

Graduate Teaching Evaluations
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This document contains a selection of teaching evaluations I received as a graduate student. For the sake of brevity, I did not include every evaluation. To view a collection of all my teaching evaluations, please see <http://www.rci.rutgers.edu/~jp1535/evals.html>.

The following are in reverse chronological order, with my first teaching experience last.

Spring 2016 - Mathematical Reasoning

- Honestly one of the greatest TA's
- I love how excited he is about the material! Keeps you excited about the class!

Winter 2016 - Mathematical Reasoning

- Okay, to begin with - Joey is one of the best TAs I've had for a course. He helps us understand and develop a deeper appreciation for the material. He is accessible for questions and clarifications outside of class. The best part is that HE DOES NOT CONFUSE US (even when he RARELY messes up) - he is an eloquent, clear and organized speaker. Sometimes, you just go "wow" at the way he presents solutions/thought-processes about problems that certainly have brought tears to students who aren't privileged to have a Joey for a TA. His sense of math-humor - and the feeling of knowledge that permeates the air when he explains concepts - certainly boost his teaching style. Don't let my praise affect your 'ego', though - keep it up Joey! We are privileged to have you.
- I liked how he tried to make us come up with the answers. He was also very enthusiastic during section!
- Joey is one of the best TAs I've had at UCSD so far. He takes his role very seriously and truly gives the impression of being more like a teacher than a student.

Fall 2015 - Honors Linear Algebra

- Amazing energy in the class; good responses and genuine interest in mathematics :)
- He is a really passionate tutor and does a great job at explaining concepts clearly.
- I'm really glad I got to have Joey as a TA for this class. His teaching quality has been as good or better than that of a professor's. He has been exceptionally helpful in discussion and when I have gone for help in office hours, in which he sometimes stays overtime to answer more questions.

- Joey Palmer fortifies what I learn in lecture through the way in which he voices his thought processes. That method of teaching is incredibly insightful and makes MATH 31AH seem simpler than it is. I really enjoy having him as a TA.
- This is a fantastic teacher. He works so hard to help students learn.

Fall 2015 - Honors Linear Algebra Instructor Evaluation

(written about me by the instructor for the course, Professor Claus Sorensen)

- Joey has been very helpful throughout. In week two he covered for me when my son was born. My impression is he was very popular with the students: He had frequent office hours and held review sessions. He was a great help in preparing, proctoring, and grading the exams

Summer 2015 - Introduction to Differential Equations

- By far the best TA I have ever had at UCSD. So clear and understandable. He really tried to make sure we understood why we did each step so we could replicate when given a slightly different problem.
- One of the best math TAs I've ever had!
- Very good TA highly recommended

Winter 2015 - Mathematical Reasoning

- Extremely clear, helpful, and approachable :)
- I really enjoyed listening to him talking about math and he made it interesting and approachable. I wish to take his class again.
- Not a boring Math Section!

Fall 2014 - Mathematical Reasoning

- He's really good at leading the class, perhaps even better than the professor. He knows the material well and can explain it without much difficulty. He's always available through email and replies in a timely manner. Overall, he's a phenomenal TA.
- Joey is amazing!!!!!! He always replied back to my e-mails on time, and his office hours were extremely useful. He has an amazing attitude towards teaching and does not intimidate his students.

Summer 2014 - Introduction to Statistics

(very few students and only one substantial review)

- interesting and enlightening

Fall 2013 - Calculus III

- Joey was quite good at explaining the material in a way that I could understand, and in his review sessions he showed us ways to solve problems that cut out a lot of time consuming calculations. He also was very good at helping us understand the theoretical ideas behind a lot of concepts, but he did so in a way that was easy for us to understand. [The] Professor explained the theory too, but not in a way that I could easily understand.
- He was an incredible help in his extra lectures. An absolute lifesaver when it came to topics previously not understood. He was always available for questions.
- He is very knowledgeable and clear about what he is saying. The most competent TA I've experienced in the math help room.
- He rephrased lessons in terms of what is "desirable", i.e. he related concretely to the dilemmas of problem solving. He also had a good "lasso" analogy for visualizing a simply connected surface.
- He made the material seem easier. No matter what subject the problem was on, he knew the answer, and he knew how to do it so that it made sense.
- Can tell you put in lots of effort to help us learn. Really appreciated it.

Summer 2013 - Finite Mathematics

(not many students and only one left a review)

- The instructor make every points clear. He corrects our homework and tests very carefully.

Spring 2013 - Calculus II

- very approachable, helpful TA
- When you wrote step-by-step what to do on specific problems this was by far more helpful than class lectures.
- Joey was always well-prepared for recitation and came with lots of energy and enthusiasm. Additionally, he was consistently available for outside help, always responding to my emails and agreeing to meet with me outside of class. Wouldn't have survived this class without him.
- He explained basically everything that wasn't explained clearly during lecture. He gave his own mini lectures making sure that we understood the main and big ideas presented throughout the week. The only reason I am passing this course currently is because of his explanations and his help sessions.

Fall 2012 - Calculus I

- Joey was great. Very approachable, very helpful, and very knowledgeable.
- I liked how much energy Joey put into teaching every week. He seemed to thoroughly enjoy teaching us, which made learning calc (which is not my favorite subject) more enjoyable. Joey was very open about the grading process, which was great.
- I liked how Joey was extremely patient and very willing to work with students at all levels of understanding. He broke down concepts that made the course material much easier to understand. Well worth the class time.
- He tried to help the students understand the materials that it was hard to catch from the lecture. He organized the class well so he can go over everything.
- Joey was an excellent TA, explaining everything very clearly and carefully. He maintained a very positive environment and if he does in fact go on to teach, he'll be very good at it.