

# Engineering TA Evaluations

Course: CS 4220

Semester: Spring 2017

Number of Responses: 21

Faculty Name: Bindel

TA Name: David Eriksson

1="Never or Poor", 2="Rarely or Fair", 3="Sometimes or Satisfactory", 4="Frequently or Good", 5="Always or Excellent"

Statement	Mean	Count	1	2	3	4	5
1. My TA demonstrates command of the subject matter.	4.76	21	0	0	0	5	16
2. My TA is fully prepared for class, laboratory or review section.	4.76	17	0	0	1	2	14
3. My TA provides clear and comprehensive explanations and instructions.	4.30	20	1	1	0	7	11
4. My TA emphasizes the conceptual basis of the problem set or the lab experiment.	4.22	18	0	1	2	7	8
5. My TA encourages students to think in class by asking questions.	4.31	13	1	0	1	3	8
6. My TA makes me feel free to ask questions and express my opinions.	4.50	20	1	1	1	1	16
7. My TA provides clear, relevant and understandable responses to my questions.	4.50	20	1	1	0	3	15
8. My TA is actively helpful when students need assistance.	4.62	21	1	0	1	2	17
9. My TA seems enthusiastic about teaching the material.	4.52	21	1	0	1	4	15
10. My TA communicates clearly.	4.43	21	1	0	1	6	13
11. My TA periodically checks to make sure students understand what was covered.	4.00	18	1	1	3	5	8
12. My TA provides periodic summaries of what has been covered or discussed.	4.00	14	2	0	0	6	6
13. My TA is effective at relating lecture material to what is covered in section or lab.	4.31	13	1	1	0	2	9
14. My TA makes effective use of illustrations and examples.	4.31	16	1	0	1	5	9
15. My TA is fair in grading.	4.67	18	1	0	0	2	15
16. My TA provides helpful comments on my assignments.	4.64	14	0	1	0	2	11
17. My TA makes effective use of visual aides (blackboards, overhead, slides etc).	4.78	18	0	0	1	2	15
18. My TA divides his/her time equitably among laboratory groups.	4.83	6	0	0	0	1	5
19. Overall, how would you rate the quality of your TA's teaching?	4.52	21	1	1	0	3	16
20. Not including your TA, evaluate this course as a whole (1 being poor, 5 being great).	4.14	21	1	0	3	8	9

21. How do you interact with this TA?	Grader	Lab	Office Hours	Section	Other
	15	0	18	2	5

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### 0. Other ways you interacted with this TA

75695: Piazza

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74964: Piazza

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74883: Q and A on Piazza

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74622: Lectured when professor out of town. Not sure if the professor or TA does the grading.

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74500: Substitute professor for one lecture

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76207: Guest lecturer for Dr Bindel

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### 1. Comment on the TA's teaching strengths as well as areas in which improvement is needed or encouraged.

76086: All around pretty good, no complains.

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74622: TA was excellent in office hours! The class he lectured for was taught very clearly.

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74883: Strengths:

Excellent command of subject material, helpful and well-written comments, works hard to address all students' questions during office hours, helps debug student code.

Needs Improvement:

Does an excellent job helping students on HW problem but not so much relating the problems to conceptual learning. This might be more of an issue with the problem themselves.

Piazza questions could be answered in a more timely manner.

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74964: very knowledgeable on subject and gives helpful answers

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75326: He is very knowledgeable in the area of numerical analysis.

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75646: David is an absolutely fantastic TA. He is extremely knowledgeable and knows the course material like the back of his hand; and yet is still able to explain it to students who don't understand which is such a virtue! However, at times he can jump around in office hours, trying to help all of the students with various questions instead of completely answering the current question and then moving on. This can lead to everyone leaving office hours a bit confused and unsure how to actually complete the question they were struggling with

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75695: He is very helpful with answering piazza questions. Thats all I have to say.

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74565: Good at explaining concepts and topics

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75980: TA drives home main points at the end of teaching about a certain concept. More examples applying the concept would be very helpful.

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74178: The TA seems like he couldn't care less about this class or the students. His comments are often more confusing than helpful, and are given grudgingly after repeated drilling. His explanation and notation is disconnected with what is used by the professor and on the homework assignments.

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76207: When speaking, slow down a bit - while this material might be second nature to you, it can be a lot to see for the first time. Rather than asking "is it clear", or another binary-answered question, try asking the class questions that would get at real understanding.

You're an excellent public speaker with a clear grasp of the material.

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76323: The TA is very clear and effective in office hours.

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75696: The TA is very good at clearly answering questions on Piazza and during office hours. He helps us get through the difficult problem sets and projects without giving away answers. There could be some improvement in the clarity of the problem sets so that the goal is more immediately understandable.

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**2. Comment on the TA's communication strategies. Did the TA effective use gestures, movement, voice inflection, and maintain eye contact? Was language a barrier to your understanding? If so, in what way?**

74622: Effective, clear speaker!

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76323: He draws everything out to help students understand.

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74565: Yes, good communication

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74883: The TA made good use of whiteboards and figures.

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74964: yes good communication. and a cool accent

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75326: Answering Piazza questions

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75646: David is a great communicator, absolutely no language barrier.

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75695: I have never seen him in person so I don't know

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75980: TA's communication strategies are consistent. He uses a loud voice, which is helpful in understanding.

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76086: Has really clear voice.

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74178: He only barely answers what is asked.

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### 3. Do you have any additional comments?

74178: He is a graduate student so I'm sure he has better things to do, but his attitude makes this class a complete chore, especially when the professor is also unhelpful

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75980: Nice and helpful TA. More examples are always better. Thanks.

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75696: The class is very interesting in that it is very difficult but the TA and professor are so willing and able to help that the problems become doable.

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75646: David really is an amazing TA, probably the best I have ever had. However, it would be nice to have more office hours in the course such that I could attend to clarify question I have about lecture material and hopefully avoid using office hours so heavily for projects and assignments. But, I understand that this is not feasible with the current course staff.

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75326: Mabye one day I can hope to be as smart as David Eriksson

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74883: Project 1 was difficult and several times I saw 10+ students in office hour needing assistance. However the TA handled the situation well and was very helpful to everyone, even debugging code directly for some students.

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74622: Great job!

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74565: helpful TA

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