

Political Science TA Completed 2025 Spring / Student Course Evaluation (End of Term) / Anonymous SurveyCourse Assignments: 103 / Survey Participants: 1487

Schedule: 4/18/2025 to 5/2/2025

Results Available: 5/16/2025



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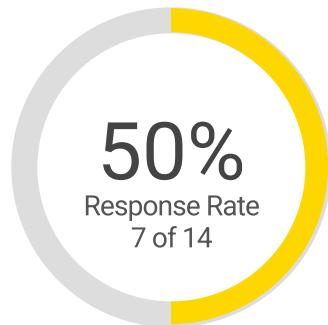
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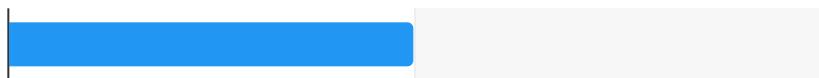
Course Section: POLI SCI 348 302 Analysis of International Relations

Course Section Director: NA

Instructor: John Hicks

 Survey Overview : Course Section Results Aggregate Survey Metrics : Course Section Results Aggregate

## Office Hours



| Avg<br>(Average) | Min | Max | #Resp<br>(Number<br>of<br>Responses) | Target | Success |
|------------------|-----|-----|--------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| 5                | 5   | 5   | 7                                    | NA     | NA      |

## Performance



4      4.2      4.4      4.6      4.8      5

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| 4.57             | 4   | 5   | 7                                    | NA     | NA      |

## Survey Data : Course Section Results Aggregate

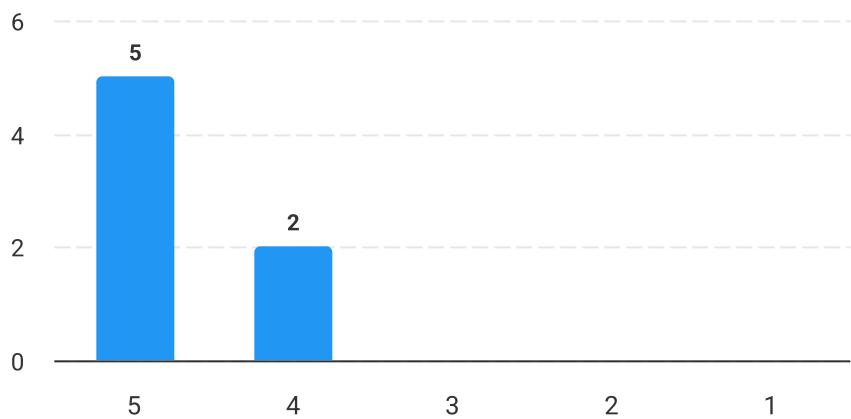
### TA evaluation questions:

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Assignments and tests handled by the TA were returned with useful feedback.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

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|------------------------------|-------|
| 5 Strongly Agree             | 5     |
| 4 Agree                      | 2     |
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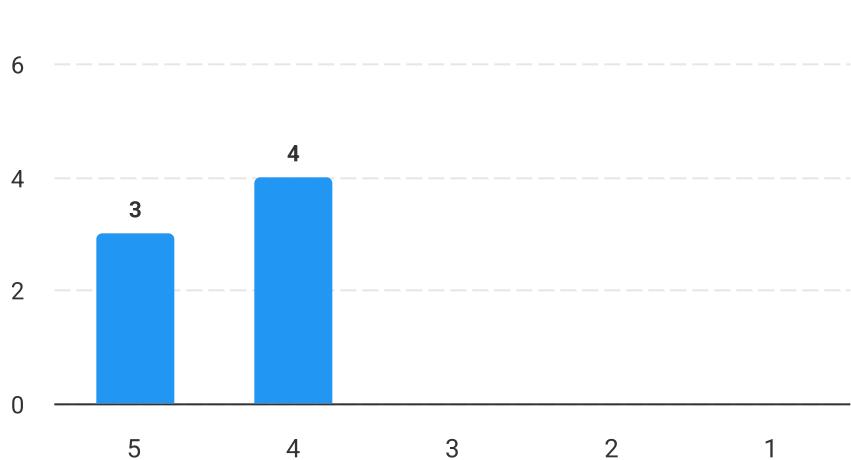
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| Average                        | 4.71 |
| Median                         | 5.00 |
| Mode                           | 5    |
| Std. Dev. (Standard Deviation) | 0.45 |
| Variance                       | 0.20 |

