Cornell University
College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Government
TA Evaluation Summary

Course: Govt: 1817   **Term:** Fall 2010

TA: **Toska, Silvana**

NUMBER OF RECORDS: 16

Professor: Katzenstein, Peter

Teaching Assistants

5.00	11. I attended TA sessions. (5 = regularly; 1 = never)
1.94	12. I met with my TA individually. (5 = regularly; 1 = never)
5.00	13. The TA was knowledgeable about the course material.
4.94	14. The discussion sections were well-organized.
4.38	15. The sections effectively reviewed materials covered in lecture.
4.94	16. The sections helped me to gain new insight into the subject matter.
4.73	17. The TA did a good job of attempting to stimulate student discussion.
4.81	18. The TA was able to explain effectively difficult concepts.
4.75	19. The TA was available for individual consultation with students.
4.88	20. Overall, how would you rate the TA? (5 = excellent; 1 = poor)

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Comment Summary

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Course: **Govt: 1817**
Term: **Fall 2009**

Comment 3: What did you like best about the TA sessions?

Helped me understand concepts that were skimmed or discussed to quickly in lecture.

My TA rocked!! go silvi
But really she was organized and it helped to hear another perspective besides the professor and from a person who is knowledgeable w/ different interests.

The ability to discuss our own opinions

Debate was encouraged

When Silvi clarified concepts from lecture

When she would explain the course material rather than ask us about it.

discussion

If I may be allowed two answers - 1) Ms. Toska! She explained everything very well and brought in lots of examples. 2) Debating discussion questions - always enjoyable stuff.

I liked the discussions. I thought my section had very productive discussions that made the lectures more real to me.

Ability for small group discussion & interaction.

Really helped us understand the material utilizing charts and asking us thought-provoking questions.

She answered all my questions

Clarification of material. They put in a nice concise form so easy to understand

They helped me understand the lectures.

reviewing class materials & readings not covered in lecture

They clarified the course material

The discussion and the (?) given on the (?) tests

It really clarified the course material for me. Being able to talk through the concepts.

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Comment 3: What did you like best about the TA sessions?

TA is very knowledgeable so she knows how to explain thing clearly

I liked that my TA explained the main concepts really well and truly fostered open discussion

engagement, stimulate own thoughts/opinions

Interactive discussions

The TA was smart, clear, passionate and had a wide breadth of knowledge.

I liked the extra handouts and charts the TA provided to help explain things from lecture.

Discussions were good/helpful as well as TAs explanations/clarifications.

They definitely helped me with clarifying the material.

She was very available if you needed help individually and in section

She did an excellent job in explaining difficult concepts and emphasizing the right material, as well as organizing the class well.

I loved how she prepared handouts for us.

Our discussions. People in my group provided a lot of interesting opinions.

The discussion about articles & overall review lectures

I enjoyed discussions of current events.

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TA Evaluation Summary

Course: Govt: 4809   **Term:** Spring 2011

NUMBER OF RECORDS: 18

TA: **Toska, Silvana**

Professor: Kirshner, Jonathan

Teaching Assistants

4.22	11. I attended TA sessions. (5 = regularly; 1 = never)
2.00	12. I met with my TA individually. (5 = regularly; 1 = never)
4.72	13. The TA was knowledgeable about the course material.
4.39	14. The discussion sections were well-organized.
4.17	15. The sections effectively reviewed materials covered in lecture.
4.06	16. The sections helped me to gain new insight into the subject matter.
4.61	17. The TA did a good job of attempting to stimulate student discussion.
4.72	18. The TA was able to explain effectively difficult concepts.
5.00	19. The TA was available for individual consultation with students.
4.72	20. Overall, how would you rate the TA? (5 = excellent; 1 = poor)

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Course: **Govt: 4809**
Term: **Spring 2011**

Comment 3: What did you like best about the TA sessions?

They weren't listed on the roster & I hated going - I merely attended to have my presence counted.

The TA was very well-versed on the subject matter & very responsive.

Reviewing the readings

She reviewed/clarified all the readings and helped point out what was important.

I thought the discussion session made the information very relevant to today

A lot of student discussion about things that were relevant, but never brought up in class or even readings.
Overview of readings also very helpful

The outside knowledge and current events that Silvi used in discussion.

Wow, she knew her stuff and really engaged us in effective discussion.

Silvi was one of the best TA's I have ever had. She made sure we knew the information we needed, but also brought in interesting other questions.

Silvi makes you think. She is one of the best TAs I've had

Discussion over how movies affect us nowadays, how different events than the ones discussed in class had an influence.

Very organized, best discussions I had in the class

Very interesting take on political issues, stimulated discussion very well

I enjoyed discussing the readings, which I felt enriched the material learned in lecture.

The discussions and reviews of the readings were productive.

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Professor: Kirshner, Jonathan

Teaching Assistants

4.81	11. I attended TA sessions. (5 = regularly; 1 = never)
1.88	12. I met with my TA individually. (5 = regularly; 1 = never)
4.94	13. The TA was knowledgeable about the course material.
4.69	14. The discussion sections were well-organized.
4.25	15. The sections effectively reviewed materials covered in lecture.
4.44	16. The sections helped me to gain new insight into the subject matter.
4.56	17. The TA did a good job of attempting to stimulate student discussion.
4.56	18. The TA was able to explain effectively difficult concepts.
4.53	19. The TA was available for individual consultation with students.
4.75	20. Overall, how would you rate the TA? (5 = excellent; 1 = poor)

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Course: Govt: 1817
Term: Fall 2014

Comment 3: What did you like best about the TA sessions?

TA went over important notes each week for reading.

Student explanations of the readings

She was knowledgeable about everything!

The knowledge the TA brought to sections was impressive.

Good clarification of concepts covered in lecture

Going over the important points of the readings

Silvi was very good about explaining the readings and tying in contemporary issues into discussions as examples and as a way to allow for discussion

Discussion

My TA was very smart and insightful and brought interesting ideas to the table.

TA very approachable; TA sessions did a good job at reviewing concepts from the lecture

Organized; helpful in learning & understanding readings & concepts

Talking about real-world issues

I liked reviewing/discussing the readings. They were very helpful in understanding the course material.

We didn't just go over reading but discussed our opinions in relation to them. It made them all the more relatable.

Small group and presentations get me involved