
3 Thoroughly understands the subject matter.	9	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.53	0.6	64.81	6.32	1.2	75.51	6.33	1.1
4 Explains the relevancy of the material.	7	5	3	-	-	-	-	-	6.27	0.8	53.30	6.12	1.3	65.02	6.20	1.3
5 Clarifies lecture and readings	7	5	3	-	-	-	-	-	6.27	0.8	52.06	6.12	1.4	66.02	6.16	1.3
6 Encourages me to participate and/or ask questions.	8	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.40	0.8	67.20	6.03	1.4	73.51	6.14	1.3
7 Uses language appropriate to the level of the course.	8	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.40	0.8	56.55	6.28	1.2	65.82	6.32	1.1
8 Gives useful feedback on assignments and exams.	6	7	2	-	-	-	-	-	6.27	0.7	62.09	6.06	1.4	70.35	6.09	1.4
9 Effectively manages the classroom environment	7	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.40	0.6	65.05	6.12	1.3	70.54	6.18	1.3
10 Motivates me to do my best.	8	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.33	0.9	71.05	5.96	1.5	71.65	6.03	1.4
11 Is accessible and helpful during office hours.	8	4	1	1	-	-	-	1	6.36	0.9	57.56	6.22	1.2	68.43	6.25	1.2
12 Is approachable - has a demeanor that encourages interaction.	10	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.60	0.6	77.13	6.15	1.3	80.62	6.20	1.3
13 Encourages and respects diverse perspectives.	8	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.40	0.8	63.37	6.28	1.2	64.80	6.34	1.1
14 Appropriately handles sensitive situations and/or inappropriate student comments.	7	6	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.27	0.9	42.95	6.28	1.2	56.81	6.32	1.2
15 Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment.	9	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.53	0.6	68.28	6.27	1.2	75.34	6.32	1.2
16 Command of English language does not impede my learning the material. (This question is not applicable in foreign language sections.)	9	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	6.47	0.7	47.47	6.49	1.0	69.65	6.41	1.1
17 Overall, is an effective teacher.	6	7	2	-	-	-	-	-	6.27	0.7	55.23	6.15	1.3	65.60	6.19	1.3

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Instructor: Michael Pierce

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- This TA is very good at pointing out what is important to learn for the exam and what isn't. He is very helpful and available outside of class time. I enjoyed his class very much.
- He draw three dimensional graph so well. It helped me to understand the graph shapes. However, he does not know something that we learned in class but not on quiz. It was better if he understands all concepts from lecture and let us ask questions regarding all lecture materials.
- Mike was a great TA. He went over all the material and cleared up all questions that were asked by other students and myself.
- Very clear, funny, and informative. Thoroughly explains material and gives me a greater understanding of what we are learning in class.
- Really enjoyed having Michael as a student instructor. He really simplified the material in a way that was very understandable. He went over relevant examples that helped in the overall understanding of this course. One of the best TA's I've had!



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VARIABLES  
Instructor: Michael Pierce

Enrollment: 25  
Respondents: 13  
Response Rate: 52%

Enrollment: 4044  
Respondents: 1950  
Response Rate: 48%

Enrollment: 42699  
Respondents: 21796  
Response Rate: 51%

Questions	Course								Department			Campus				
	<u>7</u> High	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> Low	<u>N/A</u>	Mean	SD	% tile	Mean	SD	% tile	Mean	SD
1 Provides goals and objectives in presentations.	11	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.85	0.4	92.78	6.07	1.4	94.31	6.16	1.3
2 Is well prepared and clearly organized.	11	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.85	0.4	92.70	6.08	1.4	93.57	6.19	1.3
3 Thoroughly understands the subject matter.	10	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.69	0.6	79.63	6.32	1.2	84.42	6.33	1.1
4 Explains the relevancy of the material.	11	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.85	0.4	92.86	6.12	1.3	94.74	6.20	1.3
5 Clarifies lecture and readings	11	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.85	0.4	92.27	6.12	1.4	94.16	6.16	1.3
6 Encourages me to participate and/or ask questions.	9	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	6.38	1.2	65.05	6.03	1.4	72.57	6.14	1.3
7 Uses language appropriate to the level of the course.	10	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.77	0.4	85.12	6.28	1.2	88.95	6.32	1.1
8 Gives useful feedback on assignments and exams.	11	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.77	0.6	90.66	6.06	1.4	93.07	6.09	1.4
9 Effectively manages the classroom environment	11	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.85	0.4	94.09	6.12	1.3	93.47	6.18	1.3
10 Motivates me to do my best.	9	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.62	0.7	83.68	5.96	1.5	84.47	6.03	1.4
11 Is accessible and helpful during office hours.	10	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.62	0.9	78.49	6.22	1.2	82.30	6.25	1.2
12 Is approachable - has a demeanor that encourages interaction.	11	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.77	0.6	88.83	6.15	1.3	89.09	6.20	1.3
13 Encourages and respects diverse perspectives.	11	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.77	0.6	87.79	6.28	1.2	88.63	6.34	1.1
14 Appropriately handles sensitive situations and/or inappropriate student comments.	11	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.77	0.6	86.54	6.28	1.2	87.99	6.32	1.2
15 Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment.	10	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	6.82	0.6	90.86	6.27	1.2	91.21	6.32	1.2
16 Command of English language does not impede my learning the material. (This question is not applicable in foreign language sections.)	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	7.00	0.0	99.37	6.49	1.0	99.82	6.41	1.1
17 Overall, is an effective teacher.	11	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.85	0.4	94.77	6.15	1.3	94.34	6.19	1.3

