



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

Course: MATH 007B Section: 002 - CALCULUS FOR LIFE SCIENCES  
Instructor: Michael Pierce

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**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.

- Michael went out of his way to create youtube videos for the class to watch from and consistently asked the class how he can improve. He did is best despite the circumstances of class being online.
- Very helpful in helping me understand the lecture material. Please provide more feedback on the quizzes and return back to online/zoom discussions vs. prerecorded lecture videos.
- Very patient with us even when we seemed nonexistent and although it may have been a rough transition, attending this class was the highlight of my week to wake me up. We had very good review sessions. Thank you so much.
- I appreciated the positive attitude and enthusiasm toward the subject. A very approachable TA! If only I wasn't shy :D The material was well explained and easy to follow.



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SCIENCES  
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Enrollment: 15  
Respondents: 5  
Response Rate: 33%

Enrollment: 3803  
Respondents: 971  
Response Rate: 26%

Enrollment: 48863  
Respondents: 15511  
Response Rate: 32%

Questions	Course								Department			Campus				
	7 High	6	5	4	3	2	1 Low	N/A	Mean	SD	% tile	Mean	SD	% tile	Mean	SD
1 Provides goals and objectives in presentations.	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.20	1.3	56.78	6.18	1.2	58.26	6.27	1.2
2 Is well prepared and clearly organized.	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.40	1.3	63.39	6.14	1.3	69.59	6.29	1.2
3 Thoroughly understands the subject matter.	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.40	1.3	57.00	6.38	1.1	62.50	6.42	1.1
4 Explains the relevancy of the material.	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.20	1.3	54.76	6.16	1.3	58.22	6.28	1.2
5 Clarifies lecture and readings	3	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.00	1.4	43.75	6.21	1.3	49.55	6.26	1.3
6 Encourages me to participate and/or ask questions.	3	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	6.00	1.4	41.96	6.22	1.3	51.31	6.27	1.3
7 Uses language appropriate to the level of the course.	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.40	1.3	53.64	6.41	1.0	61.81	6.42	1.1
8 Gives useful feedback on assignments and exams.	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.20	1.3	57.50	6.07	1.4	63.21	6.17	1.4
9 Effectively manages the classroom environment	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	6.25	1.5	52.78	6.24	1.3	59.23	6.29	1.3
10 Motivates me to do my best.	3	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	5.80	1.6	40.52	6.09	1.3	46.68	6.15	1.4
11 Is accessible and helpful during office hours.	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	6.25	1.5	53.64	6.37	1.1	54.44	6.37	1.2
12 Is approachable - has a demeanor that encourages interaction.	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.40	1.3	60.53	6.31	1.2	66.88	6.31	1.3
13 Encourages and respects diverse perspectives.	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.40	1.3	52.04	6.41	1.1	60.86	6.44	1.1
14 Appropriately handles sensitive situations and/or inappropriate student comments.	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	6.25	1.5	39.77	6.37	1.1	54.43	6.43	1.1
15 Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment.	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	6.25	1.5	41.84	6.40	1.1	50.76	6.43	1.1
16 Command of English language does not impede my learning the material. (This question is not applicable in foreign language sections.)	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.40	1.3	51.04	6.52	1.0	64.32	6.48	1.1
17 Overall, is an effective teacher.	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6.40	1.3	60.17	6.24	1.2	68.09	6.29	1.2

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- Mike was a great TA and was extremely helpful in many ways. He went out of his way to help the students, with not only the material but helping navigate and adjust to the new online learning environment.
- Michael Pierce was always concerned with how we were doing and focused on what we needed. One of the best TAs I've ever had, I wish I had been able to have this class in person.



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SCIENCES  
Instructor: Michael Pierce

Enrollment: 26  
Respondents: 3  
Response Rate: 12%

Enrollment: 3803  
Respondents: 971  
Response Rate: 26%

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Respondents: 15511  
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2 Is well prepared and clearly organized.	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.33	0.6	58.04	6.14	1.3	66.33	6.29	1.2
3 Thoroughly understands the subject matter.	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.33	0.6	51.00	6.38	1.1	57.31	6.42	1.1
4 Explains the relevancy of the material.	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	5.67	0.6	38.89	6.16	1.3	35.39	6.28	1.2
5 Clarifies lecture and readings	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.33	0.6	58.04	6.21	1.3	64.80	6.26	1.3
6 Encourages me to participate and/or ask questions.	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.33	0.6	54.46	6.22	1.3	68.34	6.27	1.3
7 Uses language appropriate to the level of the course.	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.00	0.0	28.18	6.41	1.0	41.44	6.42	1.1
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9 Effectively manages the classroom environment	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	5.67	0.6	28.70	6.24	1.3	35.81	6.29	1.3
10 Motivates me to do my best.	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.67	0.6	88.79	6.09	1.3	85.68	6.15	1.4
11 Is accessible and helpful during office hours.	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.33	0.6	55.45	6.37	1.1	59.58	6.37	1.2
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15 Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment.	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.33	0.6	47.96	6.40	1.1	55.30	6.43	1.1
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