



June 14, 2023

J. Andrew Smith
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Dear J. Andrew:

The Department of Economics Teaching Assistant Review Committee has examined student and faculty evaluations of your teaching performance during the Spring 2023 semester. Your average score on the "rate performance" question (#6) was **4.83**. It is a pleasure to inform you that the excellence of your teaching during the semester warrants a citation as a "Distinguished Teaching Assistant." The Committee concluded that you were one of the truly outstanding TAs in the spring semester. Being a highly 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 2022 Question (#6)	
Frequency Distribution of Average Scores on "Rate Performance"	
Range	Number of TAs Receiving this Score
4.70 - 5.00 (Distinguished)	16
4.30 - 4.69 (Excellent)	22
3.50 - 4.49 (Good)	23
3.00 - 3.59 (Satisfactory)	1
Below 3.0	0

Average TA rating on this question was 4.36.

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

Sincerely yours,

Marek Weretka
Stuart & Brenda McCroskey Professor of Economics
Chair, TA Review Committee

Spring 2023 TA End of Term Survey Completed

📅 2023 Spring / Student Course Evaluation (End of Term) / Anonymous Survey

Course Assignments: 186 / Survey Participants: 3920

Schedule: 4/21/2023 to 5/5/2023

Results Available: 5/20/2023

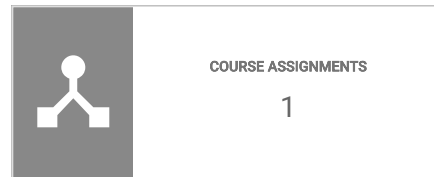
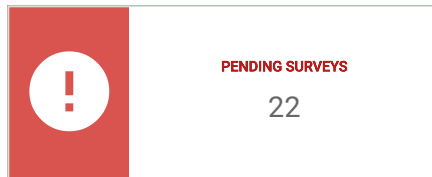
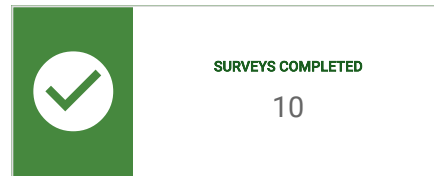
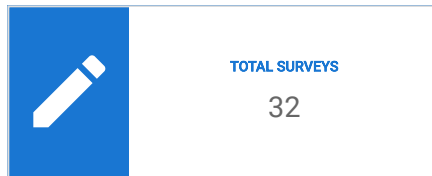
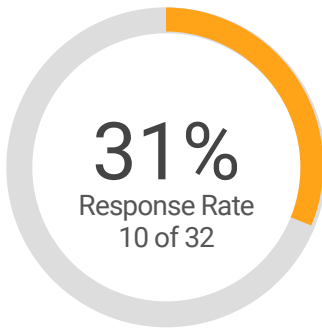


This survey completed on **Friday, May 5, 2023** at **11:59PM**.

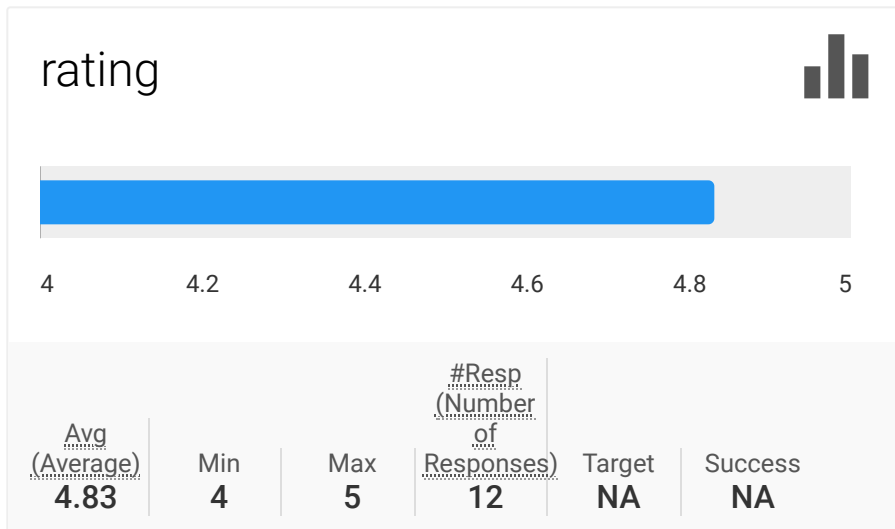
Instructor:

