Comments Report

4. Comments:

- Please identify what you perceive to be the real strengths and weaknesses of this teaching assistant and course.
- Zengwen is one of the best TAs that I've ever taken at UCLA. I wish I had gone to more of his discussions but his slides are so thorough that I didn't initially go. However, after being truly engaged in discussion and asking questions I can honestly say that Zengwen is extremely knowledgable and very good at explaining tricky networking concepts. Thank you!!!
- I love this TA. Honestly I could rely on him to teach me all of the course material.
- One of the best CS TA's I've had.
- One of the best TAs I've had for any CS classes. Great communication skills and very helpful!
- The best thing this TA did was constantly be open to/encourage students to ask questions. If there is one main thing I appreciated the most, it was this. It is so important as a student in discussion to feel comfortable to ask questions a lot and to not feel rushed, and the TA was excellent at this. In addition, the pace was never too rushed. The pace was a perfect speed for students to constantly learn but not be rushed or be bored. I really appreciated the communication skills of this TA. He got his point across very clearly and seemed like he truly cared about coming into section knowing what he was going to talk about and seemed prepared. Again, the most important quality though was that he made students feel comfortable expressing concepts they felt confused about, and that is what sets him apart from all other TAs I have had, not to mention how clearly he communicated. I hope he continues to be a TA and help students in CS courses. He was fantastic!
- This TA was so much better than the other TA for the course. Knowledgable about the subject, was well prepared, and communicated ideas clearly. Great discussion section.
- Very knowledgeable and able to answer any questions that students had. Good review of what we learned in class that week. And I liked going over the solutions for the sample midterm and final. Maybe make slides more detailed.
- Yuan is a very knowledgable and responsible teacher!!! I go to his discussion every week and get a very comprehensive review about lectures' contents. His explanation is very clear.
- Zengwen is the only person who I could trust in this course. It was a pleasure to clarify my doubts with this TA, and I am sure he will be a fine professor.
- Zengwen was very organized and always had clear slides prepared for discussion. I wish we had gone over the projects a little bit more.
- Zengwen's able to explain concepts in great detail, and he is very patient in answering questions inperson and through email. However, I feel like some of the materials he covers in discussion can be just learned straight from the textbook, so I think expanding on course ideas and providing more detailed or complex examples would be great. Overall, he is definitely one of my top and favorite TAs.



Z. YUAN Evaluation of Instruction Program Report

17W: COM SCI 118 DIS 1A: CMPTR NTWRK FNDMNTL No. of responses = 8 Enrollment = 39 Response Rate = 20.51%

Survey Results							
Background Information:							
Year in School:							
Freshman		o n=8					
Sophomore (2					
Junior (4					
Senior (1					
Graduate (1					
Other		0					
 1.2) UCLA GPA:							
Below 2.0		o n=8					
2.0 - 2.49		0					
2.5 - 2.99		1					
3.0 - 3.49		3					
3.5+		4					
Not Established		0					
Expected Grade:							
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What requirements does this course fulfill?							
Major		8 n=8					
Related Field		0					
G.E.		0					
None		0					

Profile

Subunit: COM SCI
Name of the instructor: Z. YUAN

Name of the course: 17W: COM SCI 118 DIS 1A: CMPTR NTWRK FNDMNTL

(Name of the survey)

Values used in the profile line: Mean

2. To What Extent Do You Feel That:

2.1)	Teaching Assistant Knowledge - The T.A. was knowledgeable about the material.	Very Low or Never	1	Very High or Always	n=8	av.=8.50
2.2)	Teaching Assistant Concern - The T.A. was concerned about student learning.	Very Low or Never	+	Very High or Always	n=8	av.=8.63
2.3)	Organization - Section presentations were well prepared and organized.	Very Low or Never	 	Very High or Always	n=8	av.=8.75
2.4)	Scope - The teaching assistant expanded on course ideas.	Very Low or Never	 	Very High or Always	n=8	av.=8.50
2.5)	Interaction - Students felt welcome in seeking help in or outside of the class.	Very Low or Never		Very High or Always	n=8	av.=8.38
2.6)	Communication Skills - The teaching assistant had good communication skills.	Very Low or Never	$\frac{1}{1}$	Very High or Always	n=8	av.=8.75
2.7)	Value - The overall value of the sections justified your time and effort.	Very Low or Never	 	Very High or Always	n=8	av.=8.63
2.8)	Overall - What is your overall rating of the teaching assistant?	Very Low or Never	 	Very High or Always	n=8	av.=8.75

3. Your View of Section Characteristics:

3.1)	Difficulty (relative to other courses)	Low	<u> </u>	High	n=7	av.=2.14
3.2)	Workload/pace was	Too Slow	\	Too Much	n=7	av.=2.00
3.3)	Integration of section with course was	Poor		Excellent	n=7	av.=2.57
3.4)	Texts, required readings	Poor		Excellent	n=5	av.=2.40
3.5)	Homework assignments	Poor	(Excellent	n=5	av.=2.20
3.6)	Graded materials, examinations	Poor		Excellent	n=5	av.=2.20
3.7)	Lecture presentations	Poor		Excellent	n=8	av.=2.63
3.8)	Class discussions	Poor	<u> </u>	Excellent	n=8	av.=2.88

Comments Report

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- Please identify what you perceive to be the real strengths and weaknesses of this teaching assistant and course.
- + He did a lot of examples on the board and really guided us in the right direction for the projects.
 - + All the slides from section were made available to us online.
 - + He explained the course concepts in a way that made sense to those of us learning the material for the first time and spent more time on things most students clearly struggled on.
 - Zengwen has no weaknesses.
- Zengwen explained concepts very clearly and was open to questions during class. Helpful. Wish we could have gotten more help on the projects though
- Zengwen knew the material well and he was clear in explaining. I am grateful that I had him as a TA.
- Zengwen's session is the most attended discussion session for this class. He is well-prepared for the session every time, is very effective and clear on the concepts, and is very helpful for answering any of my questions. The discussion helped me a lot on reviewing lecture materials and expand it a little bit more. Thank you!