

**Fall Quarter 2024**  
**Selected Evaluations\* (4)**
**Student Evaluation of Teaching**

 Enrollment 126  
 % responding 54%

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree				
	5 %	4 %	3 %	2 %	1 %	$\bar{X}$	SD	M	N
Please indicate the overall educational value of the course. (excellent   very good   satisfactory   fair   poor)	12 17%	11 16%	26 38%	15 22%	5 7%	3.1	1.2	3.0	69
Please indicate the overall teaching effectiveness of the teaching assistant. (excellent   very good   satisfactory   fair   poor)	23 33%	16 23%	19 28%	9 13%	2 3%	3.7	1.1	4.0	69
Preparation for section meetings	24 35%	26 38%	17 25%	2 3%	0 0%	4.0	0.8	4.0	69
Presentation of explanation	20 29%	28 41%	18 26%	2 3%	1 1%	3.9	0.9	4.0	69
Stimulation of your interest in the course	16 23%	18 26%	26 38%	4 6%	5 7%	3.5	1.1	3.0	69
Encouragement for you to think independently	29 43%	22 32%	16 24%	1 1%	0 0%	4.2	0.8	4.0	68
Attitude toward the students	25 38%	27 41%	12 18%	1 2%	1 2%	4.1	0.9	4.0	66
Availability during office hours	23 35%	31 47%	11 17%	1 2%	0 0%	4.2	0.7	4.0	66

## Please comment in detail: On an aspects of the performance of the teaching assistant which you feel are particularly praiseworthy or good

review

Our TA really makes sure that we understand the topic during discussion sections, he makes sure that we don't feel embarrassed or afraid to ask for more practice or help.

He did go over important material several times over to solidify the information into the students heads and made sure they understood it.

There's been times where my group was confused and she did a really good job at helping us and did a good job explaining it to us to where we were able to understand.

He helped clear up certain things and gave a lot of examples.

The availability felt above average in all aspects and the genuine desire to help students was readily apparent.

He did a good job at encouraging us before the midterm.

My TA made significant effort to help us review. It felt like he truly wants us to perform well and learn.

He tries to teach us and explain the material. He tries to get our response in order to continue tutoring.

Toulik always was very pleasant and helpful. He brought enthusiasm to each discussion session. He was kind and encouraged students to participate even if they didn't know how to solve something

He made us feel confident if we understood the topics

My TA frequently stopped and asked if we understood what he was saying. If someone said no he would make sure and explain it again with greater detail.

He was engaging with students and it was clear he wanted them to succeed. Lessons were clear and usually very helpful for that week's module and discussion assignment. Information was presented clearly and concisely, without giving too much information that would make it overwhelming.

The teaching assistant was very enthusiastic about getting us to understand the material.

He made sure that everyone participated by asking us to reply in chat. He also wanted us to solve certain problems and waited for us to solve it and type in chat.

He is very well prepared for his presentation.

Hosting additional zoom sessions before the midterm was extremely helpful.

well organized, thoughtful

I appreciated Toulik's efforts in trying to keep everyone engaged during the office hours.

He encouraged everyone to ask questions.

Our TA does a good job at preparing us for lecture and using outside context to try and get us to better understand chemical concepts.

Makes sure the class understands the topic before moving on which is helpful.

Toulik was always on time, made sure we understood the topic he went over, and gave us advice on what to study, mentioned his availability in office hours, and even took time out of his day to host extra study zooms before exams.

I believe that my TA is very concerned about whether their students understand the concepts. He always wants to make sure.

He's kind and would provide extra assistance before our exams.

The polls were good and interactive.

Cares about his students

He wants every single person to respond, say their answer or opinion even if it is right or wrong because he wants to know where the students are at and what areas we need help with. he explains things very well and makes it easy to understand. he clarifies things we are uncertain about and makes sure we get the credit/points we should be getting through attendance or assignments.

Explained the main points of the chapters and never wasted time.

Making students feel comfortable with asking whatever questions they have or when they are unsure of a topic. Very understanding of students overall

always made sure students were engaged

The teaching assistant was always keen on our students' thoughts, ensuring we understood what was being taught and answered any questions we had.

Encouraging everyone to try answering the questions and doing a step by step on problems making every step clear

I enjoyed that we would make an effort to stay longer in the meetings in case the students still had lingering questions from the discussion.

He displayed a genuine interest in helping us.

He was very good at getting students engaged and making students feel like they can ask questions or try practice problems without fear of getting the answer wrong.

Toulik was super responsive and available via canvas messages. He also put good effort into helping us feel prepared for homework and exams, working through practice problems and providing different tips on how to remember certain rules/concepts. His sessions were very easy to follow.

I like how he makes sure that everyone understands what he is teaching and he will explain furthermore is students say that they do not understand.