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2 The TA was clear in presenting subject matter.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

| Value Option                 | Total |
|------------------------------|-------|
| 5 Strongly Agree             | 3     |
| 4 Agree                      | 4     |
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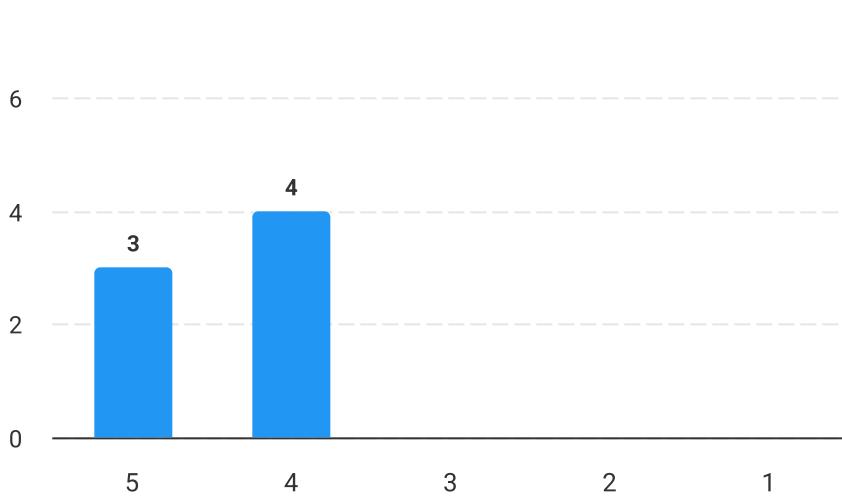
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| Average                        | 4.43 |
| Median                         | 4.00 |
| Mode                           | 4    |
| Std. Dev. (Standard Deviation) | 0.49 |
| Variance                       | 0.24 |

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3 The TA presented the material in an interesting and engaging way.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

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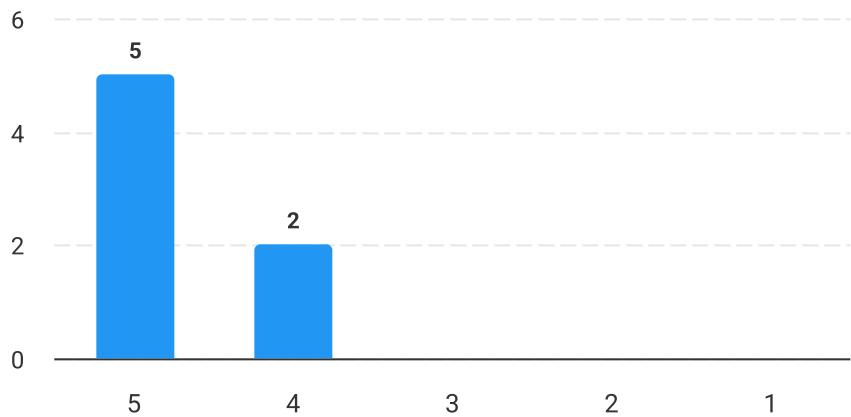
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4 I felt comfortable asking questions.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

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|------------------------------|-------|
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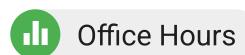
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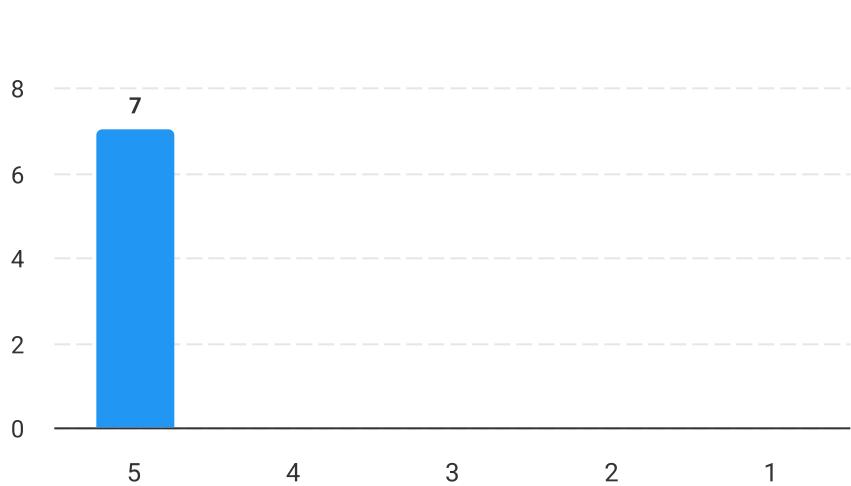
The TA was available during office hours or by appointment.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)



#### Value Option

| Value Option                 | Total |
|------------------------------|-------|
| 5 Strongly Agree             | 7     |
| 4 Agree                      | 0     |
| 3 Neither agree nor disagree | 0     |
| 2 Disagree                   | 0     |
| 1 Strongly Disagree          | 0     |



