

Social Sciences TA Evaluation for Scauso, Marcos Sebastian INTL ST 14 DIS 1 (64081), POL SCI 41A DIS 1 (67071), Winter Qtr 2014

Responses: 13/28 (46.43%)

ATTENDANCE

1. How often did you attend discussion sections?
 - 0** Never
 - 0** Once
 - 0** 2 - 3 times
 - 0** 4 - 5 times
 - 1** 6 - 7 times
 - 2** 8 times
 - 10** More than 8 times

2. How often did you meet with the T.A., outside of the section time, to discuss the course material?
 - 3** Never
 - 2** Once
 - 4** 2 - 3 times
 - 1** 4 - 5 times
 - 2** 6 - 7 times
 - 0** 8 times
 - 0** More than 8 times

PRESENTATION

3. T.A. was competent in course material:
 - 0** 0 (N/A or Unsure)
 - 0** 1 (Among Worst)
 - 0** 2
 - 0** 3
 - 0** 4 (OK or Average)
 - 0** 5
 - 3** 6
 - 10** 7 (Among Best)

4. T.A. was able to make presentations clearly:
 - 0** 0 (N/A or Unsure)
 - 0** 1 (Among Worst)
 - 0** 2
 - 0** 3
 - 0** 4 (OK or Average)
 - 0** 5
 - 3** 6
 - 10** 7 (Among Best)

5. T.A. was responsive to students:
 - 0** 0 (N/A or Unsure)
 - 0** 1 (Among Worst)
 - 0** 2
 - 0** 3
 - 0** 4 (OK or Average)
 - 0** 5
 - 3** 6
 - 10** 7 (Among Best)

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

- 0 0 (N/A or Unsure)
- 0 1 (Among Worst)
- 0 2
- 0 3
- 0 4 (OK or Average)
- 0 5
- 1 6
- 12 7 (Among Best)

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

- 0 0 (N/A or Unsure)
- 0 1 (Among Worst)
- 0 2
- 0 3
- 0 4 (OK or Average)
- 0 5
- 1 6
- 12 7 (Among Best)

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

- 0 0 (N/A or Unsure)
- 0 1 (Among Worst)
- 0 2
- 0 3
- 0 4 (OK or Average)
- 0 5
- 2 6
- 11 7 (Among Best)

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

- 0 0 (N/A or Unsure)
- 0 1 (Among Worst)
- 0 2
- 0 3
- 0 4 (OK or Average)
- 0 5
- 1 6
- 12 7 (Among Best)

EFFECTIVENESS

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

- 0 Poor
- 0 Inadequate
- 0 Less than adequate
- 0 Adequate
- 0 More than adequate
- 2 Very good
- 11 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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- He really understood the material and was effectively able to convey that understanding.
 - He was extremely knowledgeable and explained topics very clearly.
 - He was very knowledgeable on the subject IR. He condensed the reading to a manageable amount that was helpful and easy to understand. I thought that he was easy to talk to and always open for discussion. One of the best TA's that ive had at UCI.
 - Made complex topics more simple to understand.
 - Making the subject interesting, and encouraging discussion between the students. He also went above and beyond to help the students, incredible work.
 - Marcos knows and understands what he teaches, so he is able to answer all of our questions
 - Marcos made sure we understood the material and always asked questions to make sure we were not confused.
 - Preparation was very good. His discussion class really helped me prepare for the midterm and the final.
 - The TA planned his sections really well and clarified lecture materials. He used many examples which helped foster our understanding, as well as broaden our international relations knowledge base.
 - 4 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?
- Go over more preparation for the midterm/final , rather than just lecturing about what the professor already talked about.
 - He is such an amazing TA,, he made powerpoint for the students and willing to have discussion outside the class. I'm glad I had him as my TA.. :)
 - Just to keep doing what he is doing.
 - Keep up the good work!
 - One recommendation that I would have is maybe bring up current events more often. Or have one discussion directed toward that. Because the majority of our points on the final are from current events. However, great TA!
 - The TA's examples focused heavily on Latin America (especially Argentinian politics and economy) even though I would have liked him to be more balanced with his examples.
 - 7 blank answer(s).