Title: **A and S DEFAULT Course Evaluation Instructor/TA Form**

Course: **POLSW4360_001_2014_3 / MATH METHODS FOR POLITICAL SC**
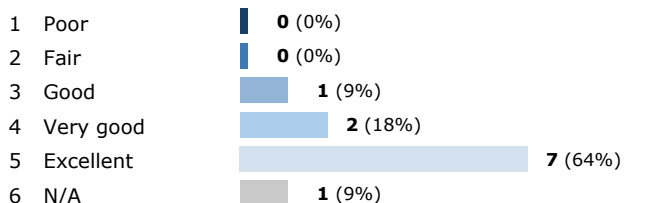
Dates: **12/01/2014 - 12/10/2014**

Responses**: 11/16 - 68.75%**

Number of Participants: **16**

Enrollment of All Students: **17**

TA Graph Report for: **Tara Lyn Slough**

1 TA's ability to raise challenging questions — N=11

1	Poor	**0** (0%)
2	Fair	**0** (0%)
3	Good	**1** (9%)
4	Very good	**2** (18%)
5	Excellent	**7** (64%)
6	N/A	**1** (9%)

Median **5**   Interpolated Median **4.79**   Mean **4.60**   Std Dev **0.70**

2 TA's ability to help clarify course material — N=11

|		
1	Poor	**0** (0%)
2	Fair	**0** (0%)
3	Good	**1** (9%)
4	Very good	**2** (18%)
5	Excellent	**8** (73%)
6	N/A	**0** (0%)
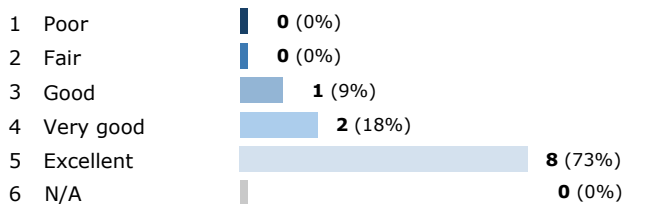
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3 TA's ability to encourage student participation effectively — N=11

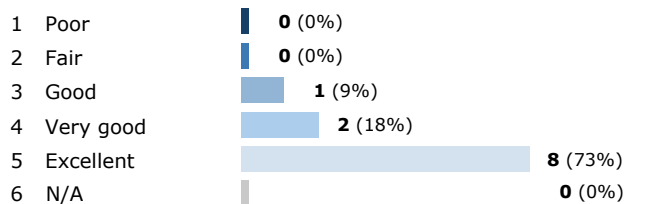|		
1	Poor	**0** (0%)
2	Fair	**0** (0%)
3	Good	**2** (18%)
4	Very good	**1** (9%)
5	Excellent	**7** (64%)
6	N/A	**1** (9%)
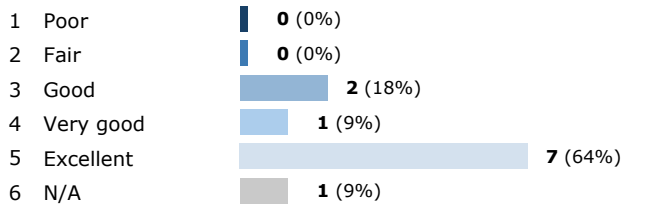
Median **5**   Interpolated Median **4.79**   Mean **4.50**   Std Dev **0.85**

### 4 TA's responsiveness to student questions, opinions and criticisms — N=11

1	Poor	**0** (0%)
2	Fair	**0** (0%)
3	Good	**1** (9%)
4	Very good	**0** (0%)
5	Excellent	**9** (82%)
6	N/A	**1** (9%)
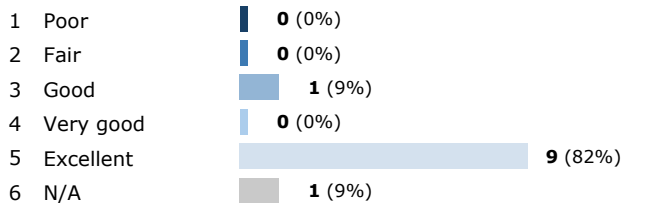
Median **5**   Interpolated Median **4.94**   Mean **4.80**   Std Dev **0.63**

