

## **Spring 2018 (TA for Algorithms)**

- I really enjoyed your enthusiasm!
- He was a great TA!
- Shivendra is enthusiastic and passionate, which is engaging and gets me excited about the material as well. I definitely enjoyed having him as my TA for this course.
- Great TA who genuinely was excited to teach and help us learn. He honestly was much more helpful than the professors ever was.
- You seem to really enjoy teaching Keep up the good work
- You are an amazing teacher and I really appreciate the effort and enthusiasm you showed all semester long. Wouldnt have made it through without you..

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- I loved this recitation and always felt like I learned valuable information that helped me with the assignments. I felt like the concepts were laid out in an easy to understand way. I always felt that the TA was incredibly sincere and wanted to help or encourage in any way possible to make our experience in the course the best that it could be.
- I want to say thankyou for being an amazing recitation teacher and making sure to take extra time on the things that are important to this course and our future as a whole in computer science. For me personally, this was the most educational and interesting recitation I've had this far in computer science. Lastly I wanted to thank you for always taking the extra time and effort to ponder our ideas and thoughts and provide constructive and informative feedback, as it has allowed me to gain a much deeper understanding of the material. Hope you have a great rest of your year.
- Best TA I've ever had. Did good job at communicating the ideas presented in class and was prepared for recitation every time
- You were unfathomably excited about our course material every single week, despite having to give a lecture at 8 AM. Excellent job. A few suggestions: (1) You shouldn't cater to students who show up late. I came in late a number of times, and you were always quick to catch me up. That was very kind! But everyone else who showed up on time had to re-listen, in effect kind of "punishing" them for showing up on time. Maybe that doesn't make sense. Whatever, just a thought. (2) Speak a bit slower during your explanations. You're just so gosh-darn excited about the material and being a good instructor! Slowing down might help you gauge your student's comprehension. (3) Don't make it obvious that the grades will be easy. You said multiple times that the grading will be easy or we can get points for showing up if we just email you. I hesitate to suggest this strategy for future semesters, as it is an easy position to take advantage of. At least make the students think that they have to show up on time and do hard work. Overall, you were a great TA. Thanks for caring so much, it was extremely evident in your teaching style and your constant availability to help. Cheers, Jon Oulton
- Amazing TA
- Shivendra made algorithms much more enjoyable than it would have been otherwise. He went above and beyond in making himself available to help students, and his lectures were very easy to follow because he didn't go too fast, encouraged questions, and made sure to explain the simple concepts well so that we could have a good foundation in understanding the more complicated concepts. It is easy to say that he is the best TA I have had in college so far.
- You explained things so clearly in recitation it made understand the material wayy easier. This class would have been much harder without you :)
- One of the best TAs I've had, I think he understands the material more than the professor. His passion for algorithms and his interest in helping students learn results in very insightful conversations that help your understanding beyond solving an assignment.

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- He was awesome no constructive criticism needed.
- Shiv is great. He's a beast and I don't have any constructive comments for him! YOU GO SHIV.
- Shiv, Don't change anything!! You're the best TA ever. You honestly teach better than the professors. You are always there to help and I cannot say thank you enough!! I really appreciate everything!!
- You're incredibly enthusiastic about teaching the class and you offered so much of your time to help the students. Thank you so much!
- Great work Shiv! Your recitations were very helpful!
- Shiv was possibly the best TA I have ever had. He made himself available for office hours that were truly the only way to survive and excel in Algorithms. He was excited about the material and taught us how to do well in interviews and how to think about many different types of problems. He was friendly and responsive and would answer my emails quickly with very helpful responses even though he was also a full time grad student himself.
- Shivrendra was always willing to help and share information, and was extremely enthusiastic.
- Excellent TA. Extremely encouraging and caring about students success. Excellent at explaining concepts in multiple ways.
- Shivendra was the only TA to my knowledge that held office hours. This helped tremendously with understanding homework questions. He brought a good attitude to the class and really wanted his students to learn and understand the materials. This helped especially when one was trying to understand dynamic programming. He also was good at talking with students and encouraging them to work as hard as they could. His accent was hard at first but that is not something that really effected my understanding of the class after a couple of classes. He was good at answering emails and responding to post on piazza(the online forms). I liked how right before spring break he brought some chocolate which made the class lively and encouraged students to show up to recitation. I would say that he is a pretty good TA and would want him to come back next semester, but i wish him luck on his PHD program this coming fall.
- Your enthusiasm about algorithms was great! I had a great experience in your recitation and you had a great way of explaining complicated algorithms.
- Gave extremely useful office hours after each session, I felt as though I sincerely understood the concepts he gave instead of merely knowing the answers.
- Shiv always brought really relevant material to class and really tried to help us understand the content. He really cared that we understood what was going on in the class and explained things in a way that was easy to understand. He even added office hours even though they weren't required of him because he cared about our success!
- Recitation was a huge help in understanding the course material and homework. Shivendra Agrawal is the best TA I ever had