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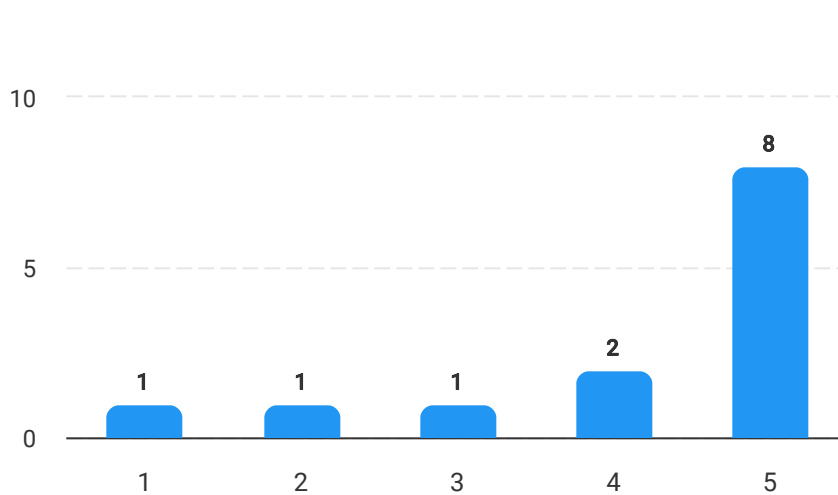
How many of the discussion or lab sections led by the TA have you attended so far?

(Instructor Multi-Choice)



Andrew, Smith Instructor

Value	Option	Total
1	None	1
2	One	1
3	Two - Five	1
4	Six - Ten	2
5	11 or more	8



Average	4.15
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Std. Dev. (Standard Deviation)	1.29
Variance	1.67

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

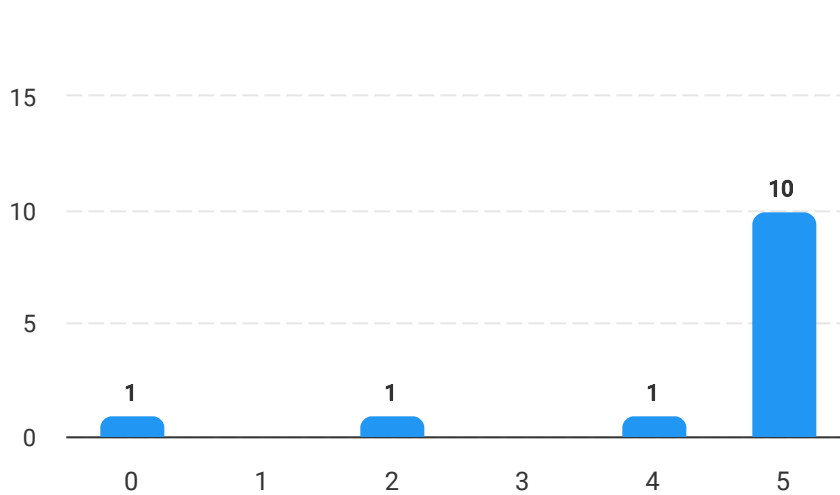
(Instructor Multi-Choice)



Andrew, Smith Instructor

Value	Option	Total
-	Did not attend	1
1	Poor	0

Value	Option	Total
2	Fair	1
3	Average	0
4	Good	1
5	Excellent	10



Average	4.67
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Std. Dev. (Standard Deviation)	0.85
Variance	0.72

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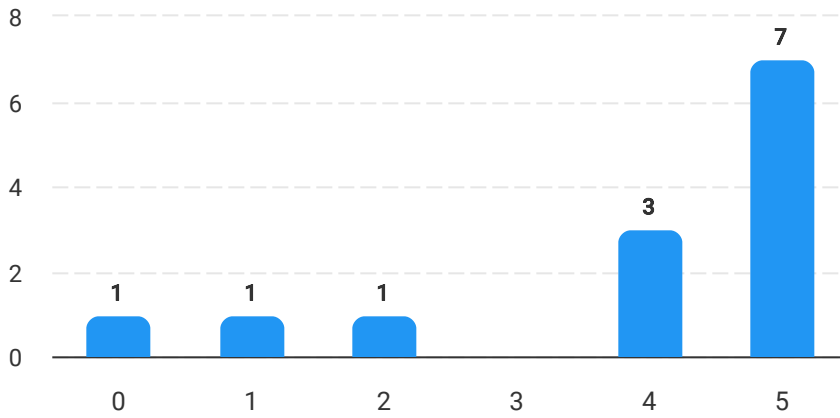
Of those sections you have attended, what proportion were interesting and/or thought-provoking?

(Instructor Multi-Choice)



Andrew, Smith Instructor

Value	Option	Total
-	Did not attend	1
1	Almost none	1
2	Few	1
3	About Half	0
4	Most	3
5	Almost all	7



Average	4.17
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Std. Dev. (Standard Deviation)	1.28
Variance	1.64

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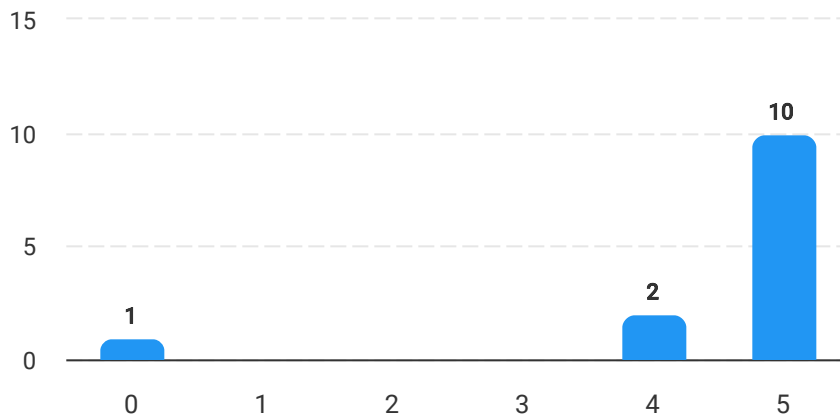
Overall, what is your assessment of the TA's knowledge of the material related to this course?