5 TA's feedback on assignments and examinations — N=11

1	Poor	**0** (0%)
2	Fair	**0** (0%)
3	Good	**1** (9%)
4	Very good	**2** (18%)
5	Excellent	**8** (73%)
6	N/A	**0** (0%)

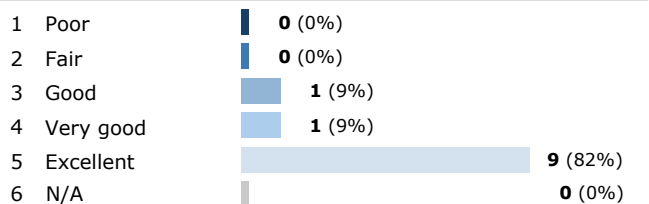Median **5**   Interpolated Median **4.81**   Mean **4.64**   Std Dev **0.67**

6 TA's ability to communicate effectively with students — N=11

1	Poor	**0** (0%)
2	Fair	**0** (0%)
3	Good	**1** (9%)
4	Very good	**1** (9%)
5	Excellent	**9** (82%)
6	N/A	**0** (0%)
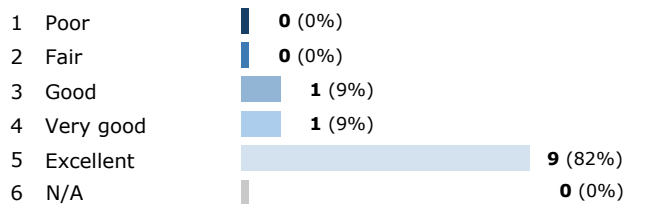
Median **5**   Interpolated Median **4.89**   Mean **4.73**   Std Dev **0.65**

7 Overall effectiveness of the TA — N=11

1	Poor	**0** (0%)
2	Fair	**0** (0%)
3	Good	**1** (9%)
4	Very good	**1** (9%)
5	Excellent	**9** (82%)
6	N/A	**0** (0%)

Median **5**   Interpolated Median **4.89**   Mean **4.73**   Std Dev **0.65**

Title: **A and S DEFAULT Course Evaluation Instructor/TA Form**

Course: **POLSW4360_001_2014_3 / MATH METHODS FOR POLITICAL SC**

Dates: **12/01/2014 - 12/10/2014**

Responses**: 11/16 - 68.75%**

Enrollment of Registered Students:**16**

Enrollment of All Students:**17**

TA Comments Report for: **Tara Lyn Slough**

Q1 Comments on TA effectiveness

- Review sections were greatly appreciated and instrumental in developing a better understanding of course material.

- I liked my TA. She was one of the best TAs in my life. whenever she teaches something to us, somehow, the difficulty was not there. It means she was the good explainer.

  She was excellent!

- Tara is wonderful!

- Where the instructor was unclear, Tara clarified it. For this reason, she saved the class.

- She's great!

- Tara was very helpful.

- Tara has been a superb TA, better even than Professor Urpelainen.

