



# UC RIVERSIDE - Student Comments of Instructor, Discussion Courses - Spring 2020

Course: CS 161 Section: 022 - DESIGN&ARCHTCTR OF COMP SYSTMS  
Instructor: Yujia Zhai

*This course was offered during the COVID-19 global pandemic in an emergency remote learning environment.*

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

- it was great to have you as a TA. i hope you TA other other classes that i take because you really know what you're talking about and you have a lot of patience. you don't seem to mind going over the same thing more than once. recording the discussion videos was also very helpful. thank you so much for your help!
- Yujia Zhai was a wonderful TA, especially for a CS course. He was highly sympathetic to students but also he's never been (and I mean this in the nicest way) "too cool" in the sense that he lets things slides, gives us answers when we've given up, hints towards the exams, or waived assignments for us. He's always been incredibly professional and firm with his position as a TA, and that was a nice foundation for our relationship as student and TA. He, like Mr. Chen, was always incredibly speedy with responses via email. I don't know HOW, but he and Mr. Chen are incredibly quick at responding, no matter the email contents. I can ask a question right now, and he or the professor would respond in like 10 minutes, AT THE MOST. Although speedy responses aren't something I highly valued before this class, I now appreciate it so much more. Especially, as it's something I didn't know I needed for a class such as this. This material is very dense and time consuming, so he's always been very helpful with discussions and email questions. Also, he has a very reassuring voice and manner of speaking. He has a very very very tiny accent, if anyone marks him off for English I'd hesitate to take it seriously. I don't care about accent(especially because I can speak Chinese too so I'm already familiar with the accent), but I was pleasantly surprised at his amazing grasp of English. He's also always been very friendly and nice, in the sense that he's always had a very friendly and gracious attitude. I'm sorry if my comments aren't super constructive, the nature of this class has changed it incredibly therefore the criteria I have to comment on is completely different. Overall, I hope there can be more TAs like Yujia.
- Very enthusiastic and helpful. Very available and understandable. Great experience. Wish you the beset of luck in you professional endeavours.
- This is probably the best TA I have ever had. He was very receptive, explains everything thoroughly, and gave access to recorded discussion sections so we could review that material. Many of us learned a great deal with him. 10/10.
- One of the best TA's I've had at UCR! He explains the concepts very well and makes sure that we do not have any questions before moving on. He is very helpful and clear about his explanations. Additionally you can tell he is very knowledgeable and prepared for his discussions and reviewed the homework or material beforehand. I made sure to attend every discussion, even though it was optional, because of how helpful I found his teaching! Thank you so much for this quarter Yujia :)
- Thank you so much for being a ta this quarter. You were extremely helpful in clarifying the lecture material and breaking down the homework. You were always available to help whenever we needed it. Honestly, have not had such a committed ta like you before. You made taking the course enjoyable and wish you the best in everything you do.
- Discussion sessions were optional, but when I went or listened to the recording the information was really helpful and I was stuck by what a good TA Yujia was even online. Very responsive and communicative with students and helpful in understanding the course material.