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- Michael's teaching is extremely effective and very helpful for students as he clarifies any work not understood during lecture. He has a great attitude toward teaching and his students learning and a great attitude in general which makes him easy to approach to ask for help. Michael understands how difficult the material can be and tries his best to make it easier for students to understand and do their best. One of the best TAs I have had when it comes to effectiveness and overall quality.
- Effective teacher at clarifying concepts gone over in lecture
- Makes the environment very lively and enjoyable.
- You made quiz days so fun. You're just the right brand of funny and weird to make math turn from a tool into something genuinely enjoyable. There's nothing I can really criticize. Your enthusiasm for the subject really makes your instruction memorable. You also walk us through problems in ways that are easier for me to remember.
- Really great and helpful guy who really knows his stuff! Just an awesome TA who is super approachable, caring, and just plain knowledgeable and excited about what he is teaching.
- He is a good teacher. At times, he moves very swiftly through the material because he knows it; that is, it might be difficult for the unlearned student to keep up. The feedback he provides on, say, quizzes, is helpful--he also provides encouragements. I appreciate this. For some of the problems the class encounters, he gives useful methods for dealing with them: he gets to the point of teaching the student how to combat the math effectively and at the same time usually tries to impress an intuition towards the problems.
- Great TA, he was funny and very knowledgeable on the subject at hand. During the discussion he was great, really helped clarify any misunderstandings from the lecture.



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Enrollment: 27  
Respondents: 12  
Response Rate: 44%

Enrollment: 4044  
Respondents: 1950  
Response Rate: 48%

Enrollment: 42699  
Respondents: 21796  
Response Rate: 51%

Questions	Course								Department			Campus				
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2 Is well prepared and clearly organized.	9	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	6.58	0.8	78.09	6.08	1.4	81.35	6.19	1.3
3 Thoroughly understands the subject matter.	9	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	6.58	0.8	72.22	6.32	1.2	78.60	6.33	1.1
4 Explains the relevancy of the material.	8	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.58	0.7	75.27	6.12	1.3	81.83	6.20	1.3
5 Clarifies lecture and readings	9	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	6.58	0.8	74.74	6.12	1.4	82.49	6.16	1.3
6 Encourages me to participate and/or ask questions.	9	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	6.42	1.1	69.35	6.03	1.4	74.45	6.14	1.3
7 Uses language appropriate to the level of the course.	9	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.50	1.0	63.69	6.28	1.2	72.62	6.32	1.1
8 Gives useful feedback on assignments and exams.	8	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	6.18	1.5	53.30	6.06	1.4	65.63	6.09	1.4
9 Effectively manages the classroom environment	9	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	6.50	0.9	72.58	6.12	1.3	76.27	6.18	1.3
10 Motivates me to do my best.	9	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	6.17	1.5	62.63	5.96	1.5	63.11	6.03	1.4
11 Is accessible and helpful during office hours.	9	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	6.67	0.7	83.14	6.22	1.2	84.12	6.25	1.2
12 Is approachable - has a demeanor that encourages interaction.	9	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.50	1.0	71.81	6.15	1.3	77.69	6.20	1.3
13 Encourages and respects diverse perspectives.	9	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	6.33	1.2	56.40	6.28	1.2	61.19	6.34	1.1
14 Appropriately handles sensitive situations and/or inappropriate student comments.	9	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	6.25	1.4	41.67	6.28	1.2	56.09	6.32	1.2
15 Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment.	9	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	6.33	1.2	53.23	6.27	1.2	62.59	6.32	1.2
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17 Overall, is an effective teacher.	9	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	6.25	1.4	54.07	6.15	1.3	64.37	6.19	1.3

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