

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Department: Department of Geography

Term: Spring 2018

Form: Geography Department Teaching Assistant Evaluation

Instructor: Aslamy,Sohrob Tosh

Class: GEO372 Section M001 (Political Geography)

Responses: 10 Enrollment: 28 Response Rate: 35.7%

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	Strongly Disagree		Disagree		Neutral		Agree		Strongly Agree		N	Mean	StD
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%			
1. TA was prepared for class.	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	30.0%	1	10.0%	6	60.0%	10	4.30	0.95
2. TA encouraged participation and questions.	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	40.0%	0	0.0%	6	60.0%	10	4.20	1.03
3. TA communicated concepts, content, and issues clearly.	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	40.0%	0	0.0%	6	60.0%	10	4.20	1.03
4. TA provided clear and interesting questions for discussion.	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	40.0%	0	0.0%	6	60.0%	10	4.20	1.03
5. TA created an effective environment for discussion.	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	40.0%	0	0.0%	6	60.0%	10	4.20	1.03
6. TA showed concern that I was learning course material	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	30.0%	1	10.0%	6	60.0%	10	4.30	0.95
7. TA demonstrated knowledge of the subject matter.	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	20.0%	1	10.0%	7	70.0%	10	4.50	0.85
8. TA showed enthusiasm for subject and teaching.	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	20.0%	1	10.0%	7	70.0%	10	4.50	0.85
9. TA's grading was fair and justified.	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	20.0%	2	20.0%	6	60.0%	10	4.40	0.84
10. Discussion section provided a fuller understanding of course material.	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	40.0%	1	10.0%	5	50.0%	10	4.10	0.99
11. I felt comfortable talking in section/lab.	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	5	50.0%	1	10.0%	4	40.0%	10	3.90	0.99
12. I felt comfortable talking to my TA.	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	30.0%	1	10.0%	6	60.0%	10	4.30	0.95
13. I would recommend the TA, as an instructor, to others.	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	40.0%	0	0.0%	6	60.0%	10	4.20	1.03

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Did the TA help you in any particular way during the semester (with papers, assignments, exam prep, etc.)? If so, please describe how.

- Feedback on weekly assignments was useful and appreciated, as well as advice on how to tackle the one-pagers.
- Giving thorough grading of papers.
- Helped especially with feedback from papers and assignments.
- Helpful comments on papers
- I personally never went to office hours, mainly due to the fact that I had class during the time slots, but whenever I would receive a grade via Blackboard for an assignment, Sohrob would list out ways in which I could improve my argument, my writing, and my presentation of the evidence. I would have loved to have attended office hours so I could just have more feedback regarding my work, but overall he was one of the best TAs I've had during my time on campus.
- Yes, with going over a homework assignment and brainstorming for the final paper

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What were the TA's strengths?

- -Gave a great guest lecture on his work -Consistent and transparent grading
- Always willing to meet with you
- Feedback on weekly assignments
- Giving helpful feedback on assignments
- Grading
- Knowledgeable
- When Sohrob conducted a guest lecture, he was extremely knowledgeable regarding his presentation. He would constantly check in with the class to make sure everyone understood what he was talking about. In addition, he made the lecture very enjoyable because he would constantly ask us questions about what interpretation of the material.

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What suggestions would you make to the TA for future teaching?

- Create an incentive to get students to come into office hours more often/frequently
- None
- Teach your own class in the future. I would 100% sign up for it. But this has to happen next year, because I am a rising senior.

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If you have any other comments, please make them here:

- None
- This class did not have a discussion section.
- You have a cool name.