

# Condensed Item Analysis Report

UTM TA Evaluations

POL242 - 2016-17

Kourtney Koebel

## The teaching assistant stimulates me to think and learn

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.38
Strongly Disagree	0	0.00	
Disagree	1	4.17	
Neutral	4	16.67	
Agree	4	16.67	
Strongly Agree	15	62.50	

## The teaching assistant knows the material and leads discussions effectively

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.63
Strongly Disagree	0	0.00	
Disagree	0	0.00	
Neutral	0	0.00	
Agree	9	37.50	
Strongly Agree	15	62.50	

## The teaching assistant effectively relates the discussion sections to lectures and other aspects of the course

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.38
Strongly Disagree	0	0.00	
Disagree	1	4.17	
Neutral	3	12.50	
Agree	6	25.00	
Strongly Agree	14	58.33	

## The teaching assistant effectively lead and focused class discussion

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.54
Strongly Disagree	0	0.00	
Disagree	2	8.33	
Neutral	0	0.00	
Agree	5	20.83	
Strongly Agree	17	70.83	

## The tutorial environment and size was conducive to participation and constructive discussion for students

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Strongly Disagree	0	0.00	
Disagree	0	0.00	
Neutral	1	4.17	
Agree	6	25.00	
Strongly Agree	17	70.83	

## The teaching assistant was available to meet with students regarding assignments and provided helpful comments on papers and exams where appropriate

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Strongly Disagree	0	0.00	
Disagree	0	0.00	
Neutral	1	4.17	
Agree	6	25.00	
Strongly Agree	17	70.83	

## How would you rate the overall performance of the TA

Response	Frequency	Percent	Mean: 4.58
Poor	0	0.00	
Neutral	0	0.00	
Sufficient	2	8.33	
Good	6	25.00	
Excellent	16	66.67	

## Response Report by Item

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Question: Question 8: What are the strengths and weaknesses of the teaching assistant? What suggestions would you make for improving the discussion section?

### Response

Kourtney is definitely an accommodating and insightful TA. She really knows her material and is always open to questions and advice. However, ~~the~~ Kourtney may need to structure her sessions better because at times, we have a lot of free time to work on a ~~q~~ an activity that shouldn't take up that much time.

Strengths = very helpful, knows her material, engaged in tutorials

Weaknesses: does not connect tutorials to lectures, is not considerate towards the fact that new material may not be immediately understood.

- Helps, listens, knows the material & can explain it clearly & concisely.

TA has the ability to answer student questions very well. Clear confusions.

Strength: Good at engaging the class through discussions of material

Weakness: In class tutorials of how to handle certain programs can have more clarity.

Question: Question 8: What are the strengths and weaknesses of the teaching assistant? What suggestions would you make for improving the discussion section?

Response

Strengths: knowledgeable, friendly, helpful

~~Weaknesses~~ → no weaknesses

Strengths were availability to meet to discuss projects gave clear instructions and help with course work

Weaknesses were too many students in tutorial!, sometimes not able to help each individual student-

It would be helpful if tutorials & Lectures were more correlated. Sometime they were really different.

Strengths

-very knowledgeable  
-able to explain  
-concepts well

Weaknesses

-tutorials were  
sometimes unproductive

detailed explanation with regards to SPSS

Question: Question 8: What are the strengths and weaknesses of the teaching assistant? What suggestions would you make for improving the discussion section?

Response

Strengths: Clear explanation & marking.

Weakness: Lack of assigned office hours.

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- Super friendly & helpful
- Went beyond, for instance sending us SPSS tutorial videos

Kourtney was extremely knowledgeable, and even if she did not do the answer immediately (on ambiguous or difficult questions) she would get back with an answer promptly.

There was little coordination amongst the TA and the Prof; that could be improved.

Kourtney was able to use her experience and recent knowledge of the course material/methods, and her current involvement with these tools helped the students in using it quite a lot.

Question: Question 8: What are the strengths and weaknesses of the teaching assistant? What suggestions would you make for improving the discussion section?

Response

She greatly connect with what we learned in class and

showed us how to use SPSS.

It would be nice if we had more office hours during the week, but the tutorials make up for it.

