

Title of Course: Calculus I

Course Number: L24 131 (same as U20 131) **Section:** B

Semester: Fall 2012

Instructors: Joseph Palmer (Instructor);

Completed Evaluations: 16 of 24 (67%)

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Lecture Class

Short answers (Joseph Palmer - Instructor)

Please make comments and criticisms as constructive as possible; personal remarks or attacks are contrary to the spirit of this evaluation process.

What did you like most about this course?

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|----|---|
| 00 | Explained topics very well |
| 01 | Decent TA, but again the course itself is horrible. |
| 03 | I barely understand McCarthy's lectures how ever I am relieved because after section I always understand the steps to completing a problem. |
| 04 | I liked the flexibility of working out whatever problems we were having a hard time with. |
| 05 | He knows how to relax a class about exams. |
| 06 | Recitation helped immensely with fully understanding the material. |
| 07 | He was slow-paced and descriptive and definitely responsive to the student's questions. |
| 08 | Joey was great. Very approachable, very helpful, and very knowledgeable. |
| 09 | A lot of help. Great review of lectures and very knowledgeable |
| 10 | He provided helpful examples sometimes |
| 11 | It clarified what the teacher was talking about in class. |

- 12 He did a very good job of helping to clear some of the ambiguity concerning the lecture material. He also did a much better job at presenting the material in a clear and concise manner that was easier to understand.
- 15 I liked how much energy Joey put into teaching every week. He seemed to thoroughly enjoy teaching us, which made learning cath (which is not my favorite subject) more enjoyable. Joey was very open about the grading process, which was great.

What did you like the least?

- 00 -
- 01 Seems very unavailable, did a mediocre job preparing students for exams, pretty lazy, but an ok guy
- 03 sometimes he is late.
- 04 Sometimes we got caught spending too much time on one problem and couldn't cover everything
- 05 Does not cover enough in class.
- 07 N/A
- 08 Class was a little early in the morning. Otherwise, it was awesome and incredibly helpful.
- 09 Didn't review all material in recitation that I wanted to go over.
- 10 He does not explain things very clearly
- 11 We never had enough time because it was so disorganized.
- 12 We usually ran out of time before covering all the material
- 15 We often ran out of time and did not cover all of the topics we were presented in lecture because he took too many questions.

Is there something important about the course not covered by these questions?

- 07 N/A
- 10 No
- 11 No.
- 15 No.

Title of Course: Calculus I

Course Number: L24 131 (same as U20 131) **Section:** E

Semester: Fall 2012

Instructors: Joseph Palmer (Instructor);

Completed Evaluations: 12 of 25 (48%)

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Lecture Class

Short answers (Joseph Palmer - Instructor)

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What did you like most about this course?

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|----|--|
| 00 | How he could relate to us and teach things in a better absorbed manner. |
| 01 | Joey did a good informative job during the section |
| 02 | The review of material in lecture during recitation was helpful. It allowed me to go over some of the topics we learned and ask questions to understand the material more thoroughly, which is not always possible in lecture. |
| 03 | Joey does a good job of simplifying concepts so that they are easy to grasp. |
| 04 | I liked how Joey was extremely patient and very willing to work with students at all levels of understanding. He broke down concepts that made the course material much easier to understand. Well worth the class time. |
| 06 | He was willing to cover only things students were having trouble with- he would ask for topics to cover and didn't just have a routine to stick to |
| 07 | Joey complimented what we may not have understood from the main lecture, and he was very receptive to our needs. |
| 09 | Clear explanations, willingness to help students |
| 10 | Joey really explained the areas that Professor McCarthy did not, the sub section was where I actually learned the topics |

What did you like the least?

00	Sessions were too short. We couldn't cover enough material.
01	Joey was good
02	Sometimes, it took up to half the hour before getting to the actual review of material. Also, sometimes, only one topic was discussed before the hour was up, not allowing time for review of other topics.
03	Be confident, Joey!
04	I honestly have no complaints.
06	I'm pretty happy with how he did, not sure what to say
07	Everything was rather reasonable.
09	Sometimes explained topics that I already knew, making it boring
10	That it was only once a week while the normal lectures were three times a week.

Is there something important about the course not covered by these questions?

00	he's awesome.
02	No
06	No
07	Not that I can think of.

Title of Course: Calculus I

Course Number: L24 131 (same as U20 131) **Section:** G

Semester: Fall 2012

Instructors: Joseph Palmer (Instructor);

Completed Evaluations: 4 of 11 (36%)

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Lecture Class

Short answers (Joseph Palmer - Instructor)

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What did you like most about this course?

- 00 Well explained material, encouraged participation even when class was generally apathetic, and kept a positive and interesting mood and class pace.
- 01 He was extremely helpful. He is a large part of the reason my grade in this class is not below passing.
- 02 Mr. Palmer was concerned with student needs and genuinely wanted to help everyone do their best. His explanations were pretty clear.
- 03 I liked just about everything. Very friendly and intelligent, great at explaining things and giving help.

What did you like the least?

- 01 Occasionally went over trivial things a little too slowly.
- 02 Mr. Palmer was slightly nervous on occasion because this was his first real teaching situation, and sometimes that would come across in lecture as he wouldn't entirely know what to do.
- 03 Nothing.

