



January 7, 2022

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Dear Andrew:

The Department of Economics Teaching Assistant Review Committee has examined student and faculty evaluations of your teaching performance during the Fall 2021 semester. Your average score on the “rate performance” question (#6) was **4.65**. I am delighted to say that your evaluations were Excellent. The Committee concluded that you were one of the outstanding TAs in the fall semester. Being a successful TA involves considerable effort and dedication. This level of achievement involved a considerable commitment on your part. You have made a substantial contribution to the quality of our teaching program. We extend our congratulations and believe that your performance augurs well for your future, especially in the classroom.

The Committee thought it might be helpful for each TA to have the following information:

Fall 2021 Question (#6)	
Frequency Distribution of Average Scores on “Rate Performance”	
Range	Number of TA’s Receiving this Average Score
4.69 – 5.00 (Distinguished)	17
4.3 – 4.68 (Excellent)	26
3.5 – 4.29 (Good)	23
3.0 – 3.49 (Satisfactory)	2
Below 3.0	0

Average TA rating on this question was 4.30

Copies of this letter, the faculty evaluation, and student evaluation summary will be included in your file.

Sincerely yours,

Charles Engel
Professor, Donald D. Hester Distinguished Chair
Chair, TA Review Committee

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Fall 2021 TA Survey Pending Results

📅 2021 Fall / Student Course Evaluation (End of Term) / Anonymous Survey
 Course Assignments: **208** / Survey Participants: **4462**

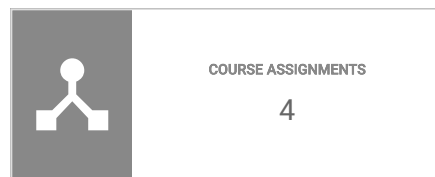
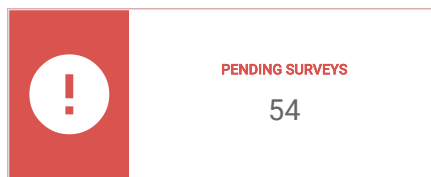
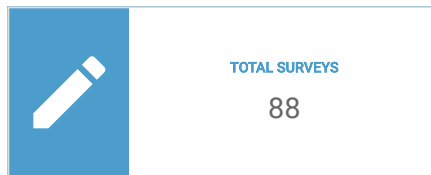
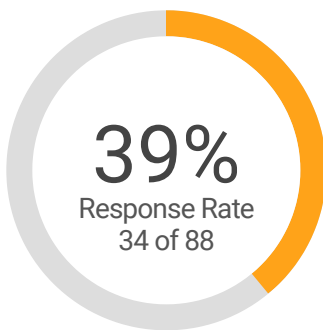
Schedule: 11/29/2021 to 12/13/2021
 Results Available: 12/27/2021



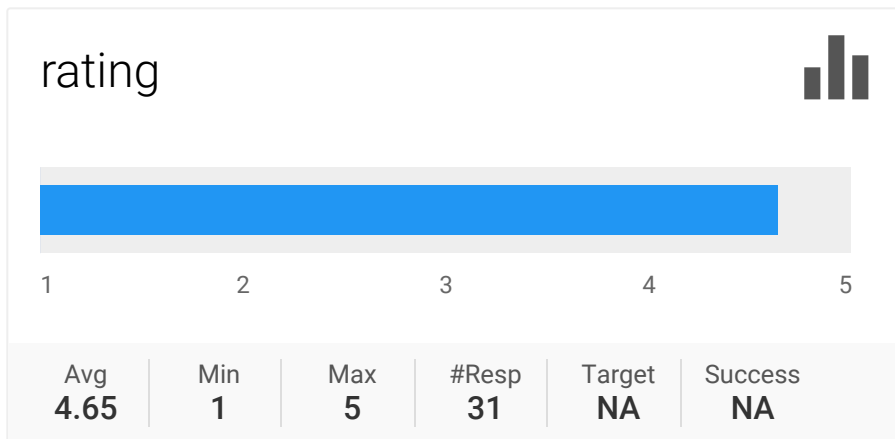
This survey has completed. However, results are not available for faculty to review until **Monday, December 27, 2021**.

