

Jarrold Pickens

Teaching Evaluation Summary

Below are some comments that I received on student written evaluations of my teaching ability. I've divided the comments into two sections. The first section includes comments that I have received as the course instructor. The second section includes comments that I have received as a teaching assistant. More evaluations can be found on my webpage: <http://www.math.ucsb.edu/~jarrod>

Instructor

- Jarrod is an excellent teacher. I have had him for two summers now and have never felt that the class was too fast or that I missed some section. Everything is well explained and he knows how to get the point across.
- Makes math fun to learn.
- Great attitude towards students, very down to earth and accessible. Easy to ask questions from.
- Nice attitude toward students and always available outside of class.
- Really organized and by far the best math professor I had.
- Jarrod was very well prepared for each lecture. He clearly demonstrated a great knowledge of the subject. He clearly taught what was applicable to understand the subject.
- Jarrod is very available for help and well prepared for classes. He is good at making things easy to understand and clear and answers questions well.
- Jarrod's very helpful in this class. He has the patience and always try to have office hours everyday to help us out. He has a good attitude towards subject and students. Overall I would consider him as the *best* math instructor.
- The professor was very professional, everyday in class he had a detailed plan of what we would be learning. Took time to answer questions.
- Made himself very available outside of class. His style is very laid back which was nice.
- It was really helpful by providing a lot of examples and it made learning the content easier.
- Great examples, super smart.
- Jarrod is a great instructor. His use of examples and thorough steps made learning 5A very easy.
- I think Jarrod was very well prepared for his lectures. He always tried to make things as clear as possible and was more than willing to explain things more than once.
- Very good at making the material comprehensible. I've taken this class before, but this time around Jarrod made it so much easier.
- Good instructor, explained material well, and was very helpful during office hours.

- Very knowledgeable about subject. Answered all questions. Gave good physical examples.
- Very effective teaching methods. Wish all math teachers at UCSB followed his methods.
- Very organized. Clear to understand. Adjusts to class needs. Clear in explanation. Availability was excellent.

Teaching Assistant

- I thought Jarrod was an amazing TA. If I ever had problems he would help me and I feel like I'm doing well in this class because of him! :)
- He creates a comfortable atmosphere & readily and happily answers all questions w/ clarity & speed.
- Very caring
- Made me not hate math.
- Muy buen trabajo!
- I'm not even one of Jarrod's students. I just come to his class every week because he's the only one who can give a full clear explanation of the topics we covered.
- Really helped make difficult topics manageable. Grade A. I don't usually write any comments, but this guy was really outstanding.
- I enjoyed having him as my TA. He was pretty funny too.
- Enthusiastic about the course
- Jarrod was an excellent TA. Our discussion groups were effective and far more informative than lectures. Jarrod made discussions fun and worth attending.
- Jarrod is a great TA. Very willing to help and explanative. Really knows his material, and even lightened the mood with a joke here and there. All around great TA
- Really patient and explains well. Is also really friendly.
- Jarrod was very organized, helpful, and eager to teach!
- Jarrod is an excellent TA. He explains clearly and likes to teach.
- Fun class!
- Jarrod Pickens was very active in reaching out and helping students in his discussion classes. He is a good TA.
- Very helpful, I go to him with all my questions.
- Jarrod is an awesome TA and I would recommend him to anyone. Without his help, I would have definitely failed my class.
- Best TA I have ever had! Totally awesome! I took this class for the second time and Jarrod made the material so much easier to understand!
- Mr. Pickens demonstrated a thorough knowledge of the material and successfully instructed the students on difficult concepts in a professional yet nonetheless approachable manner.
- Jarrod Pickens was an excellent TA to have, especially for my freshman year. He helped me a lot & always came prepared to teach us what we needed to know. I definitely appreciate the help that I received from Jarrod.
- If I had a TA like Jarrod for all my classes, I would be getting a 4.0.
- Great TA. My favorite math TA so far. I had him in 5A as well and he was great in both.

- Jarrod's performance throughout this quarter was fantastic. He went beyond his duty to make sure I understood what went on in class.
- Clear and comprehensive, would have been completely lost without his help.
- I would give him a pay raise and/or promotion of some sort. I give him two thumbs up.
- He was very good at clearly explaining concepts in understandable terms. Easily reachable for help - great TA
- Smartest math TA. He should be the professor. Any random question thrown at him he can answer.
- Good job making the material look less scary
- Very knowledgeable of material, answers all questions w/o hesitation. Knows everything from the top of his head. Great TA!!
- He was wonderful. Very clear. Very helpful. He has an excellent attitude towards students, and questions.
- He's so clear and amazing!
- Without this section I would have performed very poorly in the class. Lecture was hard to follow and Jarrod made everything simple and clear. Best math section I've had.
- Jarrod is awesome! He clearly explains the concepts
- Jarrod helped me a lot to really understand concepts and was always there to help anytime of the week.
- Jarrod did an amazing job teaching our section. Jarrod was always eager and willing to answer questions and answered every email quickly and thoroughly. I couldn't have survived this class without his section.
- Very helpful in answering questions, thorough, polite.
- Very good, I want him to TA for all my math classes.
- Very clear and awesome TA. Always available for help and exceptional with student questions.
- Jarrod went above and beyond what was required of him. I found the discussion sections even more helpful than the lectures. Very clear explanations.
- Great TA. Very helpful and approachable
- Awesome dude, very understandable!
- I was never lost while he was explaining a topic
- Jarrod made the math actually seem understandable. Put it in terms we could understand