



UC RIVERSIDE - Faculty Instruction Evaluation (iEval) Spring 2010

Course: MATH 009C Section: 010 - 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

- The instructor was very insightful into the subject and did an excellent job at explaining the overall content of a textbook section.
- McCullough is a cool guy and often quite funny in class, which makes a subject like Calculus less stressful and more entertaining. The way he teaches the class is by allowing the students to add their input at any time so we don't just sit there and watch him write complex equations on the board; Instead, we are actively involved in the learning process. His expectations are also fair. That is, he doesn't expect us to be able to do anything during tests or quizzes that he could not easily do or would be willing to do. All of these traits make for a well-taught, easy to follow math class that is a rare commodity.
- he is very good at teaching
- teacher is very clear and nice and very cute too ^_^
- Teacher was very well organized and had samples for each type of theory, Harder examples should be given in class to help understand the harder homework.
- Great professor. One of the best math instructors here at UCR
- Professor McCullough is a very friendly professor who knows his materials. He lectures very well and provides a lot of examples to help his students grasp the concepts of calculus. If the students does the home works and studies the sample exams, they will do well.
- Great teacher. Probably the best math teacher ever had at UCR this year. Explains new concepts really clear and understandable.
- Very straight forward and time efficient on all the lectures. The practice exams were extremely useful and the grading policy was fair. You were especially easy to understand while you spoke in lecture. ThAnk YOu for everything!!
- Good math teacher, knows his stuff.
- Dr. McCullough is very clear in his lectures. However, he expects his students to know and remember the materials from previous math classes. Therefore, sometimes it is easy to lose track of his explanations. I wish that he would do a little explanation of the steps that he uses.
- He's a great math professor. I'm really glad I had him for 9C. I'm not great at math, but he was a very effective, fair teacher-- I was able to do very well on the midterm and actually understand what was taught. If I was taking another math course I would be glad to have him again.
- Great lectures. very clear in explaining.
- He was a really good teacher. He was easy to understand, he would go over something and then do examples to help us learn the material better. His midterm was pretty fair, it was hard but if you studied and understood the material you could do fine. He is a really good teacher I had a great time in his class.
- was a great teacher. the best math teacher i've had at UCR. Went over subjects clearly and always answered questions promptly and kindly.
- Very good intructor. Explained every concept thoroughly and cleared up any confusion.

- I really enjoyed this class. He made me want to minor in math :)
- The first half of the class for me was very confusing. I didn't perform as well as I would have liked on all of the mathematics before and on the midterm. I would suggest possibly thinking of another way of going over it because I was really confused.
- There should be two midterms and students should be given more tries for the homework.
- The homework, and webassign master it and watch it options, as well as the class lecture emphasized the significance of each topic: off the top of my head I can think of the formula and usages of limit comparison test, comparison test, alternating series test, divergence test, root test, p series test and geometric series. Additionally, the formulas for surface area and arclength were very well taught.
- Great teacher and class. Kept lecture interesting and helped us understand material.
- Was a good professor overall. Everything in the class, as far as assignments and exams, were fair.
- Great calculus professor, it was a really organized course and I really liked the way Dr. McCullough taught the class and he explained the concepts in a way that any student can comprehend. Great professor!
- Bravo.
- Instructor was always prepared and ready to teach spend most of class doing practice problems that were helpful.
- He is a great professor. He goes over examples thoroughly and makes sure the class knows what he's talking about. He knows his stuff and is able to teach the class on a well balanced manner.
- I liked Prof. McCullough's structured notes. His many examples helped me understand the content better.
- Clear explanations, in class demonstrations, extra credit application problem, relevant homework and quizzes in discussion all helped my understanding. Overall great experience.
- Professor McCullough had a great understanding of calculus. It was a bit tough, because there only one mid-term and for students who have had a poor foundation of calculus 9a and 9b, this class was pretty difficult.
- He's a nice guy, and very approachable. Helped me when ever he could.
- Created special office hours if they had to be canceled, while other professors have just canceled and choose not to reschedule office hours the same week. Homework assignments somewhat difficult because some problems were more complicated than what we went over in class. Appreciated dropping two lowest homework assignments and lowest quiz score. I would have preferred more quizzes worth less points though. I also would have liked to have had 2 midterms than just one.
- GREAT! You're a great math lecturer professor! No doubt that your lecture gets more interesting. The only problem is that your lecture was in the morning and it was hard to wake up xD. Other than that your lectures are good and understandable. Do your best next time the same way you did with us!
- Good professor. Not very engaging in a course such as Math9C but who could be.
- Good Math instructor
- Professor was always clear and presented material well.
- The graphs shown in class are helpful but sometimes it was hard to comprehend the importance of it relating to the lecture.
- I think that a second midterm would be a lot more helpful for students like me. The first midterm was a motivation to try and understand the concepts more, but after the first midterm, there was about six weeks without a test. I think that a second midterm would keep students studying more.

- He's a good teacher, but isn't very interactive with the students. Not too enthusiastic, and he needs to explain examples more clearly.
- Loved this class! The teaching style was exactly the pace that I needed. I feel like I was way behind the rest of the class, as I had 9B more than a year before, yet I was able to successfully keep up with the pace. Don't tell anyone I said this, but I sometimes enjoyed getting to class at 8 in the morning to learn math. Thanks!
- McCullough was a good teacher. I understood what he was saying and what he was doing. At most times, though, it seems he wasn't enthusiastic about anything he was saying, it was like he just showed up and taught. Other than that, he explained everything pretty well.
- Very clear in lectures. The sample test would have been more helpful if the solutions were also posted.
- Good professor and efficient at teaching, however, I felt that he went a bit quickly and did not explain the material as simply as possible. However, I do not blame the professor because I know that mathematics is my weakest subject. Therefore, I suggest that he try to explain in a more simple manner and grade a little easier for those students such as myself who are not the best at math.
- He is understandable.
- Great teacher!
- This isn't a completely fair evaluation, considering I only showed up a few times. 8 AM is too early for math. The times I did manage to wake up, though, the instructor was clear and organized. The homework was where I got most of my learning done, specifically with the 'watch it' sections on web assign. Without those, I would be in a much more difficult situation.