Instructor:  Andrew Smith

📊 Survey Overview / Instructor Results Aggregate



📊 Survey Metrics / Instructor Results Aggregate



📊 Survey Data / Instructor Results Aggregate

Section 1

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS TA EVALUATION

I-Teaching Assistant

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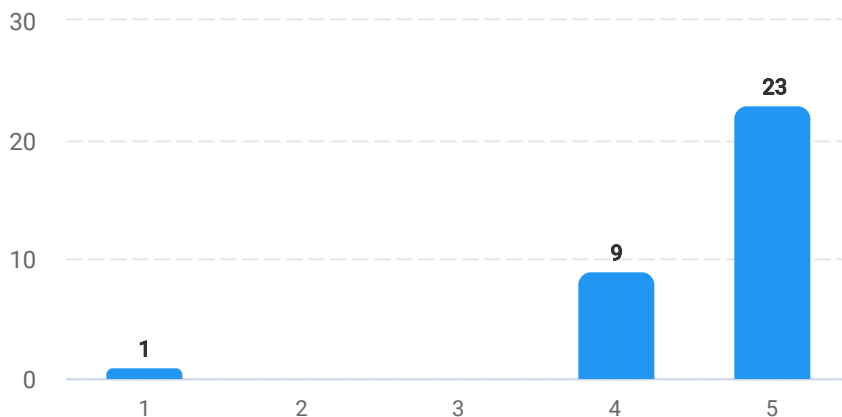
How many of the discussion or lab sections led by the TA have you attended so far?

(Instructor Multi-Choice)



Andrew Smith Instructor

Value	Option	Total
1	None	1
2	One	0
3	Two - Five	0
4	Six - Ten	9
5	11 or more	23



Average

4.61

Median

5.00

Mode

5

Std. Dev.

0.78

Variance

0.60

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How would you rate the TA's ability to lead discussion or present material in your section?

(Instructor Multi-Choice)

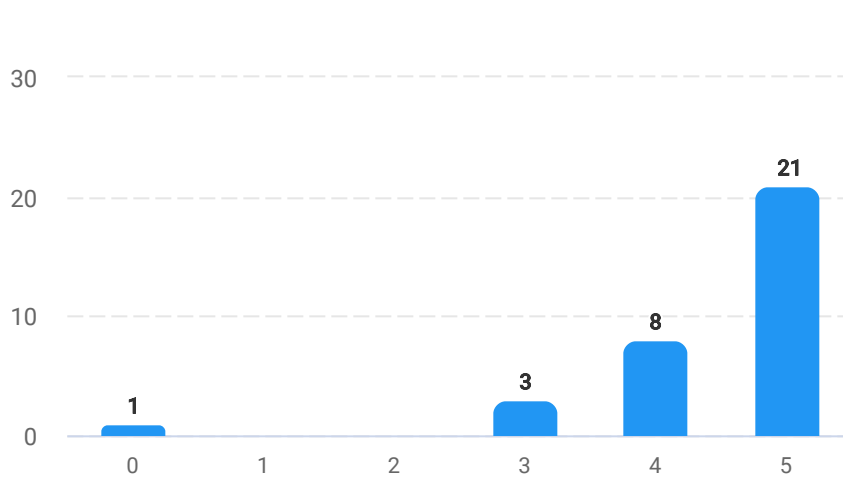


Andrew Smith Instructor

Value	Option	Total
0	Did not attend	1
1	Poor	0
2	Fair	0
3	Average	3



Value	Option	Total
4	Good	8
5	Excellent	21



Average	4.56
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Std. Dev.	0.66
Variance	0.43

