

TEACHING ASSISTANT	Parrish, Andrew
COURSE	MATH 20B • Calculus for Science and Engineering
INSTRUCTOR	Stevens, Laura
SECTIONS	B07, B08 (Total Students: 74)

	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Graduate		# RESP.
CLASS LEVEL	36	29	5	3	0		32
	49%	40%	6%	4%	0%		44%

#	QUESTION	N/A	Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither Agree Strongly Agree					# RESP.	MEAN
			1	2	3	4	5		
1.	The TA is on time, organized, and prepared for section.	1	1	1	1	10	18	31	4.39
			3%	3%	4%	33%	58%		
2.	The TA explains the material well and emphasizes important points.	1	2	2	4	14	9	31	3.84
			6%	6%	13%	46%	29%		
3.	The TA responds to questions effectively and encourages participation.	1	2	2	3	13	11	31	3.94
			6%	6%	10%	42%	35%		
4.	The TA interacts well with students and treats students with respect.	1	1	0	1	15	14	31	4.32
			3%	0%	4%	49%	45%		
5.	The TA does not just provide answers, but teaches how to solve problems.	1	3	0	4	16	8	31	3.84
			9%	0%	13%	52%	25%		
6.	The section is useful and helped with the rest of the course.	1	1	2	8	14	6	31	3.71
			3%	6%	26%	46%	19%		
7.	The sections are interesting and enjoyable.	1	3	3	13	10	2	31	3.16
			9%	9%	42%	33%	6%		
8.	I would recommend the TA to other students.	1	3	1	7	13	7	31	3.65
			9%	3%	23%	42%	22%		

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TOTAL COMMENTS: 14

- 1) he was really helpful
- 2) This section for math could have been much better if we had a better TA. Our TA, Andy Parrish told us that he does not attend lecture, so he does not know how our teacher solves the problems. That is really detrimental to the student because we don't know the exact theorems that need to be stated on the test. Instead, he uses math, it is correct, that does not exactly mimic the way we are supposed to solve the problems. Although we wind up with the right answers, he does not always explain the method in the way that pertains to what we are learning in the book. Only once or twice did he do examples on the board to help us with the concepts. He never recaps what the lecture went over. Instead, he just says "Ok, what are your guys' homework questions?" One plus is that he is respectful and ontime. I am very disappointed with my section and my TA, because Math sections can be really productive. It was very sad to see only 4 people in section a few days before the midterms. It really reflects on his teaching skills...very poor! Can do problem right, but can't really explain it. I WOULD NOT RECOMMEND HIM!!!
- 3) Don't just do problems on the board. Engage in some kind of learning activity
- 4) Really helpful and always encourages us to ask more question.
- 5) Andy is very helpful in preparing for quizzes & exams. He was quick in responding to question via mail & his office hours are very helpful as well.
- 6) Andy, good job and thank you for helping us all out, you definitely know your math keep up the good work!
- 7) TA Andy Parrish was helpful in solving the problems that we suggested to him in class and was very well prepared for class. The highlight of having Andy Parrish was that he always had extra problems for us to work out in case we didn't have any to suggest for him. However, I think Andy Parrish could improve upon engaging the class a little bit more. Even though he tries by asking us the best way to go about solving a problem, he could do a better job. Overall, Andy was a helpful TA.
- 8) He does a good job of explaining the material I already understand, but he seems to gloss over the material I'm having trouble with.
- 9) Very passionate with his teaching. :)
- 10) Excellent TA. Very considerate and knows his stuff well. Thanks a lot Andy!
- 11) I never went to his sections. Went for the first time. They were useless, so never went again. He doesn't have the quizzes checked on time either, so I just never go.
- 12) Andy was a good TA, in the beginning you could tell he was nervous and even made mistakes, however, as the quarter progressed, he too, began to improve in his teaching. Although there were times when students did not participate, he made it an effort to teach instead of letting us out earlier in which many other teachers would have do. He is a good TA, and has been improving. I'm sure that he will only continue to improve in the future.
- 13) The writing on the board was sometime a little too small to see
- 14) Nice guy