

**UMass Amherst Student Response to Discussion/Lab Section Instruction
SPRING 2025 OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES**

Course: PHIL 180 Section: 01AB (52557)
Instructor: Yuan, He

What aspects of the section leader's teaching were most helpful to you?	What suggestions do you have for how the section leader could improve the learning experience for you?
Visual representations of course material	
I think He is very good at explaining topics in a way that isn't complicated. I appreciated our extra discussions outside of class.	I think He can work a little bit on clarity when speaking. Only very occasionally, it was a little tough to understand him. Otherwise, he was really good.
Our section leader was always available to answer questions, and was wonderful to receive help from in office hours!	
He really encouraged class discussions, and invited us to think about topics for ourselves before joining in to the discussion.	
Good explanations and references	
He always explained the materials, encouraged the students' perspectives, and answered our questions well. Drawing and speaking elements were helpful together. I also liked having the quiz questions written on the board before quiz time because it gave us a chance to reflect on our class notes/ speak with other students. The paper handouts were also very helpful, and I referred back to them when writing my papers. Group work was also a fun, interactive part of this discussion. It helped us all break out of our shells and share new ideas with one another.	I wish the handouts were posted online/ sent through email in case of misplacement. I would also encourage more students to attend office hours because they were super helpful for me! Thank you for a great semester.
How we had to talk to classmates and how he explained things, kinda hard to understand him sometimes though. He's really funny and nice though	
I loved having He as my TA, I thought he was funny, and inviting while also being clear with what he taught and extremely fair when grading.	Nothing currently!
Drawing/ mapping out points on the board	Timing our discussions a little better, we only missed one in the whole semester but that is all I can think of.