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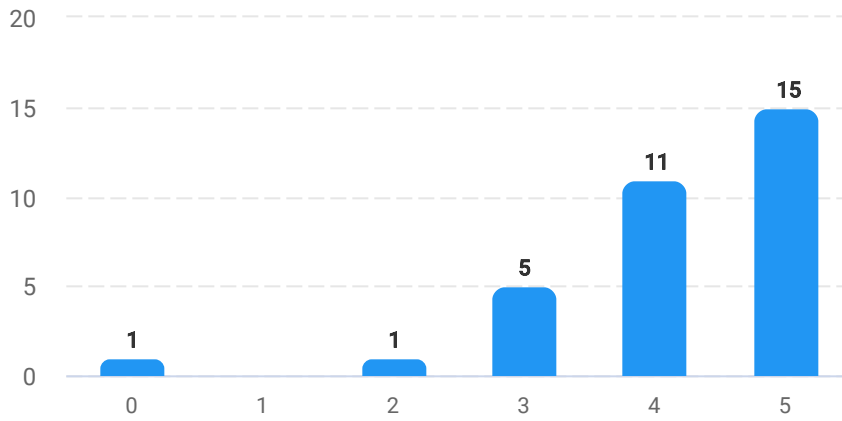
Of those sections you have attended, what proportion were interesting and/or thought-provoking?

(Instructor Multi-Choice)



Andrew Smith Instructor

Value	Option	Total
0	Did not attend	1
1	Almost none	0
2	Few	1
3	About Half	5
4	Most	11
5	Almost all	15



Average	4.25
Median	4.00
Mode	5
Std. Dev.	0.83
Variance	0.69

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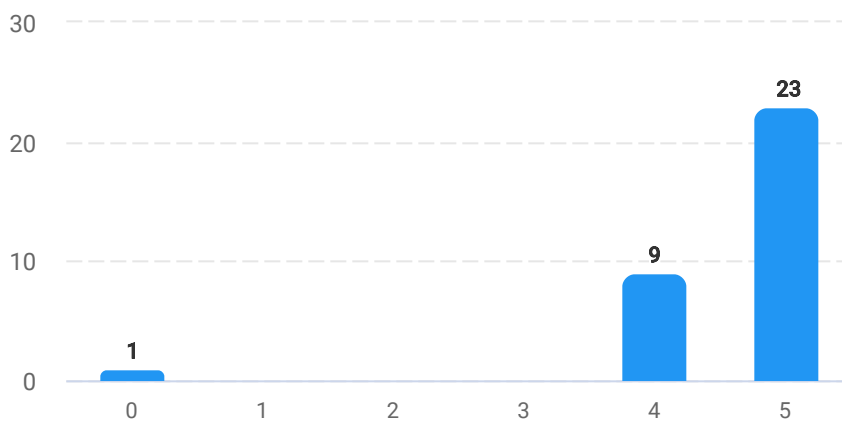
Overall, what is your assessment of the TA's knowledge of the material related to this course?

(Instructor Multi-Choice)



Andrew Smith Instructor

Value	Option	Total
0	Did not attend	1
1	Poor	0
2	Fair	0
3	Average	0
4	Good	9
5	Excellent	23



Average	4.72
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Std. Dev.	0.45
Variance	0.20

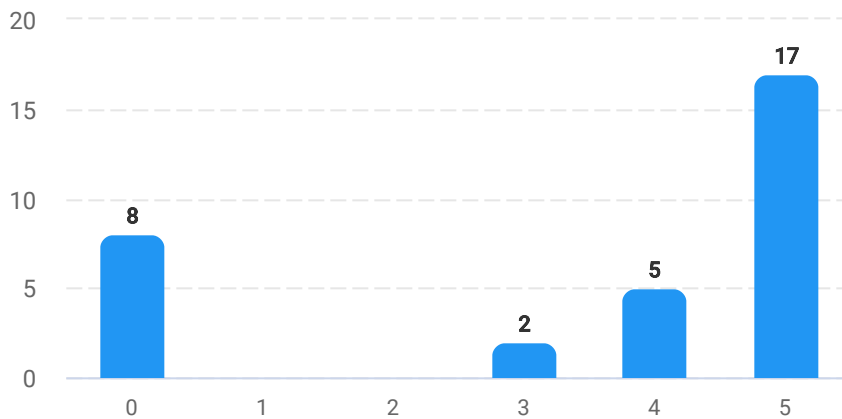
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How responsive and helpful did you find your TA during office hours?

