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1. The TA is an excellent teacher, overall.	49	83%	9	15%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	4.8	0.4	59
TA has appropriate knowledge of subject matter.	54	92%	5	8%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.9	0.3	59
3. TA makes clear discussion and lab presentations.	49	83%	9	15%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	4.8	0.4	59
4. TA is open to questions.	52	88%	7	12%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.9	0.3	59
5. TA interprets students' questions properly.	48	81%	11	19%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.8	0.4	59
6. TA is helpful during discussion/lab.	50	85%	9	15%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.8	0.4	59
7. TA is helpful outside of discussion/lab concerning lecture materials.	43	73%	16	27%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.7	0.4	59
8. TA is helpful outside of discussion/lab concerning discussion/lab and	43	73%	16	27%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.7	0.4	59
9. TA gives adequate instruction of discussion/lab technique.	51	86%	8	14%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.9	0.3	59
10. TA has a good attitude toward class.	54	92%	5	8%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.9	0.3	59
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# STUDENT EVALUATION OF TEACHING ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

• Please respond to questions 1 through 9 on the scanning form provided. Your answers should correspond to your level of agreement or disagreement with the statement.

• The possible responses are:

A - Strongly Agree B - Agree C - Mixed Feelings D - Disagree E - Strongly Disagree (5) (4) (3) (2) (1)

- 1) The TA is an excellent teacher, overall.
- 2) TA has appropriate knowledge of subject matter.
- 3) TA makes clear discussion and lab presentations
- 4) TA is open to questions.
- 5) TA interprets students' questions properly.
- 6) TA is helpful during discussion/lab.
- 7) TA is helpful outside of discussion/lab concerning lecture materials.
- 8) TA is helpful outside of discussion/lab concerning discussion/lab and discussion/lab write-ups.
- 9) TA gives adequate instruction of discussion/lab technique.
- 10) TA has a good attitude toward class.

#### Please make additional comments and suggestions below:

- -Helpful, concise, clear, friendly, an awesome TA. Took a while to receive emails, but not an issue.
- -Great Discussion lecturer, I thoroughly enjoyed attending and listening to her because she is one of the TAs that has the lesson planned out, only downside is that she may talk too fast on occasion.
- -She's very passionate and enthusiastic about the subject! I learned a lot!
- -Good TA, very helpful and enthusiastic.
- -Great TA! Going to discussion makes the material to be simply understandable.
- -She is a really nice TA
- -Discussion sections were really helpful, TA was excellent!
- -Although the class was silent a lot, I thought she did a great job. Sometimes her discussions were more undesirable than the lectures. I wish she was the only person that evaluated our work in discussion because I felt less pressure from her than the professor.
- -great job
- -Great TA!

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- -Laura has excellent command over material covered in class and knows how to address questions appropriately.
- -Good teaching helped clarify subject from lecture
- -I enjoyed having Laura as a TA. She really knows the subject well and is good at conveying it to students
- -Very knowledgeable, clear explanations, lively
- -Positive attitude and good effort, but inspired very little participation from students.

#### Please provide written responses to the following questions.

#### What do you appreciate most about the course or TA?

- -Laura is very responsive, active, and passionate. Laura has clearly explained all the concepts that I need to know and get clear during each section
- -She was great in pretty much every way. Her overviews were concise and clear and she was incredibly helpful and open to helping students
- -She was very energetic about the material and really knew about the subject matter.
- -She was very clear and easy to understand
- -She's very informative and knowledgeable of the subject. It's nice learning from her.
- -Reviews the material clearly and explains very well.
- -Review powerpoint from the TA
- -TA's discussion made the course easier to understand at times
- -She knows the subject well and offers to help us as much as she can
- -The TA is very knowledgable about the course material and clearly goes through topics. She creates clear and coherent powerpoints that summarize the week's lecture.
- -Laura interprets the material very clearly and she is very organized. She is very helpful
- -TA was really clear on what she was teaching.
- -Discussion sections were very helpful, was nice to review concepts presented in lecture
- -her sense of humor
- -The TA and the professor are really good at making the material clear and easy to understand. Laura did a great job condensing the lectures and explaining/emphasizing the important points of lectures. She helped a lot!
- -She is very clear and concise with the information in this course.
- -The TA was approachable and helpful with questions.
- -I appreciated the clarity of discussions and the relationship of both lectures and discussions.
- -Very clear, went over student questions from lecture. She summarized the course material very well.
- -Helpful discussions
- -clear
- -I appreciate the help of the TA in understanding material discussed in lecture.
- -She shows us slides to review what we went over in lecture, which really helps. I like how she is open to questions and gives us sample problems
- -The TA was extremely helpful
- -The TA had better slides than the professor in my opinion. Her powerpoints were very helpful and the practice problems we did in class were very applicable.
- -Neat and organized and makes sure you learned
- -Clear presentation, loud, and informative
- -She's always enthusiastic about the topic shes teaching

