

Department of Mathematics University of California, San Diego **Teaching Assistant (TA) Evaluation Results**

TEACHING ASSISTANT	Tait, Michael
COURSE	MATH 10A · Calculus
INSTRUCTOR	Parrish, Andrew
SECTIONS	C03, C04 (Total Students: 61)

	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Graduate	# RESP.
CLASS LEVEL	36	7	11	7	0	25
	60%	12%	18%	11%	0%	41%

			Strongly Disagree		Neither	Agree	Strongly Agree		
#	QUESTION	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	# RESP.	MEAN
1.	The TA is on time, organized, and prepared for section.	0	0	0	0	4	21	25	4.84
			0%	0%	0%	16%	84%		
2.	The TA explains the material well and emphasizes	0	0	0	1	8	16	25	4.60
	important points.		0%	0%	4%	32%	64%		
3.	The TA responds to questions effectively and encourages	0	0	1	1	12	11	25	4.32
	participation.		0%	4%	4%	48%	44%		
4.	The TA interacts well with students and treats students	0	0	0	1	5	19	25	4.72
	with respect.		0%	0%	4%	20%	76%		
5.	The TA does not just provide answers, but teaches how	0	0	1	2	4	18	25	4.56
	to solve problems.		0%	4%	8%	16%	72%		
6.	The section is useful and helped with the rest of the	0	0	0	0	10	15	25	4.60
course.	course.		0%	0%	0%	40%	60%		
7.	The sections are interesting and enjoyable.	0	1	1	4	7	12	25	4.12
			4%	4%	16%	28%	48%		
8.	I would recommend the TA to other students.	0	0	0	1	7	17	25	4.64
			0%	0%	4%	28%	68%		



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TOTAL COMMENTS: 13

1) Mike Tait makes the course a lot easier and explains the material very well! He is always willing to talk to you and improve your math skills.

2) Very helpful experience.

3) The TA was good at explaining questions well.

4) Mike is fun and interesting.

5) Knows the material very well and always ready to teach. Made learning calculus much easier.

6) Listens to all suggestions and tries to integrate them in his sections.

7) Tait is a good t.a. and it helps he is young. Very knowledgable about the material and is able to solve problems even when the answers in the book are wrong. Tait says that he is "here for us" and it is true. Many times he devots the whole class to answering quesitons on homeworks and does not have a set adgenda. Ordinarily one would think by not having a set adgenda, it is a lack of organization - but since it is discussion, its helps to have another math professor who knows his stuff but is not teaching the way the head instructor does. Also, as stated before it helps to have a instructor/t.a. who is younger and can be in touch and not to out of context with modern times. I throughly enjoy Tait, and his teaching style and hope he continues to be part of UCSD.

8) Great at explaining the math problems, walking us step by step

9) Mike is very easy-going and connects with us students really well. He's good at working problems out and showing me what to do when I need help. Overall, i would say i wouldn't mind having him as a math TA again.

10) I learned all my math from my section

11) Michael is always ready to help students in and out of discussion sessions. Whether through email or through Calculus Lab, Michael Tait helped me with any of my math questions in a quick and comprehensive manner--no matter if I emailed him a quick calculus question very early in the morning. Regardless, I think that he is an excellent TA who, although not very robust, explains and answers questions with clarity and attention to the various little details of mathematical concepts.

12) Great job! Very responsible and takes times to explain not just problems but also concepts in depth.

13) He was very good about answering all the questions, and making sure we had time for all of them.