



## UC RIVERSIDE - Faculty Instruction Evaluation (iEval) Fall 2009

Course: MATH 009C Section: 020 - FIRST-YEAR CALCULUS  
Instructor: Jason McCullough

**Question # 25:** Please comment on how the instructor's teaching helped your learning of the material in this course. Please give serious thought to your comments. Your comments will be studied by the professor after the grade and performance evaluation of your work have been submitted and may be used in changing future offerings of the course. In addition, these comments are placed in the instructor's file and maybe used for purposes of evaluating the instructor's teaching. The information collected will remain anonymous

- Dr. McCullough is a very good teacher. He's excited about the material he teaches and that makes the class a lot more interesting. He is also helpful when it comes to office hours.
- Professor McCullough teaches Calculus in a way that's more engaging and interesting than other professors in my experience. He keeps the class focused and attentive with his clever humor and examples that help serve to help us gain better insight into various methods and strategies in the course. His lectures are extremely well planned and organized, and he's always early to class.
- Thank you for all your consideration to our class. Best regards in the future!
- Dr. McCullough's office hour is very helpful. He also responds to emails about questions on the homework very quickly. He has a lot of enthusiasm in teaching math. However, his lectures are kind of non-exciting and students are easily bored because all we do is copy down the information on the board.
- Was different compared to my highschool AP Calculus teacher, but great none the less.
- Professor McCullough is a great instructor. I wish I took more time to visit him during office hours, in order to get to know him better (for example, I did not know that he was a Computer Science major during college). He definitely knows what he is talking about during lectures. I wish I could always take him for my math courses. Thanks Professor!
- The class was very straightforward and everything was expected, allowing for a very structured layout. I enjoyed the class, though at times I felt that we spent too much of the class going over repetitive examples.
- He is a very organized lecturer, and you are expected to learn the material based on his teaching. Method he uses to teach is effective but requires the student to actually actively learn outside of the class. I believe he presents the material the best he could, and answers any common questions which is very helpful. The only thing I believe needs to be changed is the stuffiness of the room, it is extremely hot and hard to concentrate because of the heat. That was half a joke because it is true, but the thing that I believe needs changing is that the moves slower in the beginning of the term and rush into more materials towards the end, and I believe that the time intervals need a little re-balancing.
- He was very successful in teaching the material so we actually understood it, and not to just know it.
- Professor McCullough was a great lecturer and gave us lots of great pathways to learn the material such as homework's and practice exams. He would always take the extra time in class to answer questions and never made me feel rushed with the material. Although, on the exams he was more interested in whether you got it right or wrong, rather than if you understand the material. He is not a fair grader with partial credit and coming from someone who understands the material so well that I helped tutor kids in my own class, I am fighting for a C going into the final exam because of the unfair grading on my midterm.
- Professor McCullough is very enthusiastic when he teaches. He doesn't put his students to sleep and he does a good job of teaching, communicating the material to his students. I learned a lot from this course and I'm glad I took it. When I need help with my homework, I'll email him and he will guide me in the right direction toward the solution. It was my pleasure to be in his class.
- This class was very simple and straight to the point like all math classes should be. There was a good amount of homework to learn the material and the exams were pretty straightforward.
- Professor McCullough is an outstanding professor because of his ability to make the harder subjects seem relatively easy. He is always prepared and spends a lot of time doing examples to help clarify common problems and the errors that can happen. He also anticipates common student mistakes and corrects them as well which helps students better understand the material. The proofs of some formulas also help with memorizing and better grasp of it as well. Overall I found him to be effective as a teacher.

- Great teacher. He gives great examples and explains how we get this solution to a question.
- My teacher was very nice and very well read. Enough effort was put into the class so that everyone was on the same page. I thoroughly enjoyed the class.
- The instructor gives a clear explanation whenever there's a question being ask. Sometimes he makes jokes to make the classroom atmosphere better and I thought that was nice. I like classroom with a good atmosphere instead of people being silent and quiet.
- He is a nice person. But he should give the same tests to everyone. Even though he took more curve to harder test but it is still unfair.
- This course in general was literally a giant review for me because I had learned all the things in this course over a year ago and still remembered the most of it. If anything I have to thank McCullough for giving me such a nice review. It was very good to hear someone that could explain calculus effectively to a class. The only thing in general that students complain the most about in calculus as being the hardest is the series and sequences but McCullough did understand that well and tried his best to explain it to students. However, I also know that students have a hard time with series and sequences mainly because they haven't used them in over 3 years long enough for them to completely forget their properties and only remember them in a vague way. To help McCullough with that part of series and sequences, I would suggest that he would give a light review of the properties of sequences and series and what you can do with them to help students understand faster. Besides that, McCullough did a great job teaching Calculus 9C.
- For a first time teacher here, Dr. Jason McCullough exceeded all expectations that I had. He could explain the material very well and was fair in giving homework, quizzes, and exams. Coming to lecture was very helpful because of his expertise in teaching, so I came to every class. His ability to convey math to the class clearly, along with his kind personality made math 9c very enjoyable.
- As a math-oriented student, I enjoyed this course. It was paced very well and the professor came to class prepared with thorough notes and was able to answer all questions properly.
- Dr. McCullough was a great professor. He seemed really professional and really wanted to help us succeed in his class. He did a lot of examples in class which really helped me to understand the material. He was very clear when explaining new material and took the time to answer questions that students had in class.
- Wonderful teacher. Very easy to understand. The school needs more instructors like him. Gave us very good notes, made sure that all questions were answered before continuing onto the next subject. The instructor deserves an A+
- Professor McCullough was a great professor. He made math fun and understandable. He helped me several times during office hours. The course was great. Something I liked about the course is that he gave sample midterms and finals to give us a rough idea of what to expect.
- Dr. McCullough, Although he is a new instructor to the university, Dr. McCullough definitely showed a passion and expertise for the subject as if he had been teaching for 100 gajillion years! He instilled in me a new desire of appreciation for math...that's how much passion he had. When he jumps up to his tiptoes when someone answers correctly..or when he's running to another board to complete the concept to a puzzled questioner, he's always ready to motivate us. Good class and Let's not make that final on Saturday tooooo difficult!
- Great Professor! He was always willing to be considerate and attentive to students needs and questions. Enjoyable.
- Did not waste any class time. Using examples helped me a lot with homework and quizzes and understanding the material. However, on the homework it felt as if some problems you did not go over and it was hard and confusing.
- The midterm was worth 30% and there was only one. That was a bit harsh for a freshman taking his first final. He would have to do extremely well to do well in the class.
- Although this instructor was very knowledgable about the material he was teaching. He did not take into consideration that some students did not take ap calculus in high school. he never started from the basics needed to progress in this class. just a five minute review of the basic knowledge would have served me justice in this class.
- He was very informative and always made sure we understood the material. He provided many examples which helped
- The instructor's teaching helped me greatly throughout the course. The lectures were very informative and examples provided further helped my understanding of the concepts. Also lectures provided large amounts of material which helped with the pace of the class and avoided a cram of material at the end. The instructor was readily available for questions and was more than happy to answer them.
- Great teacher was fair and the exams cover the material from class.

- The instructor is nice and his note is very helpful.
- Overall good professor, just wished he understood that everything doesn't have to be by the book