



UC RIVERSIDE - Student Comments of Instructor, Discussion Courses - Winter 2021

Course: MATH 151B Section: 002 - ADVANCED CALCULUS
Instructor: Ryan Ta

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.

- What a guy! He's totally out to help students and very humble.
- Regarding Organization: After the TA from last quarter of 151A, I felt Ryan was not as good as a TA as the one I had last. (I'm not saying bad! You were amazing!) I felt he was not super confident in everything and did not have the best command of material. Of the discussions felt like awkward wasted time without clear plans. The material was incredibly hard too. Regarding Instruction: I really thought Ryan excelled in explaining and supplementing lectures. He often asked if people had questions and were still there. I would advise paying more attention to chat, sometimes you read a message that is not relevant anymore and lose complete track of the train of thought. Also, sometimes the chat completely derails you as well. Regarding Rapport: Superb. Super friendly, super real and down to earth. I'd love if you had your camera on, so I could see you! Regarding Diversity: Sometimes chat would derail you; I don't have much to say here? Thanks Ryan.
- Ryan was approachable during office hours, did not judge me when I had the smallest of questions or was lost on the material, broke down concepts in a way that was easier to understand, and was encouraging to all the students when it came to class. There was only one discussion where there was some disorganization but it seemed like there were some outside factors that contributed that, and all other discussions were on track and provided us with examples for the textbook material. There were a couple times I emailed him for clarification on a concept or on the grading rubric and he responded quickly and with no judgment. This class was incredibly difficult and stressful, not at the fault of the professor or the TA, the material is just a lot, and towards the end when my mental health was getting strained he remained encouraging, professional, and understanding which made a difference.
- Thanks for the help!
- Ryan is a nice guy, I found him enjoyable to talk to and "be around" for lack of a better word in an online environment. He is a little disorganized at times with his work and what was going on in the course, but that is easy to look past since life is insane right now due to the pandemic. He gave a lot of good insight on the homeworks when we asked questions and was realistic in his grading of people just learning this new material. I am thankful to have had Ryan as my TA this quarter and look forward to seeing him next quarter again.
- I think that Ryan has been a really nice TA for 151B. He is very helpful in discussion and office hours, and I also think that he grades us fairly as undergraduate students who are still learning the material. I do think he frequently would show up to discussion unprepared and unorganized, though.
- hope to see you next quarter. #Ryan>Chulan
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