Teaching Evaluation Summary (2010-2011 Spring)

Instructor: Sun, Dennis
Subject: STATS
Catalog & Section: 60, 2

1. Please comment on the section leader’s knowledge and presentation of the material and how well he/she coordinated the sections with lectures.

Strengths

- Very down-to-earth guy. He really does bring statistics to life.
- Great TA! Loved the coffee, his energy, and his clarity.
- Displayed very thorough knowledge of material, presented material at a good pace, and provided a very efficient means of approaching problems. Extremely well prepared for section.
- Presented material clearly and at a level that was understandable for students. The section summary sheet were very helpful for studying.
- Amazing!! Denis, you helped me so much this quarter!! You are an amazingly skilled section leader!!
- Always had a specific plan for section, very well organized, and would explain why he was focusing on certain aspects rather than others (such as, this hasn't been taught this week but it will be on the quiz next week).
- N/A
- You should be teaching the whole course. So much better than the instructor
- Dennis was helpful in explaining what wasn’t well presented in class. His past experience with being a stats TA showed and he explained everything well
- This guy was better than the prof... awesome teacher
- awesome
- Dennis is the best TA! His handouts totally saved my life for the weekly quizzes. They are really clear, logical, and informative. Also the practice problems really enforce the material in a helpful way.
- Great! the section handouts were really helpful for getting an overview of the material, giving structure to the sections, and giving great practice problems.
- Dennis was a great TA. He taught the concepts even better than the professor and knew was we were doing. He is definitely a smart guy and knew every answer to each question. He was so prepared!
- Dennis presented the material clearly and effectively. He coordinated sections with lectures very well and clarified many confusing concepts and presented interesting practice questions. Dennis was clearly very knowledgeable and his sections were always extraordinarily helpful.
- Dennis’ sections were awesome. I virtually learned the material through coming to section. That is a testament to his preparation, but also his knowledge and passion about the subject.
- Presented the material in a clear way, both conceptually and in problem solving. He covered the material quickly because he essentially had 50 min to reteach everything that was more confusing in lecture. He was very knowledgable and could give multiple ways to approach problems.
- So nice! Presented material really well. His handouts were awesome. He was also just a really nice guy who brought us coffee and donuts and genuinely cared about how we were learning.
- Such an awesome section leader!! He really knew his stuff and taught it REALLY well
- very accessible and friendly via email and office hours
- Dennis was an amazing T.A. He was always prepared with handouts, and was contagiously passionate about the subject matter.
- Incredible TA! Was very knowledgeable about the material. He provided excellent handouts and used interesting examples.
- He was incredibly knowledgeable and explained everything very well. Section was extremely helpful and always well coordinated with lecture.
- Fantastic! Enthusiastic and well-organized. He provides wonderful sheets and I often wonder why Dennis hasn't taken the place of the Professor.
- Excellent discussion leader. VERY good.
- extremely clear. very helpful notes.

Suggestions for Improvement

- None.
- None
- could you put up solutions for all of the questions you do in section: both the questions that you do in class and the ones that you don’t. I would be nice to get to check what I have written in my notes!
- N/A
- none
- N/A
• Nothing I can think of!

2. Please comment on the section leader's effectiveness as a discussion leader, his/her ability to answer questions and keep the discussion on track.

Strengths

• Somehow manages to keep everyone's attention even though it's a Friday morning Stats section. Clearly, Dennis knows what he's doing and I appreciate all the effort he puts into organizing fun and interactive sections.
• Very effective section leader. Each section was very organized and attempted to cover all material covered in lecture.
• GREAT! Amazing! really helpful! He is amazing at making abstract ideas seem easier to grasp!
• Very responsive to questions and concerned with student's comprehension.
• N/A
• He gave helpful examples and his handouts were really helpful, especially when I couldn't make it to section
• led an efficient section accurately depicting material
• GREAT
• always great.
• Dennis was one of the most prepared TA's I have ever had. He had powerpoints and great handouts. He prepared great examples for us that were interactive and fun. I've never seen a TA care so much for their class before and it definitely shined through that Dennis was willing to bend over backwards to figure out answers to problems for us.
• Dennis was a great leader and answered questions well and kept the pace moving.
• Dennis always had the answer to any question someone might ask him. His plan each day for section was clear and related directly to the material we were covering in the class.
• Great at leading the section and answering questions clearly. He kept discussion on track. To my knowledge, he was the only section leader to make very useful handouts with formulas and example problems.
• Great!
• Amazing, so well prepared and explained things perfectly.
• Excellent!
• Dennis was very effective at making section worthwhile.
• cared a lot about responding effectively to questions and was very helpful

