



Individual Teaching Assistant Report for BIOS S-50 Foundations of Neuroscience (34198) Joseph Zak

Project Title: **2020 Harvard Summer School Course Evaluation**

Courses Audience: **151**
Responses Received: **81**
Response Ratio: **54%**

Report Comments

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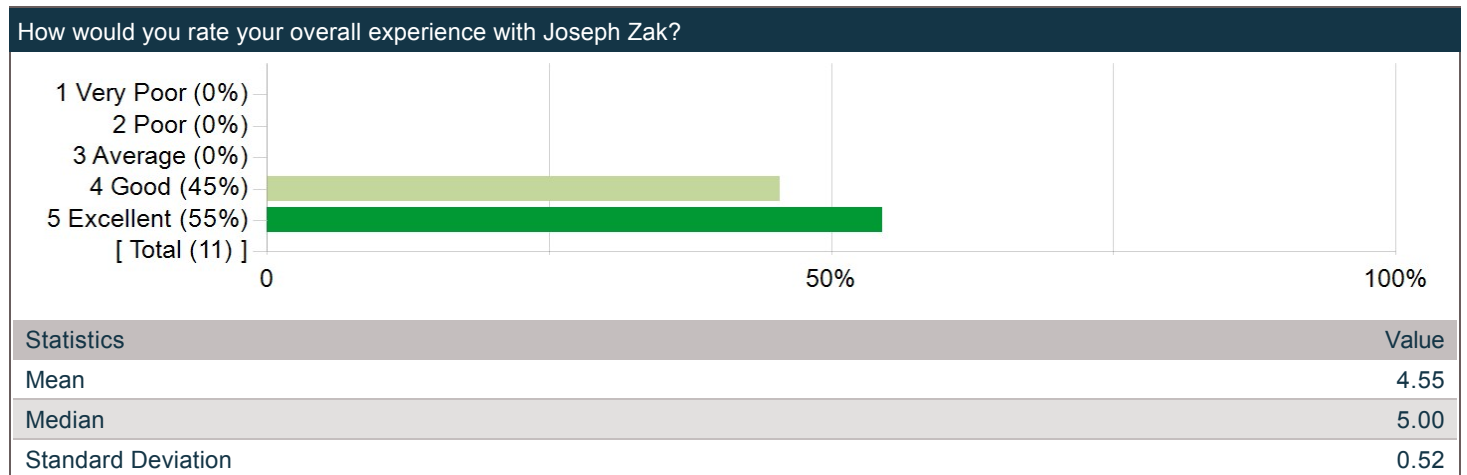
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Teaching Assistant Question