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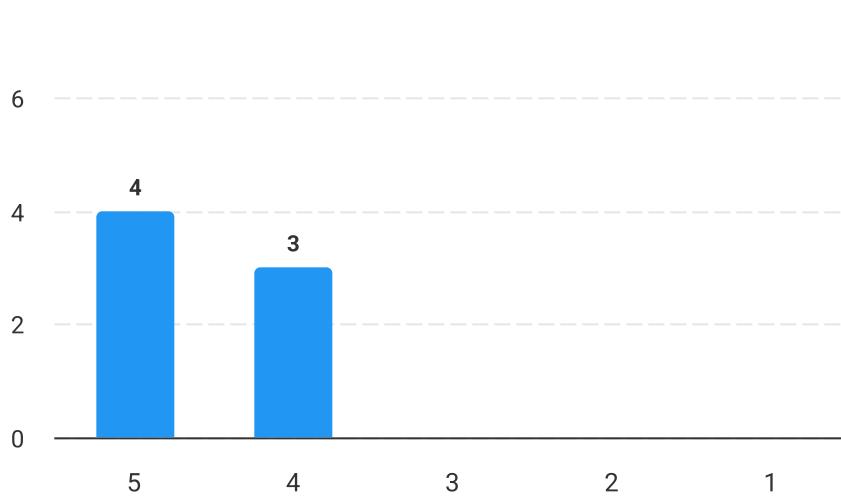
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(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

### Performance

| Value Option | Total |
|--------------|-------|
| 5 Excellent  | 4     |
| 4 Good       | 3     |
| 3 Average    | 0     |
| 2 Fair       | 0     |
| 1 Poor       | 0     |



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Are there distinctive qualities or specific talents about the TA that you would like to highlight?

(Text/Memo)

- Very responsive 24/7
- I felt that John taught me more in this class than the professor did. I am not sure if that's just how the course is set up, but John went through multiple examples for every type of question in class, and was able to clarify everything asked of him. Furthermore, he was very accommodating when it came to my schedule and when I needed additional instruction. His feedback on my assignments also helped my fix my mistakes before the midterm.
- John was always prepared for discussion and the examples he provided us with were useful for clarity and exam preparation. Really enjoyed coming to section and having my questions answered.
- John is a great teacher in many aspects. Not only is he patient, funny, and good at what we are learning, but he is also open to student comments/questions and quick to fix any minor errors he might have made. He always responds quickly and with such detailed explanations that I am genuinely impressed by. It shows that he cares

and ensures we know what the grades reflect and how to improve later. Sadly this is my last semester in college, otherwise I would've wanted to take more classes with him as a TA.

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(Text/Memo)

- N/A
- n/a
- I really enjoyed all the section materials that John created with weekly practice problems. Those are extremely helpful in terms of preparing for exams and finishing homework. I almost never need to study extra because we have already gone over the same question/logic, they are easy to understand and digest, thanks to John's hard work. I also liked that he would go over at least one problem with us in class before letting the students explore on their own since that really cleared most of the confusions I had in lecture, which gave me a lot of confidence in answering more mathematical/analytical questions in a social science course.

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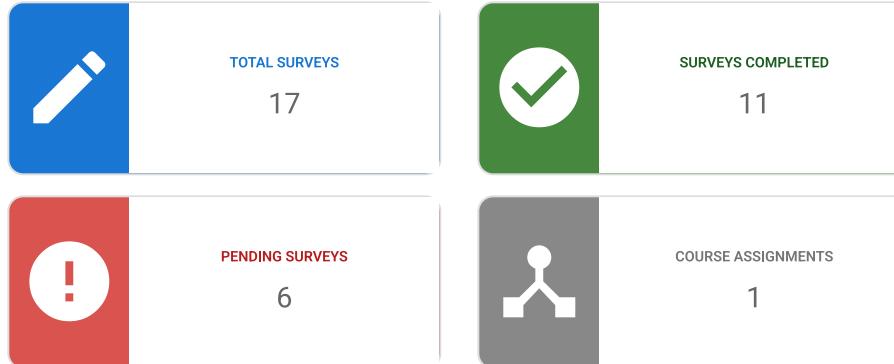
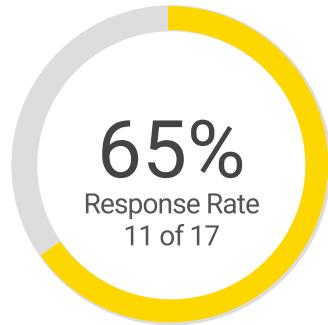
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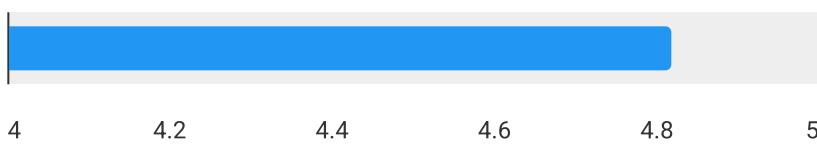
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## Office Hours



