Report Comments

## Recommended Minimum Response Rates

| Class Size | Recommended Minimum Response Rates <br> based on 80\% confidence \& $\pm 10 \%$ margin |
| :---: | :---: |
| $<10$ | $75 \%$ |
| $11-19$ | $65 \%$ |
| $20-34$ | $55 \%$ |
| $35-49$ | $30 \%$ |
| $50-74$ | $25 \%$ |
| $75-99$ | $20 \%$ |
| $100-149$ | $15 \%$ |
| $150-299$ | $10 \%$ |
| $300-499$ | $5 \%$ |
| $>500$ |  |

## Legend

N: Expected
n : Responded
Frequency Distribution
SD: Strongly Disagree
D: Disagree
N: Neutral
A: Agree
SA: Strongly Agree
N/A: Not applicable

## Statistics

IM: Interpolated Median

## Detailed Results

For statistical purposes only, please indicate whether you are taking this course as


## TA Questions

1. The TA treats students with respect.

2. The TA is available to discuss matters outside of class time.

3. The TA provides helpful feedback on student work.

## 10. The TA marks assignments fairly.

 [ Total (12) ]```
1 \text { Strongly Disagree (0)}
1 \text { Strongly Disagree (0)}
            2 Disagree (0)
            2 Disagree (0)
                3 Neutral (0)
                3 Neutral (0)
            4 \text { Agree (1)}
            4 \text { Agree (1)}
    5 \text { Strongly Agree (10)}
    5 \text { Strongly Agree (10)}
N/A Not Applicable (1)
N/A Not Applicable (1)

\section*{12. Overall, the TA is effective in helping students learn.}
1 Strongly Disagree (0) 2 Disagree (0) 3 Neutral (0)
4 Agree (1)
5 Strongly Agree (11)
N/A Not Applicable (0)
[ Total (12) ]

\begin{tabular}{|l|l|l|l|l|l|c|c|}
\hline Question & N & n & SD & D & N & A & SA \\
\hline N/A & \(\mathbb{M}\) & DI \\
\hline The TA treats students with respect. & 56 & 12 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 11 \\
\hline The TA communicates clearly and effectively. & 56 & 12 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 9 \\
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\end{tabular}
\begin{tabular}{|l|l|}
\hline Question & \%Favourable \\
\hline The TA treats students with respect. & \(100 \%\) \\
\hline The TA communicates clearly and effectively. & \(100 \%\) \\
\hline The TA facilitates discussion of the course material and course concepts. & \(100 \%\) \\
\hline The TA helps me better understand course content. & \(100 \%\) \\
\hline The TA responds effectively to questions. & \(100 \%\) \\
\hline The TA is well prepared. & \(100 \%\) \\
\hline The TA has appropriate knowledge of the subject. & \(100 \%\) \\
\hline The TA is available to discuss matters outside of class time. & \(100 \%\) \\
\hline The TA provides helpful feedback on student work. & \(100 \%\) \\
\hline The TA marks assignments fairly. & \(100 \%\) \\
\hline The TA returns assignments in a timely manner. & \(100 \%\) \\
\hline Overall, the TA is effective in helping students learn. & \(100 \%\) \\
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\end{tabular}

\section*{Open ended feedback}

\section*{What has the Teaching Assistant done well?}

\section*{Comments}

Very helpful and good at explaining.
Friendly, answered questions in a really helpful way.
Jared showed great interest in supporting student learning. His tutorials were very helpful in understanding course concepts. Jared was the best TA we had all semester.
Jared was very helpful with all of the course content and answered almost every question clearly and effectively. He marked very fairly and was also very understanding towards students. I can honestly say l've never had a better TA.
Jared was good at going through tutorial questions in a ell structured and understandable manner
Very clear explanations, happy to explain various ways
There are no words to describe the amount of help and support I have received from Jared. I would strongly say that he is the best TA that I have ever had the pleasure of being taught under. What ever he wants to do with his career I know he will be successful. I normally don't write evaluations but I feel compelled to tell you how great this man is.
Great TA. He shows he really cares, thoroughly explains concepts. He is very responsive to questions in a timely manner. Great teacher and great at listening and sympathizing with students. Always talks with transparency to help students succeed.
Jared was great at teaching the content for this course. Going to the tutorials was very useful as I learned a lot from him. He helped explain concepts by breaking them down and giving examples. Whenever there was a question being asked, he knew how to answer the question with a clear and understandable answer. I would say his teaching is on par with the prof. I feel like I learned more from him than the prof. He was good at being the TA for this course. His enthusiasm and appreciation definitely helped with the course.

Creating own slides to explain

\section*{How could the Teaching Assistant improve?}

\section*{Comments}

N/A
N/A
He can speak a little fast at times so it might be goot to slow down a little. It isnt a major issue at all it just requires more concentration to follow along at the faster pace.
Very little room for improvement!
Maybe if he could fly or conduct electricity out of his hands.
I got nothing as Jared is an absolute legend. Very helpful and friendly.

\section*{Explanatory Note}

\section*{Percent Favourable Rating}

This is the percentage of respondents who rated the instructor a 4 or 5 (Agree or Strongly Agree).

\section*{Interpolated Median}

The data collected for Student Experience of Instruction (SEI) are ordinal in nature, with a natural order (from 1 to 5). While the mean may be used as a measure of central tendency for such data, it is not an appropriate or accurate representation of SEI data (cf. Stark \& Freishtat, 2014). The usual measure of central tendency for ordinal data is the median. As a result, we have been reporting the mean and the median for the last several years. After considerable thought and data modeling, we now believe that the interpolated median is the best representation of the data, since it takes the frequency distribution into account.

Consider the following example from 2015W, the two course sections have identical mean (3.8). However, the instructor in section 2 received \(77 \%\) favourable (4-5) ratings, compared to \(53 \%\) for the instructor in section 1. The Interpolated median values of (3.7 and 4.2), much better reflects the distribution of the scores above and below their respective median. Furthermore, the interpolated median is better correlated with percent favourable rating; such that an interpolated median of 3.5 on a Likert scale of 1 to 5 , corresponds to \(50 \%\) favourable rating.

Frequency Distribution
\begin{tabular}{|l|c|c|}
\hline Response for University Module Item & Section 1 & Section 2 \\
\hline 5 = Strongly agree & 5 & 5 \\
\hline 4 = Agree & 3 & 5 \\
\hline 3 = Neither agree nor disagree & 6 & 0 \\
\hline 2 = Disagree & 1 & 2 \\
\hline 1 = Strongly disagree & 0 & 1 \\
\hline & 3.8 & 3.8 \\
\hline Mean & 4.0 & 4.0 \\
\hline Median & 3.7 & 4.2 \\
\hline Interpolated Median & \(53 \%\) & \(77 \%\) \\
\hline Percent favourable rating & & \\
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\end{tabular}

\section*{Dispersion Index}

The dispersion index is a measure of variability suitable for ordinal data (Rampichini, Grilli \& Petrucci 2004). This dispersion index has values between zero and 1. A zero dispersion index indicates that all respondents in the section rated their experience of instruction the same. An index value of 1.0 is obtained when the respondents are split evenly between the two extreme values (Strongly Disagree \& Strongly Agree), a very rare occurrence. In SEI data at UBC, the index rarely exceeds 0.85 , and mostly for evaluations not meeting the minimum recommended response rate.

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