

SEM I 2009-10 Online						
The teaching assistant was regularly available for consultation outside of class.	Strongly agree (1)	Agree (2)	Somewhat agree (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly disagree (5)	Average
POLS1480-S01: Coburn-Palo, Nicholas J.(TA)	32(89.0%)	4(11.0%)	0(.0%)	0(.0%)	0(.0%)	1.11
The teaching assistant was able to communicate clearly.	Strongly agree (1)	Agree (2)	Somewhat agree (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly disagree (5)	Average
POLS1480-S01: Coburn-Palo, Nicholas J.(TA)	32(89.0%)	4(11.0%)	0(.0%)	0(.0%)	0(.0%)	1.11
The teaching assistant helped me enhance my understanding of course material.	Strongly agree (1)	Agree (2)	Somewhat agree (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly disagree (5)	Average
POLS1480-S01: Coburn-Palo, Nicholas J.(TA)	31(86.0%)	5(14.0%)	0(.0%)	0(.0%)	0(.0%)	1.14
Please indicate your evaluation of the teaching assistant's overall effectiveness.	Very effective (1)	Effective (2)	Somewhat effective (3)	Ineffective(4)	Very ineffective(5)	Average
POLS1480-S01: Coburn-Palo, Nicholas J.(TA)	33(92.0%)	3(8.0%)	0(.0%)	0(.0%)	0(.0%)	1.08
Please elaborate on your responses at						
POLS1480-S01: Coburn-Palo, Nicholas J.(TA):						
Nick is probably the most well informed TA on campus. He is a true gentleman in everything that he does.						
Nick was very helpful and informed about anything that we needed. He was also very engaged in the class and when he led a lecture, was also a very good speaker.						

<p>Nick was incredibly helpful both in and out of class. His exam reviews were extremely helpful and he was always available for questions and even consultation about future plans and the like. When he guest taught a course, he was very enthusiastic and an expert on the topic. Having both him and professor Krotz in this course made it one of the best courses I've taken at Brown.</p>						
<p>When Nick finishes his Ph.D and begins to teach as a professor, he will be a political science/international relations star like Prof. Krotz or Prof. Blythe.</p>						
<p>Nick was great! The two lectures he gave were fantastic and I felt like I learned an overwhelming amount in each — especially the one on North Korea. I think he's a wonderful asset to the course.</p>						
<p>one of the best TAs that I have had... a truly incredible person and teacher, immensely smart and really top notch, can't wait to take a course taught by him</p>						

<p>Nick is a great TA who makes himself very accessible to students in the class and has a deep understanding of the course materials and IR theory in general. His study session was extremely helpful, and he was very good at explaining and summarizing the readings and the complex points embedded within them. Nick strongly enhanced my understanding of the course material, and his lecture on Eastern Asia was exciting and compelling. It's great to know that my TA is a knowledgeable policy expert.</p>						
<p>Nick is indeed a valuable source to enhance the course. He is not only an excellent TA but a very helpful person. He is extremely knowledgeable in his field. It was great to have him as a TA.</p>						
<p>Nicholas was a great TA for the class. While he did not have the direct involvement with students that a class with a discussion section would have, he was quite accessible outside of class. In addition, he held a very helpful review session before the midterm exam, and also gave his own lecture on East Asian politics, which was fast-paced and really interesting.</p>						
<p>Nick's knowledge knows no bounds. He is approachable during office hours and after class, and he is very helpful. Great lecturer too.</p>						

He's was amazing, and truly knowledgeable!						
Nick's first review session was incredible. His lectures were also extremely entertaining and engaging. He is going to make a phenomenal professor someday.						
Even though Nick had to miss class days and office hours, he more than made up for his abscense by making himself available at other times and very frequently. Also, Nick's lecture on Northeast Asia and North Korea was extremely interesting and he presented the materila with enthusiasm and confidence.						
Nick was always very helpful whenever I came to him during his office hours and he helped to clarify several things in a very coherent and understandable manner. The class about Northeast Asia was extremely informative and the forum-style class he promoted to Professor Krotz was one of my favorite classes. It was very engaging and helped to highlight all of what we had learned during the class.						

<p>Nick is probably the best TA I have ever had here at Brown. His guest lecture was wonderful (not to mention, it had great timing with the developments in the Korean peninsula). He was also very approachable for help relating to midterms and other assignments. I almost wished he had more opportunity to guest lecture/actually had sections.</p>						
<p>Nick is a fabulous TA and will no doubt make a truly top-notch Professor.</p>						
<p>Great guy, should become a professor</p>						
<p>Easily the best teaching assistant I've ever had. The few lectures that he taught were incredibly fascinating and made the material very accessible. His presentations were in a true instrumentalist style, as everything that he covered would be important for the examinations or final assignment. Very engaging.</p>						
<p>Nick is the best TA I have had. He is extremely passionate, prepared and knowledgeable. In fact, he knows way too much to be a TA. His two lectures vindicated this entire class for me. Nick can be a little over-excited, but in general he knows how to convey lots of information in an interesting and effective manner. Hiring committees, take note.</p>						

<p>Nick is clearly a genius. He didn't get many opportunities to talk to us as a class, but when he did it was nothing short of a phenomenon. He doesn't waste an instant, he somehow keeps everything captivating, and he, like Professor Krotz, makes everything sound very important.</p>						
<p>Nick will make a great professor one day.</p>						
<p>Nick was a great T.A. and a dynamic lecturer. I wish that he would have had the opportunity to give more lectures during the semester. His understanding of the tensions in North Asia is extensive and was one of my favorite classes of the semester.</p>						

As this course did not have sections, and I didn't seek out the TA's help for anything in particular, it is hard to give strong responses. However, he did take over a few classes, which were very interesting and well taught, and he led a review session before the first exam that helped us know exactly what to study, exactly what the test would be like, without giving away too much of the actual content of the test. This helped immensely in knowing how to prepare for the test, and resulted in much of the class doing quite well. He also prepared a study guide for the second exam which was quite helpful, if not quite as thorough as the review for the first exam. Overall, he was a great help in facilitating our ability to prepare and do well on exams, and an engaging lecturer when given the opportunity.

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