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|------------------|-----|-----|--------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| 4.82             | 4   | 5   | 11                                   | NA     | NA      |

## Performance



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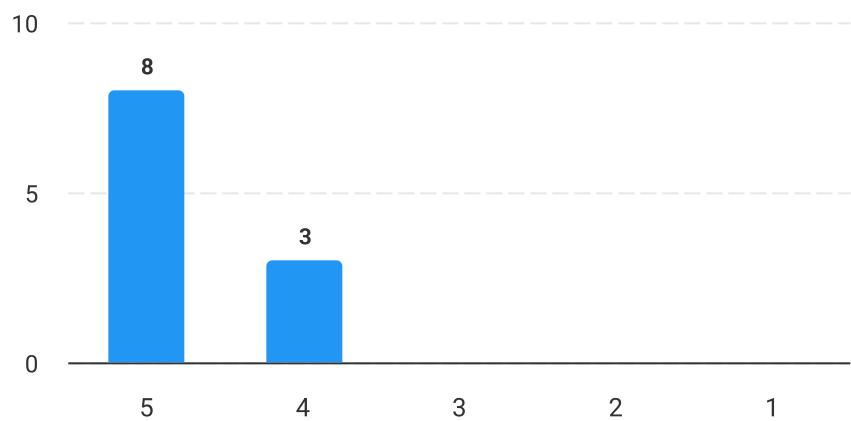
### TA evaluation questions:

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(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

| Value Option                 | Total |
|------------------------------|-------|
| 5 Strongly Agree             | 8     |
| 4 Agree                      | 3     |
| 3 Neither agree nor disagree | 0     |
| 2 Disagree                   | 0     |
| 1 Strongly Disagree          | 0     |



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|--------------------------------|------|
| Average                        | 4.73 |
| Median                         | 5.00 |
| Mode                           | 5    |
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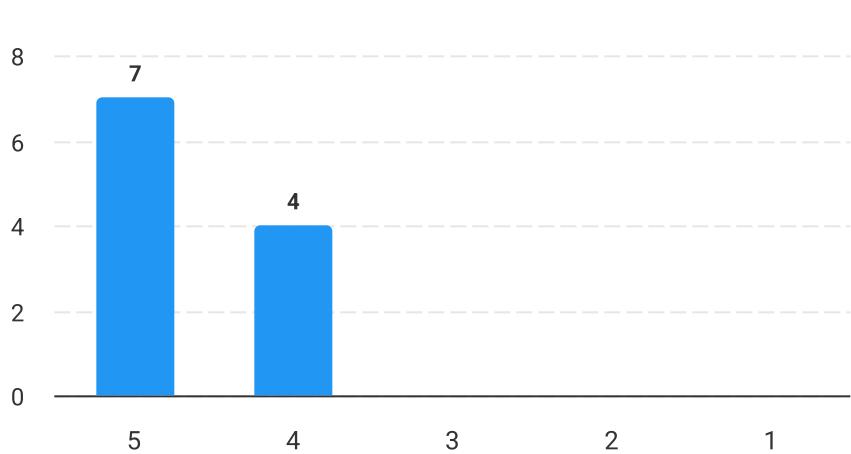
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The TA was clear in presenting subject matter.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

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| 5 Strongly Agree             | 7     |
| 4 Agree                      | 4     |
| 3 Neither agree nor disagree | 0     |
| 2 Disagree                   | 0     |
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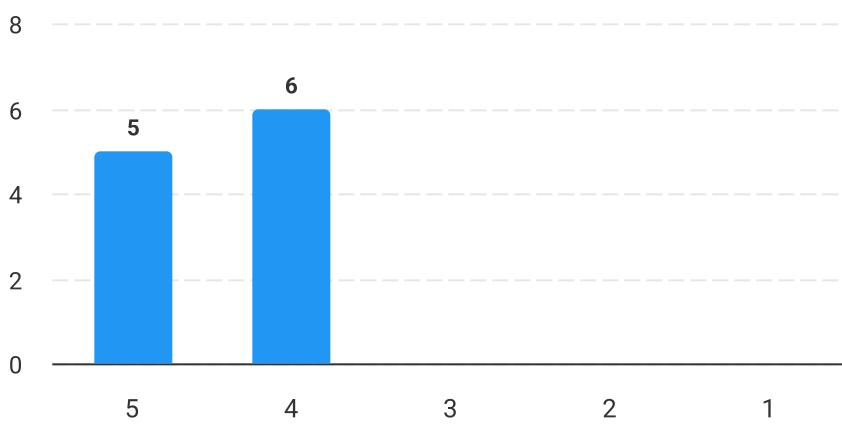
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The TA presented the material in an interesting and engaging way.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