## **Fall 2019 (Instructor for Algorithms)**

- Shiv did a great job encouraging students to want to learn the material even when students were very unhappy with the class experience. I think it's unfortunate that Shiv taught this class because he's a really great instructor and genuinely cares about student success in college and our future, but this class was just set up for failure no matter who instructed it. I hope I have the opportunity to take more classes with Shiv. Of all the cs instructors I've had at CU, Shiv has put in the most effort regardless of how he was treated by students in return. Thanks Shiv.
- One of the best professors I have encountered at CU.
- Writing notes completely from scratch, it would make it easier for me to take notes in class along with the teacher
- He really wanted us to succeed and I learned so much more than I thought I would! He made going to class sooo much better

- He always sends us the topic before class, which makes me prepared for every class. He also distribute us candice, i love that.
- Really helped me understand any concepts that i had difficulty with.
- Really enjoyed the class, Shivendra did a great job keeping my attention throughout the class.
- Thank you for this class, I didn't really enjoy it but I learnt a lot.
- First week or two of material was hard/not taught well but rest of the class was great.
- Shivrenda needs to slow down a bit to avoid making mistakes. Understood he is a newer instructor but he does have a tendency to rush and make mistakes he has to correct.
- I personally preferred taking notes from the distance learning section because the notes and lecture period seemed more structured and linear. Shiv compensated for this by being extremely dedicated to those students who wished to succeed.
- This is one of the most challenging CS class. Have to put a lot of effort to it
- Check my other one. But awesome lecture. It's obvious you really tried and were really invested in the class. It shows 10-fold. In addition just so you know most students in other lectures used your lecture notes.
- He's very kind and did an amazing job. I especially appreciate him trying to make the course more manageable for students so we get the most out of what we are learning

## **Fall 2020 (TA for Human-Computer Interaction)**

- Shivendra was a pleasure to learn from this semester! He was an exceptionally positive figure in my semester and I always looked forward to his class.
- He doesn't need to work on anything, one of the best TAs I've ever had.
- I really enjoyed the course! My favorite parts are getting hands on experience in recitation practicing. I think it would be helpful to make the lecture even more interactive. Since it is a longer lecture maybe once every week we could do 15 minutes practicing what we learn in class and then critique or go over people's work so we can learn from our mistakes early on.
- N/A
- One of the best TA's I've had :)
- He was very helpful for during our recitations with the labs and projects. Overall very nice and polite.
- My experience with Shivendra was purely positive.
- Really nice person and understanding of the situation. No complaints at all
- I'm sure this recitation would have been very different if we were in person, but Shivendra made the best out of the situation. Sometimes that random breakout rooms were annoying since I felt that most of the assignments could have been done alone, but that's probably due to the structure of the class and not Shivendra himself. Overall he made things very clear and always made sure to give us as much information as possible. I really appreciated how easy it was to communicate with him. I also really appreciated his weekly email that had all of the information that we would need for the recitation.
- With the current state of the world, it is harder for weekly assignments to work with a partner and submit the same assignment.
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- Shivendra was a really great TA. He always showed up to recitation with a huge smile on his face which was much appreciated and explained things thoroughly. He always made sure to ask if anyone had any questions or concerns as well. He was great!
- It was a great time having you as a TA!
- Wow, Shivendra is the best TA in the world. He made the class very enjoyable. He has pushed me to become a better designer, and he honestly made me realize what I was to do in my career path. He said that he really appreciates my effort in this class because of my UI and it really made me feel good about my work because I spent a lot of time on it. Thank you Shivendra.

