Government 2000
Introduction to Quantitative Methods I

Comments

PLEASE COMMENT ON THIS PERSON'S TEACHING.

Goodrich, Benjamin King

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

Evaluate this person overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Ben was a terrific TA and devoted more time to this class than probably any of the students. He was always available for help outside of class or via email and was very enthusiastic about giving help and feedback on assignments and course material. He was generally very sensitive to the fact that the material was not straightforward to everyone.

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Evaluate this person overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Probably the best TF anybody can ask for.

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Again, I could not have happily completed this course without Ben and Andy. Ben was INCREDIBLY available and patient with his students, constantly in the CGIS lab and available by phone or e-mail to answer questions at any time of day. Ben put more time and energy into the course than anyone else involved. He patiently walked me through the R code of many problem sets as I struggled to learn R. His enthusiasm for the material was also encouraging. Critiques: Ben's problem sets were very useful but sometimes frustrating in that his questions seemed very open-ended such that it was not always clear what concepts he wanted me to discuss in my answers. The problem sets also sometimes involved R code that it seemed impossible for a beginner to figure out without hanging out in the lab and asking for help, which was frustrating. Ben created thorough informational slides for section that were very useful. However, he often read off of his slides during section when more interaction and participation would have been useful. Overall, Ben was a truly excellent TF.

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

Evaluate this person overall.: **4 (very good)**

I think Ben is a great teacher, it's just that I thought he sometimes aimed section presentations and assignments over our heads somewhat.

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Evaluate this person overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Been has been a great TF. Perhaps his most notable characteristic is that he is always available and always willing to help. If ever I was interested in following up something said in lecture or section, he was open to my questions and responded with pages of a response.

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Evaluate this person overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Ben seemed exceptionally knowledgeable, willing to discuss details and argue over points, patient with students, and very responsive--down to a few minutes over e-mail, on most occasions.

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

Evaluate this person overall.: **1 (unsatisfactory)**

Ben tended to hijack TA sessions to talk about his opinions about the state of statistics in social science. additionally, he was very clearly more helpful with certain students than with others

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

Evaluate this person overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Thorough understanding of the material. Patient with students and provides a lot of outside assistance.

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Evaluate this person overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Ben has an amazing command of the material, and is an effective lecturer. He also provides good feedback and is extremely accessible and willing to help students. The only complaint I had with ben is that he sometimes was dismissive of student questions and would occasionally make fun of students who asked questions.

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

Evaluate this person overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Particularly appreciated his extensive feedback on problem sets.

Evaluate the course overall.: **2 (fair)**

Evaluate this person overall.: **3 (good)**

Ben gave an amazing amount of time to Gov2000. He was a very dedicated TF, going above and beyond in providing individual attention, course administration duties, and section preparation.

Evaluate the course overall.: **2 (fair)**

Evaluate this person overall.: **3 (good)**

Clearly cares a ton, if a little too focused on the more mathy parts of the material.

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Evaluate this person overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Great teaching! A model for everyone in the class as to what attitude they should adopt towards their students in the future! Outstanding teaching; extremely helpful and dedicated; very patient and careful... He always presented the material cleverly. He was always there for students when they needed assistance. He never seemed tired or bored. On weekends, he would stay in the lab helping students in groups or even individually with their assignments for the course. He always had a good word for everyone. He always knew how to encourage people when they were frustrated with the homework. Truly remarkable! Without him, this class would have been so much more difficult. I feel that we were all extremely lucky to have Ben as a TF for Gov 2000.

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Evaluate this person overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Ben really was amazing the whole semester. He was beyond accesible and was helpful on the problem sets, without giving away too much. I found his R segments of section especially useful.