

This document contains the official teaching evaluations of Luwei Ying. The table presents the average evaluation results cross the courses where Luwei served as an *Assistant to instructor* (AI) (i.e., teaching assistant) at Washington University in St. Louis. The **Instruction** section only applies to the courses where Luwei regularly led lab sessions, including *Quantitative Political Methodology I* (G)raduate level, *Quantitative Political Methodology* (U)ndergraduate level, and *Politics and the Theory of Games* (U). The **Interaction with Students** section also applies to *Conflict and Security in International Relations* (U), *Political Violence and Ethnic Conflict* (U), and *International Political Economy* (U).

Table 1: Teaching Evaluations Summary

	Median	Mean	PoliSci Dept Mean	Arts&Sci School Mean
Instruction <i>strongly disagree(1) – strongly agree (5)</i>				
The AI Effectively led the section	5	4.66	4.31	4.30
Material was presented clearly	5	4.56	4.27	4.30
Questions were answered clearly and concisely	5	4.78	4.28	4.29
Topics were effectively related to the course lectures	5	4.62	4.36	4.39
Communicated at a level appropriate for the class	5	4.62	4.41	4.38
Interaction with Students <i>strongly disagree(1) – strongly agree (5)</i>				
Expectations were clearly explained	5	4.67	4.20	4.32
Grading procedures were fair	5	4.89	4.25	4.28
The AI was concerned for students	5	4.89	4.20	4.32
The AI was available for consultation outside of section	5	4.89	4.26	4.33
The AI maintained positive environment in section	5	4.89	4.25	4.39

Unedited open-ended reviews from all above courses are pasted below in random order:

- Luwei– You are the most capable, useful and professional assistant instructor I have ever worked with. You took so much time throughout the semester ensuring that all the students who needed help had access to it. You also seem to have a natural gift making complex topics easier to swallow. Thank you so much!
- Luwei is so nice and helpful. She devoted a lot of time and passion in this course.
- Luwei was an incredible AI. She knows the material inside and out, she can explain anything from the smallest detail to the biggest concept very clearly, and she was amazingly patient while we asked her questions. I tried to do as much of the homework as possible by Luwei’s Friday afternoon office hours so that I had a complete list of questions for her from the lectures, exercises, and homework, and I always left those meetings with her feeling like I better understood the material, why we were learning it, and confident that I could master it. When the class went virtual, she continued to attend our lectures on Zoom, and also held her usual office hours on Zoom so that our learning was the least disrupted. Other AIs in other courses were not so dedicated, and I greatly appreciated Luwei’s commitment to helping us. Thank you, Luwei, for helping me and my peers through QPM!

- She was an amazing resource with her constant help, command of the material, and supportive pep-talks. She was so helpful that I cannot imagine taking this course without her help and support!
- Luwei was an amazing AI for this course. She has a clear understanding of the materials and illustrates them very clearly. She was always ready to help whenever we asked a question and she was enthusiastic about reaching out and teaching the material.
- I really enjoyed TA sessions with Luwei. She has helped with understanding course materials and assignments.
- Having regular office hours with Luwei on Fridays kept me motivated and on a steady path to success during the quarantine phase of this semester.
- She is responsive to every student.
- So friendly and kind, and very good at explaining the problems. I loved going to her section even though it was a morning class
- I love Luwei!!!!!!
- Luwei always came to our subsections extremely prepared and explained concepts clearly and methodically. It's obvious that she's very intelligent and also cares about the class and the students.
- Luwei was great! She really went above and beyond to help me learn the material. I would not be doing as well in the class without her help.
- Luwei was a great TA.
- She was the best!
- Very smart. Clearly knows what she is doing and can help students despite how much work it was to be an AI for this class. She balances her time well.
- you were very friendly! I didn't attend many subsections, but I wish I had
- Luwei Ying was always helpful, available, and kind to students.
- Luwei is absolutely wonderful. Each semester I have had her, she has consistently been my best TA by far.
- We didn't have a section, but Luwei is literally the best AI ever.
- Luwei was by far the BEST and most helpful resource in QPM this semester. My success on the midterm and ability to get through the class can almost single handedly be attributed to Luwei's office hours and her strong ability to explain complicated concepts in simple, clear ways. Luwei is so sweet, always willing to help, and keeps this class afloat. She is truly the most positive aspect of this entire course without question. The one lecture that she taught was the strongest of the entire semester.
- She is very patient and always cheerful
- Luwei was awesome! She was a great lab leader and really helped me learn.
- Luwei was a great lab leader! She always has a positive attitude and you can tell that she genuinely wants us to understand the material. The day that she gave the lecture was super impressive and she tried really hard to keep people engaged.

- Super helpful explanations of difficult subject matter. Put it into a much easier context when the Professor explained things too math-y.
- Luwei was actually amazing. She is one of the best TAs I've ever had at washu. she was so nice, caring and helpful. If I had questions she was always willing to help me and honestly I would not have survived this class without her.
- Luwei is the reason I passed this class. Protect her at all costs.
- Luwei was an AMAZING TA and the only reason I was able to make it through QPM. She is patient, caring, and so effective at explaining complex statistics concepts to people with no background in the field. This class would crumble without Luwei's leadership. By far the best/strongest thing this course has to offer.
- I wish that the subsection and lectures were more obviously connected because subsection felt entirely separate from what we would learn earlier in the week.
- she should teach the class!!
- She was amazing!! Such a nice person and very helpful!
- Luwei instructed a couple of my lab sections, she was clearly enthusiastic and attempting to answer all questions from students.
- She guided us through the work well.
- She is the best!
- Very patient with everyone
- She's awesome! Really great! So helpful! She explains things very clearly and is very patient
- Luwei was incredibly kind and instructive during all of her office hour sections. She was helpful and patient and I appreciate the time she took to help clarify what we learned in class.
- Luwei was not my TA but I went to her hours and she was so helpful and readily accessible. If she were the lecturer I would understand content a lot more.
- Luwei was very encouraging and engaging. Very clear that she wanted to help the students.
- Luwei is a passionate instructor and always created a good environment for learning and making mistakes without feeling bad about it. However, it was sometimes hard to learn concepts from her because her explanations didn't dumb the information down enough for someone who isn't as learned in this field.