



May 30, 2024

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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 Spring 2024 semester. Your average score on the "rate performance" question (#6) was **4.77**. 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:

Spring 2024 Question (#6) Frequency Distribution of Average Scores on "Rate Performance"	
Range	Number of TAs Receiving this Score
4.70 - 5.00 (Distinguished)	16
4.40 - 4.69 (Excellent)	26
3.75 - 4.39 (Good)	23
3.00 - 3.74 (Satisfactory)	4
Below 3.0	1

Average TA rating on this question was 4.37

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 2024 End of Term TA Eval Pending Results

2024 Spring / Student Course Evaluation (End of Term) / Anonymous Survey


Course Assignments: **203** / Survey Participants: **4194**

Schedule: 4/19/2024 to 5/3/2024

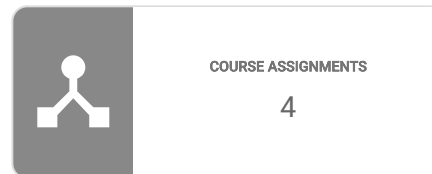
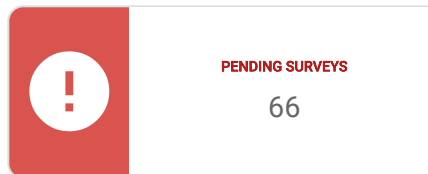
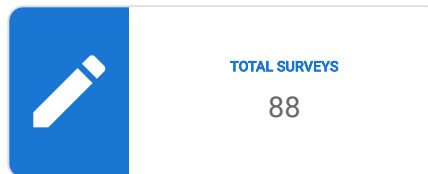
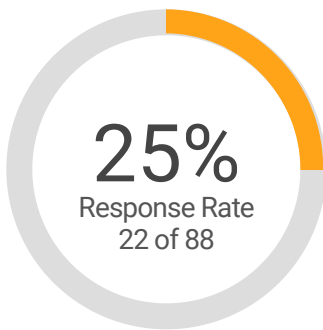
Results Available: 5/17/2024



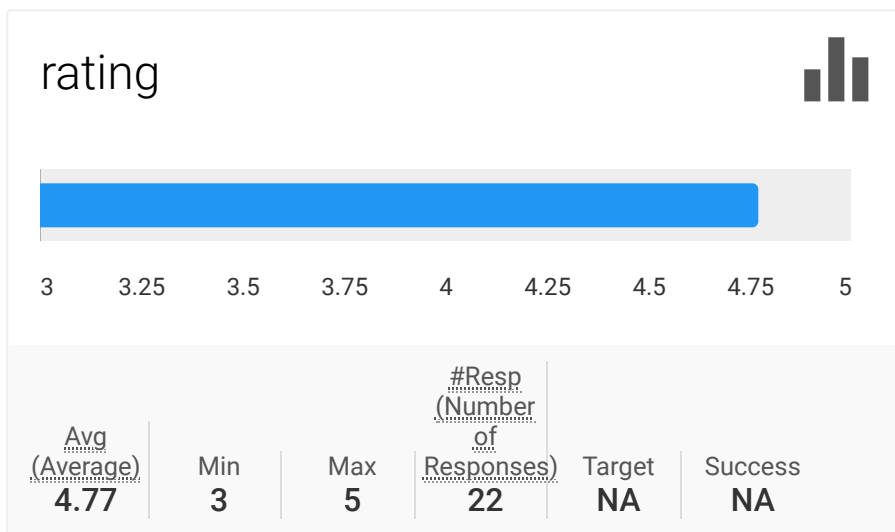
This survey has completed. However, results are not available for faculty to review until **Friday, May 17, 2024**.

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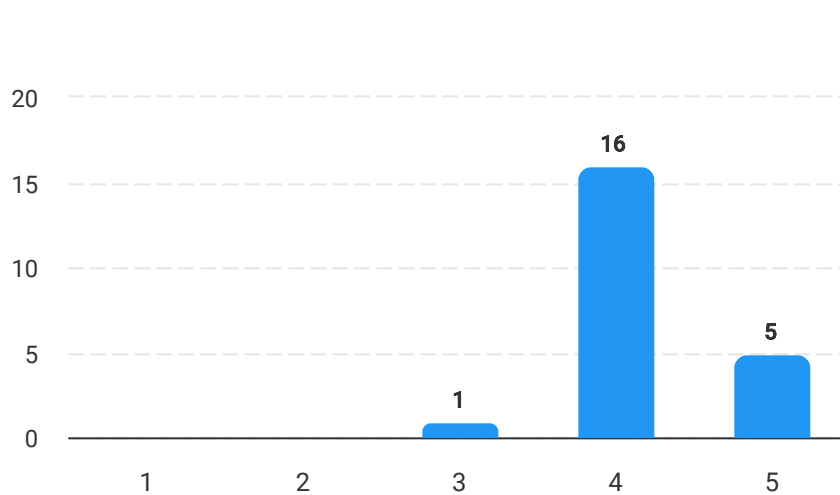
How many of the discussion or lab sections led by the TA have you attended so far?

