



# UC RIVERSIDE - Faculty Instruction Evaluation (iEval) Spring 2011

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.

- EPIC TEACHER
- Dr. McCullough provided organized notes that contributed to my learning. The assignments also gave me insight on whether I knew the material or not. He provided practice midterms that help me do well on his midterm. Overall, he was a great professor.
- Professor McCullough is without a doubt one of the best math professors I have ever had, most certainly the best while here at UCR. He uses a variety of clear examples to illustrate his point and writes out what he is thinking on the board so as to illustrate its application. I appreciated his time to make sure all inquiries are answered prior to moving on to a new topic. He is succinct in his presentations and precise in his wording. He is a splendid professor and would HIGHLY recommend him to any peer.
- It would be helpful if homework could be extended, considering the number of problems one runs into when using weassign. Also, could you please slow down when you write or explain, it is quite difficult to copy down all of the notes while still keeping up with what you are talking about. I don't think it's because you talk fast, but more of because you write fast. This class would be easier to understand if you just slowed down a little, so that we have time to process the information rather than having to go over notes trying to figure out what happened in class. Thanks, you were a great teacher!
- He is my best math teacher so far in my college life.
- Excellent professor. Taught well most of the time, except towards the end the pace picked up a little and was harder to keep up with. Tests and homework were fair.
- very good math teacher. very clear, and organized.
- Professor McCullough was a great teacher for Math 9C. I switched into his class at the beginning of the quarter because I heard he was a good teacher. He lived up to my expectations and more. He was a phenomenal teacher and made calculus easy for me. Overall he was a great teacher this quarter.
- great
- high five
- really good at explaining concepts. really well organized. good examples and time distribution. Best lecturer.
- Great professor!
- I thought the midterms fair, but those who graded them were not. They took off too many points for extremely minor points which greatly affected the score. It was very discouraging.
- no comment
- Professor McCullough is very clear and concise when it came to teaching. Out of all the math teachers I have had thus far, McCullough has taught me the most IN-CLASS without me having to come to office hours or to my TA's office hours. He was approachable in his office hours which was a large plus.

- Great Professor. He explains everything with detail, and makes sure we understand it. I learned the content so well in this course.
- Professor Jason McCullough is a very excellent mathematics Professor. Throughout the entire quarter, he was very organized and ready for every day of lecture. The lecture would usually reflect the content of the homework and the examinations. I personally had a very great experience taking math 9C with Dr. McCullough because not only did he explain the material well, but he also made the lecture interesting. The only recommendation I would make to the professor would be to offer a review session before the midterm and final. Yet, overall my experience with Professor McCullough in his math 9C class was extremely great.
- Professor McCullough is, by far, the best Math professor I have had here at UCR. He is very enthusiastic about his teachings and one can tell he loves it. He is very knowledgeable, and very easy to understand. His way of teaching is great. He explains every concept or problem step by step, and is thorough in his explanations. He is always making sure that everybody is understanding what's going on, which I really liked. He cares for his students, and I really enjoyed having him. The best thing I liked is that he would write definitions and steps in words. Sometimes it is easier to understand things like that. He was awesome.
- Dr. McCullough, and he did a lot to help the class, and to make sure that we understood our material. He was very accessible whenever you needed him, and showed a sense of passion in what he taught. He did all he could to help me in the class, and I felt like this was a class where help was plentiful.
- I found your office hours were unhelpful, did not have a feeling of your desire to help me learn. Felt ignored because my questions were "dumb" questions.
- Great instructor. Every day even the day he wore a wrinkled shirt, McCullough derived every problem in a well and understandable manner. Thanks for the well time spent.
- The reason why I 'disagreed' concerning fairness: I lost 10 or so points due to not writing out 'limit as  $x$  goes to infinity' and other such denotations, when it is blatantly obvious what I am doing. Such errors as those have never been marked off in my previous math courses... I believe it to be unnecessarily heavy grading to take away points for such things. However, this is not to say that we were not warned. I think it was the case that we were warned to not make such mistakes... I am only noting here that such grading should be reconsidered. The majority of the points I lost on my midterm were from these trivial mistakes that never affected my answer, my process, my learning. These trivial mistakes now leave me to weigh heavily on the final exam to avoid obtaining a C in the class, my first C at UCR.
- The instructor was very helpful in explaining the material and the examples that were provided in class were very helpful and useful
- Great Professor!
- Good course with a great professor one of the best math professors I have ever had.
- Sometimes the professor moves a bit too fast for my taste. There are times where I am scrambling to write down notes that I don't completely listen to what he says about the material.
- You are an amazing math professor. I never really enjoyed math, but after having you as a professor, you showed how easy and enjoyable math could really be.
- Dr. McCullough is one of the most, if not the most effective, math professors that I have ever had. In lecture, he not only derives and proves formulas and theorems, but also applies those and uses them in the multiple examples that he presents. Unlike other professors who just talk about where the formula comes from and how it was derived, Dr. McCullough shows us examples and demonstrates how these are used and how we are going to be expected to use them. One particular thing he did that I thought was really considerate was once, he read us an email that he had received from one of his friends who is a chemical engineer. That email told us how he uses what we are learning in math in his everyday work. I thought that this really made math more interesting because it demonstrated that what we are learning in the classroom can be applied to the real world. In lecture, Dr. McCullough is a great professor; however, during office hours and one-on-one situations, he comes off as condescending and unapproachable. It is sometimes hard to ask him a question or go to his office hours because of the way he responds to questions and comments. He is a really good professor and explainer, but sometimes the demeanor in which he explains it, mostly during office hours, really makes you feel inferior for not understanding a concept. Although Dr. McCullough may come off as condescending sometimes, he still is an effective, clear, and strong professor.
- Dr. McCullough was an excellent professor. He was always prepared and does a really great job explaining the material. He can answer any question thrown at him. Flawless.
- Good teacher, he knows his stuff, and he speaks English perfectly well
- You are an excellent professor and I'm glad I was able to add your class. You were always prepared and clear in your lectures always making

