



Student ASE Evaluation for Ruobing Zhao
Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

MAE 107 - Computational Methods/Engineer (McEneaney, William Michael)
Fall 2014

Number of Evaluations Submitted: 36
Number of Students Enrolled: 162

1. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor was well organized and prepared for class.

8 (22.2%):	Strongly Agree
21 (58.3%):	Agree
4 (11.1%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
2 (5.6%):	Disagree
1 (2.8%):	Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Not Applicable

2. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor consistently arrived at lecture, section/lab, office hours and exams on time.

14 (38.9%):	Strongly Agree
20 (55.6%):	Agree
0 (0.0%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
2 (5.6%):	Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Not Applicable

3. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor presented course material clearly and answered questions accurately in class.

10 (27.8%):	Strongly Agree
11 (30.6%):	Agree
7 (19.4%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
5 (13.9%):	Disagree
2 (5.6%):	Strongly Disagree
1 (2.8%):	Not Applicable

4. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor helped develop my thinking skills on the subject.

8 (22.2%):	Strongly Agree
11 (30.6%):	Agree
9 (25.0%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
5 (13.9%):	Disagree
2 (5.6%):	Strongly Disagree
1 (2.8%):	Not Applicable

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

13 (36.1%):	Strongly Agree
10 (27.8%):	Agree
5 (13.9%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
2 (5.6%):	Disagree
3 (8.3%):	Strongly Disagree
3 (8.3%):	Not Applicable

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

12 (33.3%):	Strongly Agree
14 (38.9%):	Agree
6 (16.7%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
3 (8.3%):	Disagree
1 (2.8%):	Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Not Applicable

7. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor answered questions clearly and effectively, helping students to make connections among the course readings, assignments, and lectures.

12 (33.3%):	Strongly Agree
12 (33.3%):	Agree
7 (19.4%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
3 (8.3%):	Disagree
1 (2.8%):	Strongly Disagree
1 (2.8%):	Not Applicable

8. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor was genuinely interested in and enthusiastic about teaching.

9 (25.0%):	Strongly Agree
11 (30.6%):	Agree
11 (30.6%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
4 (11.1%):	Disagree
1 (2.8%):	Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Not Applicable

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

13 (36.1%):	Strongly Agree
14 (38.9%):	Agree
3 (8.3%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
2 (5.6%):	Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Strongly Disagree
4 (11.1%):	Not Applicable

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

12 (33.3%):	Strongly Agree
16 (44.4%):	Agree
5 (13.9%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
1 (2.8%):	Disagree
1 (2.8%):	Strongly Disagree
1 (2.8%):	Not Applicable

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

26 (37.7%):	No issues
18 (26.1%):	Too quiet
0 (0.0%):	Too loud
5 (7.2%):	Too fast
3 (4.3%):	Too slow
5 (7.2%):	Poor grammar and/or English language skills
6 (8.7%):	Used filler words such as "um"
6 (8.7%):	Other (please describe)

- Bad handwriting
- Messy writing, writing too small
- Handwriting was difficult to read.
- Wrote too small on the board
- Hard to understand at some points
- When writing on the board, it was often difficult to read, even when sitting towards the front of the classroom.

12. I would recommend this Teaching Assistant/Tutor to other students.

12 (33.3%):	Strongly Agree
11 (30.6%):	Agree
9 (25.0%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
3 (8.3%):	Disagree
1 (2.8%):	Strongly Disagree

13. Please describe this person's greatest strengths as a Teaching Assistant/Tutor.

- Good TA! She was always very nice and prompt when asked questions. She also responded to emails well. I think what i like most is how she typed up all her notes from problem sessions, and is an example of her going above and beyond for the benefit of us students!
- Helped us with homework
- Lecture summaries for quizzes were brief and exact on what material to study.
- Makes time to help students who need it
- She did try and help us understand how the solution is reached. Probably not the most clear and effective matter, but she did her best to help clear any misunderstandings.
- She is great at clearly explaining the topics being covered, and answering questions.
- She often sums up the discussion notes and sends them via email to students. Thank you, Ruobing!
- She really helped with the homeworks and to clearly explain concepts that I was having trouble with.
- smart
- Super helpful! Super smart!
- Understanding of the material
- Very patient
- Very willing to help students succeed through homework and exam preparation.
- Whenever we needed her, she was always helpful.

14. Please describe this person's greatest weaknesses as a Teaching Assistant/Tutor.

- Communicating the material to students
- Did not understand her explanations at all. And her accent made it hard for me to understand during section
- Just really hard to understand her speech, she pretty much mutters everything.
- Lack of organization when writing on the board
- Nothing in particular

- She was sometimes not well-informed on what was covered in lecture.
- She's a bit quiet, and has a slight accent, but that doesn't interfere when she is answering student questions
- Sometimes hard to understand and tended to ramble without any awareness of how the class was responding/ felt about the material.
- Sometimes in problem sessions was too quiet... and also didn't hold the attention very well she just read off her paper... but mostly good.
- Sometimes seems a little unprepared, though she clearly demonstrates an understanding of the material.
Also seems to have trouble understanding students' questions
- Sometimes talks at the board rather than to the students
- There were times she told us wrong equations. She was confusing. She was also very slow in lecturing.
- Very hard to read handwriting
- Very quiet speaker, often difficult to hear.

15. Do you have any other comments to add to your evaluation?

Please provide any additional constructive comments

- a little shy..but overall still a very good TA.
- Grading accuracy is horrible. TAs consistently grade question on homework and quizzes wrong to the point of dropping scores an entire letter grade. I emailed this TA about fixing the grading on an assignment 3 weeks after emailing her and she still had not addressed the issue.
- Great TA. Both of the TA's for this class were very instructive and helpful
- Nothing in particular
- TA's on boards are cooler than average.
- Thank you Ruobing you're a great TA and I hope I have you again!
- Very helpful TA
- You're good at teaching and show an interest in helping students succeed, which is great. You seem a little timid when teaching; be more confident! More importantly, I have seen many cases where a student asks a question and you seem to answer something else. Try listening more carefully when a student speaks. Other than that, keep up the good work!

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