

Recitation Instructor Evaluation Form - Fall 2018

Recitation Instructor (Last name, First name): Davidov, Yael
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Course: 01:640:152

Please rate the overall performance of this Recitation Instructor: Excellent

Please comment on the technical aspects of the RI's teaching performance.

Yael was without a doubt prepared for the workshops. I can tell that not only based on the day I observed her recitation but mostly from our interactions discussing the workshops. It is clear she goes over the problems to make sure she knows how to solve them and to discuss them with the students, and she asks me when she is unsure of her solutions. She paces the workshops really well, walking in the room talking to students. Since this a workshop, there was nothing much written on the board, but she seems organized and writes big enough. I had no problem to hear her from the back of the room.

Please comment on the mathematical content of the RI's teaching performance.

She conducted the workshop in an organized manner. There is not much to observe about the mathematical content of the teaching performance since the majority of time of the session consists of the students working together in groups. But it is clear to me she is aware of the level the students are at and can discuss the material at their level. She follows my suggestion to use 10 minutes or so working on a problem with them, and she makes it very interactive and makes sure the students are following what she is doing.

Please comment on the engagement of the students.

Yael is very helpful to the students, she is friendly and patient while helping them, making a good environment for the students to ask questions. She makes eye contact with the students and tries her best to get the interaction to happen. She asks them questions instead of just giving them the answer.

Please evaluate the assistance of the RI in grading and constructing exams and quizzes, and in following course policies.

For this course, I am responsible for preparing exams and quizzes, but she seems to be very careful in grading quizzes and workshop problems. She follows the course policies accordingly. She offered to help me to proctor the exam before I asked.

Would you recommend that this RI be assigned to teach his/her own course? Please comment:

Yes, Yael seems to be a good candidate to teach her own course.

Additional comments:

Since this is a workshop and not a traditional recitation, it is not so easy to comment on some aspects. Some of my comments are more based on my interaction with her outside her workshop session. But I am very happy with her work, and students seem to really like her too.