sure the students were understanding the material. I appreciate your work.

- Only advice I would give is to not block the board so much because it makes it difficult to take notes as the professor teaches quite quickly.
- The professor was well organized and prepared during lecture sessions. He covered relevant material and provided useful examples with detailed solutions to clarify any difficult mathematical concepts. In addition, one suggestion I would make is for the rate or speed of the lecture to be slightly decreased in order for students to have enough time to record their notes as well as focus on the material being covered. Overall, the instructor's teaching methods are effective.
- This class is very hard but this professor is really good. The quizzes are really difficult. I wish that he would give an example on how he wants the quizzes to be done by showing which steps are necessary. This would also help for people to prepare for the exams.
- he is a really good teacher, he knows how to teach the material without making it really complicated like many other math professors do.
- Hello Professor. You were a very good professor. I heard bad things about 9c but you made it all simple and easy to understand. I hope to have you again for another class :) and i like your water bottle haha. but im not that person who ask you about it just to let you know, but i did see it at target too
- Professor McCullough is an excellent professor. During each lecture he will spend the time explaining concepts and how to derive certain equations so you know that they actually do work. When working on examples on the board he takes the time to stop in order to make sure that everyone has understood what he has done so far. Overall he is an excellent professor and very clear and concise about the material that he is teaching.
- - don't expect that everyone took 9B the quarter before your class. it would be helpful to write out basic formulas (such as for chain rule, derivatives, integrals etc) at least once or twice in the quarter to refresh people's memories - in class examples are too simple as compared to the tests. gets a bit boring doing hard problems - homework can be very complicated, even our TA has problem solving it (or maybe it's just Barbara) - improve handwriting (bigger and neater writing) - other than that, good teacher. very organized and shows step by step approach
- A really good math teacher, helps out in office hours if you do not understand the material he will go over it with you. Helpful and clear at lecture. He always asked if everyone was alright with the steps that he took while he was doing a problem and/or learning new concepts.
- Professor Jason is a great math professor, he knows what exactly he is teaching in class and know how to explain the material.
- He was an overall good teacher
- good lecturer
- Wasn't really sure if I would be up to "snuff" for this class since I haven't taken the previous 9B course since winter of 2008. But the way Jason teaches is very easy to understand and follow the logic behind the math. Great professor!
- I really enjoyed this class. I wish more time could have been spent on Taylor and Maclaurin Series, that was the most difficult part of this course.
- Great Lectures,
- McCullough is a good math professor. Sometimes I feel like he could break the problems down even further. He teaching methods are good but he could really slow down the class a little so other can absorb what he is writing and saying at the same time.
- Great Professor, I haven't had great luck with math professors here in getting one that seemed to enjoy teaching us and whom I could easily understand, but McCullough was great in that aspect. He was friendly and made the material understandable.
- Dr. McCullough You were a great professor, although I suggest that instead of doing the examples in lecture that are already presented in Stewart, that instead you go over different examples in lecture. Doing so offers students more exposure to the material, while also rewarding those who have read the book. It seems a bit redundant if the examples we cover in lecture are the same ones already explained in Stewart.
- Great teacher! learned alot!!! very clear and to the point. did not waste class time by going off topic. If i could i would take McCoullough for every other math class required
- You were clear, but it was hard keeping track most of the time. Maybe I wasn't ready to take College Calculus, but your class was a struggle to

get through.

- Some of the webassign hw problems were hard for a human to integrate or solve (even the TA agreed).
- Great professor who knew exactly what he was teaching.
- Great instructor. Easy to understand. Wish more professors were like him.
- Dr. McCullough was helpful when asking questions and he really made us learn when we did not know something by making us do the problem.