Student ASE Evaluation for Sinan Aksoy
Department of Mathematics

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

Number of Evaluations Submitted: 42
Number of Students Enrolled: 309

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

24 (57.1%): Strongly Agree
14 (33.3%): Agree
3 (7.1%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
1 (2.4%): Not Applicable

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

25 (59.5%): Strongly Agree
13 (31.0%): Agree
3 (7.1%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
1 (2.4%): Not Applicable

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

22 (53.7%): Strongly Agree
16 (39.0%): Agree
2 (4.9%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
1 (2.4%): Not Applicable
1: [No Response]
4. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor interacted well with students and treated them with respect and courtesy.

30 (71.4%): Strongly Agree
11 (26.2%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
1 (2.4%): Not Applicable

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

27 (64.3%): Strongly Agree
13 (31.0%): Agree
1 (2.4%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
1 (2.4%): Not Applicable

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

18 (42.9%): Strongly Agree
17 (40.5%): Agree
4 (9.5%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
1 (2.4%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
2 (4.8%): Not Applicable

7. The sections were interesting and enjoyable.

14 (33.3%): Strongly Agree
15 (35.7%): Agree
8 (19.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
3 (7.1%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
2 (4.8%): Not Applicable

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

29 (69.0%): Strongly Agree
10 (23.8%): Agree
2 (4.8%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
1 (2.4%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
9. Do you have any other comments to add to your evaluation?  
Please provide any additional constructive comments

- He did a fantastic job in being a TA! He was able to explain everything in simple terms and he never said no even though we asked him to re-explain the same thing 10 times. The best part was he would never take your word when you said you understand something, instead he would make sure you got it by creating another example and having you explain it. He went out of his way to email us with detailed explanations and keep us updated about the course from Professor's Lin's side about grades/TED/etc. He was so approachable, and I really appreciate all his help! It was funny to watch him guess our names during office hours too! Thanks Sinan for being a great TA!

- He was a cool dude, knows his stuff, and looks like Novak Djokovic.

- He was awesome.

- I did not really enjoy the fact that a least half if not a little bit less than half of the class was spent on students "explaining" the homework problems they wanted to present in section, but that is more of a critique towards the Professor's participation point system. It still yields some consequences. This limited the time that Sinan could provide insight on the material. I’d rather have him speak to the class and explaining the concepts rather than the other students because Sinan does seem like he has a good grasp on the material and teaching well. When he did speak however, he did offer helpful advice. Due to the constraint of time, the help he did offer did not extend as far as I would have liked.

I'd also like if Sinan filled some of the gaps of silence during the time he was writing questions on the board. Time is of the essence, and it'd be preferred if he had the question already on the board prior to the section. Other than that, I appreciate his help.

- I have only had 4 math TA's in my career, and i felt the most involved with Sinan. I can honestly say he was one of the best TA's, especially after having a lowered confidence from retaking 20c, and doing not as well as i had hoped on my first midterm. He was able to help me the rest of the way and getting a grade I am able to be comfortable with. I highly recommend this TA.

- It would have been really helpful if we could have reviewed the homework ahead of time, rather than going over only 3 problems in section (after we had to turn in that week's homework). Intead of you choosing problems for us to do, it would have been helpful if someone said which problem they had trouble with, and another student could do that homework question on the board for participation points. For me, I mostly knew all the problems that students presented in class, and I had trouble with some of the other problems that were not presented. I really appreciate your effort in showing us the proofs, those were very helpful. Over all, you did put in a lot of effort, and I do recommend you to future students.

- Math 20C was the hardest class I have taken so far in college and without Sinan, I would most likely have been in an even worse position that I currently am in. He was always available when you had a question whether through email or office/lab hours and was genuinely dedicated to helping those that needed help. Even when I didn't do as well as he knew that I could have done, he would always have some encouragement to motivate me and help me to prepare for the next test. If his expertise in the course wasn't enough, his genial personality allowed me to easily approach him with hesitation on every minor detail that I needed help on in the course when I didn't know how to get help with the course in the beginning of the quarter. Out of all my TA's this quarter, Sinan is by far my favorite TA and I would recommend him without hesitation to anyone taking Math 20C or any other course he would TA for. If all my TA's were like Sinan, I would be set for the rest of my time in UCSD.

- occasionally there were problems that he was not able to solve by himself
• Overall great TA

• Really helpful when explaining the difficult questions on the homework.

• Sinan was great.

• Sinan was very helpful during his office hours and greatly helped me with all the questions I had. He explains things in terms that are very easy to understand and I greatly recommend him!

• Sinan was very inspiring because of his outlook on math and learning. He was open-minded, pleasant to be around, and had our best interests at heart. My favorite moment in his section was when he explained the theorems behind the equations we were using. It gave the equations purpose and encouraged me to think about concepts rather than just 'plug and chug'. Sinan was also very helpful in office hours and the calculus lab. Thank you Sinan!

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