



Student IA Evaluation for Alexandra L. MacEdo
Department of Computer Science and Engineering

CSE 30 - Computer Organiz&Systms Progm (Porter, Leonard Emerson)
 Fall 2019

Number of Evaluations Submitted: 32
Number of Students Enrolled: 178

1. The Instructional Assistant was well organized and prepared for class.

28 (87.5%): Strongly Agree
 4 (12.5%): Agree
 0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
 0 (0.0%): Disagree
 0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
 0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

2. The Instructional Assistant consistently arrived at lecture, section/lab, office hours and exams on time.

25 (80.6%): Strongly Agree
 6 (19.4%): Agree
 0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
 0 (0.0%): Disagree
 0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
 0 (0.0%): Not Applicable
 1: [No Response]

3. The Instructional Assistant presented course material clearly and answered questions accurately in class.

28 (90.3%): Strongly Agree
 3 (9.7%): Agree
 0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
 0 (0.0%): Disagree
 0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
 0 (0.0%): Not Applicable
 1: [No Response]

4. The Instructional Assistant helped develop my thinking skills on the subject.

28 (87.5%):	Strongly Agree
4 (12.5%):	Agree
0 (0.0%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Not Applicable

5. Feedback from the Instructional Assistant on assignments, exams and/or papers was helpful and constructive.

25 (78.1%):	Strongly Agree
5 (15.6%):	Agree
1 (3.1%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Strongly Disagree
1 (3.1%):	Not Applicable

6. The Instructional Assistant's explanations were appropriate, being neither too complicated nor too simple.

27 (84.4%):	Strongly Agree
5 (15.6%):	Agree
0 (0.0%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Not Applicable

7. The Instructional Assistant answered questions clearly and effectively, helping students to make connections among the course readings, assignments, and lectures.

27 (84.4%):	Strongly Agree
4 (12.5%):	Agree
1 (3.1%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Not Applicable

8. The Instructional Assistant was genuinely interested in and enthusiastic about teaching.

28 (87.5%):	Strongly Agree
4 (12.5%):	Agree
0 (0.0%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Not Applicable

9. The Instructional Assistant was accessible to students outside of class (office hours, e-mail, etc.).

23 (74.2%):	Strongly Agree
5 (16.1%):	Agree
1 (3.2%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Strongly Disagree
2 (6.5%):	Not Applicable
1:	[No Response]

10. The Instructional Assistant effectively connected the section/lab exercises with the material covered in lecture.

26 (81.3%):	Strongly Agree
6 (18.8%):	Agree
0 (0.0%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Not Applicable

11. In terms of communication skills, did the Instructional Assistant demonstrate any of the following? (check all that apply)

29 (100.0%):	No issues
0 (0.0%):	Too quiet
0 (0.0%):	Too loud
0 (0.0%):	Too fast
0 (0.0%):	Too slow
0 (0.0%):	Poor grammar and/or English language skills
0 (0.0%):	Used filler words such as "um"
0 (0.0%):	Other (please describe)

12. I would recommend this Instructional Assistant to other students.

27 (87.1%): Strongly Agree
4 (12.9%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
1: [No Response]

13. Please describe this person's greatest strengths as a Instructional Assistant.

Please keep your comments constructive and professional, abiding by the Principles of Community

- Alex is so helpful! She answers everyone's questions on the piazza in only a few minutes, and she explains things pretty well.
- Alex Macedo's greatest strength is by far her passion in the subject matter. This is reflected through her constant, never-ending enthusiasm, and inability to "give up" on a student who doesn't understand a particular topic.

I've only been here at UCSD for 5 quarters, but putting it as lightly as I can, I have never experienced such a caring, patient, and helpful individual. She possesses the ability to break things down to a level almost anyone willing can understand with her clear and concise directions, but more importantly her visual diagrams. In the realm of computer science, these are often the simplest way to describe complex ideas and paradigms, and she was always so quick to turn a nightmarish topic into an "aha" moment with one of these.

Her passion is the only reason I can imagine the non-stop dedication to us, whether it was answering Piazza posts just minutes after they were posted (this happened consistently throughout the quarter), making unannounced visits to our lab room to check up on us during our PAs, or making comprehensive diagrams to help us better understand integral ideas.

Without rambling on, I believe Alex is an example of a person who has truly found their calling in life, and her abilities to help others are honed as sharply as they are simply because of the potent passion fueling her.

In conclusion, Alex Macedo is a blessing to the computer science department, to UCSD, and I'd even go as far as to say the world. I don't know how she managed such dedication to us with all of her assumed grad work, but she is truly an amazing specimen I am beyond grateful to have learned under.

- Amazing help, clear explanations and amazing assistance with every question asked.
- Extremely responsible, respond piazza post in 5 min even in midnight! Best TA I have ever seen.
- I would sometimes ask her a question in lecture, and if she didn't know, she would come back later with an answer after asking other TA's.
- Knowledgeable
- One of the best instructional assistants I've come across. Genuinely eager to help, and able to explain complex concepts in very simple terms.
- Really helpful in explaining the goal of programming assignments.

- She definitely has an enthusiasm and general knack for teaching. Her answers and explanations are always extremely thorough, and has definitely saved me on more than one occasion.
- She explains everything well and prepared either on Piazza or in person.
- She is not an IA. She is a LIFESAVER!!!! I don't interact with her a lot in class and nor do I go to her office hour or anything, but a handful of her piazza posts have saved my PAs and exams. She is incredibly efficient in terms of her piazza response rate, and always clears up the confusion exactly the way we can understand. AMAZING!!! She knows a lot about the course material, is actually good at explaining things, and always reads your question carefully without making a lot assumptions. Just through the way she writes on piazza, I can see she is an incredible person with sense.
- Truly cares about students and their understanding. In one of the lectures, she even took the time to draw out a whole stack frame for me to explain a concept I didn't understand -- this really went a long way. You are amazing!
- Very dedicated!
- Very enthusiastic and answers questions thoroughly.

14. Please describe this person's greatest weaknesses as a Instructional Assistant.

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- Literally nothing.
- No weakness.
- No weaknesses were observed.
- None come to mind.
- Not sure about this one.
- She is perfect.

15. Do you have any other comments to add to your evaluation?

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- I would really like to know what class she is IAing next quarter because I want to take that class
- Please hire more assistants like her. We need this quality in our CSE courses.
- She is really helpful and friendly. Knows the course material well.
- She is the best TA I have ever seen.
- Thank you for dedicating a lot of your time answering Piazza posts!
- thank you so much for your detailed help on piazza on the time, literally life savers and soooo sooo SOOO helpful

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