



UC RIVERSIDE - Faculty Instruction Evaluation (iEval) Fall 2009

Course: MATH 022 Section: 010 - CALCULUS FOR BUSINESS
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

- The whiteboard at times didnt function properly, and his writing wouldnt be understandable because of small gliches.
- very good lecturer and clear about everything. there were many technical difficulties though which got annoying. he was patient and calm and willing to answer any questions
- He was an amazing math teacher and I learned alot and he was very fair with his testing :)
- The teacher new the knowledge of the subject very well. He provided good examples that helped me learn the material. The problem was that he did not provide example that were used more on the midterm. For example, the concept of a topic could have helped me instead of learning problem solving. Overall, he was organized and taught very well.
- The video podcasts were extremely extremely helpful. it made the hw 10 times more understandable.
- Excellent math professor. Explained things clearly and answered any questions very well. My only complaint about the class would be that I wish there were more business application examples gone over in class with the material we learned. There were some but I would say at least half, if not more, of the examples were not business related. Overall, they still contributed to my learning of the concepts so they did serve their purpose. I wish all the teachers spoke and explained concepts as well as McCullough does.
- Professor McCullough is one of the best math teachers I've ever had. It's always a plus when a math teacher can speak proper English (because trying to understand calculus by someone with a thick accent is harder than you think)! He speaks very clearly and goes through the material as if the book were to come to life. When using the Smart Board it's like watching the examples shown to you on WebAssign (via Watch It!). The podcasts are great too! I'm a commuter and sometimes it's hard for me to make it to every evening class, and with the podcasts, it makes understanding missed material so much easier. I don't know if there's much more I can say really, but he is a really great teacher.
- Spent time making sure the students understand the material.
- I didn't like doing homework on webassign; it was confusing and sometimes the answers were wrong if I put it in decimal form and I had to somehow find out I had to put it in fraction form. Also, during class, you wrote kind of small and it would just show up as a blob on the smart board. Other than that, I learned a lot from the class and you were a good math teacher.
- Very crystal clear lecture!
- Good Professor
- Professor McCullough is a great instructor who appears to know Calculus very well. I enjoyed taking his course, however, I wish it would have been at a slower or different pace. I often felt the example problems shown in class were much less difficult than the ones encountered in homework or testing.
- Professor McCullough was a good professor and taught the material well. However the example he did on the board were always just the simplest versions of the homework. I think it would benefit the student more if he did not only just simplest version, but also a few that were on the harder side. Then the homework would be easier. Also he should have a S.I group for his class since that would have benefited more if there was an S. I group because some of the material for myself was difficult and even going to the learning center tutoring and T.A. office hours. I still need extra a bit more extra help. Therefore, I believe that if he requested a S.I. group for his class it would benefit the students dearly. Other than that he was a good teacher. Perhaps assign a bit more problems on the homework because at time i felt like I need to do more practice for the homework since I did not get the points with only a few problems.
- The online podcast laggs sometimes, and takes forever to get to the point of the lecture.

- Very monotone, can always improve on sounding more enthusiastic about the subject.
- Great professor. Knows his material very well, was able to provide an explanation for everything. Straightforward. Presented material well so easy to learn.
- You have been very helpful because of your presentation through a mic and a 3 screen visual which holds the last page of notes. I use ur notes right before I do the homework, and I almost always get good homework grades. The video podcast is always helpful if I'm ever sick and could not show up to one of the lectures. Thanks for giving out the podcast.
- Great professor... no comment
- i never went to class
- He's a very good teacher who provides accurate information and descriptive examples. I like how everything on his midterms and quizzes are based off of what we learn in class. No surprises.
- I learned lots of math from the professor. He is a good teacher, his math problem sometimes he did wrong in class. He is good teacher overall
- The teacher was very informative but I did not like how the homework was online. I think it'd be more helpful if we hand write our homework because the online homework had many mistakes and malfunctions.
- The course is well setup. The homework teaches the concepts straightforward and well. The new iLearn video thing was pretty helpful. Please continue teaching your course this way.
- Professor McCullough did explain everything very thoroughly, giving definitions for all the equations. His exams were definitely more challenging than his homework, but overall, I learned a lot in calculus.
- I did not choose to take this class, but the professor made this class very clear and constructive. I learned a lot more about the concepts that I had previously learned in high school and I have a deeper understanding and knowledge about a more advanced calculus. I especially liked that he used definitions to explain the math concepts. I felt like the class could have used more business examples, but other than that I learned material with no significant complaints.
- I felt that the teacher had good knowledge of the topic and knew how to present it in a good fashion. Everything taught had a purpose. The class was easy to follow and the homework was a good study tool.
- My biggest complaint with this course is that Professor McCullough does not write the tests. Since the other Business Calculus professor writes the test I feel that there is not enough review to do well unless you had previous experience with Calculus. Since I have taken calculus in high school Professor McCullough did a good job for me in reviewing previously learned material. If Professor McCullough would cover more material in class that is test related or write the test himself I think either of the two would make this class more enjoyable.
- you could tell he was a new teacher. He had a well-planned lecture every class but he just assumed we understood everything. He would just start talking and never stop and he didn't explain things in an easy way. The T.A. and even some of my friends explained it to me and they did it in an easy way to help me learn. He just needs some work on how to speak and teach in a more simplistic way that takes you through the steps so that everyone can understand.
- He was able to teach the class with precision and a good flow. Until the seventh week into the quarter, the pace of the class was fine, but after then, it seemed to have gotten more and more difficult to keep up. Overall, it was a positive experience and I learned quite a bit from the lectures and homework assignments.
- I really enjoyed taking this class and although it wasn't the easiest math class I have taken I managed to understand it well after doing the homeworks and reviewing the video podcast. the birdie podcast was extremely helpful since if i ever had questions and could not attend the professors office hours I was able to review the material through the video podcast. overall this class was well organized and taught.
- He is a new teacher. He obviously knows his stuff, but does not always communicate efficiently the material that we need to know. He will only curve if everyone did horrible on the test.
- The required readings: Brief Calculus by Larson, did not help at all. in other words i did not feel the need to look deeply into the book because the notes during the lecture were very specific and were very helpful. However, some time was used up at the beginning of almost every class period dealing with issues with the smart-board which did interrupt with the lectures.