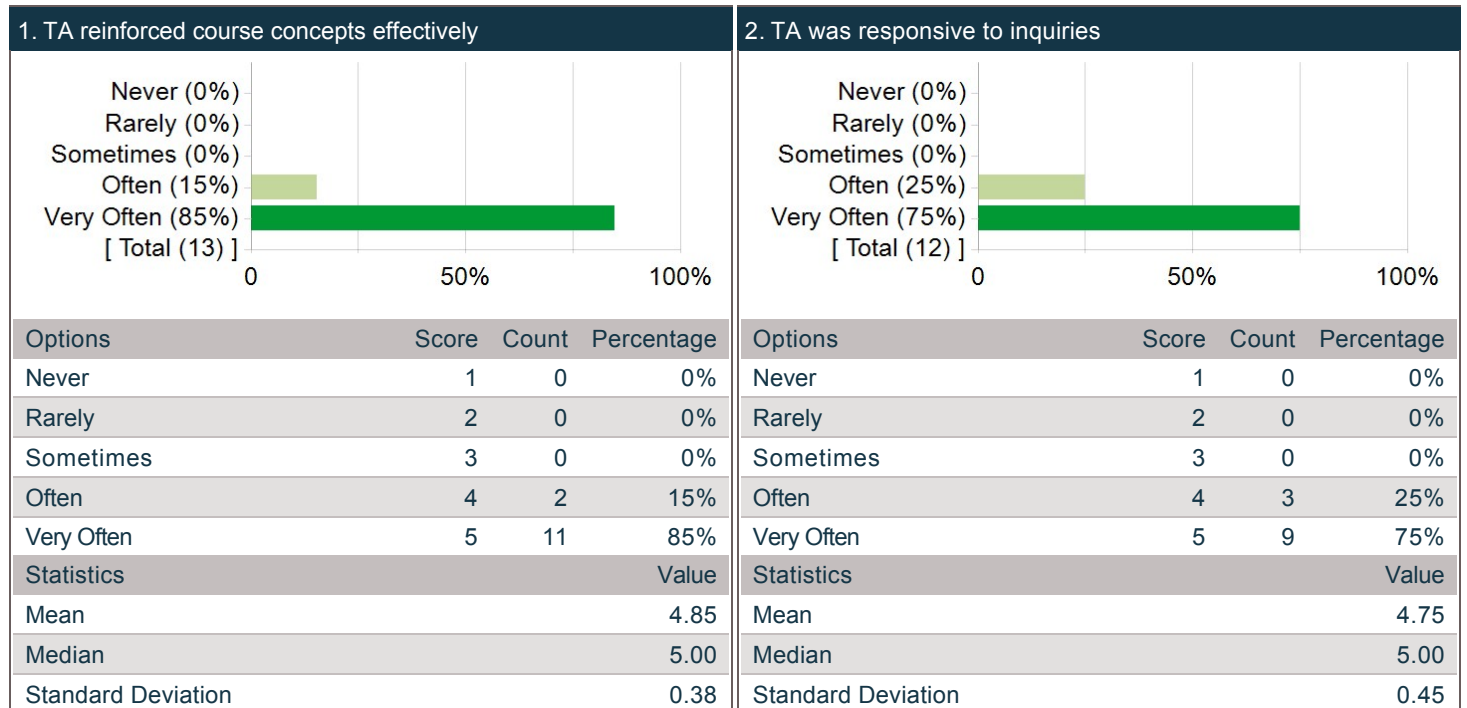
TA Overall

Question	TA Average	School Average (Summer)
	Mean	Mean
How would you rate your overall experience with Joseph Zak?	4.55	4.58

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What was your experience with the following aspects of instruction?



Comments about the Teaching Assistant

What did Joseph Zak do that was most helpful for your learning?

Comments
Making us answer questions out loud to the class reinforced my learning of the topics we were learning and encouraged me not to fall behind in learning the material.
He did a good job of explaining difficult concepts during the class and clarifying topics that seemed a little vague.
Help us with discussions.
Be available in office hours
He answered questions in detail and made sure that we understood all that he was saying.
Whenever he was asked a question, he would answer it clearly and with passion.
Made sure every student participated at some point, actively interacted with students, and made sure we understood material.
He was active on Yellowdig to help answer questions.
He led the section meetings for my group, which was very helpful in going over the week's learning, and having discussions in small breakout rooms.
Whenever something was explained by a student, my TA always made sure to elaborate for anyone who was still confused. My TA reviewed relevant material and maximized interactions between students via breakout rooms on Zoom.
He worked with us on the papers we read
He helped us understand the two articles better.
Provided very clear explanations, very approachable, friendly, and super fast at responding to Yellowdig questions.

What might Joseph Zak have done differently to help you learn more?

Comments
When reviewing material, he could've set up quizzes or open-ended questions for us to complete as a class.
Maybe he should have waited a bit longer when students weren't responding to answers so that we could understand and process what the question was.
Not much.
Respond to emails in a more timely manner
Nothing, he did a great job.
I don't think he could've done anything more than what he already did.
Gone over material a little slower.
nothing :)
If he might have discussed more in detail of our discussion topic, and provided answers to the document we used, then I could've looked back at it for review.
Due to limited time on the worksheets in session, sometimes certain concepts were breezed over. But overall, my personal session always went by pretty smoothly.
Nothing
Exemplary TA.