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**Instructional Assistant Student Evaluation of Teaching for Nicholas Gordon Karris  
Department of Mathematics**

MATH 173A - Optimization/Data Science I (Cloninger, Alexander)  
Fall 2024

Number of Evaluations Submitted: 13

Number of Students Enrolled: 139

1. The Instructional Assistant used instructional methods in section and/or office hours that helped me learn and engage with the course material.

11 (84.6%): Strongly Agree  
2 (15.4%): Agree  
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

2. The sections led by this Instructional Assistant were well-coordinated with other components of this class (e.g., lecture, lab, assignments, etc.).

10 (76.9%): Strongly Agree  
3 (23.1%): Agree  
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

3. The Instructional Assistant communicated effectively.

11 (84.6%): Strongly Agree  
2 (15.4%): Agree  
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree  
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

4. The Instructional Assistant provided constructive feedback on my work.

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|-------------|----------------------------|
| 11 (84.6%): | Strongly Agree             |
| 2 (15.4%):  | Agree                      |
| 0 (0.0%):   | Neither Agree Nor Disagree |
| 0 (0.0%):   | Disagree                   |
| 0 (0.0%):   | Strongly Disagree          |
| 0 (0.0%):   | Not Applicable             |

5. The Instructional Assistant created a welcoming and supportive learning environment.

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|-------------|----------------------------|
| 11 (84.6%): | Strongly Agree             |
| 2 (15.4%):  | Agree                      |
| 0 (0.0%):   | Neither Agree Nor Disagree |
| 0 (0.0%):   | Disagree                   |
| 0 (0.0%):   | Strongly Disagree          |
| 0 (0.0%):   | Not Applicable             |

6. The Instructional Assistant generally began and ended section/lab/office hours on time.

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| 10 (76.9%): | Strongly Agree             |
| 3 (23.1%):  | Agree                      |
| 0 (0.0%):   | Neither Agree Nor Disagree |
| 0 (0.0%):   | Disagree                   |
| 0 (0.0%):   | Strongly Disagree          |
| 0 (0.0%):   | Not Applicable             |

7. Please describe any practices that the Instructional Assistant specifically used that created or interfered with a welcoming and supportive learning environment.

[No Responses]

8. Please describe any practices that the Instructional Assistant specifically used that particularly helped you to learn the material and/or encouraged you to feel that you could succeed in the course.

- responded really well to questions during discussions and stayed after often to help students. His enthusiasm for the content was also infectious and helped me engage more with the content.

9. Please offer constructive suggestions that might help the Instructional Assistant improve their contribution to your learning of the course material.

- Occasionally we ran out of time in discussions but honestly I felt like this was the right thing to do because there were too many topics to cover effectively in just 50 minutes.

10. Is there anything else you would like to share about your experience with this Instructional Assistant?

[No Responses]

11. What was/were your reason(s) for taking this course?

- 5 (41.7%): Major/Program Requirement
- 2 (16.7%): Minor
- 0 (0.0%): College General Education
- 4 (33.3%): Elective
- 1 (8.3%): Interest
- 0 (0.0%): American History and Institutions (AHI) Requirement
- 0 (0.0%): Undergraduate Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Requirement (DEI) Requirement
- 0 (0.0%): Jane Teranes Climate Change Education Requirement (JTCCER)
- 0 (0.0%): Graduate Program Requirement
- 0 (0.0%): Other

12. How frequently did you interact with the Instructional Assistant **IN THE SECTION?**

- 4 (33.3%): Frequently
- 3 (25.0%): Sometimes
- 2 (16.7%): Seldom
- 2 (16.7%): Never
- 1 (8.3%): Not Applicable
- 1: [No Response]

13. How frequently did you interact with the Instructional Assistant **DURING OFFICE HOURS ?**

- 4 (33.3%): Frequently
- 5 (41.7%): Sometimes
- 1 (8.3%): Seldom
- 2 (16.7%): Never
- 0 (0.0%): Not Applicable
- 1: [No Response]

**14. How frequently did you interact with the Instructional Assistant **VIA EMAIL**?**

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|------------|----------------|
| 2 (18.2%): | Frequently     |
| 0 (0.0%):  | Sometimes      |
| 1 (9.1%):  | Seldom         |
| 6 (54.5%): | Never          |
| 2 (18.2%): | Not Applicable |
| 2:         | [No Response]  |

**15. How frequently did you interact with the Instructional Assistant **VIA THE COURSE DISCUSSION BOARD**?**

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|------------|----------------|
| 1 (9.1%):  | Frequently     |
| 3 (27.3%): | Sometimes      |
| 2 (18.2%): | Seldom         |
| 2 (18.2%): | Never          |
| 3 (27.3%): | Not Applicable |
| 2:         | [No Response]  |

**16. How often did you receive feedback from this instructional assistant on assignments/exams/papers?**

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|------------|----------------|
| 3 (25.0%): | Frequently     |
| 6 (50.0%): | Sometimes      |
| 1 (8.3%):  | Seldom         |
| 1 (8.3%):  | Never          |
| 1 (8.3%):  | Not Applicable |
| 1:         | [No Response]  |

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