

Teaching Assistant Report for GOVT E-1045 Justice (16357) Jordan Kokot

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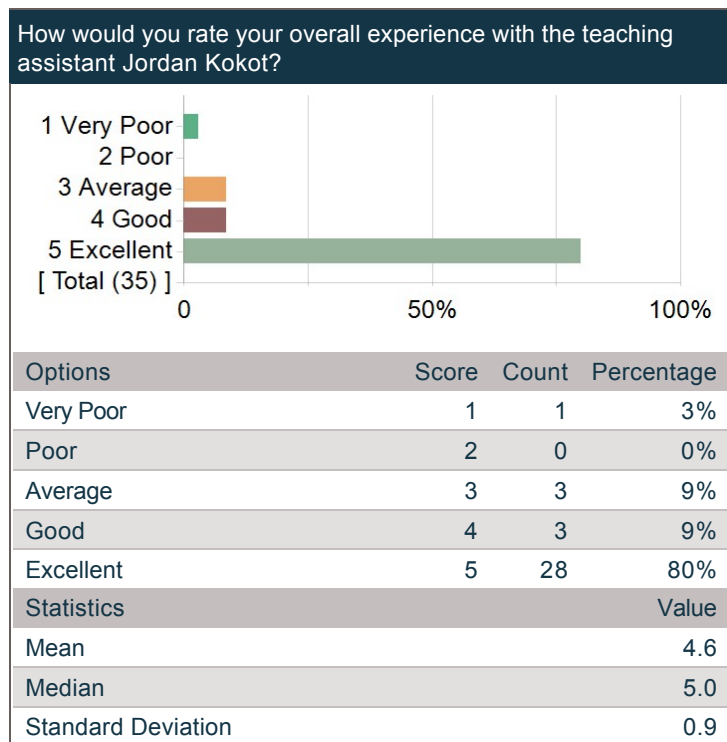
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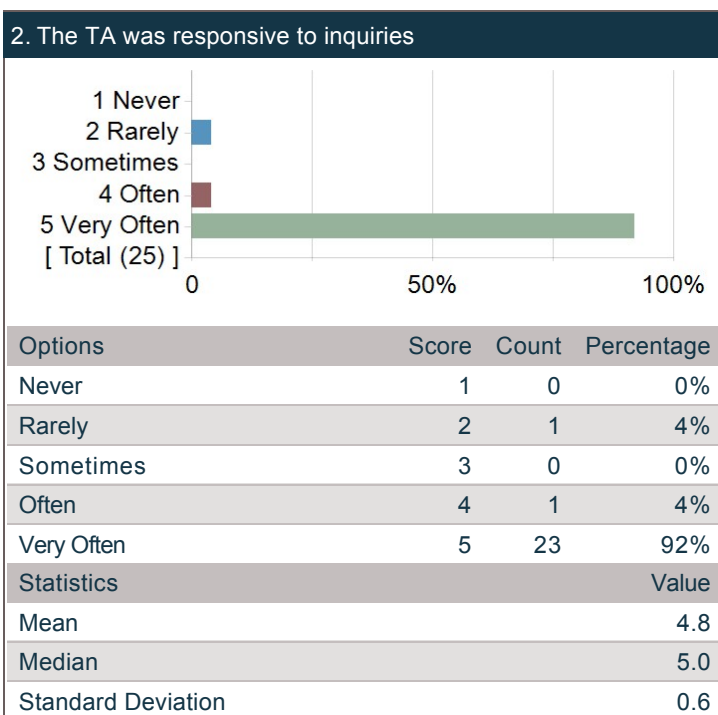
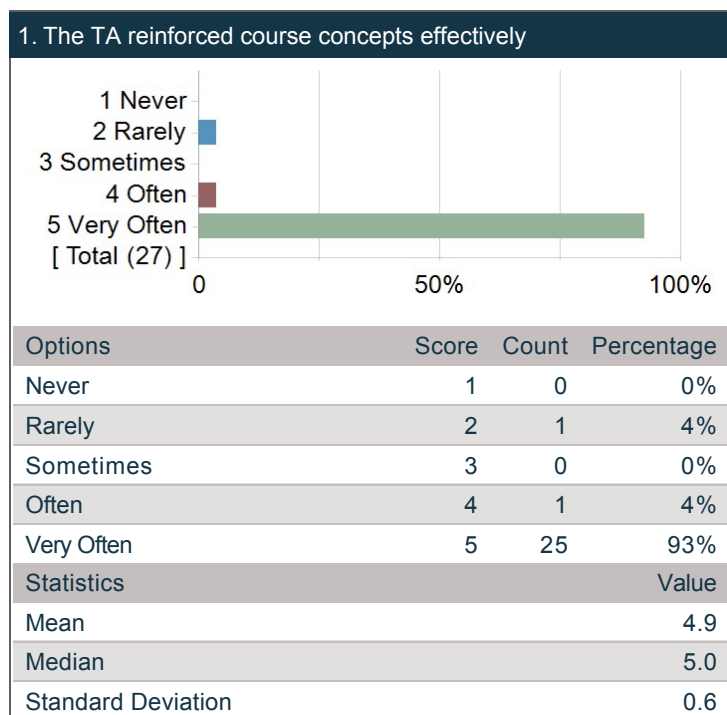
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Teaching Assistant Questions

How would you rate your overall experience with the teaching assistant Jordan Kokot?