Is there something important about the course not covered by these questions?

- 02 No

03 No.

Title of Course: Calculus I

Course Number: L24 131 (same as U20 131) **Section:** H

Semester: Fall 2012

Instructors: Joseph Palmer (Instructor);

Completed Evaluations: 13 of 24 (54%)

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Lecture Class

Short answers (Joseph Palmer - Instructor)

Please make comments and criticisms as constructive as possible; personal remarks or attacks are contrary to the spirit of this evaluation process.

What did you like most about this course?

- | | |
|----|---|
| 01 | Opportunity to review and assure comfort with material from lecture. |
| 03 | He was amazing. He would first explain anything he thought Dr. McCarthy might not have explained clearly enough and was always very clear and very concerned with his students and wanted to make sure the class always understood. |
| 04 | Very enthusiastic instructor. |
| 05 | Joey was very nice and funny and did his best to prepare us for the tests. |
| 06 | He tried to help the students understand the materials that it was hard to catch from the lecture. He organized the class well so he can go over everything. |
| 07 | I think Joey explained the topics really well. He always was there to answer our questions. |
| 08 | Very personable and made things easy to understand |
| 09 | Very engaging TA! Funny and personable. |
| 10 | Joey was an excellent TA, explaining everything very clearly and carefully. He maintained a very positive environment and if he does in fact go on to teach, he'll be very good at it. |
| 11 | I enjoyed the instructor's enthusiasm and that he went over material that we had not gone into great detail over in class. |

12 good use of time in subsections

What did you like the least?

03 Once in a while he would get distracted and off topic. It was interesting but not as productive as it could have been.

05 The class was boring at times.

07 Sometimes Joey was really nervous and took a while to explain a concept.

08 Nothing really

11 I did not like that we sometimes spent too long going over concepts that were fairly easy to understand.

12 ambiguity

Is there something important about the course not covered by these questions?

03 N/a

08 No homework at all, which is appropriate

11 no.

Title of Course: Calculus II

Course Number: L24 132

Section: B

Semester: Spring 2013

Instructors: Joseph Palmer (Instructor);

Completed Evaluations: 13 of 27 (48%)

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Lecture Class

Short answers (Joseph Palmer - Instructor)

Please make comments and criticisms as constructive as possible; personal remarks or attacks are contrary to the spirit of this evaluation process.

What did you like most about this course?

04 I liked having reinforcement of class material.

06 He was always upbeat and making it enjoyable.

07 He was very willing and enthusiastic in helping us.

08 helped solve out some issues that weren't explained in lecture

09 Mr. Palmer was very helpful explaining topics that were not fully developed or discussed in class.

10 very approachable, helpful TA

11 I enjoyed the open communication available.

What did you like the least?

04 Felt like we did not get through as many problems as we should have

05 Class was slightly disorganized.

06 A little too ambitious and did not cover all he planned to.

07 Just the timing. It was too early in the week to be of much use, especially what with the work we would have afterwards.

09 Somew hat disorganized.

11 Nothing of note.

12 sometimes not well prepared

Is there something important about the course not covered by these questions?

04 Like that the TAs were available both in the calc help room and also for exam review sessions

06 Attendance should be counted instead of quizzes. That way more time could be spent reviewing material

09 No

Title of Course: Calculus II

Course Number: L24 132

Section: E

Semester: Spring 2013

Instructors: Joseph Palmer (Instructor);

Completed Evaluations: 14 of 27 (52%)

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Lecture Class

Short answers (Joseph Palmer - Instructor)

Please make comments and criticisms as constructive as possible; personal remarks or attacks are contrary to the spirit of this evaluation process.

What did you like most about this course?

00 He explained lecture material at a slightly slower pace, in case it was gone over a little too quickly in class.

02 Joey is the man. he is always willing to meet outside class and he explains everything so clearly

03 When you wrote step-by-step what to do on specific problems-- this was by far more helpful than class lectures.

04 Joey was always well-prepared for recitation and came with lots of energy and enthusiasm. Additionally, he was consistently available for outside help, always responding to my e-mails and agreeing to meet with me outside of class. Wouldn't have survived this class without him!

05 I liked that we went over specific example problems

06 No complaints!

07 This course was very well organized and structured around the student's needs, which I greatly appreciated.

08 Joey was very thorough in his explanations, and they never went above my head.

10 Joey broke down the topics to make sure each student understood the material.

12 Everything was clearly explained and he broke down the material very well for us.

13 Explanation style that is different from Blank's. Willingness to talk to students and answer question

What did you like the least?

- 00 Recitation wasn't as engaging as Professor Blank's lectures, but it was still helpful.
-
- 02 recitation should be longer
-
- 03 I really wish you had reviewed before the quizzes, especially because other TAs did. There were a lot of times when I would try problems before the quiz, not understand them, but then have no outlet for my questions before I was graded on it.
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- 05 Lots of the material presented was irrelevant or took forever for him to get to the main point
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- 06 No complaints. Joey is the absolute best :)
-
- 07 We always ran out of time and therefore could not go as in depth in topics.
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- 08 Nothing.
-
- 10 I wish we spent more time doing problems.
-
- 12 Nothing!
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Is there something important about the course not covered by these questions?

