PAM 2040 Economics of the Public Sector
TA Evaluation Lexin Cai
Fall 2021

Yes/No Questions

1. Did you interact with this TA?	Yes (Continue to evaluation)	No (Skip to evaluate next TA)
Count	14	2
Percentage	88%	13%

Multiple Choice Statement Questions

Question	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses
2. This TA was knowledgeable about the course material.	4.71	0.45	0.20	14

Choice	strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree
Count	0	0	0	4	10
Percentage	0%	0%	0%	29%	71%

Question	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses
3. This TA was helpful in explaining lecture material and class readings to me.	4.43	0.90	0.82	14

Choice	strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree
Count	0	1	1	3	9
Percentage	0%	7%	7%	21%	64%

Question	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses
4. This TA was knowledgeable and helpful in my preparation for exams, tests and class assignments.	4.57	0.82	0.67	14

Choice	strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree
Count	0	1	0	3	10
Percentage	0%	7%	0%	21%	71%

Question	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses
5. This TA's review sessions for examinations were organized and clear. Note: If this TA did not hold review sessions please select "not applicable."	4.11	1.29	1.65	9

Choice	strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree
Count	1	0	1	2	5
Percentage	11%	0%	11%	22%	56%

Question	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses
6. This TA was prepared for scheduled office hours. Note: If this TA did not hold office hours please select "not applicable."	4.62	0.62	0.39	13

Choice	strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree
Count	0	0	1	3	9
Percentage	0%	0%	8%	23%	69%

Question	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses
7. This TA stimulated my interest in this course.	3.86	1.36	1.84	14

Choice	strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree
Count	1	2	2	2	7
Percentage	7%	14%	14%	14%	50%

Question	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses
8. This TA was able to explain difficult material clearly and concisely.	4.14	1.12	1.27	14

Choice	strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree
Count	0	2	2	2	8
Percentage	0%	14%	14%	14%	57%

Question	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses
9. This TA created and encouraged an inclusive classroom climate.	4.46	0.84	0.71	13

Field	strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree
Count	0	1	0	4	8
Percentage	0%	8%	0%	31%	62%

Comment Questions

10. What were the strengths of this student in their capacity as a teaching assistant?

extensive understanding of material; strong ability to explain concepts clearly; well-prepared for sections and office hours

Lexin is extremely approachable and helpful. She answered our questions really careful and well-prepared for the course materials. She had all the notes prepared in the office hour and even read through the textbook for answering our questions. I went to lot of her officehours and found extremely helpful for prelim prep. Thank you Lexin for helping us a lot along with this semster!!! Wishes you all the best in the future, in your education, or career! You're the best TA I have met:)

Lexin is probably the best teaching assistant I have ever encountered at Cornell. She is prepared for every office hour and is willing to explain and help students outside the classroom anytime. She is extremely knowledgeable in the material and can explain complicated content in understanding terms. I went to almost every one of her office hour and she helped me grow tremendously in every one of it!

She was very good at explaining things one-on-one and creating an environment where the student felt able to ask questions, and also making time for the students.

Lexin was always open to dedicating 1-on-1 time with me during office hours, which I really appreciated. She also pushed me to come up with answers before she gave me hints, which was really helpful for me! Lexin's teaching style allowed me to better connect concepts from lecture this way.

Lexin was very good at fully solving a problem and explaining the processes in a clear and concise way. She also was good at applying various concepts to a single problem.

Very clear and willing to go the extra mile to help students learn.

She seemed very knowledgable and knew the information she was teaching. She was also very flexible with her office hours and always let us know when and where she would hold them if there were any changes.

Lexin was able to walk us through the problems step by step and posted really helpful solutions on Canvas that I was later able to use for exams. Additionally, she always held really helpful office hours.

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11. What suggestions for improvement do you have for this student in their capacity as a teaching assistant?

pacing of sections could be slightly slower

Best TA ever.

She was not good at running a class discussion because she spoke/went over problems very quickly and did not give enough time for students to solve them on their own or ask questions , although she was very good when working with individuals, she could have been better in a classroom setting.

None really, I never had a negative interaction with Lexin. Overall, Lexin was very supportive whenever I came to her for help!

The only thing I could think of is that sometimes we moved a little bit fast.

She needs to teach slower. She was always very rushed and ran through everything without giving us a chance to absorb anything and it made you feel very lost and left behind.

Lexin could try to be more engaging and maybe cut down the information she goes over in section to make it less of a rush. Instead of going through all the information in section, she can make some of them suggestions to do on our own and post solutions.