| Value Option                 | Total |
|------------------------------|-------|
| 5 Strongly Agree             | 5     |
| 4 Agree                      | 6     |
| 3 Neither agree nor disagree | 0     |
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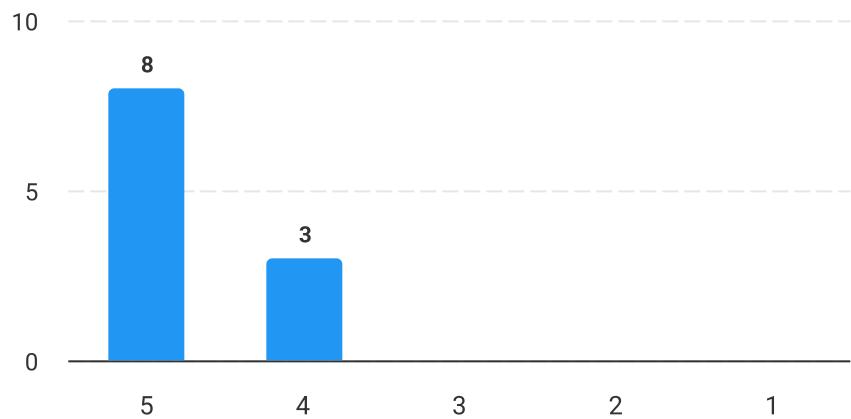
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| Average                        | 4.45 |
| Median                         | 4.00 |
| Mode                           | 4    |
| Std. Dev. (Standard Deviation) | 0.50 |
| Variance                       | 0.25 |

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4 I felt comfortable asking questions.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

| Value Option                 | Total |
|------------------------------|-------|
| 5 Strongly Agree             | 8     |
| 4 Agree                      | 3     |
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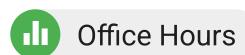
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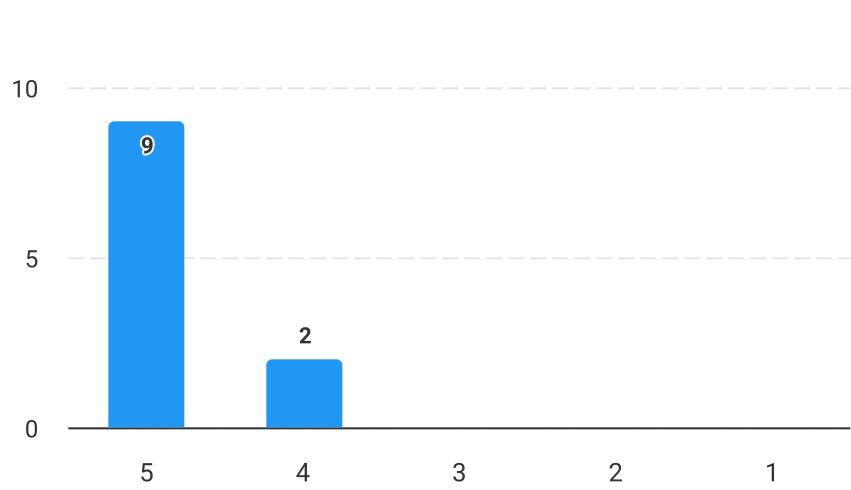
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The TA was available during office hours or by appointment.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)



| Value Option                 | Total |
|------------------------------|-------|
| 5 Strongly Agree             | 9     |
| 4 Agree                      | 2     |
| 3 Neither agree nor disagree | 0     |
| 2 Disagree                   | 0     |
| 1 Strongly Disagree          | 0     |



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|--------------------------------|------|
| Average                        | 4.82 |
| Median                         | 5.00 |
| Mode                           | 5    |
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| Variance                       | 0.15 |