- 00 N/A
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- 06 No.
-
- 07 No.
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Title of Course: Calculus II

Course Number: L24 132

Section: G

Semester: Spring 2013

Instructors: Joseph Palmer (Instructor);

Completed Evaluations: 11 of 25 (44%)

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Lecture Class

Short answers (Joseph Palmer - Instructor)

Please make comments and criticisms as constructive as possible; personal remarks or attacks are contrary to the spirit of this evaluation process.

What did you like most about this course?

00 He was able to explain away the confusion I had in Calculus.

01 The instructor is methodical in his explanations.

02 He explains topics more clearly than the instructor.

03 I liked how concerned you were with individual students.

04 I generally just love math, and Joe's teaching style was good for me, and he used good teaching methods.

06 Joey explained subject matter really clearly and he was very helpful. Basically with one day a week he taught us everything that Dr. Blank spent a week trying to explain

07 He was great TA. He explained the concepts in lecture slowly and clearly.

08 He was very helpful in clearing up any confusion and answering questions

09 He explained basically everything that wasn't explained clearly during lecture. He gave his own mini lectures making sure that we understood the main and big ideas presented throughout the week. The only reason I am passing this course currently is because of his explanations and his help sessions

10 The mini lesson given after each quiz was helpful for reinforcing topics learned in the lecture course.

What did you like the least?

- | | |
|----|---|
| 00 | N/A |
| 01 | The quizzes |
| 02 | Often wastes time going over extremely simple problems that other students should ask outside of class. |
| 03 | Too slow of a pace in subsection. |
| 04 | N/A |
| 06 | Joey should have taught this class |
| 07 | He went off-topic periodically. |
| 08 | The recitation was not always completely helpful |
| 09 | He wasn't always available for help. |
| 10 | Quizzes every single week (except for exam days). |

Is there something important about the course not covered by these questions?

- | | |
|----|-------|
| 00 | N/A |
| 01 | No |
| 03 | Nope. |
| 04 | N/A |

Title of Course: Finite Mathematics: Number Theory, Combinatorics, and Graphs

Course Number: L24 220

Section: 41

Semester: Summer 2013

Instructors: Joseph Palmer (Instructor);

Completed Evaluations: 1 of 10 (10%)

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Lecture Class

Short answers (Joseph Palmer - Instructor)

Please make comments and criticisms as constructive as possible; personal remarks or attacks are contrary to the spirit of this evaluation process.

What did you like most about this course?

00 The instructor make every points clear. He corrects our homework and tests very carefully.

Is there something important about the course not covered by these questions?

00 no

Title of Course: Calculus III

Course Number: L24 233

Section: 01

Semester: Fall 2013

Instructors: Brian Blank (Instructor); Joseph Palmer (TA);

Completed Evaluations: 70 of 145 (48%)

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Discussion Section (Teaching Assistant)

IMPORTANT: For TAs, Please leave blank any questions that do not apply.

Short Answers (Joseph Palmer - TA)

Is there something important about the section not covered by these questions?

02 A very knowledgeable and helpful TA with a great beard.

03 We didn't have a recitation so I never even saw our TA so I can't say he was or wasn't helpful

16 Joey was quite good at explaining the material in a way that I could understand, and in his review sessions he showed us ways to solve problems that cut out a lot of time-consuming calculations. He also was very good at helping us understand the theoretical ideas behind a lot of concepts, but he did so in a way that was easy for us to understand. Professor Blank explained the theory too, but not in a way that I could easily understand.

31 no

47 I never went to a help section-- but the emails he sent seemed nice

48 I've only gone to one help session with the TA because of my schedule. He covered and reviewed the material much better than in lectures.

53 No but Joey rocks

55 N/A- I had no interaction with the TA, so I cannot comment on his teaching ability.

58 No.

62 I only attended one and a half review sessions led by the TA, so my feedback is not very comprehensive.

63 I don't think so. He was an incredible help in his extra lectures. An absolute lifesaver when it came to topics previously not understood. He was always available for questions.

66 no

Instructor Short Answers (Joseph Palmer - TA)

Please make comments and criticisms as constructive as possible; personal remarks or attacks are contrary to the spirit of this evaluation process.

What did you like most about the teaching of this section by the TA?

01 He was easily accessible.

02 It greatly clarified my understanding of the material in class.

06 Really helpful with review sessions

16 Joey was exceptional at reviewing thoroughly and making the material easy to comprehend.

21 He really explained things clearly!

22 In his help sessions, Joseph was very concise and good with summarizing each of the sections for the respective exams. Some material made more sense after attending his help sessions.

24 He really made himself available to all of us. He explained the information at a level of understanding that was very easy to comprehend.

25 He is very knowledgeable and clear about what he is saying. The most competent TA I've experienced in the math help room.

31 He was very helpful, had a great grasp on the material.

39 He went over the simple aspects of the material first which helped us to build our understanding.

47 never went

48 He's offered 3 help sessions during reading week.

53 His explanations are very clear, and very appropriate to the level of this course.

58 He explained the material in a way that made sense.

62 He rephrased lessons in terms of what is "desirable", i.e. he related concretely to the dilemmas of problem-solving. He also had a good "lasso" analogy for visualizing a simply connected surface.

