2020W1 UBC Individual TA Report for EOSC 112 101 - The Fluid Earth: Atmosphere and Ocean (Yulia Egorova)

Project Title: **2020W1 UBC TA Evaluations**

Course Audience: **226**
Responses Received: **98**
Response Ratio: **43.36%**

Report Comments

Recommended Minimum Response Rates

Class Size	Recommended Minimum Response Rates based on 80% confidence & ± 10% margin
< 10	75%
11 - 19	65%
20 - 34	55%
35 - 49	40%
50 - 74	35%
75 - 99	25%
100 - 149	20%
150 - 299	15%
300 - 499	10%
> 500	5%

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TA Questions

Question	N	n	SD	D	N	A	SA	N/A	IM	DI	Mean	STDEV
The teaching assistant was well prepared.	226	97	0	1	2	19	74	1	4.85	0.22	4.73	0.55
The teaching assistant was helpful.	226	98	0	1	2	21	73	1	4.84	0.23	4.71	0.56
The teaching assistant was considerate of students.	226	98	0	1	3	15	77	2	4.88	0.21	4.75	0.56
The teaching assistant was easily understood.	226	98	0	3	4	31	58	2	4.67	0.34	4.50	0.73
The teaching assistant was an effective instructor.	226	98	0	2	5	24	64	3	4.76	0.31	4.58	0.69

Question	%Favourable
The teaching assistant was well prepared.	96.88%
The teaching assistant was helpful.	96.91%
The teaching assistant was considerate of students.	95.83%
The teaching assistant was easily understood.	92.71%
The teaching assistant was an effective instructor.	92.63%

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Such a good TA! I was always looking forward to office hours as she explained concepts very clearly and made it easier to understand.
Yulia is an absolutely excellent TA. Yulia showed initiative from the start of the course and was an essential help to students whenever we had questions. Always on time, willing to explain concepts, perfect communication about class structure and exams, Yulia made an effort to be attentive to students' needs every single virtual lecture. I have zero complaints; Yulia is the perfect assistant and should be highly esteemed.
Yulia is the best TA I've ever had. She explains things in a very simple and clear way, she helped me clarify most of the course concepts because of the extra material she posts. Yulia also replies emails and questions on the Discussion board really fast and is always considered of student's time zones for Office Hours. Thank you Yulia!
She was very helpful and held a lot of office hours for everyone to clear their queries.
Very nice and considerate. Looked out for the wellbeing of the students and provided links to additional information for the course