Title: **A and S DEFAULT Course Evaluation Instructor/TA Form**

Course: **POLSW4291_001_2015_1 / ADV TOPICS IN QUANTITATIVE RE**

Instructors: **Gregory J. Wawro**
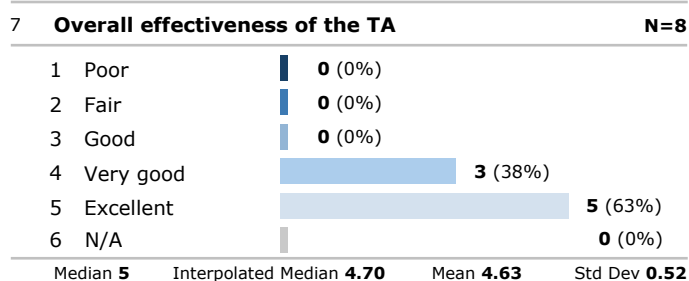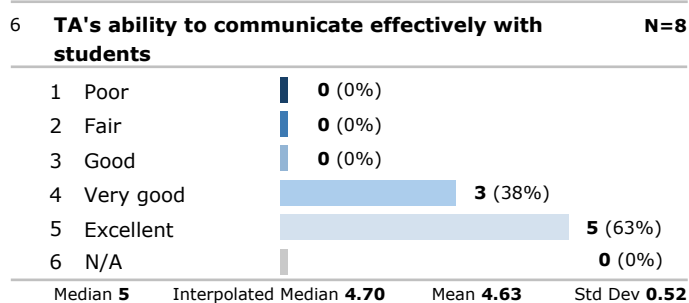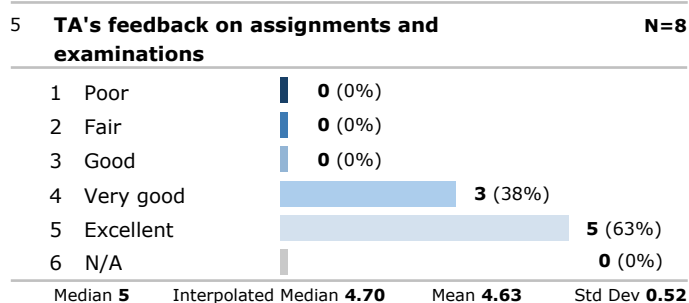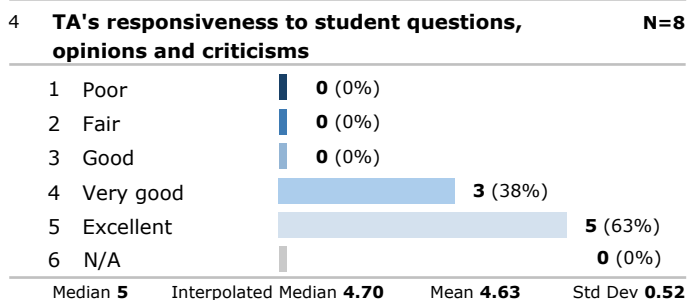
Dates: **04/27/2015 - 05/07/2015**

