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Student IA Evaluation for Kevin William Rychel Department of Bioengineering

BENG 212 - Sys Bio Bioeng II: Data Analys (Palsson, Bernhard O.) Winter 2020

Number of Evaluations Submitted: 7
Number of Students Enrolled: 19

1. The Instructional Assistant was well organized and prepared for class.

7 (100.0%): Strongly Agree

0 (0.0%): Agree

0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree

0 (0.0%): Disagree

0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree 0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

2. The Instructional Assistant consistently arrived at lecture, section/lab, office hours and exams on time.

6 (85.7%): Strongly Agree

1 (14.3%): Agree

0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree

0 (0.0%): Disagree

0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree 0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

3. The Instructional Assistant presented course material clearly and answered questions accurately in class.

5 (71.4%): Strongly Agree

2 (28.6%): Agree

0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree

0 (0.0%): Disagree

0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree 0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

4. The Instructional Assistant helped develop my thinking skills on the subject.

6 (85.7%): Strongly Agree

1 (14.3%): Agree

0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree

0 (0.0%): Disagree

0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree 0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

5. Feedback from the Instructional Assistant on assignments, exams and/or papers was helpful and constructive.

6 (85.7%): Strongly Agree

0 (0.0%): Agree

1 (14.3%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree

0 (0.0%): Disagree

0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree 0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

6. The Instructional Assistant's explanations were appropriate, being neither too complicated nor too simple.

5 (71.4%): Strongly Agree

2 (28.6%): Agree

0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree

0 (0.0%): Disagree

0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree 0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

7. The Instructional Assistant answered questions clearly and effectively, helping students to make connections among the course readings, assignments, and lectures.

6 (85.7%): Strongly Agree

1 (14.3%): Agree

0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree

0 (0.0%): Disagree

0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree 0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

8. The Instructional Assistant was genuinely interested in and enthusiastic about teaching.

7 (100.0%): Strongly Agree

0 (0.0%): Agree

0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree

0 (0.0%): Disagree

0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree 0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

9. The Instructional Assistant was accessible to students outside of class (office hours, e-mail, etc.).

6 (85.7%): Strongly Agree

0 (0.0%): Agree

0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree

0 (0.0%): Disagree

0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree 1 (14.3%): Not Applicable

10. The Instructional Assistant effectively connected the section/lab exercises with the material covered in lecture.

6 (85.7%): Strongly Agree

1 (14.3%): Agree

0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree

0 (0.0%): Disagree

0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree 0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

11. In terms of communication skills, did the Instructional Assistant demonstrate any of the following? (check all that apply)

7 (87.5%): No issues
0 (0.0%): Too quiet
0 (0.0%): Too loud
0 (0.0%): Too fast
0 (0.0%): Too slow

0 (0.0%): Poor grammar and/or English language skills

0 (0.0%): Used filler words such as "um"

1 (12.5%): Other (please describe)

 Kevin was a really great at explaining the material and very clear with what he was saying. I didn't have any issues with him speaking during class and/or office hours and he seemed to have a great attitude in general.

12. I would recommend this Instructional Assistant to other students.

6 (85.7%): Strongly Agree

1 (14.3%): Agree

0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree

0 (0.0%): Disagree

0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree

- 13. Please describe this person's greatest strengths as a Instructional Assistant.

 Please keep your comments constructive and professional, abiding by the Principles of Community
- He was available to answer questions at any time. He was also very kind and knowledgeable.
- He was very accessible and willing to help me learn the material when I was having trouble whether it was with debugging some of my Python code, answering all my questions on Piazza (even some basic ones) and in my opinion, he explained the material very well. I attended all his office hours and he showed some great examples pertaining to the hw which helped me out a lot. He definitely seemed well prepared for this course. I would say his greatest strengths were patience, very friendly and enthusiastic about the material. He even was available by email whenever need be and answered most of my questions in detail. Additionally he was very thorough with his comments when programming assignments were graded by him. Overall, he was a great TA and I would highly recommend him to TA this class again.
- Kevin is an incredible TA. He is extremely helpful and responsive. He spends a great amount of time explaining the course material and providing help for the homework. His homework comments are relevant and on point, and he's always patient when we have questions about his feedback. He's easy to talk to, and accessible outside of class. He made this hard class easier and more fun. Overall he's a great TA and I highly recommend him.
- Pretty good at explaining things, from important concepts in lectures to doubts asked by students, in a clear cut manner.
- 14. Please describe this person's greatest weaknesses as a Instructional Assistant. Please keep your comments constructive and professional, abiding by the Principles of Community
- He should be more timely with grading our hw assignments, but that is understandable since he is quite busy and it is a lot of work.
- Made a couple mistakes when writing the homework assignments.
- 15. Do you have any other comments to add to your evaluation?

 Please keep your comments constructive and professional, abiding by the Principles of Community
- I think Kevin should be a co-instructor for this class because he really explains the material very well and explains it so a beginner like myself can understand the material better. He was an amazing and helpful TA and I would highly recommend he TAs this particular class again. Hopefully one of these days, I will see him stand up in front of the classroom and be a co-lecturer alongside Dr. Palsson.

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