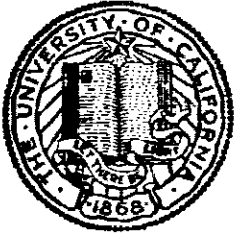


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optimization
Course: MATH 120 Section: 002
Instructor: Erin Peter Pearse

Question # 16: YOUR CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENTS ON YOUR TA'S TEACHING SKILLS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. PLEASE WRITE YOUR COMMENTS IN THE TEXTBOX BELOW. PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO 2000 CHARACTERS.

- Erin throughly knows his subject. He is a great ta. Works well with this professor.
- Very helpful! clarifies basically all of the material. Makes the work seem a lot more easier then the professor does during lecture. good job.
- One of the best TA's I have had for math.
- Erin is an exemplary teacher and helper. He is always patient and instructive, never making any student feel stupid. Rather than telling us we are wrong, he helps us to see how we can get the problems right. Erin doesn't just know the material, he owns it! Thanks Erin!
- He is very helpful when it comes to any questions we may have had over the homework or exams. He explains the material in a way that makes it more understandable for us as students. It is because of him that I'm actually getting through this class very well. =)
- Good ta, but arm gets in front of board too much. (and erases stuff too quickly) friendly and helpful at office hours.
- Erin obviously understands the material and that was clear in office hours and discussion.
- Every week i look forward to going to discussion because i know that when i leave the discussion i will have learned and become up to date on the lecture material. His classes have a very light atmosphere and it makes learning easier. I like his red hair too.
- I think you are one of the best TAs I've had in my 2 years at UCR. The only thing I think did not help me was not completing a homework question we have problems with. You do explain and guide us through the material but I think you should finish the problem and explain everything. Personally that helps me understand a lot more.
- I think Erin is a very good TA. He clearly understands the material and brings to a level that we can all understand. I really like his up beat attitude, it helps you feel that the math problems can be accomplished. I have not personally been to his office hours but from what I hear from other students that he is rather helpful. Overall, Erin is a very effective TA and I would galdly take him anytime in the future.
- Very good TA, explains assignments throughly and clarifies problems that were gone over in class.
- Always available for extra help beyond office hours. Puts extra effort into helping students prepare for exams. Knows the course material extreamly well and always help to make lecture more understandable. Erin explains the course material more clearly than the professor teaching the course. The course would be very difficult without Erin's help.
- Erin is a great instructor. He really cares about doing his job, and doing it right. He goes out of his way to insure that students understand the material presented in class.

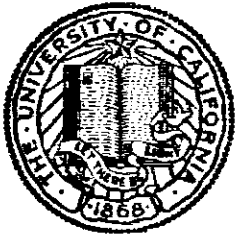


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Optimization
Course: MATH 120 Section: 003
Instructor: Erin Peter Pearse

Question # 16: YOUR CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENTS ON YOUR TA'S TEACHING SKILLS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. PLEASE WRITE YOUR COMMENTS IN THE TEXTBOX BELOW. PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO 2000 CHARACTERS.

- Erin is probably the best T.A. I have ever had. He always help to clarify concepts given in lecture and is readily available during office hours.
- Erin understands the material well but he is not always prepared for discussion. Many time the studets had to point out his mistakes and most of the time he wasn't sure what was conevered in lecture. He is a good TA but I would encourage him to be more organized.
- Erin is a wonderful TA. He made this class actually bearable since the lectures were such a pain. Very clear and helpful during discussion, I just wish he taught the lecture.
- Very well done...good show !
- very good teacher. seems to understand the material very well and is extremely dedicated. one of the best, if not thee best TA i have had yet. keep up the good work.
- He teaches too much like a professor. Most of the time, he spent his time showing us the theories instead of the homework.
- Although Math 120 is an upper-division math class, there are a lot of non math majors enrolled in this class because it is a requirment. I feel as a student who attended 95% of discussion sections that I can honestly say Erin teaches this class assuming we are a lot more advanced that we really are. He needs to tie topics together and offer more intuitive knowledge than he currently does.

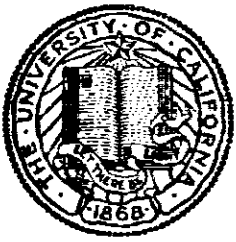


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Course: ^{Optimization} MATH 120 Section: 004
Instructor: Erin Peter Pearse

Question # 16: YOUR CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENTS ON YOUR TA'S TEACHING SKILLS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. PLEASE WRITE YOUR COMMENTS IN THE TEXTBOX BELOW. PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO 2000 CHARACTERS.

- Erin Peter Pearse is very helpful in explaining and clarifying homework problems and course material as it is sometimes difficult to understand the instructor during lectures.
- Very enthusiastic. Everything is explained clearly. I feel he's a very effective TA.
- The TA is doing well so far. No comments
- Erin thoroughly understands optimization theory. He is very helpful with homework and general questions about the course.
- Mr. Pearse was essential to the course, he made very difficult concepts clear. He clearly knows the material and can present it.