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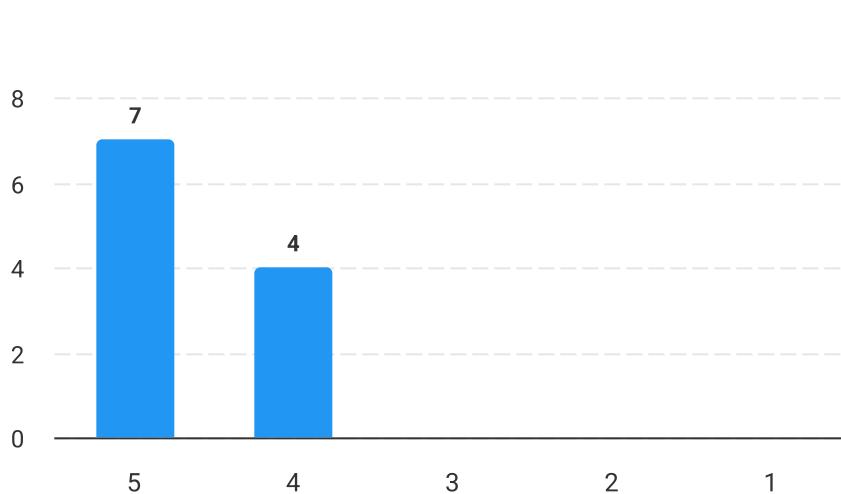
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### Performance

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|--------------|-------|
| 5 Excellent  | 7     |
| 4 Good       | 4     |
| 3 Average    | 0     |
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Are there distinctive qualities or specific talents about the TA that you would like to highlight?

(Text/Memo)

- He got better as we went on- which means he was listening to us and that's the best thing a TA can do, make sure he makes sense to the people learning it.
- He was always willing to answer questions and was great at explaining the concepts in the class.
- At first the TA could have been a lot better at explaining the material on worksheets, but then this changed about a third of the way into the semester and the TA began to do examples with the class before having the students do them on their own. After this change it was a lot easier to understand the concepts from class and learn about the material.
- he was always available to answer questions and very patient with questions

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(Text/Memo)

- Nothing, he is great
- I would just say his handwriting could have been more clear, however, there were no major issues that I had with his teaching style.
- One area of improvement could be making sure to write out all of the steps of an equation and not simplifying it in your head and then writing them out.

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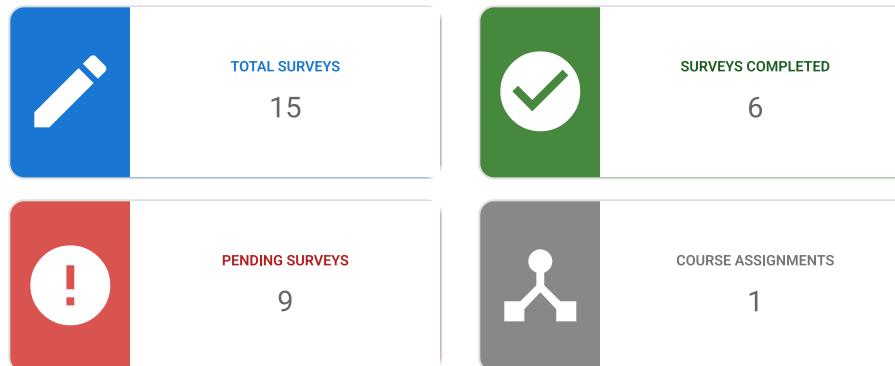
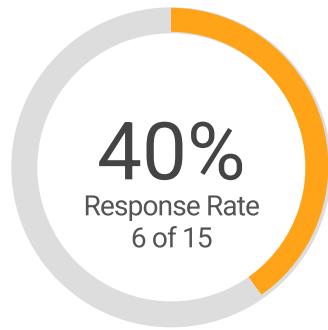
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| 4.33             | 3   | 5   | 6                                    | NA     | NA      |

## Performance



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| Avg<br>(Average) | Min | Max | #Resp<br>(Number<br>of<br>Responses) | Target | Success |
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| 4.67             | 4   | 5   | 6                                    | NA     | NA      |

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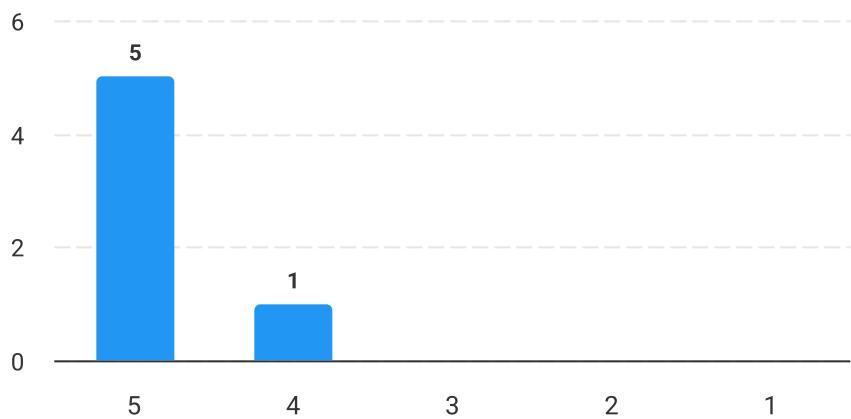
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| 4 Agree                      | 1     |
| 3 Neither agree nor disagree | 0     |
| 2 Disagree                   | 0     |
| 1 Strongly Disagree          | 0     |