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Yulia was very helpful in this course. She was very interactive with all of the students in the zoom chat, providing answers to our questions, making flexible office hour times, extending due dates when necessary, and I could tell that she wanted everyone to do well in the course.
The TA was present for all lectures and helped answer questions in Zoom's chat box while the professor was lecturing. This was pretty helpful. I did not attend any TA office hours, but I did notice the TA scheduled many of them, especially around quizzes, midterms and finals which is always helpful for students. Overall this TA was great
She did well in always being quick to respond to student's questions.
Yulia always responded to student questions and made sure everybody understood the material. Very helpful.
Very good TA. Transition to online learning is difficult for everyone, especially during the time of a pandemic. My hope is that the TA and prof were both lenient and understanding with students' learning capabilities during this difficult time.
Helpful in class and office hours.
Yulia was the best TA I had this year. She alone opened up so many office hours for students, which showed her caring towards our learning. She also effectively communicated to us of everything in detail that students had to be notified of, for example, all the office hours, information about quiz and exams.
Fabulous TA. Great explanations of the study notes.
Best TA I had all term.
I really appreciated the article links you posted in the chat when someone asked a question that needed more explanation!
Yulia was excellent in assisting students, whether it be through office hours or solving technical or logistical problems.
Yulia had many office hours to help us prepare to quizzes, midterms and finals, and she always catered them towards our availability. She always answered our questions clearly and even stayed after her office hours time if we had a lot of questions. She is also always quick to respond on the discussion board and answered our questions there clearly as well.
Yulia tried to accommodate everyone's needs, whether it be on zoom chat, the discussion boards, or during office hours. I found her very helpful when trying to resolve the issues I had during the course.
Awesome TA! Really helpful in the chat during lectures and office hours were so helpful. Unlike other TAs in other courses who only answered questions from students, Yulia actually aims to help students by asking questions to the students to promote learning and it feels like a casual lecture every office hour if there were no other questions from students. She uses different tactics to try to help students such as using visuals (diagrams, pictures), interactive activities (annotation on zoom), and simple deduction (asking thought–provoking questions to students to help them arrive at the correct answer).
Lots of office hour and was interactive
Cleared up misconceptions quickly and effectively during zoom lectures.
Yulia was very responsive and wrote reminders for what to focus on during the lessons. Very helpful with technical difficulties during class.
Yulia is a wonderful TA. Even as the only TA in EOSC 112, she managed everything very well!
Yulia was extremely helpful this term and answered all our questions:)
Yulia is an awesome TA and educator. She went the extra mile by making time for office hours based on the requests of students. During lectures she clarified any confusions that the professor didn't notice, and at office hours she came with a plan to go over everything of importance, while also making time for students' individual concerns. Once, she even went so far as to say "2 in the morning, 3 in the morning, doesn't matter... You email me and I will make sure you get a response." Thanks Yulia!
I really appreciate all of the hard work Yulia prepared for her students. Yulia is an amazing TA; she helped me understand the difficult concepts and provided me with thorough explanations with the study guides.
Among all the TAs I had this term, Yulia was the best. She responds to students via email very quickly and she has very adaptable office hours. You can tell that she is very willing to help students out. Thank you for the great semester!
Yulia was easy to approach, and worked to solve our problems if we ever encountered any. I had a lot of difficulty with the math parts of this course, and she held a 1 on 1 zoom call to help break down the math so it wasn't as scary. I really appreciated that gesture :) When I went to her review sections, they were helpful for preparing for exams.

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Answered questions on the canvas discussions frequently and was very helpful during lecture.
Yulia is one of the best TAs I have ever had. I am insanely impressed by how much work she does and I hope that UBC is paying her enough for all the work she does. Yulia answers emails within 30 seconds. She is able to answer all questions during lecture with long, clear, helpful explanations. She is incredibly smart, and is an amazing teacher. She uses the socratic method in tutorials and really helps me learn rather than just answer questions. She always has enough office hour sessions. I read reviews for the class beforehand that said that Yulia would be the greatest asset you have for learning the material and they were all correct. I'm not sure what her plans are for the future but I think future students deserve to have her as a professor because she is simply amazing. She has been an incredible TA this term and I wish her nothing but the best.
Super helpful and accommodating, made herself available all of the time
AMAZING TA. She was very helpful and made sure to host extra sessions to ensure that the students were prepared for the exams.
Yulia was a very good TA throughout the term. I appreciated her help very much. Often times she would give us extra links or resources to help us understand the course material. She alwasy engaged with the chat during the live zoom sessions to answer any questions we had. I was glad to have had her as a TA.
Yulia was a great TA for the course. Always willing to answer questions in chat in a timely and effective manner. Had plenty of office hours where students could ask questions. Yulia was always clear with her answers and was a nice presence in the class.
Unfortunately I did not come to know Yulia well however, the few times that I attended office hours she was able to fluently and easily answer my questions. She also encouraged student involvement while working through questions which enabled strong, core engagement. I appreciated all her hard and accountable work and responsiveness to emails/messages.
Any question that was posed was readily answered will accuracy and precision.
I thought Yulia was a great TA. I attended her office hours a variety of times throughout the semester, and each time she made things so much clearer. She definitely knew a lot about the course content and was great at using visuals and detailed explanations to help students in whatever whatever ways possible.
Absolutely amazing TA that goes above and beyond in ensuring students have all the resources they will need. Thank you for all your hardwork Yulia :)
Best TA ever!!
Yulia was absolutely excellent as a TA! She always took the time to answer any and all questions posted by students, providing helpful information and links to supplementary information that we may find useful. She's always able to communicate the subject matter effectively and she helped me understand a multitude of topics I was confused about. She always cares about the students and how they are doing, talking with us at the beginning of each class and helping us with any problems we have. Overall, an amazing TA :)
Yulia was always in the chat, responding to students and giving us helpful links for further engagement with the material. I was actually very shocked with how coordinated she was with the professor, and she showed great passion for the material. She was, in all honesty, an incredible TA in that she treated her role with incredible professionalism, and often supplemented this course by practically being a second professor in this course, rather than just a TA. Incredible!
I loved the way Yulia explained hard concepts using the white board feature on Zoom and she went over any questions and concerns we had. She was also very flexible by asking us what time it would be best to have office hours and there were a lot of office hours to ask questions in general. Overall, Yulia was an amazing TA.
Best TA I have had thanks
Yulia was a constantly active presence during lectures, offering clarifying answers to any students who may have been confused about the course content. She was frequently available for office hours, offered useful feedback, and overall made for an effective teaching assistant.
Good
Yulia always seemed prepared for lecture and was enthusiastic about helping students learn. She answered student questions during lecture and on canvas effectively.
Yulia Egorova is an exceptional T.A., and I couldn't imagine any possible improvement she could make. That's how good she's been. She answers all students' questions in chat during synchronous sessions, is very flexible for office hours, and is highly adept at teaching the course material during office hours, ensuring everyone understands, and going out of her way to provide useful links to material that aids in coursework understanding as well as drawing helpful diagrams during office hours. To be perfectly honest, in most of my courses I barely notice whether or not T.A.s are present, but this has been the complete opposite with Yulia. She is a very helpful and competent T.A.
super nice and good Ta who's rly helpful and has a lot of patience for sure
She's very knowledgable on all the topics, easy to say that because she probably knows so much more regarding EOSC. She also knows how to explain and summarize different

