

**Student IA Evaluation for Jay Bonthius
Department of Mathematics**

MATH 20B - Calculus/Science & Engineering (Quarfoot, David James)
Fall 2017

Number of Evaluations Submitted: 60
Number of Students Enrolled: 290

1. The Instructional Assistant was well organized and prepared for class.

43 (71.7%): Strongly Agree
16 (26.7%): Agree
1 (1.7%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

2. The Instructional Assistant presented course material clearly and answered questions accurately in class.

49 (81.7%): Strongly Agree
11 (18.3%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

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

44 (73.3%): Strongly Agree
14 (23.3%): Agree
2 (3.3%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

4. The Instructional Assistant interacted well with students and treated them with respect and courtesy.

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| 47 (78.3%): | Strongly Agree |
| 13 (21.7%): | Agree |
| 0 (0.0%): | Neither Agree Nor Disagree |
| 0 (0.0%): | Disagree |
| 0 (0.0%): | Strongly Disagree |
| 0 (0.0%): | Not Applicable |

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

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| 50 (83.3%): | Strongly Agree |
| 10 (16.7%): | Agree |
| 0 (0.0%): | Neither Agree Nor Disagree |
| 0 (0.0%): | Disagree |
| 0 (0.0%): | Strongly Disagree |
| 0 (0.0%): | Not Applicable |

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

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| 46 (76.7%): | Strongly Agree |
| 13 (21.7%): | Agree |
| 1 (1.7%): | Neither Agree Nor Disagree |
| 0 (0.0%): | Disagree |
| 0 (0.0%): | Strongly Disagree |
| 0 (0.0%): | Not Applicable |

7. The sections were interesting and enjoyable.

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| 49 (81.7%): | Strongly Agree |
| 9 (15.0%): | Agree |
| 2 (3.3%): | Neither Agree Nor Disagree |
| 0 (0.0%): | Disagree |
| 0 (0.0%): | Strongly Disagree |
| 0 (0.0%): | Not Applicable |

8. I would recommend this Instructional Assistant to other students.

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| 52 (86.7%): | Strongly Agree |
| 8 (13.3%): | Agree |
| 0 (0.0%): | Neither Agree Nor Disagree |
| 0 (0.0%): | Disagree |
| 0 (0.0%): | Strongly Disagree |

9. Do you have any other comments to add to your evaluation?

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- Although I wasn't able to make it to a lot of the discussions due to a scheduling conflict, every time I showed up I benefited immensely. Jay knew so much about the topics we were talking about and explained each practice problem clearly and helped me better understand all the concepts. 10/10 would recommend.
- Amazing TA!! Best of first quarter!
- Amazing TA, very helpful. I went to almost all of his office hours and he is very friendly and helps you understand things.
- Great TA with great handwriting!
- He has immense knowledge on the subject and knows how to apply it to problems not gone over in the course. His personality makes section really enjoyable to go to, and his teaching is really easy to understand.
- He was one of the best lecturers I have ever had. Very precise, well organized and made sure everybody understood how solutions were derived.
- Hey Jay, you're awesome, and I'm so sorry I barely showed up to discussion. Not at all your fault, but please keep being great.
- Honestly the best TA
- I am so grateful for all the help Jay has provided throughout this quarter! His enthusiasm and amazing personality really made me look forward to attending my discussion, so much so that I even attended 2 discussion sections in one day just because I loved the way he teaches! He always has clear and useful examples that he works through step by step and makes sure that we follow along through the whole problem. He has a great skill when it comes to teaching and explaining abstract concepts, which has saved me all those countless times that I couldn't understand what was taught in class. Overall Jay was by far my favorite TA, excellent examples, great explanations, and an amazing charisma and energy that he brought to the classroom each and every day. I don't know what I would have done without his help, but I am very grateful to have had the chance to attend his lectures.
- I find it quite ironic that a guy as laid back as Jay could do such an amazing job as an instructor for such a difficult, intimidating math class. He doesn't just teach the material; he encourages those who feel lost by showing them paths to teaching themselves the material, too. He instills this sense of hopefulness in the students that's extremely valuable. Overall, Jay was a perfect instructor - no complaints here.
- I greatly appreciated your pure enthusiasm and love for math. It helps a lot because 5pm discussions are always hard to go through. I do wish you posted your notes from the very beginning, but that's okay!
- I was anxious about taking this course and when it began, I was scared I wasn't going to be able to understand any of the material. It was a challenging course and the content was really confusing at first and I didn't think I was going to be able to succeed in the class but the discussions made me feel much better. It made the trek to 6th college at 8 pm worth it every week. These discussion sections were so helpful and Jay was great about making everything clear and going through in a logical way that reinforced the material and clarified the process. I also really appreciated his use of multi-colored chalk since it made it easier to visualize and

understand the material. His enthusiasm for the material also made the section enjoyable, even if math isn't my most favorite thing!

- Jay Bonthius is quite knowledgeable in the course material. His examples on the chalkboard supplemented the lectures well.
- Jay is a great TA. Knew his stuff, very engaging and explains clearly all the concepts. Always tries to leave room at the end of section to help explain problems similar to those seen on homework. Friendly and very respectful of students and wants us to succeed. Would absolutely recommend as a TA!
- Jay is a knowledge TA who is willing to work through any questions that you might have. He recognizes general issues that students have with topics and teaches all of his sections well with enthusiasm and purpose.
- Jay is a up-beat, fun, smart guy. He makes his discussions interesting and teaches well
- Jay is one of the best TAs I've had. I believe that every other TA should be like him. He teaches the topics clearly and knows what he is doing. He knows his stuff and makes me feel like he could substitute the professor for a day or two if needed. It feels like he is in communication with the professor all the time and is always knowledgeable with any questions asked about anything related to Math 20B. I have been to other TAs office hours, and none of them were nearly as helpful as his. His teaching skills are very good, that I would be willing to take the course again the same way I did this quarter, and I would even attend to his discussion section at 8 PM, just because he explains everything so well and goes into more detail than the professor does in his lectures.
- Jay the TA was very helpful throughout section as well as outside of class for tutoring in the Calc Lab and just by being a kind and respectful person overall.
- Jay was a great TA, he helped us really grasp the material, instead of just memorize formulas without purpose. He really cared about our learning and wanted us to do well in the course.
- Jay was always eager to answer everyones questions. It looks like he actually enjoys teaching which makes the class more engaging. He responds to email questions very quickly (5min response time). Im glad he was my TA for the quarter.
- Jay was always genuinely excited about math which made the class more enjoyable. He is also funny.
- Jay was always very enthusiastic and was more than willing to help with issues and answer questions.
- Jay was my best TA this quarter. A good man, and very intelligent. We would go over problems relevant to the homework or what we were doing in class, and he would give accurate representation of how to do such problems. He would encourage students to go along with him, filling out parts of the problems, and it really did help in understanding the courses content. Would 100% take him again, and I actually wish he would TA for 20C next quarter.
- Jay was really good about helping us with homework without telling us the answer. He was readily available at many different times and always been section really enjoyable.
- Jay was very energetic and always welcomed questions about topics.
- Jay was very passionate about the material and presented it confidently to us with his own style. How enthusiastic he was to teach and assist us, even at 8:50pm, was very encouraging and what made him a great TA.

- very energetic and passionate guy

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- Very helpful at office hours

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