## Teaching Assistant William Swanson

#### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA - DAVIS

#### **Student Evaluation of Teaching**



#### Winter Quarter 2018 Selected Evaluations\* (4)

Enrollment 123 % responding 58%	Excellent Very Go		Good	Satisfactory		Fair		Poor						
	5	%	4	%	3	%	2	%	1	%	$\bar{x}$	SD	М	N
Please indicate the overall educational value of the course. (excellent   very good   satisfactory   fair   poor)	23	32%	32	45%	16	23%	0	0%	0	0%	4.1	0.7	4.0	71
Please indicate the overall teaching effectiveness of the teaching assistant. (excellent   very good   satisfactory   fair   poor)	39	58%	24	36%	3	4%	1	1%	0	0%	4.5	0.7	5.0	67
Overall, the instructor did a good job teaching this course	36	53%	22	32%	10	15%	0	0%	0	0%	4.4	0.7	5.0	68
The TA presents the material in a clear and and organized manner	40	60%	18	27%	8	12%	0	0%	1	1%	4.4	0.8	5.0	67
The TA speaks audibly and communicates effectively	40	60%	26	39%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	4.6	0.5	5.0	67
The TA stimulates discussion in sections	33	49%	23	34%	6	9%	4	6%	1	1%	4.2	0.9	4.0	67
The TA is responsive to questions	48	72%	18	27%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	4.7	0.5	5.0	67
The TA is punctual for sections and office hours	43	64%	19	28%	5	7%	0	0%	0	0%	4.6	0.6	5.0	67
The TA is available and helpful to students during office hours	34	63%	19	35%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	4.6	0.5	5.0	54
The TA is responsive to difficulties students have in understanding the material	37	57%	23	35%	4	6%	1	2%	0	0%	4.5	0.7	5.0	65
The grading was fair and timely	31	50%	27	44%	4	6%	0	0%	0	0%	4.4	0.6	4.5	62
The discussion section was a good educational experience	32	48%	21	31%	9	13%	5	7%	0	0%	4.2	0.9	4.0	67
Overall, the TA did a good job in this course	42	62%	21	31%	5	7%	0	0%	0	0%	4.5	0.6	5.0	68

### Evaluate only the TA (s) with whom you attended discussion section and/or office hours.

I went only the William Swanson's discussion section. He's great with his work and concepts! William Swanson really understood the subject and was able to simplify concepts for us in discussion. It was easy to tell that economics is something he enjoys and is really good at. The TA has clear explanations which were easy to understand. A great lecturer who does a great job going over what profesor Lombardi had covered in class, always easier to follow and understand when after attending his discussion. He spends time asking us questions and engaging with us, drawing graphs to help us visualize and remember, and going over a lot of practice questions to help us review. Personally, I think he did a great job when he took over one lecture, even though there were some technical issues. Overall, a fantastic TA dedicated to make things clearer for students. Supplemented what we learned in lecture He explains things well Swanson was a very good instructor but he sometimes explained the material in ways that weren't covered in lectures, which still is a good thing for giving us a new outlook but sometimes made it difficult for the discution to go with the midterm Good. He is very engaging and puts forth relevant concepts to help us learn for hw Tyler, kepler, dandi He explains concepts pretty well, except he is always ahead of the class. Mr. Swanson is a great TA who is open to questions and answers them thoughtfully. He understands the material well and is a great listener. Billy!! n/a

# Please provide additional information and/or elaborate on any aspect of your evaluation. These comments are often the most valuable part of your evaluation. Every comment will be read!

Billy is probably the best TA I've had here at UC Davis. He reviews concepts that Lombardi taught in class as well as teaching ahead so we had an idea of what comes next. That helped me understand the new concepts during class better.

Knowledgeable of subject and cared about students. He made the subject interesting to learn

never went to discussion

It didn't happen frequently, but toward the end of discussions, Swanson used phrases like "just answer the question so we can all go home." He let us leave 20 minutes early one discussion section, seeming very irritated with a lack of student participation, despite people making their best efforts to speak about material we didn't understand. Overall, he was very responsive to questions, but for him to not seem bored and annoyed would have made for a better discussion experience.

For discussion, I would have liked if part of the time was dedicated to clearing up the material in lecture, rather than the upcoming chapter.

Lectures are useful for academic acquiring, but not useful in terms of exam preparations. Although profesor Lombardi gives us past practice exams to prepare for the midterm and final, he does not provide the key to the short answer questions, do we would only get the key for the multiple questions, which is highly ineffective when reviewing for the exam. Overall, too little material to help us review for the exams.

I put N/A for 9. because I never attended William's office hours. I put N/A for 11. as well because William did not grade the homework and I'm not sure how good he was as a grader of the midterms.

Never felt the need to seek out TA

Since I did not learn much about how to solve the algebraic problems in class, I found discussion section extremely beneficial because he would solve problems similar to those on our homework, so I better understood the material. Also, he is very approachable and answers any questions we have in discussion.

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Did a good job engaging everyone even though only 5-10 people ever went to the class.

He goes over concepts kinda fast sometimes, but overall not a big problem.

Good job Billy! Discussion was usefull and interesting and sometimes fun.

n/a

Term	Eval Opened	CRN	Subject	Course	Section	Enrollment	% Response
Winter Quarter 2018	3/9/2018 12:00 AM	74705	ECN	001A	B13	31	51
Winter Quarter 2018	3/9/2018 12:00 AM	74706	ECN	001A	B14	31	51
Winter Quarter 2018	3/9/2018 12:00 AM	74707	ECN	001A	B15	31	64
Winter Quarter 2018	3/9/2018 12:00 AM	74708	ECN	001A	B16	30	66