63 He was extremely clear and helpful.

66 good explanation

68 Very helpful in review sessions as he goes through a summary of the section and then provides a couple of examples.

69 HE IS AWESOME

What did you like least about the teaching of this section by the TA?

01 His instructions could have been a little clearer.

02	Not enough time. More review sessions would be helpful.
16	I really have no complaints about Joey.
22	Sometimes, he spent too much time on easier sections and could not get to the later ones within the times constraint.
31	nothing
39	Many of the times that the TA was available, I had class, so it was difficult for me to find time to go to the sessions.
47	never went
53	I really can't think of anything, Joey's never been anything but helpful.
58	Nothing really.
62	He spent too much time writing out complete words and repeated some material, instead of getting to the important new material.
63	I have no complaints.
66	nothing
68	Spends too much time on one section and has to rush through the next one before the review session is over. Thus he can't do as many examples as he would like.

Title of Course: Calculus III

Course Number: L24 233

Section: 02

Semester: Fall 2013

Instructors: Brian Blank (Instructor); Joseph Palmer (TA);

Completed Evaluations: 91 of 180 (51%)

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Discussion Section (Teaching Assistant)

IMPORTANT: For TAs, Please leave blank any questions that do not apply.

Short Answers (Joseph Palmer - TA)

Is there something important about the section not covered by these questions?

04 There was no section led by the TA and the TA was never in lecture class to be interacted with.

13 We don't have a Calc III subsection, so most of these questions are irrelevant unless you attended help sessions (which weren't particularly helpful for everyone).

21 I have not yet consulted the TA (by no fault of his own), so I can't really answer these questions

26 N/A

37 No.

39 No.

41 Nope.

45 I only went to TA hours once so my evals are pretty useless.

60 He really understood all of the material very well, and was able to explain it in a way that made sense.

63 No.

70 No

72	He never taught/participated in class. Mostly a resource for review
78	No
80	none
83	Joey was helpful, but he works too slow, and sometimes it felt like it would be wrong to ask a question during the review sessions because I knew he would take too much time to answer it.
86	no

Instructor Short Answers (Joseph Palmer - TA)

Please make comments and criticisms as constructive as possible; personal remarks or attacks are contrary to the spirit of this evaluation process.

What did you like most about the teaching of this section by the TA?

05	Joey was very willing to help outside of class with any material and held help sessions twice a week, which were extremely beneficial.
08	Joey was clear and answered questions thoroughly and in a way that was easier to understand.
10	He explained things very simply for us and in practical ways for exams
13	N/A. There was no subsection!
15	The review sessions were extremely helpful and the concepts were explained in a much more understandable manner.
21	I have not yet consulted the TA (by no fault of his own), so I can't really answer these questions
22	he explained things in an organized, clear and concise manner
23	He presented the material in a clear, concise manner.
25	Joseph was an excellent asset. From running review sessions to being in the calculus help room, he was just amazing. Thanks for all of your help!
26	N/A
27	I enjoyed Joey's help sessions before every exam. He explained things in new terms which allowed me to grasp foreign concepts. I know that he offers office hours, but I wish there was a weekly help session to just sit and listen to and review problems because many times I do not have specific problems, but rather just need to review the material.
29	He's a good guy
37	He was able to answer students' questions well.
39	No.
41	He was very friendly and answered questions clearly. I very much like the exam review sessions.
43	Joey is always willing to answer questions!
60	He made the material seem easier. No matter what subject the problem was on, he knew the answer, and he knew how to do it so that it made sense.

- 61 Joey explained everything very clearly and also told us exactly what was expected on the exam
- 63 Made sure there were enough sessions outside of class to have all confusions cleared up.
- 70 Joseph was always very available and helpful with any questions that I had, and his exam review sessions were very useful.
- 72 review sessions
- 73 Explanations were clear. I also like the inflections of your voice - it sounds enthusiastic and suggests "this material is easy!"
- 77 He's clear and helpful
- 78 I did not attend any of his sections.
- 80 Provided extra assistance outside of class
- 83 Really nice guy and open to questions.
- 86 very good
- 88 took questions
- 90 Great guy, helpful during help sessions. Great teacher

What did you like least about the teaching of this section by the TA?

- 13 N/A. There was no subsection!
- 15 I only wish there were more hours available for extra help.
- 21 I have not yet consulted the TA (by no fault of his own), so I can't really answer these questions
- 22 often did not get to the most confusing questions due to too much time on easier beginning sections
- 23 N/A. He did a great job
- 25 nothing
- 26 N/A
- 37 I wish he had held more help sessions during the week!
- 39 No.
- 41 Nothing.
- 60 I wish he would have held more help session, or at least made it clear when he is available to help students.
- 61 Sometimes went too slowly, could have been more efficient
- 63 There was nothing I didn't like.
- 70 Having examples prepared before the review sessions would have been helpful.
- 77 He didn't make his help sessions really well known.