Suggestions for Improvement

• None.
• None
• N/A
• N/A

3. Please comment on the attitude of the section leader towards the students and his/her availability outside of class.

Strengths

• Was understanding of student's schedules.
• Constantly encouraged students to come to office hours for clarification of concepts and offered time outside of office hours if that helped. Even brought coffee and doughnuts to keep us awake in the 9am section.
• He's so nice and helpful!
• Always available for office hours and consultation during the week.
• N/A
• He is very friendly and positive
• job well done
• Great! Flexible office hours to meet student needs
• Dennis was great at his office hours and through email. He always responded emails so prompt and concisely. His office hours were the best office hours I seen and the most busy. Rarely anyone went to anyone elses'. I think it's because Dennis went step by step with the problem and explained the problem in terms that we as students would understand.
• Dennis was always eager to help and made his office hours well-known.
• Dennis was amazingly flexible, always willing to work out a time to meet with students after class. He also brought an energy to section each day which was crucial, especially considering we met at 9AM on Friday.
• Great attitude, very willing to explain concepts multiple ways and multiple times during office hours and during
section to increase understanding. He sent out a survey mid-quarter to make sure he was leading section effectively and was meeting students needs.

- He had a very friendly and helpful attitude.
- good availability outside of class
- Very open, very approachable, very helpful.

Suggestions for Improvement

- Have more office hour times.
- None
- none
- N/A
- N/A

4. Please comment on the overall performance of the section leader.

Strengths

- Excellent, I think I really lucked out to have him as a TA.
- Amazing section leader!!
- Great!!!
- Really lucked out in getting Dennis as my section leader!
- N/A
- Great job!
- one of the best TAs at stanford. should have been the teacher
- Dennis is the best! He gave us coffee!
- Dennis is the best
- Dennis is the happiest TA on planet earth and he makes me excited about statistics. I don't think I would have liked statistics as much as I did this quarter if it wasn't for him. I definitely have to attribute how well I did in this class to him. He deserves an AWARD!
- Dennis made this class much more accessible and interesting. He explained the course material very well and without him, I don't think I would have enjoyed this class or gotten as much out of it. Thanks, Dennis!
- One of, if not the best, TA I've had here at Stanford. Should have been teaching the course himself.
- Dennis was a lifesaver and honestly could have taught the entire lecture himself much more effectively. I do not know what I would have done without him, seriously.
- Great!
- Dennis was really helpful and a great section leader.
- Superb!!
- Fantastic TA! One of the best I have had! Made Stats really enjoyable!
- He was fantastic and made the concepts of the class very clear.
- One of the best section leaders that I have had at Stanford. Clear, enthusiastic, funny, smart, Dennis is just the man
- Thank you so much for your extreme level of preparation and for you clear concern for the learning of your students. You made the course.
- Dennis was an incredible section leader. He was always well-prepared, organized, energetic, and knowledgeable. Moreover, his commitment to his job was demonstrated through his carefully created, extremely useful handouts and his availability outside of class. Would make an incredible professor. :)
- I never went to class because your section handouts were awesome. You are very enthusiastic at 9 am. Nice job.
- DENNIS SHOULD BE THE PROFESSOR OF THIS CLASS. He makes the concepts so clear and his handouts are amazing.
- One of the best TAs I've ever had.
- I think that you would have been a better lecturer than Professor Taylor. You are really good at teaching the concepts with clarity.

Suggestions for Improvement

- None.
- None
- N/A
- N/A