



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

MATH 20D - Intro/Differential Equations (Strahl, Perry Robert)  
Spring 2019

**Number of Evaluations Submitted: 18  
Number of Students Enrolled: 238**

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

16 (88.9%): Strongly Agree  
2 (11.1%): Agree  
0 (0.0%): 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.

15 (83.3%): Strongly Agree  
3 (16.7%): 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.

15 (83.3%): Strongly Agree  
2 (11.1%): Agree  
1 (5.6%): 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.

16 (88.9%): Strongly Agree  
2 (11.1%): 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.

15 (83.3%): Strongly Agree  
3 (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.

14 (77.8%): Strongly Agree  
3 (16.7%): Agree  
1 (5.6%): 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.

13 (72.2%): Strongly Agree  
4 (22.2%): Agree  
1 (5.6%): 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.

16 (88.9%): Strongly Agree  
2 (11.1%): 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?

*Please keep your comments constructive and professional, abiding by the Principles of Community*

- Bonthius was very positive throughout and engaged me in the section effectively. I found the class highly enjoyable and productive.
- He was a great TA and very excited about his job. He knew the topics well and was very good at explaining the topics to confused students.
- I am bummed that I wasn't originally assigned to Jay's section because the final review he did was outstanding! His insights into potential questions were enlightening. Jay is fantastic instructional assistant and better than the professor. Well done.
- Jay Bonthius is a great TA who understands the subject very well. Also, outside of discussion, he held a midterm and final review on his own time and made review sheets to help students study. He is dedicated to teaching students and he has a positive attitude that makes his lessons engaging. During discussions, he is very open to questions and tries to make sure students understand the material as much as he can. He helped me a lot in this class and I found his final review to be especially helpful.
- Jay Bonthius is a very eccentric individual, but that is what makes his sections and review sessions so interesting to attend. Jay is an amazing Instructional Assistant and goes out of his way to have extra review sessions and opens them to everyone regardless of whether or not they are in his section. He shows a vast knowledge in what he is teaching and will even give small tricks and tips to make math a more approachable subject which is something I really respect about him. Although Jay does make mistakes in his calculations, he is quick to apologize and fix them which really shows that he is about learning from his mistakes which is admirable. He makes sections and review sessions really intriguing to attend and his passion to teach others about math really shows. He really is an amazing instructional assistant and I really enjoyed having him. His unique personality, passion for teaching math, and his passion for math itself is something I will never forget for many years to come.
- Jay is seriously the best Math TA I've ever had ever! Highly recommend, he is very kind and thoughtful of the students, and a great instructor. He is very passionate and teaches well so that people who either already know the material or people that might need extra help can all understand and follow. I really really appreciate having him as a TA this quarter.
- Jay teaches in a very clear and understandable manner and he is so freaking funny which makes the class 10x more enjoyable. I feel I learned more from him than the professor
- This dude is hands down the best math TA at UCSD. I'm not even in his section. I just went to the review sessions he hosted. I would have woken up at 8am on Wednesdays to attend his sections if I didn't have a class then. THANKS JAY!

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