What was your experience with the following aspects of Jordan Kokot's instruction? (For those that do not apply, please select "No Basis for Judgment.")



Comments about the Teaching Assistant

What did the teaching assistant do that was most helpful for your learning?

Comments
Jordan is great. Super smart, helpful, insightful. Always available to answer questions, explain concepts, and challenge you with the intent of improvement.
Nothing to add at this point.
He led course discussions very well and encouraged deeper thought about concepts learned in the course. His time management was very good too for how short our meetings were. as a class we were able to cover a lot. I appreciate how available he was outside of the weekly meetings.
I didn't really interact with him! His emails were nice.
I did not attend his sections.
He clarified many things and led great discussions where no one's opinion was ever diminished (even when it could've been). He had us engage the material with depth and clarity.
The most important thing about Jordan Kokot was that his heart was in the right place, at least it seemed so to me. He really cared about others' learning in this course, and also expressly communicated his caring for learning from others' how his teaching was in/effective so that he could grow to serve others better. I really appreciated Jordon Kokot and his efforts.
My TA was Jordan Kokot. He was very nice, and he did a great job at facilitating the discussions. I thought he helped make the lessons come together nicely while helping students express their own views. Sections were always respectful and on time. Jordan also made himself available any time that students requested.
Led very cerebral section Zooms.
Was available and responsive in and out of class. Provided intelligently constructed examples to help explain the material and facilitated thought-provoking discussion to keep the class moving. Organized weekly meetings in a clear and wonderfully instructive manner.
Jordan was brilliant. Effective at leading class discussions, prompting interesting points of view, and respectful and encouraging of all opinions and interpretations.
Aiding Lauren with the writing workshop.
Jordan Kokot was my TA and he was wonderful – the most helpful thing he did was make himself available for out of class zoom meetings to answer questions, concerns or advise on coursework.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – He was very articulate and brought great clarity to all of the topics we studied. – He was always willing to take my questions in and outside of class, and provided thorough answers.
Jordan was readily available and easy to talk to. He helped more than I could have ever imagined during a very trying Corona situation we are living in.
He was very hands on with explaining the material and had excellent ways to incorporate current events to relate to what we were learning
I only met Jordan once during a study group because I was assigned to a different section. However, I was very impressed by his writing tips and advice.
He's a terrific TA, very knowledgeable and clear in his interpretations of the class material. He made it easy to understand some of the perhaps more difficult concepts and was great at summarizing the content of our sessions. Best TA I've ever had in the HES.
Jordan Kokot was an excellent teacher and moderator of the weekly discussions. He had an incredible insight into Dr. Sandel's theories and did well to steer the conversations in the direction most productive to learning. After a while, I was so looking forward to the weekly debates, because they were so fun, that I would sometimes forget this was also educational. Jordan Kokot had a lot to do with that success.
Jordan is incredible. I'm constantly impressed at how much he accomplishes, how well he articulates and leads our discussions, and how thoughtful he is with providing feedback. He took time to give thorough and helpful comments on all of our final paper outlines, was always there to help or answer our questions, and was just a really kind and effective leader in our group. Thank you for everything, Jordan!!
The T.A. clearly communicated the different view points of different philosophies, philosophers, and other classmates during discussions and in exchanged emails.
This guy deserves a raise. He was kind and nice and empathetic.
Never met him.
Great support, energy, inclusion
Jordan was so helpful and made sections enlightening and entertaining and I learned the most during my sections with him. He took the time to answer all of my questions and was extremely fast and responsive to emails. I would take any and all of his classes.
Jordan hands down made this course. Much like professor Sandel, Jordan is an academic rockstar! I greatly looked forward to section meetings not only for the material and to interact with my classmates, but also because of Jordan's effective teaching style.

Comments
He allowed the section discussion to flow openly, let people voice their opinions, and guided the discussions flawlessly. Jordan is a treasure trove of knowledge and HES is beyond lucky to have him. Don't change a thing Jordan!

What might the teaching assistant have done differently to help you learn more?

Comments
Not sure Jordan should do anything differently
Nothing to add at this point.
Nothing!
Not schedule the discussion section during the times that I cannot attend and communicate more clearly that there are assignments to be done in lieu.
N/A
N/A
I cannot think of anything really. Maybe continue on with a new method he introduced later in the class: presenting an argument (or actually it was presenting a specific case relevant to the philosophical argument) and having students pick a side and defend their stance against other students who chose a different side. That was really good and engaging
I don't have any suggestions for Jordan but I wished we could have handed in a draft of our final paper to get some feedback before the grade.
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As Jordan Kokot was always available and responsive and accommodating, there is nothing more I can think of that he could have done differently to better the process.
No suggestions – everything was great.
N/A
n/a
Never met him.
He was amazing and so helpful I don't really have any notes.
I feel as though the only critique I can present would be the section meeting length itself. An hour felt too short for a dozen students to adequately voice their opinions, and often times it felt as though by the end of the section we ran out of time to fully discuss everything. I recommend extending the section times by a minimum of 30 more minutes.