(Instructor Multi-Choice)



Andrew, Smith Instructor

Value	Option	Total
-	Did not attend	1
1	Poor	0
2	Fair	0
3	Average	0
4	Good	2
5	Excellent	10



Average	4.83
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Std. Dev. (Standard Deviation)	0.37
Variance	0.14

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

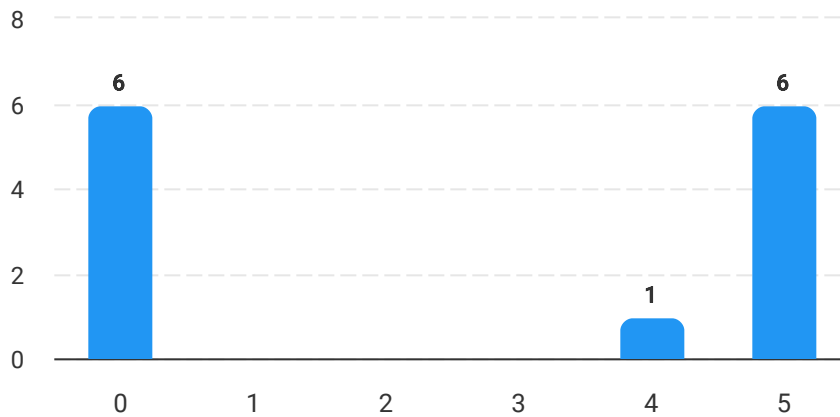
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(Instructor Multi-Choice)



Andrew, Smith Instructor

Value	Option	Total
-	Did not attend	6
1	Not at all helpful	0
2	Slightly helpful	0
3	Of average helpfulness	0
4	Better than average helpfulness	1
5	Extremely helpful	6



Average	4.86
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Std. Dev. (Standard Deviation)	0.35
Variance	0.12

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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?

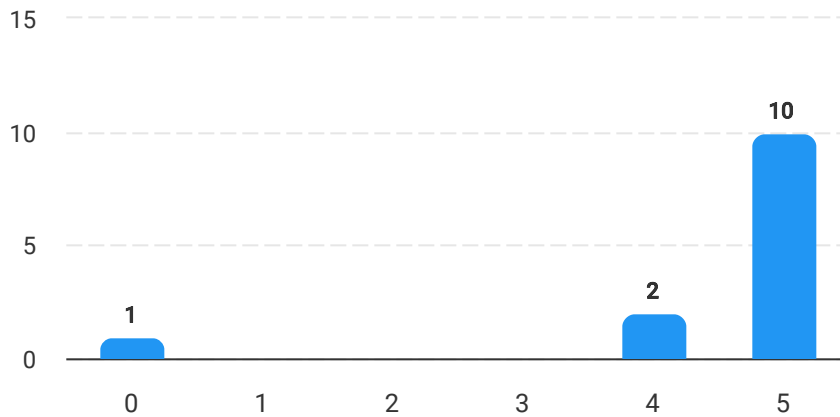
(Instructor Multi-Choice)

rating



Andrew, Smith Instructor

Value	Option	Total
-	No Answer	1
1	Poor	0
2	Fair	0
3	Average	0
4	Good	2
5	Excellent	10



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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)



Andrew, Smith Instructor

- I didn't interact much with Andrew, but he was very helpful when running exams.
- If anything I learned more from Andrew than anybody else. His discussion and OH really helped to understand and apply the lecture material.
- Andrew is straight to point with discussion One of the best TAs in econ department
- TA overall did a really good job. He brought a good energy to teaching, which really helped in my overall learning and in staying engaged.
- andrew smith is the goat fr , his sections were actually intriguing since he discussed/went over important and relevant topics that helped us for exams, hw, quizzes, etc.
- Andrew is awesome! I had him as my TA for my 301 Class too. Super helpful approachable, and very good at explaining the math of it all. Lots of people are good at math, but few can explain it with as much clarity as he can. He came to discussion excited every single time and made me happy that I was in his section. Clearly liked the course material and did everything he could to help us understand it.
- Andrew you are the best TA !!! Thank you so much for teaching me!

teaching math overall best understand helpful much good

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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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TA Review

TA: Andrew Smith

Reviewer: Chao Fu

Andrew is a very efficient TA. His review sessions are well-organized. He delivers ideas and answers questions clearly by combining different communication approaches: using the chalkboard, Q&A time as well as handouts. He is calm and confident in review sessions. Students have high respect for him.

I am very happy to have him as my TA and I am very thankful for all the hard work he has done to improve the class.

Andrew is also very passionate about teaching and he cares about students a lot.