Responses**: 8/10 - 80.00%**

Number of Participants: **10**

Enrollment of All Students: **10**

TA Graph Report for: **Tara Lyn Slough**

1   TA's ability to raise challenging questions   N=8

1	Poor	**0** (0%)
2	Fair	**0** (0%)
3	Good	**0** (0%)
4	Very good	**5** (63%)
5	Excellent	**3** (38%)
6	N/A	**0** (0%)

Median **4**   Interpolated Median **4.30**   Mean **4.38**   Std Dev **0.52**

2   TA's ability to help clarify course material   N=8

1	Poor	**0** (0%)
2	Fair	**0** (0%)
3	Good	**0** (0%)
4	Very good	**3** (38%)
5	Excellent	**5** (63%)
6	N/A	**0** (0%)

Median **5**   Interpolated Median **4.70**   Mean **4.63**   Std Dev **0.52**

3   TA's ability to encourage student participation effectively   N=8

1	Poor	**0** (0%)
2	Fair	**0** (0%)
3	Good	**0** (0%)
4	Very good	**5** (63%)
5	Excellent	**3** (38%)
6	N/A	**0** (0%)

Median **4**   Interpolated Median **4.30**   Mean **4.38**   Std Dev **0.52**

4   TA's responsiveness to student questions, opinions and criticisms   N=8

1	Poor	**0** (0%)
2	Fair	**0** (0%)
3	Good	**0** (0%)
4	Very good	**3** (38%)
5	Excellent	**5** (63%)
6	N/A	**0** (0%)

Median **5**   Interpolated Median **4.70**   Mean **4.63**   Std Dev **0.52**

5   TA's feedback on assignments and examinations   N=8

1	Poor	**0** (0%)
2	Fair	**0** (0%)
3	Good	**0** (0%)
4	Very good	**3** (38%)
5	Excellent	**5** (63%)
6	N/A	**0** (0%)

Median **5**   Interpolated Median **4.70**   Mean **4.63**   Std Dev **0.52**

6   TA's ability to communicate effectively with students   N=8

1	Poor	**0** (0%)
2	Fair	**0** (0%)
3	Good	**0** (0%)
4	Very good	**3** (38%)
5	Excellent	**5** (63%)
6	N/A	**0** (0%)

Median **5**   Interpolated Median **4.70**   Mean **4.63**   Std Dev **0.52**

7   Overall effectiveness of the TA   N=8

1	Poor	**0** (0%)
2	Fair	**0** (0%)
3	Good	**0** (0%)
4	Very good	**3** (38%)
5	Excellent	**5** (63%)
6	N/A	**0** (0%)

Median **5**   Interpolated Median **4.70**   Mean **4.63**   Std Dev **0.52**

Title: **A and S DEFAULT Course Evaluation Instructor/TA Form**

Course: **POLSW4291_001_2015_1 / ADV TOPICS IN QUANTITATIVE RE**

Instructors: **Gregory J. Wawro**

Dates: **04/27/2015 - 05/07/2015**

Responses: **8/10 - 80.00%**

Enrollment of Registered Students:**10**

Enrollment of All Students:**10**

TA Comments Report for: **Tara Lyn Slough**

Q1 Comments on TA effectiveness

- She did a great job clarifying the material and was always available for questions.

- Tara is extremely dedicated and always available to help students.

- Really hard material, Tara understands it all very well! Impressive and helpful.

Title: **A&S Standard Course Evaluation**

Course: **POLSW4912_001_2015_3 / MULTIVARIATE POLITICL ANALYSI**

Instructors: **Benjamin K Goodrich**

Dates: **12/07/2015 - 12/16/2015**

Responses**: 10/19 - 52.63%**

Number of Participants: **19**

Enrollment of All Students: **19**

TA Graph Report for: **Tara Lyn Slough**

1	**What is your overall assessment of the effectiveness of the teaching assistant?**	N=10

1	No basis for comment	**0** (0%)
2	Poor	**0** (0%)
3	Fair	**0** (0%)
4	Good	**0** (0%)
5	Very Good	**3** (30%)
6	Excellent	**7** (70%)

Median **6**   Interpolated Median **5.79**   Mean **5.70**   Std Dev **0.48**

Title: **A&S Standard Course Evaluation**

Course: **POLSW4912_001_2015_3 / MULTIVARIATE POLITICL ANALYSI**

Instructors: **Benjamin K Goodrich**

Dates: **12/07/2015 - 12/16/2015**

Responses: **10/19 - 52.63%**

Enrollment of Registered Students:**19**

Enrollment of All Students:**19**

TA Comments Report for: **Tara Lyn Slough**

Q1 **What are the strengths and weaknesses of your teaching assistant (discussion section leader, lab section leader, grader, or other assistant) as an instructor, and how might his or her teaching be improved?**

- She has been the greatest TA ever.

- Tara really saved this class. Without Tara's essential sectional reviews, the course material would have been incomplete and nearly impossible to connect from topic to topic. In addition, her office hours were very heavily attended as people came in with questions about their incorrectly-specified problem sets. This course would have been a complete disaster without such a helpful and responsive TA.

- Always available. Clear sections.

- Tara was one of the most effective teaching assistant that I have every had in my entire graduate academic career.
  - Her lectures were extremely clear in lab sessions
  - She developed and demonstrated useful examples
  - She provided appropriate attention and help to students
  - Responded to questions outside class in a timely manner

- She was always available, super clear in her explanations and we really could not have gone or understood anything without her. I believe that there was a lack of coordination with the profesor in relation to the problem sets.

- Amazing. Tara puts so much effort into her sections and in preparing material for students. She is super helpful and she explains the material very well. I learned most of the material from her sections.

- Welcome all kinds of questions

- Tara was an absolutely incredible TA for this course. Really went out of her way to understand student concerns and help students navigate the assignments.

- Tara is a boss. She was always available for questions, always had well-prepared and well-thought-through answers, and always had a smile on her face. She always put a lot of thought into her lecture notes and a lot of thought into creating tangible examples for the application of the material in lecture. I only wish we could have had her section more frequently. Tara will be a great professor and a great methodologist.

