



PUBPOL 2040

TA Evaluation - Jadon Buzzard

Fall 2024

Yes/No Questions

1. Did you interact with this TA?	Yes (Continue to evaluation)	No (Skip to end)
Count	20	0
Percentage	100%	0%

Multiple Choice Statement Questions

Question	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses	
2. This TA was knowledgeable about the course material.	5.00	0.00	0.00	20	
Choice	strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree
Count	0	0	0	0	20
Percentage	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%

Question	Mean			Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses
3. This TA was helpful in explaining lecture material and class readings to me.	4.95			0.22	0.05	20
Choice	strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree	
Count	0	0	0	1	19	
Percentage	0%	0%	0%	5%	95%	

Question	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses
4. This TA was knowledgeable and helpful in my preparation for exams, tests and class assignments.	5.00	0.00	0.00	19

Choice	strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree
Count	0	0	0	0	19
Percentage	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%

Question	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses
5. This TA's review sessions for examinations were organized and clear. Note: If this TA did not hold review sessions please select "not applicable."	4.95	0.22	0.05	20

Choice	strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree
Count	0	0	0	1	19
Percentage	0%	0%	0%	5%	95%

Question	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses
17. This TA was prepared for scheduled office hours. Note: If this TA did not hold office hours please select "not applicable."	5.00	0.00	0.00	19

Choice	strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree
Count	0	0	0	0	19
Percentage	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%

Question	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses
7. This TA stimulated my interest in this course.	4.53	0.68	0.46	19

Choice	strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree
Count	0	0	2	5	12
Percentage	0%	0%	11%	26%	63%

Question	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses
19. This TA was able to explain difficult material clearly and concisely.	4.94	0.23	0.05	18

Choice	strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree
Count	0	0	0	1	17
Percentage	0%	0%	0%	6%	94%

Question	Mean	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses
20. This TA created and encouraged an inclusive classroom climate.	4.85	0.36	0.13	20

Field	strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree
Count	0	0	0	3	17
Percentage	0%	0%	0%	15%	85%

Comment Questions

10. What were the strengths of this student in their capacity as a teaching assistant?

many organized study guides

Jadon was the best TA I've ever had. I would describe him as someone who was literally born to teach - that's how good he is at it. He was able to explain complex economic topics in an incredibly clear and comprehensive manner. His study guides were remarkably organized, his review sessions were well-structured, and he was always incredibly approachable. I felt I could ask Jadon for help with anything in 2040 and he would be able to explain it in a way that made complete sense to me. As someone who struggled with Intermediate Micro, I was anxious going into 2040, as many of the concepts carry over from that course, also taught by Dr. Tripp. However, I found myself rarely confused or overwhelmed in 2040, as Jadon's weekly sections provided invaluable course support. I feel very lucky that Jadon was my TA this semester, and I cannot wait to have him again next semester in 3100.

THE BEST TA I have had so far.

Jadon's teaching style perfectly complements professor Tripps', and in many ways, he teaches just as effectively, if not better. Jadon has a remarkable ability to explain the intuition behind even the most complex topics in a way that feels accessible and manageable, which is something I really appreciate. His deep subject matter expertise and passion shines through in every interaction I've had with him!

What sets Jadon apart is how much he genuinely cares about the success of his students. He really goes above and beyond and is extremely approachable and patient.

Jadon has reinvigorated my curiosity, love for learning, and interest in economics in particular.

Jadon is sooo helpful!

Jadon is very organized and I know many of my classmates enjoyed and benefited from his level of preparation. He does a good job of summarizing material and giving *extremely* relevant practice problems.

Excellent at explaining concepts and always prepared for section/review sessions.

The review sessions and section notes outlines were super helpful to understand the material.

Very well prepared. Brought enough materials for the whole class and helped us engage the material. Hosted extremely helpful study sessions and would create study guides and extra practice problems for us which was very much appreciated. Understood the material very well and prepared us for what would be on the exams and homework.

Very helpful section

Jadon was an immensely organized TA who went above and beyond to provide study materials to the students. He provided additional office hours to students who needed them and made sure everyone felt accommodated.

Really great at condensing lecture materials into understandable section documents.

Every week he taught a discussion section and gave us immensely beneficial organized notes that taught us Professor Tripps lectures in a more more clear and engaging way. Before every exam he would hold two sets of review session where he would write up notes and synthesis all of the teachers slides in a simpler way to walk us through how he as a student would approach the exam. he taught me to think as though I was Professor Tripp and gave me a pathway to begin my studying on. I never would have been able to digest the quantity of material otherwise and understand it in the way that I was able to when I eventually was tested on it. I appreciated both those notes and then all the notes that he gave us during discussion in my processes of studying for exams and understanding what was going on before lectures. On top of everything, I really appreciated his practice problems. Ever single section had practice problems with solutions. these were very useful in preparing for the exams.

I went to his Office Hours a couple of times and he always seemed eager to help us and fully aware of the material that he was teaching. I never noticed, unlike in other classes that he would talk down about any of the material that we were doing and any extra questions that we were wondering about he really tried to unpack them and help us to understand how to answer.

Note:

Favorite TA by far at Cornell, made an incredible difference on my grade and never had to come to him, he always just did things to help me out with the content. Really able to engage in content which would have been otherwise extremely unlikely (near impossible) for me. Really like Econ now that I understand it, appreciate him the best in whatever he does.

Jadon was incredibly clear and helpful with his explanations and teachings of the topic. He made the environment of office hours and discussion sections safe and inclusive in a way that made students feel comfortable asking any question. Review sessions and office hours were incredibly helpful and I can attribute part of my success and understanding of difficult concepts on the past two exams to his help.

Section material and review sessions

He was super supportive and was able to explain difficult concepts clearly. I have never met a better Econ TA!

This was an extremely helpful and hard-working teaching assistant who made everyone's time in the class easier, and was very receptive to grading concerns. I am very appreciative of his work.

He put great effort in consideration into his office hours and review sections! Always assessable and helpful.

11. What suggestions for improvement do you have for this student in their capacity as a teaching assistant?

none, maybe making things a little less complex

None, he was pretty much perfect. I am incredibly grateful to him for taking the amount of time that he did to help us out with 2040, considering how much of his own graduate work he had on his plate (in addition to being a dad of a small child!)

NONE! Please keep TA'ing!

Jadon is at his best when he's running through practice problems and testing us on material. I would recommend him spend a bit less time going over material and summarizing lectures and more time doling out additional practice. He's good at both but I think the latter is more useful.

N/A

Maybe hold a final review session before the exam?

Sometimes the TA spent too much time going over the material and would not leave enough time to get through all the problems. I think myself and the other students find going over the problems to be more helpful because we could just read through the notes on our own time but engaging with problems helps you actually learn the material. I would say occasionally better time management with regards to that; however, by the end of the course he was much better at getting through all the material.

In the sections, maybe include more review problems.

Honestly, not that much, he really was a fantastic TA, probably the best I've had in 4 years.

None. I hope that he is able to teach his own set of students one day, I think he would be a very good professor.

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