

Profile

Subunit:

MATH B. LIN

Name of the instructor: Name of the course: (Name of the survey)

15S: MATH 33A DIS 3A: LINEAR ALGBRA&APPLS

Values used in the profile line: Mean

1. UCLA Department of Mathematics: 1.1) How would you rate your TA as an effective teacher? Failing Excellent n=16 av.=8.75 How would you rate the availability and helpfulness of your TA outside of the classroom? 1.2) Failing Excellent av.=8.75 n=16 What is your rating of this course independent of the effectiveness of the TA? Failing 1.3) Excellent n=16 av.=7.56

Comments Report

2. Comments:

- ^{2.1} Please use the space provided for any comments you wish to make which are pertinent to the educational process. These may include all aspects of the course: teaching, examinations, grading, textbook, etc.
- Absolutely the BEST math TA there can be. His teaching is phenomenal.
- Best TA in the whole math department. He went above and beyond with daily office hours and extra review session. His discussions were always well prepared. He will be a great math professor one day.
- Bon Soon is literally the best TA I have ever had. He makes himself available every day of the week with review sessions before exams, which in itself is very commendable, but on top of that, he's just an amazing teacher. I remember a week before the mid term, I had no idea what was going on in class. I started going to office hours while asking questions, and when I sat for the midterm, getting 100 was a breeze. Bon Soon is extremely good at explaining things as he is very clear with analogies and simplifies things to the core ideas. In doing so, he makes a complex subject easily digestible. He demonstrates different approaches towards problems to fit to students' understandings. One of the best things about him is the energy and enthusiasm he brings to class; he actually makes linear algebra interesting and entertaining! For the sake of future mathematicians, I hope Bon Soon will continue teaching, because one discussion class teaches me way more than an entire week of lectures. I would say that there is nothing he can do to improve other than maybe pacing a bit better because the end of discussion sometimes feels rushed. Thanks Bon Soon!
- Bon-Soon possesses all the traits that a good teacher ought to have. His passion for the subject is evident and has been personally inspiring; at the very least, it has influenced my choice of future courses and generated a greater interest in math. In terms of classroom lessons and office hours, his style of teaching is very engaging and illuminating. Every day office-hours have been a god-send. Keep doing you, Bon-Soon.
- Bonsoon can explain the mathematical concepts really well and he definitely knows his material. He has a great sense of humor and can make great and useful analogies.
- Explains concepts and examples better than the professor
- He's been the best TA I've had at UCLA, regardless of department. I don't normally write teacher reviews, but I am for BonSoon because he is so good, and without him, I wouldn't be doing well in this class. He truly cares about his students, is an effective teacher, and is readily available for help.
- This academic year is my second year at UCLA and I truly believe that Bon-Soon Lin is the best TA I have ever had. He has so many good qualities, including patience, good explanation skills and of course absolutely deep knowledge about what he is teaching. He is very sympathetic toward students. He always is ready to help no matter what. Unlike other TA's, he holds office hours every day, Monday through Friday from 3pm to 4pm but he stays to however long the students have question till, or however long the students can handle to stay, usually until 6 or 7pm. He always welcomes any type of question and answers it spending a lot of time. After visiting him during office hours, each time I feel completely confident about what I have learned, basically new material. Unlike memorization, he shows students true basic meaning behind every mathematical concept. He always, and I would like to stress ALWAYS, takes as long as students require in order to learn the new theories. In other words, he makes sure that students truly understand the subject. He cares a lot about what he does and about students. I have never had any TA as passionate as him and as caring as he is. If I had a choice, I would take all the math classes he TA's in. In addition, I think he is absolutely a treasure of UCLA. If he becomes a full time Professor at UCLA, I think he would be one of the best professors, UCLA student can ask for. My respect and interest rose owing to Bon-Soon. I really hope that he will be my next TA in upper division Math classes.

- Weisbart and Bonsoon are very thorough in lecture and discussion and are very friendly.
- Where the professor lacks organization and clarity, Bon-Soon has it. He helped to actually show how to do problems in terms of what we know, making it easier to understand the concepts. Additionally, and this is more part of the class, but there was an odd mixture of incredibly easy and overly abstract. Also, examinations are incredibly easy, and not at all challenging.