



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

CSE 8A - Intro/Computer Sci: Java (I) (Politz, Joseph Gibbs)  
Winter 2020

**Number of Evaluations Submitted: 21**  
**Number of Students Enrolled: 168**

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

11 (52.4%): Strongly Agree  
7 (33.3%): Agree  
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree  
1 (4.8%): Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree  
2 (9.5%): Not Applicable

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

14 (66.7%): Strongly Agree  
6 (28.6%): Agree  
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree  
1 (4.8%): Not Applicable

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

13 (61.9%): Strongly Agree  
5 (23.8%): Agree  
1 (4.8%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree  
1 (4.8%): Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree  
1 (4.8%): Not Applicable

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

13 (61.9%):	Strongly Agree
2 (9.5%):	Agree
3 (14.3%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
2 (9.5%):	Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Strongly Disagree
1 (4.8%):	Not Applicable

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

13 (61.9%):	Strongly Agree
5 (23.8%):	Agree
1 (4.8%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
1 (4.8%):	Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Strongly Disagree
1 (4.8%):	Not Applicable

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

14 (66.7%):	Strongly Agree
3 (14.3%):	Agree
4 (19.0%):	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.

14 (66.7%):	Strongly Agree
3 (14.3%):	Agree
2 (9.5%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
1 (4.8%):	Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Strongly Disagree
1 (4.8%):	Not Applicable

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

14 (66.7%):	Strongly Agree
3 (14.3%):	Agree
4 (19.0%):	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.).

12 (57.1%):	Strongly Agree
4 (19.0%):	Agree
1 (4.8%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Strongly Disagree
4 (19.0%):	Not Applicable

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

12 (57.1%):	Strongly Agree
7 (33.3%):	Agree
1 (4.8%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Strongly Disagree
1 (4.8%):	Not Applicable

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

16 (80.0%):	No issues
0 (0.0%):	Too quiet
0 (0.0%):	Too loud
1 (5.0%):	Too fast
1 (5.0%):	Too slow
0 (0.0%):	Poor grammar and/or English language skills
1 (5.0%):	Used filler words such as "um"
1 (5.0%):	Other (please describe)

- The only thing would say, if I have to critique, is that you say "um"/some filler a bit. But that's it.

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

16 (76.2%):	Strongly Agree
4 (19.0%):	Agree
0 (0.0%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
1 (4.8%):	Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Strongly Disagree

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 explained concepts well in the discussion section. She was friendly and encouraged questions. If somebody wasn't understanding something, she would try to explain it a little differently to help them understand it, even going as far as to run the code for them.
- Alex is awesome! I love her energy and excitement to always help students. She is extremely accommodating and makes CS fun even for students like me who are very unfamiliar with course concepts. She's always willing to help her students and goes out of her way to thoroughly explain different concepts to students. LOVE HER SO MUCH
- Alex is very passionate about teaching the material to her students. This made it very easy for her to explain and answer any questions the students had in regards to the assignments or exams.
- As an IA, she was always available for help within labs and especially outside of lectures via Canvas. Moreover, she always organized lab and came on time to such every time.
- I feel like she was the best TA as she gave the best explanations out of all of the TA's even though all the TAs are amazing.
- Really clear communicator/ explainer
- She was able to help with specific parts of the lab when needed.
- The IA was well-prepared and easy to talk to.
- very funny and knows the material well!
- Very strong foundation of the material
- Welcoming. Enjoyable. Fun. Explained concepts well.

14. Please describe this person's greatest weaknesses as a Instructional Assistant.  
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- I see no flaw in her position as an IA
- Just to be chill and not jump about from one thing to another. To just take your time and explain.
- There were some times where Alex would get very invested in explaining the material that she would provide a lot of information that would confuse the students. (at least it confused me like once or twice)
- Was really good honestly
- While Alex was mostly prepared for class, there were a few times when I felt she could have been more prepared (e.g. having relevant files open). Although it is understandable that she might not have been able to formally prepare something when she was answering questions regarding the exams.

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

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- Alex is an overall a great IA and should continue her teaching of CSE8A to other students in future quarters.
- I didn't interact enough with the IA since I only saw her during labs. Labs go by really fast, so I didn't get a sense of how well she was as an IA. But, she was helpful and did her best to help us whenever we had questions.
- I have none.
- I know not your fault...but having your office hours on Tuesday was super annoying because I wanted to talk a lot about concepts and not about the PA. While everyone else there did and that would take forever to explain the sea of blank, clueless faces what the PA was all about.
- No additional comments

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