

Project Title: 2020W2 UBC TA Evaluations

Course Audience: 27

Responses Received: 13

Response Ratio: 48%

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Class Size	Recommended Minimum Response Rates based on 80% confidence & $\pm 10\%$ margin
< 10	75%
11 - 19	65%
20 - 34	55%
35 - 49	40%
50 - 74	35%
75 - 99	25%
100 - 149	20%
150 - 299	15%
300 - 499	10%
> 500	5%

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## TA Questions

Question	N	n	SD	D	N	A	SA	N/A	IM	DI
The teaching assistant was well prepared.	27	13	0	0	0	0	12	1	5.0	0.0
The teaching assistant was helpful.	27	13	0	0	0	1	11	1	5.0	0.1
The teaching assistant was considerate of students.	27	13	0	0	0	1	11	1	5.0	0.1
The teaching assistant was easily understood.	27	13	0	0	0	3	9	1	4.8	0.2
The teaching assistant was an effective instructor.	27	13	0	0	0	2	10	1	4.9	0.1

Question	%Favourable
The teaching assistant was well prepared.	100%
The teaching assistant was helpful.	100%
The teaching assistant was considerate of students.	100%
The teaching assistant was easily understood.	100%
The teaching assistant was an effective instructor.	100%

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Comments
As stated in the other comments, Colby was a god-tier TA. Knew his stuff, super nice, super helpful. Couldn't ask for better in a difficult and stressful lab course.
Colby is a hard grader, but a very helpful TA and he tries his hardest to help people resolve issues
Although you TA'd a different section, you were still incredibly helpful when I dropped by. Your Piazza responses were great, and thank you for all the time and patience!
Colby provided a lot of sample code, which helped a lot. He was also reliable for help when I couldn't understand the specifics of the intricacies of the MSP.
Thanks Colby for being an awesome TA again and answering my questions I learned a lot and you were very helpful in getting my project to work and dealing with the Serial issues.
Rubric was kind of vague, which made grading feel a little harsh
Very helpful, really takes time to make sure he's successfully helping people.
Great TA. Havent interacted with Cobly directly this term other than piazza. Very helpful with his answers
I wasn't in the section with this TA.

## Explanatory Note

### Percent Favourable Rating

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

### Interpolated Median

The data collected for Student Evaluations of Teaching (SEoT) 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 SEoT 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 classes have identical mean (3.8). However, the instructor in class 2 received 77% favourable (4-5) ratings, compared to 53% for the instructor in class 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**

Response for UMI	Class 1	Class 2
5 = Strongly agree	5	5
4 = Agree	3	5
3 = Neither agree nor disagree	6	0
2 = Disagree	1	2
1 = Strongly disagree	0	1
Mean	3.8	3.8
Median	4.0	4.0

Interpolated Median	3.7	4.2
Percent favourable rating	53%	77%

## 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 students in the section gave the same rating to the instructor. An index value of 1.0 is obtained when the class splits evenly between the two extreme values (Strongly Disagree & Strongly Agree), a very rare occurrence. In SEoT data at UBC, the index rarely exceeds 0.85, and mostly for evaluations not meeting the minimum recommended response rate.