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|--------------------------------|------|
| Average                        | 4.83 |
| Median                         | 5.00 |
| Mode                           | 5    |
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| Variance                       | 0.14 |

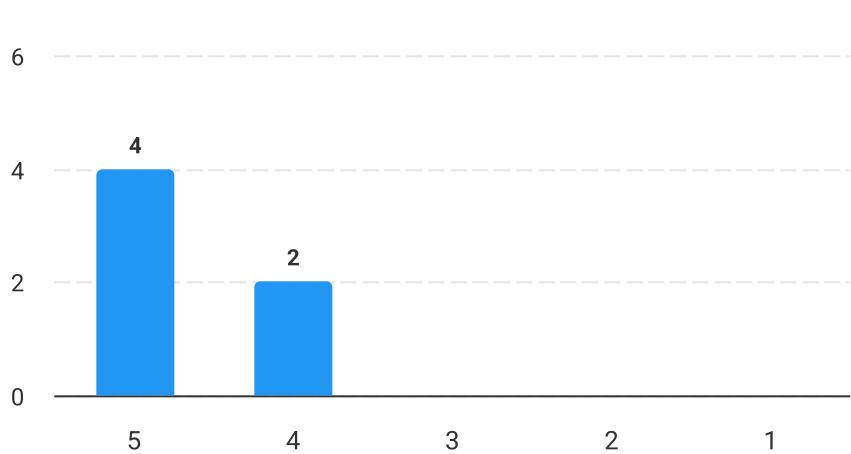
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The TA was clear in presenting subject matter.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

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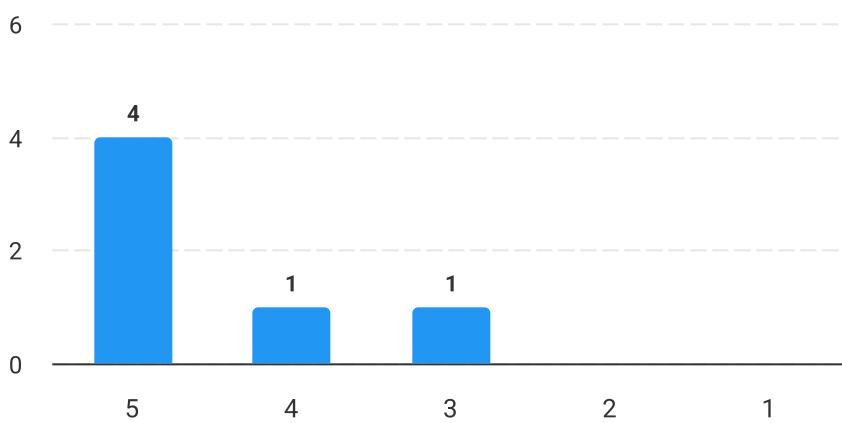
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| Value Option                 | Total |
|------------------------------|-------|
| 5 Strongly Agree             | 4     |
| 4 Agree                      | 1     |
| 3 Neither agree nor disagree | 1     |
| 2 Disagree                   | 0     |
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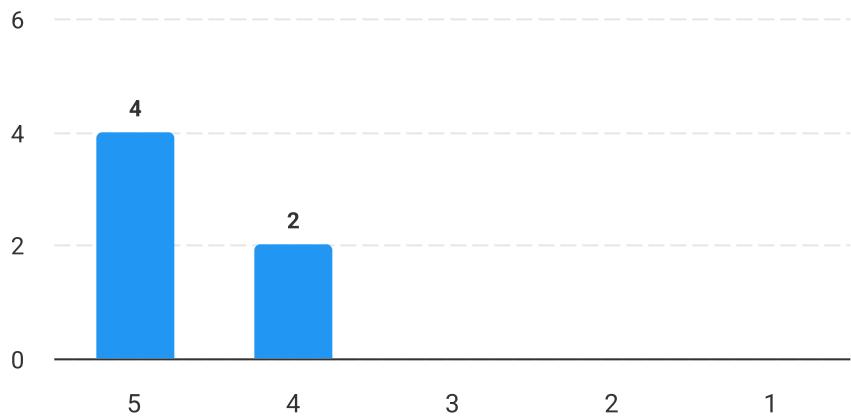
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| Median                         | 5.00 |
| Mode                           | 5    |
| Std. Dev. (Standard Deviation) | 0.76 |
| Variance                       | 0.58 |