78 I did not attend any of his sections.

80 Times were sometimes inconvenient

86 didn't attend often

88 Not having small groups

Title of Course: Calculus III

Course Number: L24 233

Section: 03

Semester: Fall 2013

Instructors: Brian Blank (Instructor); Joseph Palmer (TA);

Completed Evaluations: 65 of 139 (47%)

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Discussion Section (Teaching Assistant)

IMPORTANT: For TAs, Please leave blank any questions that do not apply.

Short Answers (Joseph Palmer - TA)

Is there something important about the section not covered by these questions?

04 Did not know we had a TA.

06 n/a

11 Joey is amazing at explaining concepts and more people should utilize him as a resource. The math help desk was not very helpful to me because the TA's were always occupied or just weren't there.

19 N/A

24 He did not grade us on anything so one of the questions here is irrelevant.

32 He's always made himself available and explains things in a way so they are easier to understand!

33 There weren't any sections

38 Not really

40 No

41 n/a

42 N/A

45	No.
46	He's a great instructor and really helps you understand the material.
48	I never met the TA.
49	N/A
50	I have never had any interaction with him.
52	no
54	more office hours than just one day
55	There was no section.

Instructor Short Answers (Joseph Palmer - TA)

Please make comments and criticisms as constructive as possible; personal remarks or attacks are contrary to the spirit of this evaluation process.

What did you like most about the teaching of this section by the TA?

00	Very helpful, answered all our questions
06	n/a
08	Joey was extremely helpful in simplifying Dr. Blank's lectures- he made them much easier to understand by explaining problems more procedurally, only delving deep into theory when necessary.
11	Joey can explain the concepts and background information pertaining to the sections covered in an effective, understandable way.
13	The TA was very good at answering my questions and clearing up confusion.
19	He's very good-natured and informative.
24	He spoke well, he answered our questions, he was very available and communicative during days before the exams.
26	Can tell you put in lots of effort to help us learn. Really appreciated it.
32	He's clarified a lot of things during the review sessions he holds.
33	Mr. Palmer is always available before exams for study sessions which are fairly helpful.
35	N/A
38	material presented
40	Joseph was clear in the review sessions
41	review sessions were incredibly helpful
42	N/A
44	Explains concepts clearly, gives more definite expectations of what we should know for exams

45	He explained things much better than the actual professor. Got down to the core of the course rather than wasting time on theory and other material not covered on exams.
46	He strengthened the basic foundation needed to think more abstractly about the material.
49	N/A
52	great personable guy who knows the material extremely well and is very helpful
53	Made material understandable
55	I never had interaction with Joseph.
60	Clear and to the point
63	he was very good at explaining concepts

What did you like least about the teaching of this section by the TA?

06	n/a
11	Not all of our questions could get answered in the tie of the review session especially before the exams.
19	There should be more study sections.
24	I only went to a few sessions, but I had nothing bad to say about anything.
32	I wish he would've taught lecture instead of Blank.
33	Sometimes during review sessions, he wouldn't come completely prepared with example questions for all types of questions.
35	N/A
38	his way of covering material
40	The pace could be too slow.
41	inconvenient times of review sessions
42	I just never saw him. I don't even know how he looks like
45	I wish he had more sessions for me to attend. The TA uses his time very wisely but could benefit from a few more sessions.
46	Most of his help sessions were when I had other classes, so I normally couldn't attend.
49	N/A
53	nothing
63	nothing, he was pretty good

Title of Course: Introduction to Statistics

Course Number: L24 1011

Section: 41

Semester: Summer 2014

Instructors: Joseph Palmer (Instructor);

Completed Evaluations: 3 of 17 (18%)

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Lecture Class

Short answers (Joseph Palmer - Instructor)

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What did you like most about this course?

00 cool!

01 interesting and enlightening

What did you like the least?

01 maybe we can move quickly a little bit

Is there something important about the course not covered by these questions?

01 for statistic itself, there are some difficult formula that we only need to know it, but I want to know how to prove them, and what are the theories within them.



**Student ASE Evaluation for Joseph Palmer
Department of Mathematics**

MATH 109 - Mathematical Reasoning (Pelayo, Alvaro)
Fall 2014

**Number of Evaluations Submitted: 36
Number of Students Enrolled: 83**

1. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor was well organized and prepared for class.

22 (61.1%): Strongly Agree
12 (33.3%): Agree
2 (5.6%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

2. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor presented course material clearly and answered questions accurately in class.

21 (58.3%): Strongly Agree
13 (36.1%): Agree
1 (2.8%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
1 (2.8%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

3. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor encouraged students to ask questions and participate in class/section.

23 (63.9%): Strongly Agree
12 (33.3%): Agree
1 (2.8%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

4. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor interacted well with students and treated them with respect and courtesy.

28 (77.8%): Strongly Agree
7 (19.4%): Agree
1 (2.8%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

5. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor did not just provide answers, but taught students how to solve problems.

