



UC RIVERSIDE - Faculty Instruction Evaluation (iEval) Spring 2010

Course: MATH 009B Section: 001 - 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

- A great teacher. He explained the material very well and gave many examples that were helpful for the students. He wants everyone to succeed and cares for the students.
- really cares for student's success...all math teachers should be like him
- Great teacher. Has many sources to help complete assignments.
- I had Professor McCullough last quarter, and I am completely and 100 percent pleased with his teaching compared to last quarter. He was clear and thorough, and was a great professor this quarter.
- Professor McCullough is an amazing math teacher. He is so straight forward and he is really helpful. I enjoy his teaching methods. He doesn't need to improve anything, I think the way he teaches is perfect. I'm glad to have him as a professor for 8B also!
- Great teaching method, crystal clear. Thoughtful for students, which is really awesome! One suggestion: maybe more in class extra credit question will get more students coming to class. Clicker always will do the job but not as good as offering in class extra credit question. Students who attend classes and watch podcasts regularly will have more incentive to do the question, which in turn makes more students engage in learning. Great class, enjoy it greatly!
- Professor taught at a pace that allowed students to actually learn the material throughout lecture and provided feedback to students during lecture.
- Mr. McCullough is a good teacher. He goes through all the steps necessary and he tries to give you enough example. If he does not finish an example, he would finish it at the next lecture. I recommend students taking his class.
- The Professor was a great teacher. He explained everything very well, and there was not one example where I didn't understand what he was talking about.
- Very elegant and poised, Professor McCullough speaks to the students at a college level. He is very consistent, which is essential to learning subjects such as math. However, I must say that I love your hairstyle when it is long. I am VERY grateful to have had you for two straight quarters. ;)
- Awesome professor. I actually learned in his class.
- an overall good teacher very organized. a lot of the material was difficult to understand but whatever you needed help with, he was more than willing to explain and help to understand. One of the best teachers I've had when it comes to math class.
- Very helpful and an excellent lecturer.
- Excellent Math professor. Best at UCR. Should be promoted.
- Best math teacher I've had in my entire career as a student. Really helps to understand concepts and doesn't surprise students with complex HW problems or test questions (at least I hope not on the final!). The videos that he posted online were really helpful as well. If no videos next time, maybe post your notes on paper online too. Overall, Prof. McCullough is really awesome and pretty helpful during Office Hours.

- Professor McCullough was a good instructor, and he seemed to have a good grip on the subject matter that he was teaching.
- Great Professor, easy to understand and approachable.
- One of the best math professors at UCR. I will take his classes again if offered. An asset to the university.
- Was a good professor could just be a bit nicer when asking him questions.
- I really like this course, because i was able to understand math and understand some of the concepts.i like going to his office hours as well, where he was able to sit down and show me step by step how to do the problem. he wouldn't just show me but ask me how to do it as well.
- Of all the math professors I have had so far Professor McCullough is the greatest. I understood almost all of his lectures and his substitutes are great as well. Thank you Professor McCullough, I enjoyed your lectures! Have a nice summer vacation!
- Taught the material well, I appreciated all the helpful resources he provided in addition to the lectures he presents. The course capture really helps out especially when there are days I cannot come. The other resources provided on your site were also very helpful as well. Overall, I enjoyed the course and was able to understand the course material well.
- McCullough was one the best math professors that I had. He was understandable. The material that he put on his exam was things he covered in class. He is pretty funny. He is also a fair grader.
- Professor McCullough was very clear in his presentations and lectures. The amount of quizzes given was fair and the midterm was fair and only covered what we had gone over so far. He was very patient and answered questions during lecture and made sure everyone understood what was going on.
- Professor McCollough was a good professor. He knew his material and taught well. He had lots of examples on the material he was going over, which helped during the exams and quizzes we had. His online videos were also extremely helpful and he should keep doing them, since it's helpful to look at once exams come around. Overall, Dr. McCoullough was a great and helpful teacher, and helped me succeed in Math 9B
- Why so serious?
- Professor McCullough was very thorough with the class. He went over the concepts and after explaining them, he had many examples given to help us fully understand the material. He is a really great professor and anyone would be a fool if they picked another teacher over him.
- The professor was prepared for every lecture and provided examples for all of the material. This was a very difficult course, but it would have been even more challenging without this professor. The professor was always open to questions during lecture and was always willing to clarify.
- Thank you for instructing us this quarter.
- Professor McCullough did an excellent job in teaching math 9B. Math is one of the hardest subjects for me to understand but his teaching style was very effective in ensuring I learned the material. He also used technology to further allow us to understand. I really benefited from reviewing the lectures online. I greatly enjoyed his class.
- Since Professor McCullough knows calculus like it's the back of his hand, when he teaches he tends to go a little too fast. Sometimes he's not quite clear of the easier steps to a problem because it's so easy for him that he just ignores explaining it.
- Last quarter I had a pretty bad teacher and ended up getting a C but this professor is great at explaining things and all of the lectures are up online to watch again if you need another explanation of it. I ended up getting a 97% on my first midterm. Overall, a decent class
- Dr. McCullough was an amazing professor to have for First Year Calculus Math 9B during the spring quarter 2010. I have had the pleasure of having Dr. McCullough for Math 8B and Math 9B during my freshman year at UCR. Dr. McCullough clearly outlined the objectives and expectations of the class. In addition, he addressed any concerns and questions that students had during class and outside of class. He always responded to questions through e-mail in a timely and professional manner which I believe shows a lot about his character. I have gained a better understanding of Calculus and Mathematics through Dr. McCullough's superior teaching methods and objectives. I have said this once, and know that Dr. McCullough will prove to be a benefit to the University of California, Riverside and the Mathematics Department. Dr. McCullough is the epitome of what a professor should be!
- This is the second time taking this professor. The classes where good, I liked how some elementary steps where skipped since it allowed me to

