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

CSE 101 - Design & Analysis of Algorithm (Kane, Daniel Mertz)
Winter 2015

Number of Evaluations Submitted: 25
Number of Students Enrolled: 161

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

19 (76.0%): Strongly Agree
6 (24.0%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

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

16 (64.0%): Strongly Agree
7 (28.0%): Agree
2 (8.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

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

18 (72.0%): Strongly Agree
5 (20.0%): Agree
1 (4.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
1 (4.0%): Not Applicable
4. The Teaching Assistant helped develop my thinking skills on the subject.

14 (56.0%): Strongly Agree
9 (36.0%): Agree
1 (4.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
1 (4.0%): Not Applicable

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

12 (48.0%): Strongly Agree
6 (24.0%): Agree
3 (12.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
1 (4.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
3 (12.0%): Not Applicable

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

15 (60.0%): Strongly Agree
8 (32.0%): Agree
1 (4.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
1 (4.0%): Not Applicable

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

14 (56.0%): Strongly Agree
8 (32.0%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
2 (8.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
1 (4.0%): Not Applicable

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

10 (40.0%): Strongly Agree
12 (48.0%): Agree
2 (8.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
1 (4.0%): 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.).

9 (36.0%): Strongly Agree  
10 (40.0%): Agree  
1 (4.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree  
5 (20.0%): Not Applicable

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

12 (48.0%): Strongly Agree  
11 (44.0%): Agree  
1 (4.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree  
1 (4.0%): Not Applicable

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

19 (61.3%): No issues  
4 (12.9%): Too quiet  
0 (0.0%): Too loud  
1 (3.2%): Too fast  
0 (0.0%): Too slow  
3 (9.7%): Poor grammar and/or English language skills  
1 (3.2%): Used filler words such as "um"  
3 (9.7%): Other (please describe)  
  • Bad handwriting.  
  • He mumbles most of the times and he is a very poor TA. I would never go to him for any help. Also, his English/accent is very bad and he is very hard to understand.  
  • In answering student questions, sometimes the responses were really good and sometimes they were really complicated and confusing.
12. I would recommend this Teaching Assistant to other students.

16 (66.7%): Strongly Agree
7 (29.2%): Agree
1 (4.2%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
1: [No Response]

13. Please describe this person's greatest strengths as a Teaching Assistant.

• Good.
• Great at explaining and clarifying material
• Great in leading relevant discussion sections that helped with digesting the course material. I liked her teaching style since it was very easy to follow and clear to understand.
• Olivia explains things very thoroughly, never makes assumptions, and can break down very complicated problems in a way that is easier to process. She is very knowledgable and overall a very effective TA.
• Organized and helps students understand clearly the materials.
• she always explain well.
• She did a very good job at making student's think to get to an answer rather than giving a very vague answer to direct questions or just giving the answer.
• She has earned my full respect from the 1st discussion. You can tell that she was in our shoes and that the course is hard, but is doable. In order to push us in the right direction, she is well prepared for any abstract questions people has asked in discussion. She gives examples and answers in the most constructive ways possible.
• She really cares about the students. I go to her office hours and I walk out having a stronger grasp on concepts I was struggling with.
• She was extremely clear in explaining all of the concepts from a given lesson during her discussion sections. She wrote clearly on the board, laid out the topic in an easy to follow format, and made sure that everyone within the section understood what was going on with any given example. She kept examples understandable and made it MUCH easier to learn the material than how it was presented in the class itself at times. I honestly felt like I ended up learning more from her discussion sections, where she would work us through an example, than from the actual lecture.
• She was very helpful, and she provided a lot of help for exams and homework. The concepts were much more clear after going to her discussion sessions.
• She's amazingly intelligent and presents information clearly and concisely. She tries to make sure everyone understands something before continuing and will lead you towards a solution rather than simply giving it to you. She's an amazing TA!
• Well prepared for discussion. Clear explanation.
14. Please describe this person's greatest weaknesses as a Teaching Assistant.

- NONE!
- Nothing really comes to mind, Olivia is awesome!

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

*Please provide any additional constructive comments*

- I would never have survived this class without Olivia's guidance. I've had 2 amazing TA's at UCSD and she is one of them!
- If she were the TA in another class of mine, I'd definitely attend the discussion sections no question. She just explains the material so clearly and makes it easy for the students to follow along and understand what's happening. Great TA!
- My favorite CSE course TA so far. Keep up the great work!
- She is definitely ready to teach 101, Olivia is the best!

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