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- -The TA was very helpful in providing more clarity to the course material
- -She was very understanding and had a great knowledge for what she was teaching
- -She is very helpful and she knows her stuff. Very well prepared
- -She seems very passionate about this subject and its obvious, and makes you want to learn and pay attention
- -Very organized discussion with lecture/discussion slides posed online for study
- -She was able to thoroughly explain the weeks' worth of material during discussions. Answered all questions well, had a good understanding of the material
- -Laura was very well organized. I felt like I learned more during the discussion section than in lecture due to her clarity and organization
- -She is very nice, easy to approach, understanding when I missed one discussion
- -She is able to explain certain confusing concepts in a clear manner.
- -Her clarity and enthusiasm to help
- -I think Laura makes confusing material make sense. She always makes sure to explain things in many different ways so we will all understand.
- -She has well-prepared discussions for each class and explains the course material clearly
- -She was helpful and encouraged us to participate, especially when it became quiet
- -She is very friendly and helpful. She tried her best to explain everything clearly.
- -Patient and careful
- -Loud and clear
- -She checked her email very often, and she is super helpful
- -TA is very knowledgeable, knows names, and teaches the sections very well. Makes subject clear, concise, and understandable

### What could the TA do to improve the course or his/her teaching?

- -Slow down on some of the harder topics, may talk too quickly without realizing
- -Nothing, did everything she could
- -Sometimes, I felt like she went a little too fast on the discussion presentations.
- -none ☺
- -Slow down; give outline of presentation prior to instruction
- -none:)
- -call on people when no one answers her questions (she'll have to learn people's names first)
- -Honestly not much, her lectures and lecture slides are very good and helpful
- -Give more examples and clarify concepts more clearly
- -My TA could have asked problems that were more challenging during discussions
- -Encourage more audience participation
- -How the homework is collected so its not lost
- -nothing
- -Maybe have the class more involved during discussion
- -She was excellent, no improvement needed
- -A little more enthusiasm would be nice. At times she lost the class because people were bored
- -Everything is perfect
- -start giving out more homework
- -I would advise her to keep doing what she has been doing because she was really helpful in discussion
- -Force more participation, use more analogies
- -Have a longer time to teach, 50 minutes isn't enough!
- -Maybe an organized study guide for midterm/final

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- -The TA made discussions a very easy way to review the material and made the learning experience easy and enjoyable
- -Maybe read a little less off of the slide, kick out the teacher? Why have a TA and teacher in the class during discussion. Creates a pointless discussion having the teacher is like an extra lecture
- -Go through slides a bit slower
- -I think that the discussion sections could cover more course material instead of not focusing on a few topics.
- -Nothing!
- -nothing
- -nothing

#### Other comments or suggestions:

- -N/A. Great TA! Would take her again if she taught a course, She will excel in her future endeavors!
- -Overall, she was a wonderful TA!
- -I will miss this class. Great class and great TA!
- -Very much enjoyed this discussion section. Thank you!
- -Great course, no other suggestions
- -I think she is great.
- -Thank you for all your help
- -Not only is the TA helpful and intelligent, it helped a lot that whilst she presented the info she was of equal beauty
- -The hand-ins/mini assignments could be reviewed more before they are completed
- -Great TA!
- -Perfect TA!
- -Very good TA, no complaints

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