(Instructor Multi-Choice)



Value	Option	Total
0	Did not attend	8
1	Not at all helpful	0
2	Slightly helpful	0
3	Of average helpfulness	2
4	Better than average helpfulness	5
5	Extremely helpful	17



Average	4.63
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Std. Dev.	0.63
Variance	0.40

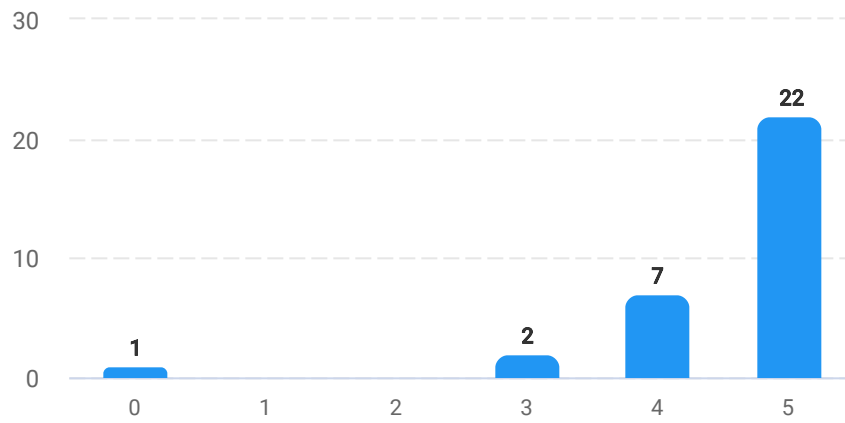
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We know that how the professor conducts the course often influences what a TA is able to do in a course. Given the professor's role and the structure of this course, how would you evaluate your TA's performance?

(Instructor Multi-Choice)

 rating

Value	Option	Total
0	No Answer	1
1	Poor	0
2	Fair	0
3	Average	2
4	Good	7
5	Excellent	22



Average	4.65
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Std. Dev.	0.60
Variance	0.36

II-TA Open-ended Questions

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Please comment on any aspects of the section which you consider particularly satisfactory or unsatisfactory. Since this information will be given to the TA for improvement in his or her teaching, be as specific as you can in discussing and evaluating any phase of the section: presentation, responsiveness to questions, command of material, organization, mannerisms, teaching aids, etc.

(Instructor Text/Memo)

- Very informed, helpful, and open TA that made his student feel comfortable approaching him with questions. Very good! One of the best TAs I've had! I hope to have him for my future economics courses.
- Information was presented clearly with prepared notes and learnings. Giving a review at beginning of discussion as well as going over questions were beneficial before starting.
- Andrew was very helpful and open for questions. He also explained the material in a clear way and made sure to address any confusion. One of the best TAs I've had in college so far!
- Office hours helped
- Allowed me to be candid when asking questions. So open and so smart.
- Andrew is one of the best TAs I've ever had
- Andrew did an amazing job of working through problems step by step when we had questions, as well as gave us tips from what we learned in lecture
- Andrew was very open to questions and was available to help in sections. He clearly understood the course material and was able to explain it concisely. He started and ended class in a timely manner but made himself available in office hours as well.
- I could tell this was Andrew's first time teaching, he was very personable and worked hard to make sure his students understood the assignment. I think Andrew is a well rounded economist and will be an effective teacher in the future if he decides to pursue that route in his career. Andrew did his best with the information given by our professor and he was very approachable in our discussion section and during lecture. He is definitely one of my better TA's I have had at this institution.
- Andrew was extremely helpful and knowledgeable on the subject. He always answered my questions and his office hours were extremely helpful.
- He was very knowledgeable and good at simplifying the course content down to the basics so we could understand it. I liked when he sometimes did a review of the important points of lecture in the beginning. I appreciated that he went through some of the problem set problems, which helped on ones that I may have not known where to start. Overall, one of the best TA's I have had ever.
- I thought Andrew was really nice and personable when teaching. He wasn't afraid to laugh and was honest with us throughout the course.



What, if anything, limited your participation in section? (TA's style, other students, course structure, time of section, lack of preparation, etc.)

(Text/Memo)

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