

# TA EVALUATION REPORT

## Teaching Assistant Evaluation Summary

Term: 20081

Course: EE 562A

TA: Ghosh, Prasanta

Student Responses: 32

	<b>Response Average</b>
1. Clearly related the purpose and material in the discussion section to the lecture component.	4.56
2. Was consistently punctual	4.56
3. Articulated the goals of the discussion section clearly.	4.56
4. Organized the discussion section to achieve these goals.	4.63
5. Presented the material in clear, understandable language.	4.47
6. Used chalkboard and other visual aides effectively	4.47
7. Was knowledgeable about the subject matter of the course.	4.63
8. Carefully explained difficult concepts, methods and subject matter.	4.53
9. Provided useful insights into the way research is done in this field.	4.28
10. Was enthusiastic about communicating the subject matter.	4.63
11. Encouraged students to participate in their learning (e.g., through discussion, projects, study groups and other appropriate activities).	4.5
12. Was accessible to students (e.g., during office hours, before and after class, etc.)	4.56
13. Evaluated student work in fair and appropriate ways (if applicable).	4.28
14. Gave helpful feedback on assignments.	4.38
<b>General Questions</b>	
15. Overall, how would you rate this teaching assistant?	4.59
16. Overall, how would you rate this discussion section?	4.53

## Open Ended Questions

What were the TA's main strengths?

- Very approachable and willing to help. He put a lot of work into being a TA.
- He's very smart. He Also explains difficult concepts well.
- He is the best TA, I ever had. He has significant knowledge of the course and was really keen to impart the knowledge. He had not only hold his regular office hours but spared extra time for the students and took extra discussion sessions.
- enthusiastic , and give useful information, and he try to make students undertands very hard.
- Best TA for 562a. Explained the difficult concepts in discussions. Is very approachable and friendly
- An Excellent TA
- He's really responsible!
- He is very enthusiastic and is always willing to help. He has a very good understanding of the material and is good at explaining it.
- He is excited about the material and eager to teach. He was very accessible in office hours and extra hours. He was personal with students and very friendly
- Good communication,. approachable, good knowledge, clarity, over willingness to help
- Prasanta is extremely helpful and very enthusiastic about the course. He always promptly responded to e-mails and responded with insightful and helpful answers to my questions. His discussion sessions were well organized, obviously well-prepared, and complemented the lectures nicely. In addition, Prasanta passed out additional (typed) notes to help explain some of the more difficult concepts in a concise way. These proved to be extremely useful throughout the class. I am very impressed with his effort towards and enthusiasm for this course and I think Prasanta is a very large reason I grasped the material as well as I did.
- I am ALL compliments for Prasanta. He was SO amazing as a TA. In all my undergraduate and graduate years, I have NEVER seen another TA with so much enthusiasm for the material, so much dedication to the students, and so much preparation and careful thought put into everything. His discussion sessions never gave you the whole answer to a difficult problem, instead, he treated things in lower dimensional, easier to grasp examples and approaches, and let the student figure out by himself how to extend it to higher dimensions. If you gave him 3 hours a week to hold discussion, no doubt he would fill all of it and more. When you ask him a difficult, out-of-the-box question that he doesn't immediately know the answer to, he will figure it out in front of you very enthusiastically, or he will unflinchingly email you the same night, as soon as he thinks of the answer. He seeks to remember EVERYONE's names, and he tracks your progress. Amazing.
- Prasanta is very knowledgeable and extremely willing to go above and beyond his call of duty. He is by far one of the most caring TA's I have met and he truly wanted to help us learn.

- This was the best TA I have ever had. He was very clear, organized, and easy to understand. He had very good knowledge of the material and really seemed to care about what he was doing. He was very helpful and promptly replied to emails.
- A drive to help the students succeed in the course. He was also on time and patient to ensure that the subject matter was communicated effectively.
- Excellent Communication skills, and going with the pace of the student to help us understand better. Giving us extra time if needed.
- He was totally awesome.
- Was enthusiastic to convey the subject matter to the students.
- Really knows well what students want
- Good knowledge of the subject. Taught the material enthusiastically.
- His dedication to teaching and clarity.
- Excellent understanding of the subject and fantastic ability to help with the homework problems. The charts with approaches to problems were extremely helpful.

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How might this TA improve his or her teaching effectiveness?

- Extra discussion problems, while interesting and informative, didn't necessarily aid in the homeworks or exams.
- Perfection is difficult to be improved
- Must improve email communication.
- Prasanta is one of the best TA's I have had. I don't see any weaknesses
- remaining the same
- I'm not really sure. Perhaps some time split between reviewing problems in the homeworks that are due and the homeworks that have been turned in would be useful. Most of the discussion is geared towards helping students with the current homework set. I think I could have benefited from reviewing some of the tougher homework problems after I submitted them. But, since this is a difficult class with a lot of work, it's difficult to say how the time can be best split.
- He might as well be a professor. There is nothing more he can do to be better. The only thing he needs is a broadcast system (outside of DEN hours) so that he can reach more students at one time.
- What can I say.. the man has too much stamina? 5 hour review session? haha
- I cannot think of one thing he can improve upon.
- Don't be afraid to be the main TA for the whole year, despite having a second TA (=).
- Impossible to improve the perfected.
- N/A

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Additional comments?

- Great TA!
- none
- I think Prasanta deserves many thanks for his effort in this class. It is a very difficult course and all the help was very welcome!
- Honestly, even I became ashamed of asking him so many questions, but he was so patient to every one of the students. His response was always (and this is after 4 hours of continuous office hours), "you must always clear your doubts." In fact, Dr. Ortega once asked, during one of his Friday night office hours, "are you guys paying him, because every time I come here [the coffee room 4th floor], I see you."
- I would love it if I could have Prasanta as a TA again.
- Thank you for a wonderful discussion section!
- One of the BEST TAs.
- Just one of the best TA
- Prasanta is probably the best TA I ever had in my part 4 years at USC.
- Keep up the great work.