

**Student IA Evaluation for Michael Humes Borkowski**  
**Department of Computer Science and Engineering**

CSE 101 - Design & Analysis of Algorithm (Jaiswal, Ragesh)  
Winter 2020

**Number of Evaluations Submitted: 26**  
**Number of Students Enrolled: 215**

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

19 (73.1%): Strongly Agree  
7 (26.9%): 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.

18 (69.2%): Strongly Agree  
7 (26.9%): Agree  
1 (3.8%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

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

17 (65.4%): Strongly Agree  
7 (26.9%): Agree  
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree  
2 (7.7%): Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

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

17 (68.0%):	Strongly Agree
4 (16.0%):	Agree
2 (8.0%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
2 (8.0%):	Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Not Applicable
1:	[No Response]

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

18 (69.2%):	Strongly Agree
7 (26.9%):	Agree
1 (3.8%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Not Applicable

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

17 (65.4%):	Strongly Agree
6 (23.1%):	Agree
2 (7.7%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
1 (3.8%):	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.

16 (64.0%):	Strongly Agree
8 (32.0%):	Agree
0 (0.0%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
1 (4.0%):	Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Not Applicable
1:	[No Response]

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

16 (61.5%): Strongly Agree  
6 (23.1%): Agree  
1 (3.8%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree  
2 (7.7%): Disagree  
1 (3.8%): Strongly Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

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

15 (62.5%): Strongly Agree  
6 (25.0%): Agree  
1 (4.2%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree  
2 (8.3%): Not Applicable  
2: [No Response]

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

15 (62.5%): Strongly Agree  
6 (25.0%): Agree  
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree  
1 (4.2%): Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree  
2 (8.3%): Not Applicable  
2: [No Response]

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

17 (70.8%): No issues  
4 (16.7%): Too quiet  
0 (0.0%): Too loud  
2 (8.3%): Too fast  
1 (4.2%): 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.

17 (65.4%):	Strongly Agree
7 (26.9%):	Agree
0 (0.0%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
2 (7.7%):	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*

- An absolute Piazza KING. Thank you so much for responding as much as you do. Your responses are always clear and informative.
- Clear, focused discussion section
- Had a complete grasp of the material. Instantly answered any question presented in office hours. The most active TA on Piazza I have ever seen.
- He had thorough explanations for any questions that students had in class.
- He is also a really good CSE105 TA, he always explain stuff really clearly and always present in piazza post and answer question in detail. And very knowledgeable for both 105 and 101 materials. I would recommend him to all the students in theory class for CSE.
- He knows the material so incredibly well. I don't remember anytime that he couldn't answer a question from a student.
- His mastery over the course material gives him the ability to effectively answer any questions thrown at him.
- Honestly, one of the best TAs I've had here at UCSD. Knows the material extremely well and can clearly explain each topic.
- Michael did an amazing job of turning complex topics into something that could be understood by normal humans such as myself. He also does not skip over any intricacies, and if there are any subtleties, he does a good job addressing them.
- Michael goes above and beyond to explain concepts to students on piazza and in discussion section. He is incredibly helpful and generous with his time.
- Michael proved every question on the discussion handout very formally and thoroughly. He was always able to answer students' questions.
- Responds to Piazza questions in a timely manner.
- Responsible, knowledgeable, and has students' best interest in mind.
- Went through discussion material very thoroughly.

14. Please describe this person's greatest weaknesses as a Instructional Assistant.  
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- Occasionally he can get caught up in a proof and not check in if the class is following.
- Related to going too fast with communication - sometimes goes on long mathematical explanations where it is easy to get lost. Maybe can stop more in between to make sure student is understanding (does do this sometimes).
- Sometimes explains problems/ideas way too formal. Should keep it in simple terms for us students to understand better.
- Sometimes he explained stuff too fast, but his note is clear so that's not a big issue.

15. Do you have any other comments to add to your evaluation?  
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- Great TA
- Thank you for teaching!

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