have something to go back to and check on my own time. As for the homework assignments, I did not like them very much. Though they were not difficult, some assignments were annoying. I would have liked to see more odd problems from the homework with changes to them. I also would have liked to have had the answers to the practice test, so I could check my answers. Overall, great class.

- i feel that you should give more examples on the material we learn each lecture and not to put that hard of homework questions on webassign, and if you do relate some of your examples to the homework because i would refer back and forth from notes to do the homework and it did not really help me solve them and left me confused
- Great teacher, tried to help students by answering questions in thorough review sessions.
- The class was a continuation of Math 8B and this class was different in that we had 1 midterm instead of 2. I felt like the professor was very helpful and organized but the homework often seemed irrelevant. Some of the homework problems were nothing like the ones on exams.
- I took his class last quarter and decided to take his class again this quarter. I gained good understanding of material. Always available during office hours. He knows how to teach calculus really well without causing confusion.
- Best math professor I've had. this was the third time I've taken calculus and I finally understand the material. He takes time to explain everything and answers every question even if it is a "stupid" question. Extremely glad that I taken this course with this professor.
- eLinks were very useful and was very prepared.
- Dr. McCullough was a great math teacher. It is very difficult to teach Calculus and he did a good job. However, the best part was that he did not make his exam impossibly hard. He gave us problems that required knowledge of the material and the ability to apply it. He did not do anything to trick us or make it unnecessarily hard. If you knew what to do, you would be able to solve the problem.
- Explains things well up until chp 8.1 and on. By then there gets to be confusion. I wish he would go over these topics more slowly and not skip any steps because that is what confuses people. Other than that he is a very great teacher! thanks!
- excellent professor. very clear with explanations and utilizes his sources in the class (projectors, computers, etc) very efficiently. easy to understand, but course itself is a difficult subject.
- Professor McCullough was clear to understand, however, he tended to speed through the material making it hard for students to fully grasp the concept.
- The homework assigned is much more difficult than what we learned in class. It would've helped if the professor chose problems for the examples that were to the same degree as the homework. He assumes we know certain steps and skips over them. Other than that, he was a good professor.
- this teacher has a very bad teaching style. he copies most of his material from the book, and it feels as if we are learning from a book not a person. he does examples but sometimes goes too fast, and does not explain his steps. this must have been his first year because he was a very bad teacher. it was hard to follow along in his class. he should have a teaching style that is similar to PROF. VILLA.
- He is a great professor and really knows his stuff. I suppose the only criticism that I would have is that he sometimes made spelling/grammatical errors but since he is a math prof and not an english prof I don't think it really matters. I really like the fact that he is doing a review session before the exam. To me that shows that he really cares about his students. Definitely the best math professor that I have ever had.
- McCollough motivated us to do our best and tried his best to help us understand the material being lectured. He may sometimes be unclear while covering some of the material.
- Very good professor! Really organized! Easy to follow and understand.
- Prof. McCullough was a very smart professor but was somewhat difficult to follow in his examples. The examples presented in lecture were not clarified enough to understand. I found myself reading the book more to understand key principals not presented in lecture. Details however he helped me substantially to grasp.
- The midterm and quizzes are really hard compared to that of the examples explained in class. If you are going to give difficult exams, then you should explain how to evaluate the difficult problems in the example.
- GREAT PROFESSOR. Clear and easy to understand, broke everything down step by step. Fair tests/grading. Also, he is friendly and

approachable. Would definitely take this prof again.

- Compared to many of the math instructors at UCR he was by far one of the best. He was clear at explaining the topics at hand. He got straight to the point and explained how to do questions step by step. Though towards the end of the quarter he began to move quicker and skipped steps, he still did a decent job. The program for the homework, webassign, needs to be dropped because it does not reflect the subjects being taught.
- good teacher
- Dr. McCullough was a good professor. He knew what he was doing and taught it well. He's good at explaining the material when we don't understand and helpful when you seek him out.
- I can't believe I'm saying this, but you made me like math. You are one of the best math teachers I've ever had: you were extremely clear in your lectures and I like the fact that you utilize modern technology such as the videos that are available when someone can't make it to class. Great job and keep up the good work!
- He was a good teacher who was very helpful. He definitely knew what he was talking about.