(Instructor Multi-Choice)



Andrew, Smith Instructor

Value	Option	Total
1	None	0
2	One	0
3	Two - Five	1
4	Six - Ten	16
5	11 or more	5



Average

4.18

Median

4.00

Mode

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Std. Dev. (Standard
Deviation)

0.49

Variance

0.24

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

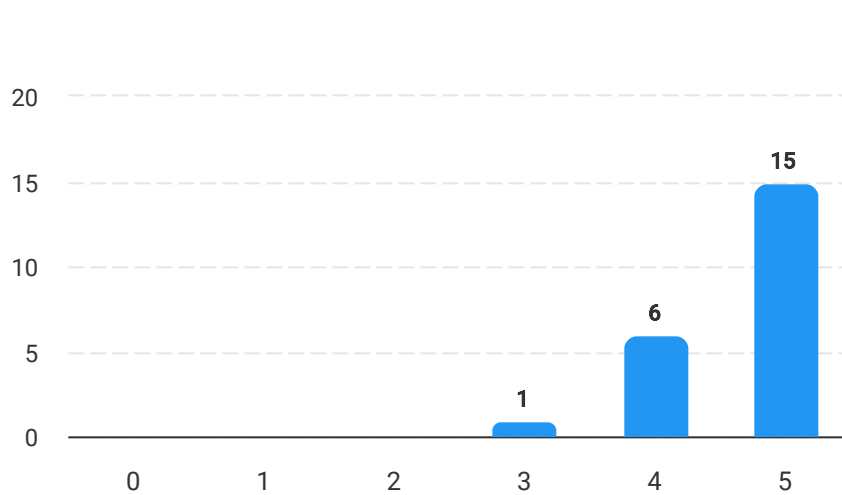
(Instructor Multi-Choice)



Andrew, Smith Instructor

Value	Option	Total
-	Did not attend	0
1	Poor	0

Value	Option	Total
2	Fair	0
3	Average	1
4	Good	6
5	Excellent	15



Average	4.64
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Std. Dev. (Standard Deviation)	0.57
Variance	0.32

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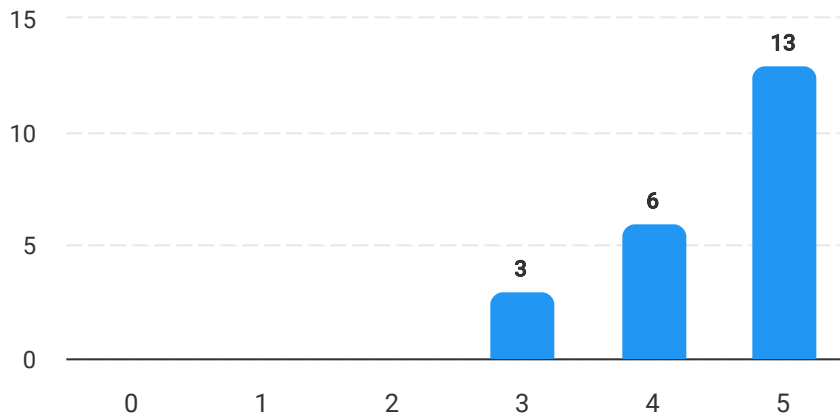
Of those sections you have attended, what proportion were interesting and/or thought-provoking?

(Instructor Multi-Choice)



Andrew, Smith Instructor

Value	Option	Total
-	Did not attend	0
1	Almost none	0
2	Few	0
3	About Half	3
4	Most	6
5	Almost all	13



Average	4.45
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Std. Dev. (Standard Deviation)	0.72
Variance	0.52

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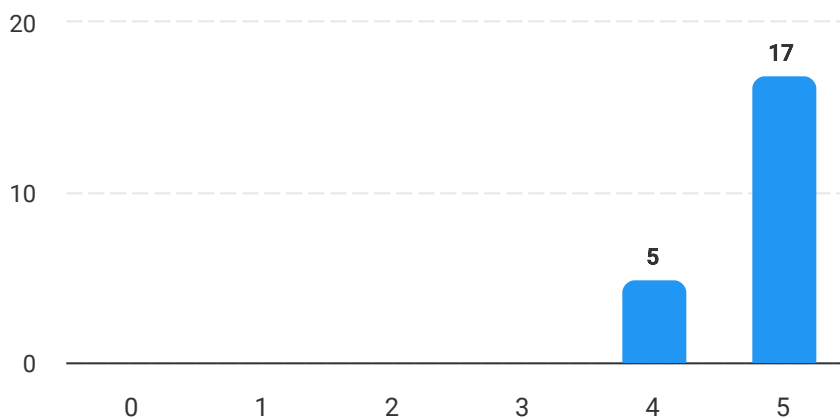
Overall, what is your assessment of the TA's knowledge of the material related to this course?

