

Social Sciences TA Evaluation for Firoozi, Daniel Brandon POL SCI 21A LEC B (67040), Winter Qtr 2019

Responses: 60/239 (25.1%)

ATTENDANCE

1. How often did you attend discussion sections?
 - 2 Never
 - 1 Once
 - 1 2 - 3 times
 - 4 4 - 5 times
 - 12 6 - 7 times
 - 8 8 times
 - 32 More than 8 times

2. How often did you meet with the T.A., outside of the section time, to discuss the course material?
 - 30 Never
 - 15 Once
 - 7 2 - 3 times
 - 2 4 - 5 times
 - 2 6 - 7 times
 - 0 8 times
 - 4 More than 8 times

PRESENTATION

3. T.A. was competent in course material:
 - 3 0 (N/A or Unsure)
 - 0 1 (Among Worst)
 - 0 2
 - 0 3
 - 2 4 (OK or Average)
 - 2 5
 - 5 6
 - 48 7 (Among Best)

4. T.A. was able to make presentations clearly:
 - 3 0 (N/A or Unsure)
 - 0 1 (Among Worst)
 - 0 2
 - 0 3
 - 2 4 (OK or Average)
 - 3 5
 - 7 6
 - 45 7 (Among Best)

5. T.A. was responsive to students:
 - 2 0 (N/A or Unsure)
 - 0 1 (Among Worst)
 - 0 2
 - 0 3
 - 2 4 (OK or Average)
 - 3 5
 - 9 6
 - 44 7 (Among Best)

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6. T.A. was able to integrate the lecture and discussion material:

2 0 (N/A or Unsure)
0 1 (Among Worst)
0 2
0 3
3 4 (OK or Average)
1 5
6 6
48 7 (Among Best)

7. T.A. was present and on time for discussion sections/office hours:

3 0 (N/A or Unsure)
0 1 (Among Worst)
0 2
0 3
3 4 (OK or Average)
4 5
6 6
44 7 (Among Best)

8. The discussion sections were useful to the success of the course:

2 0 (N/A or Unsure)
0 1 (Among Worst)
0 2
0 3
3 4 (OK or Average)
1 5
7 6
47 7 (Among Best)

9. I would expect another course with this T.A. to be:

2 0 (N/A or Unsure)
0 1 (Among Worst)
0 2
0 3
5 4 (OK or Average)
1 5
8 6
44 7 (Among Best)

EFFECTIVENESS

10. Rate your T.A.'s general teaching effectiveness:

1 Poor
0 Inadequate
0 Less than adequate
1 Adequate
2 More than adequate
11 Very good
43 Excellent

COMMENTS

11. *<No question text>*

1. What were the strongest points of the TA in discussion section or office hours?

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- being right in point of the class material
- Daniel is one of the best TAs I have ever had. He always comes prepared for the discussion sections. He is punctual for the sections and usually done with midterm gradings ahead of time. Exercise worksheets (along with key takeaways from the lectures) are always provided. His explanations and examples are always clear and easy to understand. He always speaks with confidence; this shows his expertise in the subject. He also welcomes questions and answers them clearly. There are also interactive class activities that helps us understand more about how gerrymandering works and how easy it is for a bill to get a filibuster. Attending his discussion sections helps me better understand the material and succeed in this course. Furthermore, he had experience working in the real world on this field (in one of the previous presidential campaigns and as an associated student during his time as an undergraduate student); this is truly a plus for our discussion experience since he will engage examples from his personal experience with the lesson.
- Daniel is very competent at summarizing and preparing the lecture note. I find his discussion section to be very useful.
- Emphasized the most important points, made studying easier. Review work sheets and handouts were concise, informative, and nicely formatted.
- Even though I don't participate much in discussions, honestly Daniel is one of the best TAs I've had at uci. Very informative and concise and clear/steady speech. Study guides are extremely helpful for exams. Quirky stories relating to politics keep discussions entertaining. Engaging in-class activities.
- Explained everything very well
- Good organizations. I got a lot of help from his discussion sections for studying.
- He can clearly explain the concept we talked about in the lecture and give us a more detailed explanation which is really helpful
- He clearly connected lecture to discussion and explained terms and processes better extremely well
- He explained the material really well and I understood.
- He gives clear notes to the lecture.
- He is patient
- He made the material from the lecture easier to understand and got things done in a timely manner.
- He makes great preparations for his sections. He will make worksheets written with all lecture notes and reading summaries, as well as some exercise questions for us to do.
- He prints out the points of the professor's lecture and clearly explains them during the discussion, which is very helpful.
- He provided students with a very effective summary of the content that was relevant to the course and explained it thoroughly and without any problems.
- He was able to manage the time well and provide well-organized notes that covered our lecture notes. Also he was able to give us side notes that helped me to understand more about topics that we have been covering. Each review sheet helped me a lot when I was trying to review for midterms.
- He was helping students to review the test and it really helpful
- He was very organized and helpful. Without the discussion I would have had a lower midterm score for sure.
- He would be able to teach the main ideas and key points of the readings and lecture.
- He would I include what he thought would be on the midterm. His typed outlines of each topic was extremely helpful and were definitely one of the reasons I did well on the midterm.
- His notes are very helpful for me to prepare for the exams.

