



**ASE Student Evaluation for Michael Tait  
Department of Mathematics**

MATH 20C - Calculus&Analyt Geom/Sci&Engnr (Lin, James P.)  
Fall 2012

**NUMBER OF EVALUATIONS SUBMITTED: 76**

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

33 (43.4%): Strongly Agree  
36 (47.4%): Agree  
4 (5.3%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree  
3 (3.9%): Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

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

44 (57.9%): Strongly Agree  
26 (34.2%): Agree  
2 (2.6%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree  
3 (3.9%): Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree  
1 (1.3%): Not Applicable

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

34 (44.7%): Strongly Agree  
33 (43.4%): Agree  
7 (9.2%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree  
1 (1.3%): Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree  
1 (1.3%): Not Applicable

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

50 (65.8%): Strongly Agree  
22 (28.9%): Agree  
2 (2.6%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree  
2 (2.6%): Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

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

48 (63.2%): Strongly Agree  
22 (28.9%): Agree  
5 (6.6%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree  
1 (1.3%): Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

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

35 (46.1%): Strongly Agree  
30 (39.5%): Agree  
8 (10.5%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree  
1 (1.3%): Disagree  
2 (2.6%): Strongly Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

7. The sections were interesting and enjoyable.

27 (35.5%): Strongly Agree  
33 (43.4%): Agree  
13 (17.1%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree  
2 (2.6%): Disagree  
1 (1.3%): Strongly Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

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

39 (51.3%): Strongly Agree  
31 (40.8%): Agree  
4 (5.3%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree  
2 (2.6%): Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree

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

*Please provide any additional constructive comments*

- - explains way better than the professor by far
- explains and goes through material MUCH MORE clearly than the professor, strong voice, enjoyable, great TA
- great TA! I quite enjoyed the quarter.
- Great TA. He knew his math very well. Excellent teacher too.
- Great TA. Smart and helpful and actually wants to help students do well.
- He's a responsible and nice guy.
- Hopeful in class and in the Calc Lab
- I benefited most from this discussion by seeing problems done on the board, and hearing suggestions on how to approach these problems.
- I liked his Office Hours better. I don't think that section was actually necessary for success in this class. To me, it seemed like "remedial" time. However, I think he was very good at explaining and knew the material extremely well.

- I thought Mike was a great TA! He taught very casually and is very approachable. Yet at the same time, he is very knowledgeable about the material and knows how to convey this information in a way so that students understand. I wish I could have Mike as a TA for my next math course!
- It was extremely apparent that Michael Tait had a solid grasp on the course material. He was able to work out questions in an organized, simple approach and made concepts that seemed difficult much easier to understand.
- Mike honestly knew what he was doing, he even went beyond the lesson to teach us the reasoning behind some of the problems and tips on how to solve problems effectively. He was very understanding towards college kids--he knew what type of questions we had and how to understand them! I enjoyed my time in section very much! :)
- Mike is a good teacher who knows his material and presents it well
- Mike was awesome! He really wanted us to succeed and did everything possible to help us out. He made everything easy to understand by recognizing what we did and didn't know. I wish I could have him again!
- Personally, I thought he explained the material better than the professor. He knew the material really well and can explain to students of the reasons and approach of the problems.
- Really good at explaining stuff and KNOWs and even remembers the homework problems. Very helpful.
- Really helpful with what we needed help with; he basically catered to our needs. It was more helpful than lectures.
- Section was very helpful and interesting. You did a great job of explaining things clearly. Thanks a lot, I really appreciate it!
- The section might have been somewhat boring, but that was because of the subject matter. There was nothing Mike could do about that. Within the framework of what the professor wanted him to do, he did everything as best he could to make section useful.
- The teaching assistant was very clear in explaining difficult problems and made concepts easier to understand.
- Weigh my evaluation weakly; I rarely attended section for reasons completely independent of the instructor's ability.

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