## Spring 2021 (TA for Intro to Robotics)

- Shivendra was one of the most helpful TA's I have ever encountered. He was always willing to help with any problem and always took time out of his day to solve any problem. He demonstrated knowledge of the material and an understanding of student lifestyle that makes him stand out as an TA and a instructor
- Excellent TA
- I really appreciate how much you participated in our education and how much you seemed to care.
- Thank you for giving us feedback on our project and giving us ideas on how to correct some things. You provided us with a lot of help even if you just tell it was all us.
- Shiv has been one of the best TAs I have had in college. He was super respectful and was always helped with a smile on his face!
- I think you did a wonderful job at providing help in labs and in office hours. The tips for the homeworks were really helpful. I really appreciated the amount of time you spent helping me and others outside of office hours and on piazza. Thank you for a great semester!
- You were a really awesome Robotics TA! I liked how you were willing to explain the background of a function or idea with examples so I could understand a concept better. I also liked how you would go above and beyond to help me figure out a problem in office hours or in lab and how active you were on Piazza. I don't have any suggestions to improve. Thanks for a great semester!
- I just want to say that you were an awesome instructor for this course! You are very knowledgeable in the field, and provide excellent explanations of complex topics in a way that is easy to understand and build upon. Additionally, you were always available to provide additional help/questions on assignments. Thank you very much for all of your work this semester!
- The time you took to explain stuff to us in labs and office hours was very helpful. The piazza discussion boards and the notes you made there were a very effective resource for me.
- Shivendra was one of the best TA's ive ever had. Extremely responsive and helpful at all times
- Great class! At times I felt the homeworks could be better explained, or at least that there could be better communication of what the homeworks asked - sometimes we'd ask a question and the answer would be "try this and see if it works". I really like this as an answer for an unconstrained exploration setting, but when we're trying to make time for this assignment as well as assignments for 3 or 4 other classes, some more concrete guidance would be super useful. In all other aspects, y'all did great! Thank you
- I thought that Shiv did a great job at explaining concepts to students. Every time I talked to him he was very knowledgeable and could always help me with challenges I was facing. He took time out of his personal schedule to host additional office hours to explain tough concepts. I found him to be one of the best TA's I have had throughout my undergrad.
- N/A
- Shiv is the best TA I ever met!!!
- I really want to say thank you to both TAs. They really helped me a lot to survive this course. They are among the best TAs I've ever had at CU.
- Shiv was a great TA. He was really good at clarifying things without outright giving me the answer. Every time I went into his office hours, I left with a better understanding of not just the subject I was confused about, but how I could better integrate it as well. He also made it very clear that he cared about us as people, and sometimes paused office hours when we were one-on-one to ask how I was doing. I definitely appreciate him and all his hard work; it made the lab and my semester in general a lot more enjoyable.

## **Fall 2021 (TA for Intro to Robotics)**

- Thanks for all your help this semester! You helped me learn the material.
- I appreciate the lengths you went to to help us, but the unfortunate side-effect was that often groups would get stuck in lab and you'd be too busy helping a group to help other groups. Still, the help that you did give was effective, and you seemed really passionate about the material.
- Shivendra went above and beyond to help our group really understand the material, while still making sure we were challenged in recitation. He was very well prepared and available to answer questions; I learned so much more in this class because of it.
- Was a good TA and had no issues with anything
- I only wish the office hours would be held later in the week after recitations
- You were SO HELPFUL in me learning robotics!!! I really appreciated how willing you always were to answer questions and how you helped us without giving us the complete answer so that we still had to learn the material. I also appreciated how available you were to help, whether in lecture, on piazza, in office hours, or over email. I really appreciated how positive you always were - you made my group members and I feel like we were making a lot of progress and you gave us a lot of optimism when we got stuck on labs. I honestly don't have much constructive feedback because you did a fantastic job as a TA!!!
- Very knowledgeable and easy to approach to ask for help. One of the TAs was always there during lab time to ask for help.
- Your willingness to help at absurd hours was an incredible resource. I have had you as a TA for a couple classes and I always look forward to the class in which you are a TA in.
- Thanks for being a great TA! You answered questions quite succinctly!
- Recitation was extremely useful.
- The lab section of intro to robotics was a great experience for me. I enjoyed working on projects with my peers. Shivendra was available and willing to help always throughout the duration of the lab. Appreciated that.

## **Spring 2022 (TA for Intro to Robotics)**

- I have learned a lot from you Shiv! Thank you for the clear explanation of challenging topics. I actually enjoyed the class because I was understanding the topics really well. The projects, labs, and homework feel scary but after I am done I feel like I grew more as a computer scientist. So thank you so much for the semester!
- Shivendra is such a valuable addition to the Computer Science department. Not only is his own PhD work inspiring, his ability to simplify concepts and articulate methods to have us find solutions was extremely helpful throughout the course. He was always available to assist when needed and I would say he is one of the rare TAs I will miss now that the course is finished. I hope I get to interact with him more on campus at some point.
- Shivendra is one of the best TAs I have had at CU. He has always been very kind and knowledgeable, and I can tell that he cares about teaching and about robotics. His posts and videos throughout this class have been really helpful, and I am appreciative that he took the time to do these extra things for the students.
- Fantastic help throughout throughout the whole semester, really changed what I thought a TA could mean to a student. Absolutely contributed to my ability to understand the course.