Title: **A&S Standard Course Evaluation**

Course: **POLSW4912_001_2015_3 / MULTIVARIATE POLITICL ANALYSI**

Instructors: **Benjamin K Goodrich**

Dates: **12/07/2015 - 12/16/2015**

Responses**: 10/19 - 52.63%**

Enrollment of Registered Students:**19**

Enrollment of All Students:**19**

TA Comments Report for: **Tara Lyn Slough**

- Tara is simply outstanding. Without her, I think all of us would have completely failed the course. She was the one shining light in the darkness that was 4912. Her effort and dedication to teaching and helping students is genuinely inspiring. She created a full set of section notes that covered in better and clearer terms what we needed to know than all of Ben's lectures. She spent nearly two hours in section with us per week, and then handled about 10 students at a time in office hours for another two hours. She'd somehow manage to help everyone despite having dozens of questions posed to her simultaneously left, right, and centre. In fact, on the opposite spectrum of Ben, I'd say that Tara is the best teaching assistant I've ever had. She's very clearly brilliant, and disciplined, and hardworking, and profoundly helpful. When Tara graduates she should teach 4912 instead.

Title: **A&S Spring 2016 Standard Evaluation**

Course: **POLSW4209_001_2016_1 / GAME THEORY & POLIT THEORY**

Instructors: **John D. Huber**

Dates: **04/25/2016 - 05/06/2016**

Responses**: 8/17 - 47.06%**
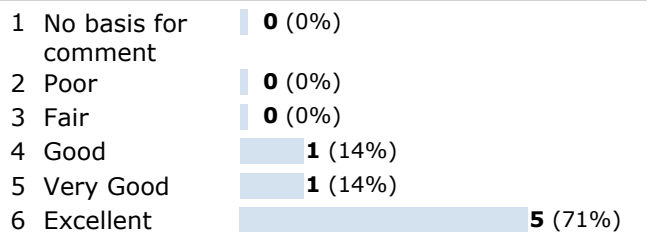
Number of Participants: **17**

Enrollment of All Students: **17**

TA Graph Report for: **Tara Lyn Slough**

1	**What is your overall assessment of the effectiveness of the teaching assistant?**	**N=7**
1	No basis for comment	**0** (0%)
2	Poor	**0** (0%)
3	Fair	**0** (0%)
4	Good	**1** (14%)
5	Very Good	**1** (14%)
6	Excellent	**5** (71%)

Median **6**   Interpolated Median **5.80** Mean **5.57** Std Dev **0.79**

Title: **A&S Spring 2016 Standard Evaluation**

Course: **POLSW4209_001_2016_1 / GAME THEORY & POLIT THEORY**

Instructors: **John D. Huber**

Dates: **04/25/2016 - 05/06/2016**

Responses: **8/17 - 47.06%**

Enrollment of Registered Students:**17**

Enrollment of All Students:**17**

TA Comments Report for: **Tara Lyn Slough**

Q1 **What are the strengths and weaknesses of your teaching assistant (discussion section leader, lab section leader, grader, or other assistant) as an instructor, and how might his or her teaching be improved?**

- I think without Tara and Kolby I would miss every important idea of each topic. The pace of the class was too fast for me and I could not go to professor's OH because I had another class. So, Tara and Kolby were those people who really really helped me even if I asked them the same question many many times.

- Clear grasp of the knowledge, but struggles a bit more with explaining it. Often I would notice only because I already understood the topic being explained that she would leave out many essential chunks of the explanation, without which it would be impossible to understand what she was explaining. Approachable and encourages questions.

- Tara is always available and super supportive. Her handouts clarify the topics usually delineated in obscure terms in our Osborne textbook and her comments on problem sets help to strengthen our work the next time around. She is by far an outstanding TA and I am very happy to have had her for support.

- She was a perfect TA and was extremely helpful (though sometimes a tough grader).

- Tara is smart but because she's too intelligent, sometimes it is difficult to follow what she says.