



**Student ASE Evaluation for Brian Bowers
Department of Mathematics**

MATH 20D - Intro/Differential Equations (Sun, Hui)
Fall 2013

**Number of Evaluations Submitted: 61
Number of Students Enrolled: 235**

1. The Teaching Assistant was well organized and prepared for class.

58 (96.7%): Strongly Agree
2 (3.3%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable
1: [No Response]

2. The Teaching Assistant presented course material clearly and answered questions accurately in class.

55 (91.7%): Strongly Agree
5 (8.3%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable
1: [No Response]

3. The Teaching Assistant encouraged students to ask questions and participate in class/section.

49 (81.7%): Strongly Agree
10 (16.7%): Agree
1 (1.7%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable
1: [No Response]

4. The Teaching Assistant interacted well with students and treated them with respect and courtesy.

54 (90.0%): Strongly Agree
5 (8.3%): Agree
1 (1.7%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable
1: [No Response]

5. The Teaching Assistant did not just provide answers, but taught students how to solve problems.

54 (90.0%): Strongly Agree
6 (10.0%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable
1: [No Response]

6. The section was useful and helped with the rest of the course.

56 (93.3%): Strongly Agree
4 (6.7%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable
1: [No Response]

7. The sections were interesting and enjoyable.

47 (78.3%): Strongly Agree
9 (15.0%): Agree
4 (6.7%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable
1: [No Response]

8. I would recommend this Teaching Assistant to other students.

55 (91.7%): Strongly Agree
5 (8.3%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
1: [No Response]

9. Do you have any other comments to add to your evaluation?

Please provide any additional constructive comments

- AMAZING TA. He was as good if not better than the actual professor. He was very detailed in his examples and made sense of just about everything. He also outlined the general procedure/reason for why we solved things in certain ways which I found very helpful. Also very approachable with questions. Should be a real math professor one day
- Best TA I've had so far.
- Brian Bowers explains the topics of MATH 20D really well. He always tries to make time for questions even though there is a lot of material to cover in discussions. However, he also has office hours, and he answers questions well then too. If anything was unclear in the lecture, he gives a step-by-step solution process for us to follow, which helps us learn the topic even better.
- Brian Bowers knows how to successfully convey the information to the students. He does a better job than the professor for MATH 20 D. He did not just give us the right answer and then tell us if we were right or wrong. He clearly explained how to solve the problem and problems like it. Without Mr. Bowers, my grade would be far worse in the class.
- Brian Bowers was a completely excellent TA. Without his discussion sessions, my understanding of the course would be way underdeveloped compared to what it is with his teaching. He has complete understanding of the topics he is teaching, and tells you the "shortcuts" (not really shortcuts, but disregarding information that is unnecessary and irrelevant to solving the problems) and proper methods of thinking to get you to the answer easier and more efficiently
- Brian Bowers was a very good TA; I don't think I would have done as well in the class without him
- Brian is an amazing TA. He understands the material well enough that he is able to provide examples and explanations. This course is rather difficult, but Brian is able to provide a more understandable approach of the material, which later on helps with the exams and quizzes. He also provides detailed methods of how to approach different problems, which is extremely helpful. He is one of the best TAs I've ever had.

- Brian made 20D a breeze. Didn't have many questions, but any I did were answered with ease, clarity, and patience. It was a pleasure to be taught by him.
- Brian will jump through hoops to make sure a student understands something. Super nice guy; would hope to get him for 20E and beyond.
- came to cape just to evaluate Brian. he deserves great reviews across the board and works really hard to present material to students.
I learned this course from Brian I would give him his own lecture if i was math department.
- Explained topics well. Definitely could convey how to do problems better than the actual teacher
- Fantastic TA! I had him for MATH 20C as well and in both classes I thought that his sections were more helpful than lecture were. The explained problems clearly as well as gave tips for different topics. Very approachable and friendly. Highly recommend as a TA!
- Good TA.
- Great job in discussion, You clarified a weeks worth of lecture material in 30 minuets and had it make more sense than lecture!
- Great TA! I wish he taught this class haha.
- Great TA, taught the course better than the professor, although the professor wasn't bad either.
- Great TA.
- He is a god at math. Make him a professor please.
- He should have been teaching the class. So much better than the actual professor
- He should have been the professor this quarter.
- He would make a great lecturer.
- I liked that he was prepared and review many concepts from lecture or key problems from the homework, whereas many TA's rely mostly on the questions the students ask in class.
- One of the best TAs I ever had. He could anticipate which questions we had and answered them before we could even ask. I'd recommend him to be a teacher
- Phenomenal. I have never had a TA of this competency where I learn more from the discussion section as opposed to the actual lecture.
- Probably the most helpful TA I have had. In a class where I was teaching myself the material, he was a blessing.
- Taught the material better than my actual professor and was more clear and concise.
- The best math TA I have ever had. Brian does a splendid job thoroughly explaining the material and making sure that section understands and grasps important concepts in this course. He really has made a difference in this course and has helped clarify the course material.
- The sections saved me. Material was explained so clearly and so thoroughly!
- this guy is the fucking man
- This TA is freaken awesome! Compared to the other TA's he is by far the best. He answers the questions that are asked in his class just like he posts answers to the homework, which is VERY CLEAR and step-by-step. The other TA's need to do the same with their homework solutions

because I found it confusing and I got really frustrated when trying to do the homework (answers posted by different people other than my ta) because it would not be very informative on how they got certain steps. Good job Brian and keep doing a great job! :)

- Very helpful thanks!
- Very nice TA, explain the hard thing in easy and well organized.

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