Student IA Evaluation for Kevin William Rychel
Department of Bioengineering

BENG 212 - Sys Bio Bioeng II: Data Analys (Palsson, Bernhard O.)
Winter 2021

Number of Evaluations Submitted: 10
Number of Students Enrolled: 29

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

9 (90.0%):	Strongly Agree
1 (10.0%):	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.

9 (90.0%):	Strongly Agree
1 (10.0%):	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.

9 (90.0%):	Strongly Agree
1 (10.0%):	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.

9 (90.0%):   Strongly Agree
1 (10.0%):   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.

9 (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
1:      [No Response]

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

9 (90.0%):   Strongly Agree
0 (0.0%):   Agree
1 (10.0%):   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.

8 (80.0%):   Strongly Agree
2 (20.0%):   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.

10 (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.).

9 (90.0%):   Strongly Agree
1 (10.0%):   Agree
0 (0.0%):   Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):   Disagree
0 (0.0%):   Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):   Not Applicable

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

9 (90.0%):   Strongly Agree
1 (10.0%):   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)

10 (100.0%):   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"
0 (0.0%):   Other (please describe)

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

10 (100.0%):   Strongly Agree
0 (0.0%):   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 went above and beyond in designing and grading the HW. the HW was long, but guided us through implementing and thinking critically about the techniques we learned in class. It was very well designed and effective at ingraining how/when the techniques are best applicable. Moreover, his grading of the HW was also very useful. He gave constructive comments on every section where we missed a detail, even if that detail was just something we might like to know and not relevant for the grading. Just the comments he left on the HW added more information, context, and lessons than many entire assignments in other classes.

- In addition to being very knowledgeable on the topics covered, Kevin was also always enthusiastic to help me understand difficult concepts. He is also one of the most punctual TAs I have ever had. Whenever i sent him an email asking him for help, I usually got a response back within an hour (even during evenings/weekends).

- Kevin clearly spent a lot of time helping students with this class and was always available for assistance. With the project, I was very impressed with the detailed feedback and extraordinary assistance that Kevin provided.

- Kevin is very eager to teach and help students. He shares a passion for biology and it translates through his discourse about the hws.

- Kevin was very enthusiastic about the course and course material. He is very good about responding to emails and canvas questions about the class homeworks.

- so amazing! Incredibly helpful to students. Kind, enthusiastic, knowledgable, accessible. Just all around solid. He really made this class great and managed to make the remote setting feel really fun and engaging. He definitely has an excitement and passion for the topic that the students can really feel, and it makes learning the topic more interesting. He also gives really detailed and helpful feedback when it came to the assignments.

- Very clear, went out of his way to make sure we had a solid plan and understood what we were doing.

14. Please describe this person's greatest weaknesses as a Instructional Assistant.
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- I did not experience any negative aspects of his instruction

- I honestly can't think of anything that Kevin needs to improve on.

- It seemed like the hw grading was really stringent, and there wasn't much leeway in terms of things we lost points for...
  Especially for some of the explanation questions: the questions were superr broad, but still looking for a very specific answer

- None, really.

- Occasionally I would have appreciated a more in depth explanation of the principles behind why certain algorithms worked. Kevin usually gave a practice how-to-use-when-coding explanation of course concepts.

- There are no major weaknesses that I identified throughout this course.

15. Do you have any other comments to add to your evaluation?
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- Great job! You have been one of the best TAs I have had, keep it up! Amazing research too

- Probably the most effective TA I've had.

- seems like a cool, chill guy who just likes teaching -- my other friends and I really appreciate all the time he put in (he probably spent so many hours grading our assignments :o). but it's really nice to feel like someone cares :) -- WE APPRECIATE YOU KEVIN!!
  (also. random side note: i thought it was so funny but in an awesome way how he linked that website so we can learn about the iModulons, and it was a great website, and very helpful, and then at the very bottom it was like 'ah yes, if anyone has questions contact 'this email' ... and then it was his email, hahaha. true mvp)

- Thanks for a great quarter and good luck on your thesis proposal!