23 (63.9%): Strongly Agree
12 (33.3%): Agree
1 (2.8%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

6. The section was useful and helped with the rest of the course.

23 (63.9%): Strongly Agree
9 (25.0%): Agree
4 (11.1%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

7. The sections were interesting and enjoyable.

16 (44.4%): Strongly Agree
13 (36.1%): Agree
7 (19.4%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

8. I would recommend this Teaching Assistant/Tutor to other students.

23 (63.9%): Strongly Agree
10 (27.8%): Agree
1 (2.8%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
2 (5.6%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree

9. Do you have any other comments to add to your evaluation?

Please provide any additional constructive comments

- Great TA.
- He's really good at leading the class, perhaps even better than the professor. He knows the material well and can explain it without much difficulty. He's always available through email and replies in a timely manner. Overall, he's a phenomenal TA.
- Joey is amazing!!!!!! He always replied back to my e-mails on time, and his office hours were extremely useful. He has an amazing attitude towards teaching and does not intimidate his students.
- Joey is very smart, helpful, and always available to help us poor students out!
- Joey Palmer is a helpful TA. He is prompt to respond to emails. He is a very approachable person, so it's easy to ask him questions. However, he sometimes gives very lengthy answers that aren't always essential to the questions/topics being addressed. When he had to cancel an office hour, he made it up on the weekend. This was very beneficial and helpful to the students. It would have been more helpful if he held more office hours. However, he was still willing to answer questions via email.
- Really good TA. Explained the material well and maintained a very positive attitude throughout discussion
- The TA is a likeable guy and makes the material seem more approachable.
- Very enthusiastic and great at explaining topics you may be confused about.
- Very helpful and approachable. I enjoyed having him as a TA.
- Very helpful in discussion section, office hours, and exam review meetings. I appreciate all the work he's done to help us with the curriculum!

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**Student ASE Evaluation for Joseph Palmer
Department of Mathematics**

MATH 109 - Mathematical Reasoning (Pelayo, Alvaro)
Winter 2015

Number of Evaluations Submitted: 14
Number of Students Enrolled: 67

1. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor was well organized and prepared for class.

8 (57.1%): Strongly Agree
1 (7.1%): Agree
5 (35.7%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

2. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor presented course material clearly and answered questions accurately in class.

8 (57.1%): Strongly Agree
3 (21.4%): Agree
3 (21.4%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

3. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor encouraged students to ask questions and participate in class/section.

8 (57.1%): Strongly Agree
3 (21.4%): Agree
3 (21.4%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

4. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor interacted well with students and treated them with respect and courtesy.

9 (64.3%): Strongly Agree
3 (21.4%): Agree
2 (14.3%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

5. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor did not just provide answers, but taught students how to solve problems.

7 (50.0%): Strongly Agree
4 (28.6%): Agree
3 (21.4%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

6. The section was useful and helped with the rest of the course.

7 (50.0%): Strongly Agree
4 (28.6%): Agree
2 (14.3%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
1 (7.1%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

7. The sections were interesting and enjoyable.

6 (42.9%): Strongly Agree
3 (21.4%): Agree
4 (28.6%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
1 (7.1%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

8. I would recommend this Teaching Assistant/Tutor to other students.

7 (50.0%): Strongly Agree
4 (28.6%): Agree
2 (14.3%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
1 (7.1%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree

9. Do you have any other comments to add to your evaluation?

Please provide any additional constructive comments

- Extremely clear, helpful, and approachable :)
- I really enjoyed listening to him talking about math and he made it interesting and approachable. I wish to take his class again.
- Not a boring Math Section!
- very helpful and clear about stuff he is talking about.

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**Student ASE Evaluation for Joseph Palmer
Department of Mathematics**

MATH 20D - Intro/Differential Equations (Oliver, Jesus R)
Summer Session 2 2015

Number of Evaluations Submitted: 12
Number of Students Enrolled: 101

1. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor was well organized and prepared for class.

9 (75.0%): Strongly Agree
3 (25.0%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

2. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor presented course material clearly and answered questions accurately in class.

8 (66.7%): Strongly Agree
4 (33.3%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

3. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor encouraged students to ask questions and participate in class/section.

7 (58.3%): Strongly Agree
5 (41.7%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

4. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor interacted well with students and treated them with respect and courtesy.

8 (66.7%): Strongly Agree
4 (33.3%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

5. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor did not just provide answers, but taught students how to solve problems.

9 (75.0%): Strongly Agree
3 (25.0%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

6. The section was useful and helped with the rest of the course.

6 (54.5%): Strongly Agree
4 (36.4%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
1 (9.1%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable
1: [No Response]

7. The sections were interesting and enjoyable.

6 (50.0%): Strongly Agree
3 (25.0%): Agree
3 (25.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

8. I would recommend this Teaching Assistant/Tutor to other students.

8 (66.7%): Strongly Agree
3 (25.0%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
1 (8.3%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree

9. Do you have any other comments to add to your evaluation?

Please provide any additional constructive comments

- By far the best TA I have ever had at UCSD. So clear and understandable. He really tried to make sure we understood why we did each step so we could replicate when given a slightly different problem.
- Joey is definitely a nice guy and he answers all questions, whether it be homework, an additional problem, or otherwise. What I like most is he does the problem until the end, unlike a lot of math TAs who stop midway through, which is pretty useless. His teaching style is just not my taste. For me, he talks too much and takes too long on examples. Maybe some people like that and this is just a personal issue, I don't know. I think taking twenty to thirty minutes (even thirty-five at times) to complete one example is too much, but maybe I'm wrong. Very nice and clearly knows what he's doing though!
- Joseph Palmer clearly answered students' questions and supplemented what was said in lecture well.
- One of the best math TAs I've ever had!
- Very good TA highly recommended

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**Student ASE Evaluation for Joseph Palmer
Department of Mathematics**

MATH 31AH - Honors Linear Algebra (Sorensen, Claus M)
Fall 2015

**Number of Evaluations Submitted: 42
Number of Students Enrolled: 72**

1. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor/Undergraduate Instructional Apprentice was well organized and prepared for class.

