

Columbia University: Arts & Sciences

A&S Spring 2023 Standard Evaluation

Course: PSYCUN1920_001_2023_1 - The How-Tos of Research: PSYCW1920_001_2023_1_162463
Instructor: Lila Davachi
TA: Manasi Jayakumar *, Ana DiGiovanni
Response Rate: 13/29 (44.83 %)

1 - What are the strengths and weaknesses of Manasi Jayakumar (discussion section leader, lab section leader, grader) as an instructor, and how might Manasi Jayakumar's teaching be improved?

Response Rate 6/29 (20.69%)

- Manasi is great as well! If I ever needed help with anything she was there and provided great feedback. She's a great TA, I can't wait to see what she does next!
- Manasi was a pleasure to work with. She was always willing to help and explain tricky concepts while also having patience.
- Manasi was wonderful to learn from. Her assistance in office hours was really insightful, and she always gave detailed and constructive feedback on all of my assignments. My only possible constructive critique is that sometimes she over-explains simple concepts, but it is only because she wants to make sure she doesn't leave anyone behind--she put effort into making How To's a space where all skill levels were welcome.
- At first, I did not like her, but with time, she has proven to really be one of my favorite TAs ever. So kind, helpful, and understanding
- Manasi was an amazing TA! I went to most of her office hours, and she really really helped me clarify all my problems with my research paper. She is very kind, supportive and understands all of the problems us students face. Overall, I really enjoyed being her student, and would definitely recommend her to other students!! I really appreciate all of her help :)
- She was extremely helpful and always willing to hop onto Zoom with whatever we needed assistance on

2 - What is the overall teaching effectiveness of Manasi Jayakumar?

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Excellent	(5)	10	83.33%	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div>4.83</div></div>			
Very Good	(4)	2	16.67%	<div><div></div></div>				
Good	(3)	0	0.00%	<div><div></div></div>				
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%	<div><div></div></div>				
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%	<div><div></div></div>				
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
12/29 (41.38%)				4.83	0.39	5.00		

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A&S Fall 2021 Standard Evaluation

Course: PSYC 1490 - Research Methods Fall 2021-PSYCUN1490_001_2021_3 - RESEARCH METHODS - COGNITION/DECISION MA: PSYCW1490_001_2021_3_124760

Instructor: Katherine Fox-Glassman

TA: Manasi Jayakumar *, John Thorp, Wangjing Yu





Response Rate: 34/56 (60.71 %)

1 - What are the strengths and weaknesses of Manasi Jayakumar (discussion section leader, lab section leader, grader) as an instructor, and how might Manasi Jayakumar's teaching be improved?

Response Rate 6/56 (10.71%)

- Manasi is the best TA I have had during my college career. She is incredibly timely in responding to emails and very clear in her answers to questions. She provides great feedback on our work and she creates a safe space to ask questions and think critically during class. The only thing I would say to improve is that sometimes Manasi took a long time to explain a topic, even when it seemed like we all were pretty clear on it.
- Manasi was very helpful and quick to respond. She did harp on things that we did not necessarily need to go over again though.
- Manasi is lovely. I felt that some of what we went over in lab was pretty rudimentary (an example would be practicing speaking in front of the class on random topics in advance of our experiment presentations) and wasn't necessary, especially given the challenging nature of the material in lecture, but I don't think that's Manasi's fault. She was very available, responding to emails very quickly during off hours, and came across as very caring.
- I cannot speak to any weakness, and YES, there is such thing as a perfect TA. Manasi has made a mark on me beyond Research Methods, and I am humbled by their kindness and humility. I appreciate that they are truly devoted to making sure I (and I'm sure other students as well) understand what we need to understand, and the care they show. Thank you, your dedication does not go unnoticed. It's because of Manasi Research Methods is my favorite class to date at Columbia.
- Manasi is great! She lead our discussion really well and had a lot of enthusiasm and always was very helpful to everyone, without any complaints.
- Manasi was an amazing TA, and genuinely one of most understanding and organized TAs that I have met so far. She is always there to help, open to any questions, and explains confusing concepts with clarity and helpful examples. I always feel comfortable reaching out to Manasi for help, and Manasi additionally provides great feedback, making lab a great experience!

2 - What is the overall teaching effectiveness of Manasi Jayakumar?

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Excellent	(5)	3	27.27%			4.09		
Very Good	(4)	6	54.55%					
Good	(3)	2	18.18%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
11/56 (19.64%)				4.09	0.70	4.00		

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A&S Spring 2021 B and Full-Term Standard Evaluation





Course: PSYCUN1610_001_2021_1 - STATISTICS-BEHAVIORAL SCIENTISTS: PSYCW1610_001_2021_1_113708
Instructor: Christopher Baldassano
TA: Manasi Jayakumar *, Jonathan Nicholas, Matthew Siegelman
Response Rate: 37/45 (82.22 %)

1 - What are the strengths and weaknesses of Manasi Jayakumar (discussion section leader, lab section leader, grader) as an instructor, and how might Manasi Jayakumar's teaching be improved?

Response Rate 5/45 (11.11%)

- The TA strike really put a damper on getting to know the TAs. Not having them present for a month made the course much more difficult. When she was present, Manasi was extremely helpful. In our labs, she took the time to answer every single question and broke down concepts in order for us to get a better grasp of them. I appreciated the review slides she would compile every week to maximize understanding of the material.
- Manasi was great -- for the limited time that we had access to her. Her teaching might be improved if she had actually been there to teach us. She was fantastic when she wasn't absent due to the strike.
- She was a fantastic Ta. Took time to go over class concepts and address questions. Her labs were helpful and informative, highly recommend her as a Ta.
- Manasi is very patient and takes the time to help each student. Sometimes her explanations weren't quite enough for me to understand the concept, but she always makes herself available to help.
- Manasi did an incredible job leading the lab sections. She provided a review of the topics we had covered in class that week, which was super helpful.

2 - What is the overall teaching effectiveness of Manasi Jayakumar in the current modality?

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Excellent	(5)	10	66.67%			4.60		
Very Good	(4)	4	26.67%					
Good	(3)	1	6.67%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
15/45 (33.33%)				4.60	0.63	5.00		