

## Teaching Assistant, Language & Psycholinguistics

### Description

*Course:* BCS 152: Language & Psycholinguistics

*Role:* Teaching Assistant (instructor: Michael Tanenhaus)

*Term:* Fall 2017

*Department:* Brain & Cognitive Sciences, University of Rochester

*See previous section for description of this course.*

### Summary of Teaching Responsibilities

- Guest lecturing: Gave a guest lecture on speech perception to fill in for the instructor.
- Review sessions: Led review sessions for each of the three exams throughout the semester.
- Exam writing: Wrote multiple choice questions and short answers for all three of the course's exams (burden split equally between myself and the other graduate TA).
- Office hours: Met with students one-on-one and in small groups to discuss course material.
- Supplemental meetings with students: Had regular individual meetings outside of office hours with two students in the course to give additional instruction on course material.

### Evaluations

Note: the quantitative results below are for me specifically. However, the free responses below covered both graduate TAs, so I only pulled out comments that mentioned me by name or were clearly meant to refer to both TAs.

Responses: 11 (enrollment: 95)

Question	Mean (SD) (out of 5)
<i>What overall rating would you give the TA?</i>	4.9 (0.31)
How approachable did that TA make him/herself?	4.8 (0.42)
How enthusiastic was the TA about this course?	4.6 (0.51)
If you had questions, could you get answers from the TA?	4.6 (0.7)

### Individual student comments:

- "They are awesome!! Their review sessions are super helpful."
- "Wednesday is a highly knowledgeable TA of this course and helped me and many other students tremendously."
- "Wednesday was incredibly helpful and did an awesome job at explaining things!"
- "Wednesday was a gem and was so nice and gave lectures better than Dr. Tanenhaus when she gave lectures and always answered questions."

- “The TAs were very engaging and were ready to answer any questions we had. They demonstrated much knowledge and enthusiasm in their studies, and were very reliable overall. Their explanations on the material were thorough and easy to understand.”
- “Wednesday was a pretty good TA. She did a great job explaining the material to the students. However, sometimes it was hard to receive emails back from her. She did accidentally forget to email the class that class wasn't canceled anymore.”