

Question 3

Was the relationship between the section (if any) and the course effective, and how could it be improved? What are the strengths and weaknesses of your teaching assistant (discussion section leader, lab section leader, grader or other assistant) as an instructor, and how might his/her teaching be improved?

Response 1

Ted Carl Rosenbaum

Section was a useful complement to class; Ted was a dedicated TA and kept on top of our educational process. One suggestion: it would be great if he withheld less information at office hours. Since the problem sets matter so little, and we don't look at them after they're turned in, we would have learned more if he had been willing to be a bit more explicit in office hours as to what we were supposed to do in the problems.

Response 2

Ted Carl Rosenbaum

Ted really helps clarify concepts. My one criticism is that he didn't quite help with solving problems as much as I would have liked. I realize that the course is supposed to make the student do the work, but some more examples of problems similar to those on the problem sets would have been nice.

Response 3

Ted Carl Rosenbaum

Good.

Response 4

Ted Carl Rosenbaum

yes, he was helpful

Response 5

Ted Carl Rosenbaum

Great guy. Helpful. Not the best TA I've ever had but he had good intentions. It took a while for him to answer my questions but he was always willing to keep at it until I understood the material.

Response 6

Ted Carl Rosenbaum

Pretty good TA, makes himself available, eager to help the students. The one small criticism I would make is that Ted was so conscientious about not giving answers to problem sets that he sometimes missed the point, which was to make us understand - holding out the answer is often good, but occasionally it's not helpful.

Response 7

Ted Carl Rosenbaum

There was general discontent with his reluctance to help with homework, but his discussion sections were actually very useful because the lectures were so difficult.

Response 8

Ted Carl Rosenbaum

Ted is not very good at explaining things. He doesn't really make concepts any clearer. His answers to questions usually don't clear much up. Also, he should speak louder in section and work on his blackboard handwriting (it's quite difficult to read).