- His responsiveness to questions in the class, finding interesting in-class activities that made people understand the material better, and being so considerate in how often he would help people who could not make it to the classes. He would send notes and make sure students were caught up, without penalizing them, and was kind enough to alleviate the guilt and worry from people who missed the discussions.
 - How he went over every topic we talked about in class and topics that were in the reading, he went over them in depth during discussion.
 - I believe that the entire discussion section each week were really solid and the best part of the course.
 - Interactive
 - I strongly believe that the strongest points of the TA were that he was easily reachable and explained content very well.
 - Offering notes about the course content in a really clear way and really helpful during the midterm and final review.
 - Presented material clearly and highlighted important points. Gave out worksheets that were very useful as study guide material.
 - TA was very clear and easy to understand when it came to the material. Open to questions and answered them thoroughly
 - teaching thoroughly
 - The detailed outlines given to us every discussion period.
 - The discussion worksheets were a godsend. Im positive I wouldnt have done as well without them. TA is also very knowledgeable about the subject making understanding the lecture much easier. I didnt have to stress about writing notes in lecture because I knew I would have all the notes I need in discussion.
 - The notes
 - The notes he give us are very helpful for the midterms.
 - The TA made things clear and easy to understand and tied his own personal experiences to the course as forms of examples
 - The TA was very efficient in covering all the material from lecture either just as clearly or more clearly. He also does a huge favor for the students by creating note sheets that summarize all of the key points, ideas, and online readings. This make studying for exams way easier since we know exactly what to be studying.
 - Very effective teacher. Best TA Ive had this far.
 - Very knowledgeable and had very thorough study outlines.
 - 20 blank answer(s).
2. Do you have any recommendations for your TA that would help that person be a more effective TA in the future?
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 - He is perfect
 - He is so good
 - He is the best.
 - he is the best already
 - Honestly, this was the best experience Ive ever had with a TA. Just keep doing what youre doing.
 - I cannot think of any. He is the best.
 - I have no recommendations for this TA. He was amazing and passionate and I would highly recommend him to any future students who will take this class. Keep up the amazing work Daniel!
 - I know many students like me really like the paperless version because it is really convenient. therefore, I hope our TA can upload a paperless version note online

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- I personally think that he is doing the best he can do right now. But maybe if he can speak a little bit slower then it might be helpful for students to understand the materials.
- It can get difficult at times to keep up with him explaining the material, so it could be better if he had a visual presentation to explain his notes from.
- I think my only recommendation would be that he creates more engaging activities in discussion where students form groups to get to know each other better.
- Keep doing what you are doing!!!
- Keep up the good work!
- More activities to mix in the course details with today.
- More notes!
- No
- No
- No, I think he did a great job in general!
- NO. HE IS GOOD ENOUGH.
- No he's very successful in leading a discussion.
- None
- None, among the best TAs I ever had
- None at all
- No not any he did a great job, but I hope he gets to lecture a class if the professor isn't able too. He would do a fantastic job!
- Nope, keep doing what you're doing.
- Nope, you're amazing at your job
- nothing more. keep up with your good work!!
- The only thing I can recommend is going over discussion questions to help prep for exams, otherwise couldn't ask for a better TA :)
- This TA is already doing wonderfully at his job.
- 30 blank answer(s).