The T.A. is great at explaining the content.

Strengths: goes over the material very well and answers everyone's questions with clarity. → helps everyone one on one.

Weakness: goes over SPSS really fast.

Very helpful

wants you to do well

- caring

- knows too much

Question: Question 9: In your opinion, did the TA welcome alternative viewpoints? Did the TA treat all students fairly? Why do you feel this way?

Response

Kourtney welcomed alternative viewpoints and treated all students fairly. She ~~has~~ very ~~into~~ creates a very conducive learning environment.



Question: Question 9: In your opinion, did the TA welcome alternative viewpoints? Did the TA treat all students fairly? Why do you feel this way?

Response

There were no alternative viewpoints to be discussed but students were treated fairly and help was always given when asked.

Yes, because they were very receptive to everyone's questions/comments & wanted everyone to participate equally.

Yes the TA treated all students fairly and welcomed alternative viewpoints. All views accepted as legitimate and respected as such.

Yes, even though Stats does not have much room for interpretation, Kourtney addressed common alternative viewpoints.

Yes. Kourtney created a stimulating work environment for everyone and treated everyone equally.

Question: Question 9: In your opinion, did the TA welcome alternative viewpoints? Did the TA treat all students fairly? Why do you feel this way?

Response

Yes, she welcomed alternative viewpoints.

The TA was generally fair and open.

- Yes.

- The TA is always willing to help all students on course related question

Yes.

→ equal <sup>given</sup> time to all students.

Yes.

Question: Question 9: In your opinion, did the TA welcome alternative viewpoints? Did the TA treat all students fairly? Why do you feel this way?

Response

She was helpful with assignments, but then marked a bit hard in my opinion. Did not consider reviewing my assignment

Absolutely, Kourtney provided equal attention to all students and truly wanted to ensure everyone's success.

-yes, even though it is hard in this type of course. She is very fair when it comes to marking. She has been a great help

There was no room for alternative perspectives; this was a methods class!

Kourtney was very receptive and open to all questions and concerns that were brought up in discussion



Question: Question 9: In your opinion, did the TA welcome alternative viewpoints? Did the TA treat all students fairly? Why do you feel this way?

Response

Yes she provided us an easy way to understand the material and treated us all fairly ~~as well as gladly as the chance to learn freely~~

Yes, the TA did provide alternative views. She's friendly.

Yes, the TA allowed for in class viewpoints. She treated everyone fairly and does one on one hands on work with everyone. She helped me understand the material better than the prof.

-Yes, welcomed all. welcomingly

Question: Question 10: Would you recommend this teaching assistant to other students? Why or why not?

Response

- I would recommend b/c she knows her stuff & can explain.

Yes I would recommend Kourtney!

Yes, but I would urge her to keep in mind that statistical concepts do not come easily to every one and going at a slower pace would help.

I would recommend her. She helped, listened and ~~always~~ always answered ~~the~~ answered questions.

Yes because she is helpful, well informed & has a positive attitude & nice.

Question: Question 10: Would you recommend this teaching assistant to other students? Why or why not?

Response

Yes, very knowledgeable.

Yes, she went over material multiple times until the majority of the class understood a concept

Yes - She is very good at what she does

Yes. Kourtney had a good understanding of the material taught in the course and was available to meet to help with assignments.

yes! Kourtney knows the material very well, and is a really helpful resource!

Question: Question 10: Would you recommend this teaching assistant to other students? Why or why not?

Response

would recommend this TA again for this course or even as a professor.

- Yes.
- very helpful

• → yes.

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Yes.

sort of neutral, but yes she was nice.

Question: Question 10: Would you recommend this teaching assistant to other students? Why or why not?

Response

Yes. Courtney was probably the best TA I have had at UTM, and if she was still TA for this course I would tell other students to take it.

Yes, Because she takes time ~~and~~ and makes sure everyone understands.

Yes, b/c she cares about the students getting the skills they need for the course.

Absolutely, very knowledgeable and approachable, a very good teacher.

~~Absolutely~~ Absolutely



Question: Question 10: Would you recommend this teaching assistant to other students? Why or why not?

Response

Yes. She's the best.

Yes! I would, she knows her stuff.