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Course: ^{Probability} MATH 149A Section: 001
Instructor: Erin Peter Pearse

Question # 18: YOUR CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENTS ON YOUR TA'S TEACHING SKILLS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. PLEASE WRITE YOUR COMMENTS IN THE TEXTBOX BELOW. PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO 2000 CHARACTERS.

- The thing that has most impressed me about Erin is his honest desire for us to actually understand the material. He takes the extra time to do things like hold review sessions and make really great review sheets. Erin is the kind of TA that makes you think that they're really not getting paid enough for this.
- Great TA! Very motivational and helpful! However, Erin includes a little too much theory when answering homework questions, which makes me get lost in the problem. Theory is great for understanding, but sometimes I need to learn how to apply a concept first before being able to understand the theory behind it. Overall, his teaching abilities are exceptional!
- great ta
- GREAT TEACHER.. SIMPLY THE BEST TA EVER!
- Is great at helping students understand the material, as he not only knows the material well, he also does a great job of re-iterating it to those of us with less of a grasp of the subject :) I feel that I would like him to sometimes cover stuff that is obviously more relevant than a question posed only by one student (which could be taken care of during office hours instead of discussion, which he is very generous with, O. hours that is.). All in all I think he is an excellent TA and I would recommend him to anyone.
- Erin is a great T.A. He is very helpful in clarifying the materials presented and "dummies" it down to where everyone can understand. Although there is not much time in discussion, due to holidays and quizzes, I think Erin should spend a little more time on homework help, even if it's just pointing us in the right direction.
- NONE
- It's nice that you're giving us such an easy last quiz, but why do you always have to test on theory? How often do we need to know the definition of the probability of a subset on a test? Or anywhere else, for that matter?
- very good teacher. seems to understand the material very well and is extremely dedicated. one of the best, if not the best TA i have had yet. keep up the good work!
- Erin was an awesome TA. He was always energetic and very helpful. It was also cool of him to take time out of his busy schedule to review with us before our exams. He will make a great teacher, if he is going into teaching. I am grateful to have such a cool TA and I hope I get him next quarter.
- Was very helpful with regard to questions asked during discussion and during office hours. Also helpful with regard to helping us do well in the class, particularly when it came close to exams. When explaining a particular concept or idea, he would not skim over the idea but rather explain it thoroughly enough and in such a way that it seemed more clear than before. Overall, a very good TA.
- Erin is an awesome TA. I hope to have him as TA again for math 149B. Sometimes the professor might have gone too fast in explaining the material during lecture. Erin did a great job with helping the class to better understand the material. He is highly devoted and spent a great deal of his personal time to make review sheets and hold lengthy review sessions for the exams.
- It is very difficult to understand the lecture given by the professor teaching the course, but Erin is always available to help clarify and make the course material more understandable. Always approachable during and outside office hours. Respects every student and always help out with any question we may have concerning the course. Erin always helps us to prepare for exams beyond his duties, such as providing us with lots of extra office hours and writing up materials in his own time to help us prepare for exams. Puts a lot of effort into helping students and making sure students understand the course material and have enough help. Helps to make the course more understandable where else without him, the course would have been very difficult to comprehend. It has been very enjoyable to have a competent TA such as Erin in the course.

Erin Pearce
Math 146B-02 ODE, 2nd qtr
Winter 2004

Is very detailed in answering problems and in clarifying the steps needed to reach the solution.

I think Erin really throughouly understands the material + he is very good at explaining the difficult subject matter.

Erin is well prepared for class and it shows. He knows where we are in the material and has looked at the homework problems in advance so he doesn't have to waste time looking at them to answer our questions.

Erin does an excellent job at explaining the material, and really knows what he's talking about. He's probably the best math TA I've had at UCR.

He is very helpful and makes the material seem so much easier. He is very energetic which makes discussion a lot nicer to go to. An excellent T.A.

Good Job!!!

Erin knows the subject well and is approachable.

Very organized.

Keep making electronic notes available!!

Great Job!! I think the only part I have had trouble was getting to the right office hours according to the time and answer the emails please!!

Erin Pearce
Math 121-02 *Game Theory*
Winter 2004

Very excellent TA. Even though the course itself was easy to begin with, thanks to TA, it's a walk in the park! =>

He's a good TA because he provides adequate amount of help and many alternatives to answering problems.

Very good T.A. because he expounds on the material and explain the material more in detail. I'm glad he does lots of examples i.e. homework problems.

Overall, great job. However, he should be more accessible during office hours. Most times my questions do not get thoroughly answered.

One of the best math TA's I've had.

Erin Pearce
Math 121-03 *Game Theory*
Winter 2004

Good TA knows all the material.

Very instructional and always presented the material in an entertaining way.

Well spoken TA: knows material well, and really easy to approach for help.

-knows material very well

-Is very helpful

is concerned that students learn the material

-Presents material in a well organized and understandable manner

-Always prepared for lecture.