Toulik is very attentive in the comments section and answers most questions to the best of his ability. I also find him very generous for donating extra hours to host practice sessions before exams.

The TA was excellent and helped a lot when it came to understanding the course material

I really liked how he explained all the concepts and focused on making sure that all the students understand the content before moving on.

Spend a lot of time explain examples.

Chip was always quick to answer any questions and confusion regarding a topic and ultimately provided a great mood for the class always being prepared and and enlightning confused students

He was always asking us whether or not we understood the material and was always open to going back or re-explaining things.

They explained things well.

I enjoyed his discussions as they were well planned out and allowed us to learn well. I also enjoyed how he answered any questions we had if he had the information

## Please comment in detail: On any particular aspects of the teaching assistant's performance which you feel are in great need to improvement

Our section was behind on the teaching by a week, and we were not aware of this until the midterm came rolling around.

review helped me

I don't think there is any aspect that needs to be improved on

I believe the teaching assistant should cover all the topics that are assigned to the course's schedule so we don't fall behind and miss out on information that is on the homework and exams. He should also improve on covering the material at a steady pace so students have some time to understand what he's covering. The TA should also go over the material beforehand the discussion to avoid confusing students.

I don't think there was any events.

There were many things he said he couldn't help us with which made it useful sometimes to ask him questions.

Instructions were somewhat unclear at times

I think that he could be more prepared to talk about certain topics. There were some topics in which we were told "if we didn't know we could watch on YouTube how to do it" or "I can't help you with this". I think that if a person is teaching a subject they can do a better job at being prepared to teach something.

He should require cameras on

I feel our TA is good at running on examples of the questions.

He can go a bit too fast but other than that he is amazing at what he does.

I wish we covered more topics

Maybe just the way he worded some of the material.

Organization of what was going to be covered. I understand that the actual structure of the class is that discussions are student led, but in case there's nothing specific anyone wanted to go over, maybe just be prepared with 2-3 topics that could be covered.

N/A

Despite teaching students we were somehow a week behind the lecture. This resulted in our homework being nothing similar to our discussions.

none

Providing more thorough explanations

One thing I would love to see more would be going over more realistic problems that would be on the midterm and final. Our TA does a good amount of examples, but many of them were not consistent with what was on the midterm exam.

Could be more responsive in emails.

NA

There isn't anything.

Having our videos on to encourage the students to engage.

I think his accent sometimes makes it hard to understand what he is saying, but he is clear with what he says.

Clarity and confidence

he tends to demand a lot during the zooms, not super bad but at the same time it sounds a little harsh sometimes. i understand he is doing that in order for us to engage and say something, but the way he says it is very demanding.

he didn't really give the reason behind why certain things were happening in the equations

Maybe penmanship, since it was written on a tablet it would be nice if the writing was a bit more clear.

His English accent sometimes was hard to understand, but he is a great TA.

n/a

I wish the discussion sections, in general, are more structured. As there isn't much time and all, I realized that we initially started off being behind compared to the instructor's pacing which prompted a faster pacing later on... making it a little hard to catch up.

He made me realize where I need to work on more

N/A

One improvement Would be the handwriting it's difficult to follow his handwriting, but overall it's understandable

He could do with improving the time management, it is partly due to students having him go back but occasionally he was unprepared.

N/a

**Note: If you feel your TA is truly outstanding, the Chemistry Department would appreciate your saying so and giving your reason in an email to [chem-ta@ucdavis.edu](mailto:chem-ta@ucdavis.edu). The emails will be kept on file for use during the Spring Quarter in making decisions regarding nominations for departmental and campus wide outstanding TA Awards.**

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he is very outstanding and knows the material well

Always on time. Prepared for questions. And never let any personal issues interfere with class.

He would make the material as easy as possible to understand, and help us feel comfortable asking questions as he acknowledge that this class is not easy.

His name is Toulik Maitra ([tmaitra@ucdavis.edu](mailto:tmaitra@ucdavis.edu))

Toulik has my vote!

## **Additional feedback/comments.**

A very good TA!! I'm endlessly thankful that I had him for my section.

Overall a good TA that helped me learn more about chemistry.

NA

he is a good TA and knows what he is talking about, knows how to teach, and makes things easier to understand. very good communication and always responds promptly to emails or messages send within a reasonable time frame.

N/A

N/A

Term	Eval Opened	CRN	Subject	Course	Section	Enrollment	% Response
Fall Quarter 2024	11/29/2024 12:00 AM	24676	CHE	001V	A11	32	62
Fall Quarter 2024	11/29/2024 12:00 AM	24677	CHE	001V	A12	32	62
Fall Quarter 2024	11/29/2024 12:00 AM	24680	CHE	001V	A15	31	41
Fall Quarter 2024	11/29/2024 12:00 AM	24681	CHE	001V	A16	31	51