

Question 3

Was the relationship between the section (if any) and the course effective, and how could it be improved? What are the strengths and weaknesses of your teaching assistant (discussion section leader, lab section leader, grader or other assistant) as an instructor, and how might his/her teaching be improved?

Response 1

Alexander Witte Cerjan

Alex was great. He clarified things well and usually kept us in a good mood. He couldn't explain a few things and got confused once or twice but his personality made up for it. He grades reports hard (although not on error/uncertainty reporting) but sections, I believe, are curved independently so we'll see if that matters.

Response 2

Alexander Witte Cerjan

On Day 1, we thought Alex was going to be a horrible TA and I considered switching out of the section. He graded harshly and at first answered questions poorly. However, as the semester went on I really got to like Alex. He explains concepts well and is able to do so both to people like me who are comfortable thinking in mathematical terms, and to my lab partner who is not.

Response 3

Alexander Witte Cerjan

Alex seems tough in the beginning of the semester because he is a difficult grader and wants you to incorporate more general ideas and discussions than numbers and results. I was really annoyed at first, but it turns out that his strategy was effective, because the effort that I had to put into my lab report made me understand the concepts behind the lab better. Dang, sometimes the "insights" were difficult to come across though! He does a good job of answering your questions and making you understand even when he comes condescending while doing so. But in the end, he is fun to joke with once y'all get comfortable with one another.

Response 4

Alexander Witte Cerjan

Alex was great! I would only suggest a little bit more of a lecture/intro at the beginning of every lab.

Response 5

Alexander Witte Cerjan

Good teaching fellow. Fair and helpful

Response 6

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Alex was great. A help both inside and outside of class. Wouldn't mind learning from him again.

Response 7

Alexander Witte Cerjan

Alex was a great TF. He was always very helpful and willing to answer questions.

Response 8

Alexander Witte Cerjan

He was super helpful and knowledgable about the experiments. I'm not sure I agree with his grading policy, but hopefully it was fine.