Columbia University: Arts & Sciences
A&S Fall 2022 Standard Evaluation

Course: POLS4700-POLSGU4700_001_2022_3 - MATH & STATS FOR POLI SCI: POLSW4700_001_2022_3_150045

Instructor: Naoki Egami

TA: Martin Devaux *

Response Rate: 15/20 (75.00 %)

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1 - What are the strengths and weaknesses of Martin Devaux (discussion section leader, lab section leader, grader) as an instructor, and how might Martin Devaux's teaching be improved?

Response Rate	14/20 (70%)

• Martin was a fantastic TA. He complemented Dr. Egami's teaching style perfectly and helped deepen my understanding of the topics presented in class. Like Dr. Egami, he makes himself available to students and is very supportive. He has a real knack for simplifying complex topics that left students confused after class.

• Martin is really great about his recitation session. I think the 1 hour recitation per a week is relatively short to cover the things thoroughly. I hope that we could have more time for the recitation session.

• Martin was great at explanations and leading discussions.

• His discussion section is always helpful. Similar evaluation of Naoki works for Martin. He's also super accessible if you have math questions for him after the class.

• Great instructor, super passionate and always helpful, the sections were very effective at both expanding on the topics covered in class and at clarifying any doubts we had. Martin was also super helpful during office hours

• Martin is a fantastic TA. His sections were helpful in solidifying concepts. He is also great in office hours and was even willing to help answer homework assignment questions off the clock.

• Martin is really great, he spent lots of effort on us, including sections, homework, etc. A big thanks! He is really great and answers our questions very quickly and in an easy way. Martin is awesome!

• Martin is very knowledgable and approachable with questions. His discussion sections were very helpful for clarifying things from lecture that make have been confusing.

• Martin's presentations were very clear and he is quite empathetic and approachable when you need help.

• Martin explains concepts very well with appropriate examples. I felt that his discussion sections were very helpful.

• Excellent instructor who is highly knowledgeable, great at teaching, makes himself available to his students and supplements Naoki's in class instruction very well.

• Martin Devaux is also a thorough instructor. During sections, Martin goes over terms and definitions that we are introduced in Naoki's class. Martin will also go over examples of math problems in section that Naoki did not already go over, so that we are exposed to multiple ways to perform calculations.

• Martin is a very good TA -- his section lectures were clear and effective.

• Martin is an excellent discussion section leader and grader. He consistently provided timely feedback on the problem sets with clear and concise explanations on areas of improvement. During discussion sections, he reviewed key fundamentals that may have been assumed or only briefly reviewed in lecture as well as examples and applications for the concepts we learned during the preceding week. In general, he would review important steps to remember when performing derivations before providing examples with increasing degrees of difficulty. I found this format helpful for reinforcing comprehension of course material. As with Naoki, I am afraid I do not have much to offer in terms of improvement. Martin and Naoki made a great team.

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2 - What is the overall teaching effectiveness of Martin Devaux?

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Excellent	(5)	14	93.33%		4.93
Very Good	(4)	1	6.67%		
Good	(3)	0	0.00%		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		
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Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
15/20 (75.00%)	4.93	0.26	5.00