27 (64.3%): Strongly Agree
10 (23.8%): Agree
5 (11.9%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

2. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor/Undergraduate Instructional Apprentice presented course material clearly and answered questions accurately in class.

33 (78.6%): Strongly Agree
6 (14.3%): Agree
3 (7.1%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

3. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor/Undergraduate Instructional Apprentice encouraged students to ask questions and participate in class/section.

29 (69.0%): Strongly Agree
10 (23.8%): Agree
2 (4.8%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
1 (2.4%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

4. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor/Undergraduate Instructional Apprentice interacted well with students and treated them with respect and courtesy.

33 (78.6%): Strongly Agree
8 (19.0%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
1 (2.4%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

5. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor/Undergraduate Instructional Apprentice did not just provide answers, but taught students how to solve problems.

31 (77.5%): Strongly Agree
6 (15.0%): Agree
1 (2.5%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
2 (5.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable
2: [No Response]

6. The section was useful and helped with the rest of the course.

31 (75.6%): Strongly Agree
6 (14.6%): Agree
2 (4.9%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
2 (4.9%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable
1: [No Response]

7. The sections were interesting and enjoyable.

23 (54.8%): Strongly Agree
12 (28.6%): Agree
4 (9.5%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
3 (7.1%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

8. I would recommend this Teaching Assistant/Tutor/Undergraduate Instructional Apprentice to other students.

33 (78.6%): Strongly Agree
4 (9.5%): Agree
5 (11.9%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree

9. Do you have any other comments to add to your evaluation?

Please provide any additional constructive comments

- Amazing energy in the class; good responses and genuine interest in mathematics :)
- Best TA ever and will ever be! Cool, helpful, extremely smart and amiable!
- During the sections Joey would always discuss the basic concepts or purpose that Prof. Sorensen would skip/very quickly reference and it would help me a lot to follow along. I think its a hard class to develop our own questions about so the sections were mainly homework oriented, so potentially he could give challenge problems not from the homework or lectures to help us learn.
- Excellent TA, Covers material really well, Awesome in general.
- For the most part, the time constraint of the discussion section is what limited the effectiveness of the class. Often times, difficult questions would take up most of the time -- however, the TA has been very helpful during his office hours. No complaints.
- good overall
- He is a really passionate tutor and does a great job at explaining concepts clearly.
- He makes the tough class even much harder.
- I'm really glad I got to have Joey as a TA for this class. His teaching quality has been as good or better than that of a professor's. He has been exceptionally helpful in discussion and when I have gone for help in office hours, in which he sometimes stays overtime to answer more questions.
- Joey Palmer fortifies what I learn in lecture through the way in which he voices his thought processes. That method of teaching is incredibly insightful and makes MATH 31AH seem simpler than it is. I really enjoy having him as a TA.
- Joey was a great TA for this class because he took the time to fully explain all the proofs and give us more background on the problems than our professor did in class. This was extremely useful in this theory-based class.
- perfect TA
- The discussions were really useful for learning the intricacies for the homework assignments. I felt I learned well from my TA.
- This is a fantastic teacher. He works so hard to help students learn.
- Very helpful and always stays a little bit over his official office hours to completely finish answering student's questions.

always tries to get people to work with him on the problem instead of just giving the answers during discussion.

- When the professor doesn't make the class easier, all you can count on is yourself and a great TA.

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**Instructor ASE Evaluation for Joseph Palmer
Department of Mathematics**

MATH 31AH - Honors Linear Algebra (Sorensen, Claus M)
Fall 2015

Evaluation Responses

1. The Teaching Assistant/Reader/Tutor/Undergraduate Instructional Apprentice has a good understanding of the subject matter.

Strongly Agree

2. The Teaching Assistant/Reader/Tutor/Undergraduate Instructional Apprentice was well organized and prepared for class.

Strongly Agree

3. The Teaching Assistant/Reader/Tutor/Undergraduate Instructional Apprentice was accessible to students outside of class (office hours, e-mail, etc.).

Strongly Agree

4. The Teaching Assistant/Reader/Tutor/Undergraduate Instructional Apprentice's explanations were appropriate, being neither too complicated nor too simple.

Strongly Agree

5. The Teaching Assistant/Reader/Tutor/Undergraduate Instructional Apprentice consistently arrived at lecture, section/lab, office hours and exams on time.

Strongly Agree

6. The Teaching Assistant/Reader/Tutor/Undergraduate Instructional Apprentice graded fairly and accurately, providing constructive feedback to students.

Strongly Agree

7. The Teaching Assistant/Reader/Tutor/Undergraduate Instructional Apprentice returned tests and papers in a timely manner.

Strongly Agree

8. The Teaching Assistant/Reader/Tutor/Undergraduate Instructional Apprentice presented material in an intellectually stimulating way that gave students deeper insight into the material.

