UC RIVERSIDE - Student Comments of Instructor, Discussion Courses - Fall 2019

Course: LNST 142S Section: 021 - LATN AMRCA:QUEST FOR DEV&DEM
Instructor: Nicholas Jenkins Cross Course: POSC 162S Section: 021 - LATN AMRCA:QUEST FOR DEV&DEM

Question # 18: YOUR CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENTS ON YOUR GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR'S TEACHING SKILLS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. PLEASE WRITE YOUR COMMENTS IN THE TEXTBOX BELOW. PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO 2000 CHARACTERS.

- Overall you were a great TA. The only thing that I would recommend is that you briefly go over the readings since the professor doesn't. That way we get a clear understanding of the text and we're able to make connections between the text and the lecture material.

- An absolute agonizing hour that ruins every friday. I know that the TA is a good person, but I feel like they are not a great teacher. I feel like he has a lot of room to improve. Makes the class vibe feel really awkward

- This instructor was fair and understanding of the needs of her class. I think she was really interactive with the students and was able to get us to talk. I would have appreciated more to do in the discussion course rather than just review the material, I think, or do more activities to fill up the time.

- Great TA, made class super easy to understand and ask questions. Made this class much easier

- The TA failed to make discussion useful and felt like a waste of time. He would be on his laptop or cellphone during the entire discussion and made going to class feel useless.

- I found Nick's discussions to be helpful as he would create opportunities for us to work on our papers and prepare for the exam. I wish he would have used Kahoot more often, I have found that to be a great way to encourage participation in the class and review concepts.