- The instructor seem prepared and seem knowledgeable of the subject however, he does not go in a slow pace nor take time to explain it clearly. Especially when he assume most understand the subject on a certain level but there are few that never took calculus and had a hard time to grasp the information he present in lectures. However, the online web for his lectures were good but i still did not understand it, also he choose the program "Web assign" for our HW. and "Web assign" is not the best choice to choose for online hw. it was always laggy and have a specific answer key that they like. I just recall him saying why he choose web assign because it was cheap but i rather prefer Math XL but overall He is a good teacher but he need to slow down and take his time to explain some subjects on the calculus. Also last thing is that the final time, i do not like his 1hr and half for a final despite the fact its 50 questions, since it is our last exam we should still deserve the 3hours period because it give us a reassurance that we got time to check our work. that is all
- Professor McCullough was a great instructor for this class. In every lecture, he thouroughly explained the material in a way that was easy to understand. His tests were not always easy but covered most of what he taught during his lectures. He often asked students if they had any questions to make sure that all students were understanding the material.
- I think he's a great teacher. He was always prepared with his paper work. Sometimes, he solved an easy problem, but he teaches us how to solve it.
- Good calculus teacher
- The examples in classes were helpful.
- Jason was cool. He was real cool and understanding he gave us a lot of material to study. He just got a little boring like it was hard to stay up.
- I wish you had curved the first midterm.
- He was very thorough in the subject and was telling us what it is step-by-step but it was quite slightly boring in class because i guess there was just words and numbers and nothing that really appealed to me understanding the subject better. But overall it was a good class I did not expect nothing exciting from the beginning, but I learned alot. Also, the podcast were sometimes useful.
- McCullough explained the course effectively. His notes were understandable.
- Due to the time frame and the large amount of material covered I found that he did an extremely good job of conveying the material to the class.
- He did not assume that students knew what he was talking about in the beggining of the course, which i liked. He explained mostly everything step by step.
- Jason McCullough would definitely be among the first teachers who I'd recommend to others. He teaches the material in a manner that makes it very clear to the students, and if there are any questions, he makes sure to answer it leaving no further doubts. Though at times it may become a little aggravating since he makes sure to do everything step-by-step, it really helps to make the students understand the concept used to acquire the answers.
- Good teacher who knows what he is talking about. Gives productive lectures and helps you learn by giving many examples.
- The instructor explained each section of the textbook thouroughly and was willing to pause during his lecture to ask students if they had questions. I knew if I had question he would answer my question to the best of his knowledge but I was too shy to ask therefore when I do not understand things in the lecture I would not blame him because it is my fault.
- Providing students vedio procast lecture
- I ENJOYED HIS STYLE OF TEACHING, COURSE MATERIALS WERE MORE APPROACHABLE AFTER HIS EXPLANATION. HIS PACE OF TEACHING IS GOOD! ENJOYED VIDEO PODCASTS.
- Dr.McCullough goes at a very fast-pace. I think he should explain the concepts more in detail and step-by-step.
- Good explanations of each problem and good examples.
- He helps a lot on the quizzes and midterms when they are coming up. Also he gives specific examples to help on homework.
- He was nice, and good at teaching.

- I'm giving high marks even though my grade is awful. It was a good class. The teacher was well prepared, he knew the material well, he thoroughly went through problems in class, and was very helpful. Unfortunately, the class was so hard for me. I also regret taking a 1 Hr 20 min classes at night because I would get back to my dorm feeling very tired. This made studying for the class more difficult--especially when I had quizzes on the material the very next morning at 8:10.
- I enjoy taking Mr. McCullough's class. He always keeps his students informed by posting on ilearn. I learn a lot from his lectures. He is always willing to answer questions.
- The teacher was pretty helpful, but I found the TA to be more helpful than the teacher. Our teacher seemed to be in too much of a hurry and when students asked questions he never really understood what that were asking and didn't give a full response. This course should be more spaced out and maybe not so much information packed into one course. Also, the midterms contained questions that we had never gone over in class. He should make his own midterms and not used other teacher's midterms from previous courses.
- Professor went over course material much too quickly. TA discussions could have been put to better use. Possibly having TA's lecture at least once a week and save the other day for questions. Material was just the concept and not applying it. Needs to show more examples of each section. I know many students were lost the majority of the class.
- This class is a lot to learn in a short amount of time. The professor made that considerably easier.
- The podcasts took a really long time to load on the computer, but for the most part they were helpful. They should definitely be used in the future.
- have more review guides that you make
- the Professor was good but didn't know how to make the class interesting. Podcast could have been very helpful, but he did not use it for every class.
- It would have been more helpful if the professor taught in a way that catered more to kinesthetic learners. The lectures were difficult for me to follow because it was all visual and auditory.
- Could not focus in class due to the teaching style. I found discussion much more helpful and class was just to take the tests.
- The video podcasts were very helpful, but I became too reliant upon them.
- was fairly helpful to my learning.