Strongly Agree

9. The Teaching Assistant/Reader/Tutor/Undergraduate Instructional Apprentice was genuinely interested in and enthusiastic about teaching.

Strongly Agree

10. What is your overall rating of the Teaching Assistant/Reader/Tutor/Undergraduate Instructional Apprentice?

Excellent

11. Do you have any other comments to add to your evaluation?

Please provide any additional constructive comments

- Joey has been very helpful throughout. In week two he covered for me when my son was born. My impression is he was very popular with the students: He had frequent office hours and held review sessions. He was a great help in preparing, proctoring, and grading the exams

12. Sources used to complete this evaluation

Regular meetings/feedback sessions

Review of Teaching Assistant/Reader/Tutor/Undergraduate Instructional Apprentice grading

Mid-quarter evaluation and feedback session with Teaching

Assistant/Reader/Tutor/Undergraduate Instructional Apprentice

Informal evaluations by students

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**Student ASE Evaluation for Joseph Palmer
Department of Mathematics**

MATH 109 - Mathematical Reasoning (Pelayo, Alvaro)
Winter 2016

Number of Evaluations Submitted: 19
Number of Students Enrolled: 99

1. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor was well organized and prepared for class.

10 (52.6%): Strongly Agree
9 (47.4%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

2. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor presented course material clearly and answered questions accurately in class.

10 (52.6%): Strongly Agree
7 (36.8%): Agree
2 (10.5%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

3. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor encouraged students to ask questions and participate in class/section.

10 (52.6%): Strongly Agree
8 (42.1%): Agree
1 (5.3%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

4. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor interacted well with students and treated them with respect and courtesy.

11 (57.9%): Strongly Agree
7 (36.8%): Agree
1 (5.3%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

5. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor did not just provide answers, but taught students how to solve problems.

11 (57.9%): Strongly Agree
6 (31.6%): Agree
1 (5.3%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
1 (5.3%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

6. The section was useful and helped with the rest of the course.

12 (63.2%): Strongly Agree
5 (26.3%): Agree
2 (10.5%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

7. The sections were interesting and enjoyable.

12 (63.2%): Strongly Agree
5 (26.3%): Agree
2 (10.5%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

8. I would recommend this Teaching Assistant/Tutor to other students.

13 (68.4%): Strongly Agree
5 (26.3%): Agree
1 (5.3%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree

9. Do you have any other comments to add to your evaluation?

Please provide any additional constructive comments

- Amazing TA. Enough said
- I liked how he tried to make us come up with the answers. He was also very enthusiastic during section!
- Joey is one of the best TAs I've had at UCSD so far. He takes his role very seriously and truly gives the impression of being more like a teacher than a student.
- Okay, to begin with - Joey is one of the best TAs I've had for a course. He helps us understand and develop a deeper appreciation for the material. He is accessible for questions and clarifications outside of class. The best part is that HE DOES NOT CONFUSE US (even when he RARELY messes up) - he is an eloquent, clear and organized speaker. Sometimes, you just go "wow" at the way he presents solutions/thought-processes about problems that certainly have brought tears to students who aren't privileged to have a Joey for a TA. His sense of math-humor - and the feeling of knowledge that permeates the air when he explains concepts - certainly boost his teaching style. Don't let my praise affect your 'ego', though - keep it up Joey! We are privileged to have you.
- Very good TA. Very smart guy.

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**Student ASE Evaluation for Joseph Palmer
Department of Mathematics**

MATH 109 - Mathematical Reasoning (Pelayo, Alvaro)
Spring 2016

**Number of Evaluations Submitted: 11
Number of Students Enrolled: 111**

1. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor was well organized and prepared for class.

6 (54.5%): Strongly Agree
5 (45.5%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

2. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor presented course material clearly and answered questions accurately in class.

5 (45.5%): Strongly Agree
4 (36.4%): Agree
1 (9.1%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
1 (9.1%): Not Applicable

3. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor encouraged students to ask questions and participate in class/section.

7 (63.6%): Strongly Agree
4 (36.4%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

4. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor interacted well with students and treated them with respect and courtesy.

7 (63.6%): Strongly Agree
4 (36.4%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

5. The Teaching Assistant/Tutor did not just provide answers, but taught students how to solve problems.

6 (54.5%): Strongly Agree
3 (27.3%): Agree
1 (9.1%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
1 (9.1%): Not Applicable

6. The section was useful and helped with the rest of the course.

6 (54.5%): Strongly Agree
2 (18.2%): Agree
2 (18.2%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
1 (9.1%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

7. The sections were interesting and enjoyable.

5 (45.5%): Strongly Agree
3 (27.3%): Agree
2 (18.2%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
1 (9.1%): Not Applicable

8. I would recommend this Teaching Assistant/Tutor to other students.

6 (54.5%): Strongly Agree
4 (36.4%): Agree
1 (9.1%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree

9. Do you have any other comments to add to your evaluation?

Please provide any additional constructive comments

- Honestly one of the greatest TA's
- I love how excited he is about the material! Keeps you excited about the class!
- I wish I could have had the opportunity to have Joey as a TA for another course but I am glad he is moving on to bigger and better things.

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