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4 I felt comfortable asking questions.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)

| Value Option                 | Total |
|------------------------------|-------|
| 5 Strongly Agree             | 4     |
| 4 Agree                      | 2     |
| 3 Neither agree nor disagree | 0     |
| 2 Disagree                   | 0     |
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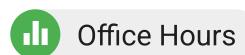
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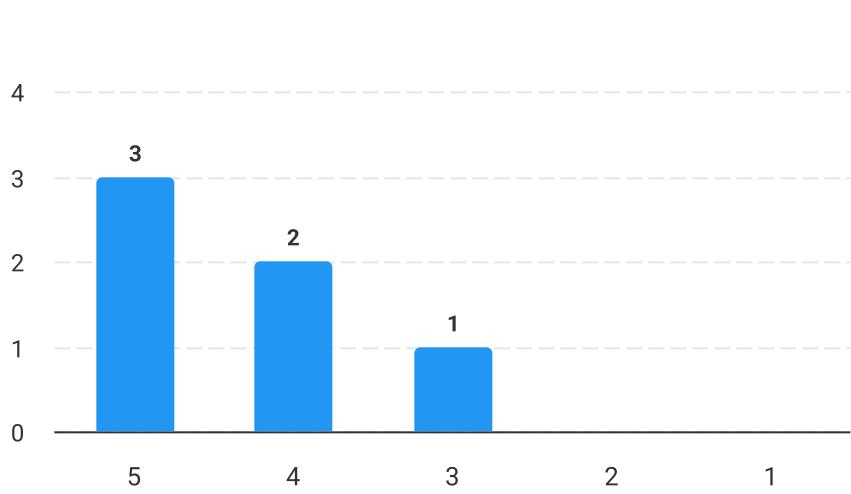
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The TA was available during office hours or by appointment.

(Multi-Choice, Single Answer)



| Value Option                 | Total |
|------------------------------|-------|
| 5 Strongly Agree             | 3     |
| 4 Agree                      | 2     |
| 3 Neither agree nor disagree | 1     |
| 2 Disagree                   | 0     |
| 1 Strongly Disagree          | 0     |



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|--------------------------------|------|
| Average                        | 4.33 |
| Median                         | 4.50 |
| Mode                           | 5    |
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| Variance                       | 0.56 |

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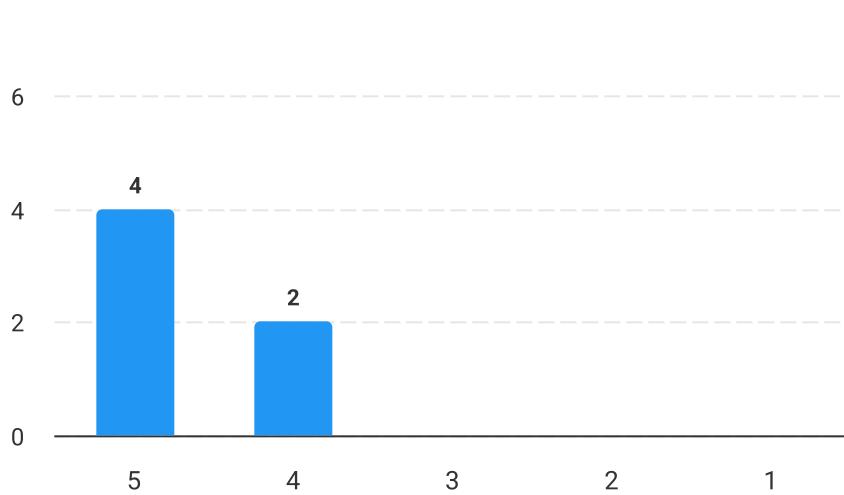
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 Performance

| Value Option | Total |
|--------------|-------|
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| 4 Good       | 2     |
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Are there distinctive qualities or specific talents about the TA that you would like to highlight?

(Text/Memo)

- John Hicks was very effective at helping students understand concepts and was extremely clear and responsive in his communication.
- John is welcoming and approachable, and seems to genuinely want to help us. Grades exams very quickly. Bad at math.

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(Text/Memo)

- There was no area in which I felt my TA unsatisfactory.
- I have no constructive feedback for John. He is enjoyable to learn from and engages well with the material.

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