Student ASE Evaluation for Olivia Simpson  
Department of Computer Science and Engineering  

CSE 101 - Design & Analysis of Algorithm (Dasgupta, Sanjoy)  
Fall 2014  

Number of Evaluations Submitted: 30  
Number of Students Enrolled: 266  

1. The Teaching Assistant was well organized and prepared for class.  

18 (62.1%): Strongly Agree  
9 (31.0%): Agree  
2 (6.9%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable  
1: [No Response]  

2. The Teaching Assistant consistently arrived at lecture, section/lab, office hours and exams on time.  

16 (53.3%): Strongly Agree  
10 (33.3%): Agree  
3 (10.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree  
1 (3.3%): Not Applicable  

3. The Teaching Assistant presented course material clearly and answered questions accurately in class.  

16 (53.3%): Strongly Agree  
10 (33.3%): Agree  
4 (13.3%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable
4. The Teaching Assistant helped develop my thinking skills on the subject.

15 (50.0%): Strongly Agree
11 (36.7%): Agree
4 (13.3%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

5. Feedback from the Teaching Assistant on assignments, exams and/or papers was helpful and constructive.

11 (36.7%): Strongly Agree
6 (20.0%): Agree
6 (20.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
7 (23.3%): Not Applicable

6. The Teaching Assistant's explanations were appropriate, being neither too complicated nor too simple.

17 (56.7%): Strongly Agree
9 (30.0%): Agree
4 (13.3%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

7. The Teaching Assistant answered questions clearly and effectively, helping students to make connections among the course readings, assignments, and lectures.

17 (56.7%): Strongly Agree
11 (36.7%): Agree
2 (6.7%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

8. The Teaching Assistant was genuinely interested in and enthusiastic about teaching.

15 (50.0%): Strongly Agree
11 (36.7%): Agree
3 (10.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
1 (3.3%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable
9. The Teaching Assistant was accessible to students outside of class (office hours, e-mail, etc.).

10 (33.3%): Strongly Agree
8 (26.7%): Agree
3 (10.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
9 (30.0%): Not Applicable

10. The Teaching Assistant effectively connected the section/lab exercises with the material covered in lecture.

18 (60.0%): Strongly Agree
10 (33.3%): Agree
2 (6.7%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

11. In terms of communication skills, did the Teaching Assistant demonstrate any of the following? (check all that apply)

22 (88.0%): No issues
0 (0.0%): Too quiet
0 (0.0%): Too loud
1 (4.0%): Too fast
0 (0.0%): Too slow
0 (0.0%): Poor grammar and/or English language skills
0 (0.0%): Used filler words such as "um"
2 (8.0%): Other (please describe)
  • Please write bigger on the board because it is hard to see what is on the board from the back half of the room. Thank you so much!
  • Writes a little too small on the blackboard sometimes

12. I would recommend this Teaching Assistant to other students.

18 (62.1%): Strongly Agree
9 (31.0%): Agree
1 (3.4%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
1 (3.4%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
1: [No Response]
13. Please describe this person's greatest strengths as a Teaching Assistant.

- Being able to clearly explain concepts
- Clear diction and strong command of material
- clear, concise, helpful
- Clearly has a strong grasp of the material enough to simplify it enough to teach it effectively.
- Getting idea across
- Prompt, clear, and concise.
- She is really helpful and well-prepared for the discussion.
- Very clear
- Very good at giving practice sets and summarizing topics for a difficult course.

14. Please describe this person's greatest weaknesses as a Teaching Assistant.

- Needs to stay up-to-date with homework questions
- Small writing on the board, otherwise VERY recommended for this course.
- Try explaining more while writing
- Write less, explain more. This would probably leave time for more material. I found that sometimes she was rushing to finish her prepared material towards the end.

15. Do you have any other comments to add to your evaluation?

Please provide any additional constructive comments

- nope
- Olivia’s definitely ready to become the next 101 professor
- She is awesome
- Thank you so much! I know you did your best as a TA and you were able to convey topics effectively. Just write a bit bigger on the board, sometimes it is hard to tell certain letters because the room is so big.

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