(Instructor Multi-Choice)



Andrew, Smith Instructor

Value	Option	Total
-	Did not attend	0
1	Poor	0
2	Fair	0
3	Average	0
4	Good	5
5	Excellent	17



Average	4.77
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Std. Dev. (Standard Deviation)	0.42
Variance	0.18

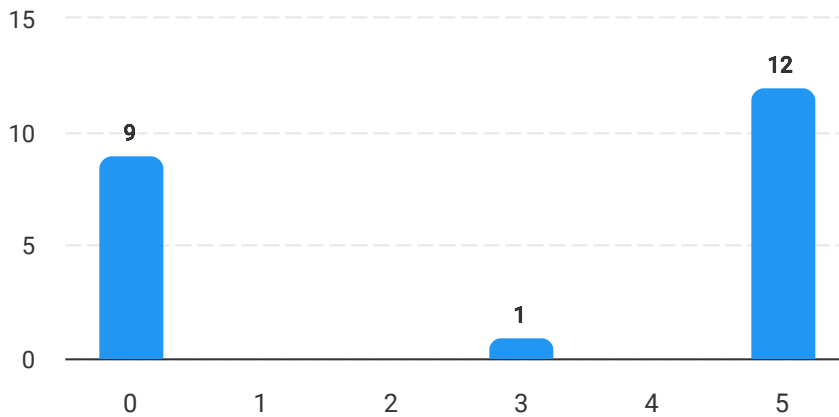
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How responsive and helpful did you find your TA during office hours?

(Instructor Multi-Choice)

 Andrew, Smith Instructor

Value	Option	Total
-	Did not attend	9
1	Not at all helpful	0
2	Slightly helpful	0
3	Of average helpfulness	1
4	Better than average helpfulness	0
5	Extremely helpful	12




Average	4.85
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Std. Dev. (Standard Deviation)	0.53
Variance	0.28

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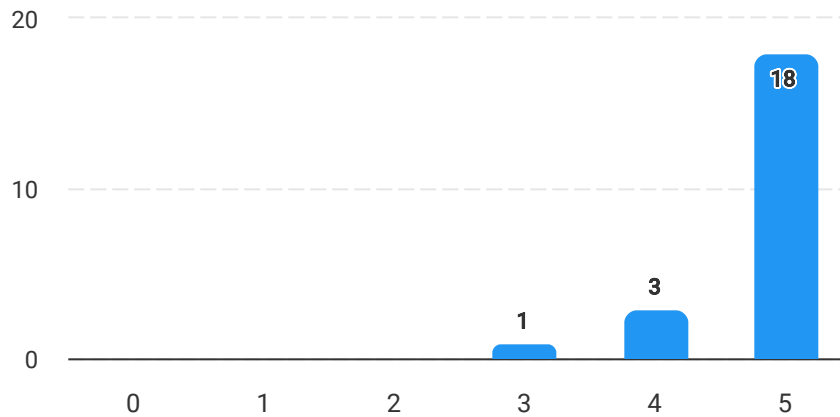
We know that how the professor conducts the course often influences what a TA is able to do in a course. Given the professor's role and the structure of this course, how would you evaluate your TA's performance?

(Instructor Multi-Choice)

 rating

 Andrew, Smith Instructor

Value	Option	Total
-	No Answer	0
1	Poor	0
2	Fair	0
3	Average	1
4	Good	3
5	Excellent	18



Average	4.77
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Std. Dev. (Standard Deviation)	0.52
Variance	0.27

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

- Andrew was so helpful throughout this course. He went out of his way to help during office hours and before exams with review sessions. Could not have asked for a better TA.
- He was very responsive and helpful over email outside of office hours.
- I thought the TA did a great job knowing the content, relaying it to the class, and being available if we needed help. He was very relatable
- did the absolute best with limited section materials some weeks. Killing it, but still screw A&M.
- Its hard to judge some of the sections that were primarily focused on reading articles and answering questions, but during the sections when we discussed content and practice problems it sometimes felt like he just went through the steps with little explanation.
- Andrew was very helpful in section. He was always very thoughtful in the way he conducted himself & it is clear that he understood the material in a way that he was able to dumb it down sometimes if necessary. I think that is the hardest thing to accomplish when you understand econ at the level he does. I really appreciated the review sessions he held for us as well. Great guy, better TA!
- I found nothing unsatisfactory with Andrew. Overall, he is knowledgeable, entertaining, and willing to do anything he can to help students understand material.
- Ran the room well, was engaging in discussions with students. Answered questions sufficiently. Honestly wouldn't change much.

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questions sometimes during
went
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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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