PHY Instructor Gandikota, Mahesh Chandrasekhar, 12513, PHY216, Section - M002

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		Strongly Disagree		Disagree		Neutral		Agree		Strongly Agree		Summary Stats		
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	Mean	StD
1.	The recitation meetings were important for my learning.	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	14.3%	12	85.7%	14	4.86	0.36
2.	The teaching assistant for the recitation meetings was an excellent teacher.	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	7.1%	2	14.3%	11	78.6%	14	4.71	0.61

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## What did the teaching assistant do well? What areas could the teaching assistant improve upon?

- Explains concepts excellently, very patient and a very good teacher.
- Mahesh has been by far the best TA i have had at Syracuse University. Not only does he care about each of his students, but he is very skilled with physics and can explain things in a clear and concise manner. 10/10
- Mahesh was a great TA. His explanations were very clear and simple, and he was very patient with you if you didn't understand something right away.
- Mahesh was a terrific TA. I cannot say enough good things about him. I only wish that the recitations could be restructured to better capitalize on his masterful explanatory skills. The recitations typically involved us doing problem and only enlisting his help when we were stuck, but the few times that Mahesh lectured were the best lectured I had in the class, including from the professor.
- The only beneficial part to my learning experience in Physics 2 was attending recitation (I never missed main lecture). Mahesh always made sure that everybody understands the problem. He would go over it in great detail and was easy to approach. No areas of improvement.
- The TA was very good at thoroughly explaining questions and made sure we fully understood the problems. He was very approachable and made sure that we knew that we could ask him anything and that he was there to help us.
- The teaching assistant made clear how to work relevant problems. He mandated occasional participation, but encouraged students to work in whatever fashion was comfortable to them. I would recommend this instructor to another student.