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areas of our topics, even showing drawings or diagrams at times in office hours, which can be very helpful. Being that it is online, I don't think there is much else to improve on, the office hours are one of the most numerous and productive ones I've had. Thank you so much Yulia!
Thank you for clearing up misunderstandings about concepts even in chats, as well as, providing links that could further explain certain ideas.
Very nice. I was unable to attend office hours but I noticed that the TA did a great job managing the discussion board conversations.
She answered chat questions and always relayed messages to the professor. Accommodated assignments for students and actively communicated with us. Gave us many study resources and hosted many office hours and study session. Always gives us good feedback after midterms, quizzes, and assignments.
Could take into consideration student's suggestions. Proctorio is really invasive and I do not feel safe using it but we have to on the final :(
Yulia was an amazing TA and answered every question she could get to. She was very active during lectures, and responded immediately to my emails. Overall an outstanding job from Yulia!
Yulia has been a great TA this term. I really appreciated how she would send articles and provide tips on what to focus on in the chat during the live lectures and how flexible she is with her office hours. She is also easy accessible via her email and has been both kind and helpful in all of my interactions with her. She seems to really understand the material as well.
I liked your engagement with chat, and you were very helpful during class. But you need a better mic, your too loud.
Yulia was very kind and helpful to students, responding to anyone's questions/concerns at all hours during class and on the discussion board. Her explanations helped me understand the topics I struggled with, as she knew everything about the course material.
helped nwhen i had technical difficulties and was good in the chat
Thank you for everything you did Yulia, you helped me succeed in this course.
Yulia alway made sure that exam logistics were understood and that any other questions relating to course content or distanced learning were readily answered.
She was always available to answer questions and overall was very helpful addition to the course. I genuinely feel as though she made a bigger impact on the students than the professor did
Yulia was an amazing TA for this course! She was always there to answer any pending questions during lectures, and even on the discussion board on canvas. Thank you for all your help!
Yulia was amazing! She always made sure to help out students as much as she could. She held several office hours before quizzes, midterms and exams and really helped go through any confusing questions. She was always there to support and provide help!
Yulia helped through office hours, discord, lecture chats. She was a great TA
Absolutely loved the way Yulia went over every topic, thank you for all your help during the course. Please don't stop using your compact and easy methods for remembering time scales and important events in each period. Your office hours have been the most helpful.
Yulia was always helpful in answering questions in the chat during the lectures. Her office hours were always flexible, suited to the students, and she allowed for discussion of answers. Overall, Yulia was a great facilitator in the learning and truly helped the experience of the course.
Yulia is very patient with us and answers emails very promptly. The additional office hours she holds ensures that we are all prepared as well as we can for upcoming quizzes or midterms. Explains concepts really well and will repeat in a different way if we are still confused.
Yulia was such a kind and helpful TA. you could see how passionate she was about the material and how fluently she understood it. She was excellent at explaining and ensuring we understood the course material. She always accommodated our schedules to make sure everyone who needed to could attend her office hours. she would offer sometimes two or three office hour sessions from one to two hours long in mornings, evenings, and afternoons, whatever worked best for the students. She really helped me do well in the class, I feel very appreciative of her hard work.
Yulia was always kind in regards to what the students needed or requested. Although not everything could be controlled, Yulia always tried to listen and tried her best for the success of the students.
Office hours were very helpful and the detail in explaining the solutions to the questions was very helpful ad well.
Yulia was probably the best TA I had this semester. She answered a lot of questions and did so much for students when asked. I feel like she could've taught this course as the

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professor was really bad.
Thank you so much, you are a really great TA.
Yulia was such an amazing TA in this class! Not only did she always remind us of specific subjects to take note of, but she was always interactive in the zoom chats whether it be answering any of our questions or going along with our conversations and lifting up our spirits. I am extremely grateful for her generosity in providing a plethora of opportunities to join her office hours, and truly believed that without her help I in no way would have been as successful as I am in this course. Yulia is always patient and supporting, as she always goes beyond her office hours time to answer our questions!

Explanatory Note

Percent Favourable Rating

This is the percentage of respondents who rated the instructor a 4 or 5 (Agree or Strongly Agree).

Interpolated Median

The data collected for Student Evaluations of Teaching (SEoT) are ordinal in nature, with a natural order (from 1 to 5). While the mean may be used as a measure of central tendency for such data, it is not an appropriate or accurate representation of SEoT data (cf. Stark & Freishtat, 2014). The usual measure of central tendency for ordinal data is the median. As a result, we have been reporting the mean and the median for the last several years. After considerable thought and data modeling, we now believe that the interpolated median is the best representation of the data, since it takes the frequency distribution into account.

Consider the following example from 2015W, the two classes have identical mean (3.8). However, the instructor in class 2 received 77% favourable (4-5) ratings, compared to 53% for the instructor in class 1. The Interpolated median values of (3.7 and 4.2), much better reflects the distribution of the scores above and below their respective median. Furthermore, the interpolated median is better correlated with percent favourable rating; such that an interpolated median of 3.5 on a Likert scale of 1 to 5, corresponds to 50% favourable rating.

Frequency Distribution

Response for UMI	Class 1	Class 2
5 = Strongly agree	5	5
4 = Agree	3	5
3 = Neither agree nor disagree	6	0
2 = Disagree	1	2
1 = Strongly disagree	0	1
Mean	3.8	3.8
Median	4.0	4.0

Interpolated Median	3.7	4.2
Percent favourable rating	53%	77%

Dispersion Index

The dispersion Index is a measure of variability suitable for ordinal data (Rampichini, Grilli & Petrucci 2004). This dispersion index has values between zero and 1. A zero dispersion index indicates that all students in the section gave the same rating to the instructor. An index value of 1.0 is obtained when the class splits evenly between the two extreme values (Strongly Disagree & Strongly Agree), a very rare occurrence. In SEoT data at UBC, the index rarely exceeds 0.85, and mostly for evaluations not meeting the minimum recommended response rate.