

**Course evaluations for POLI\_SCI 395 Studying Public Opinion, Spring 2018**TA-specific evaluations

*These questions were asked to 6 students who were assigned to have me as their TA. Out of these 6 students, 5 completed the TA evaluation form.*

<i>Question</i>	<i>Mean</i>
Q: How prepared was your TA? (1 = not at all prepared; 5 = extremely prepared)	5
Q: How clearly did your TA present material? (1 = not at all clearly; 5 = extremely clearly)	4.8
Q: How much did your TA help you develop critical thinking skills? (1 = not at all; 5 = extremely)	4.8
Q: How helpful was your TA's feedback on assignments? (1 = not at all helpful; 5 = extremely helpful)	5
Q: For your level of understanding, were your TA's explanations and instructions too complicated, too simple, or about right?	Just about right
Q: How clearly did your TA answer questions? (1 = not at all; 5 = extremely)	5
Q: How easy did you find it to meet with your TA? (1 = not at all easy; 5 = extremely easy)	5

Q: How knowledgeable in the course content was your TA?

- More than qualified. Very knowledgeable.
- I never ran into anything Kumar could not help me with.
- Kumar was extremely helpful the entire time and I never doubted that he didn't understand the work and was clearly very knowledgeable.
- Very knowledgeable

Optional session evaluation

*During the course, I conducted an optional workshop on using R for statistical analysis, which was open to all 17 students in the class. Out of these 17, 14 students completed the evaluation.*

Q: Did you attend the optional session on regression analysis led by Kumar Ramanathan? If so, please provide some feedback on how helpful the session was.

- Yes, I attended this session. While the session was led by Kumar, all 3 TAs were present and helped everyone there. They all worked together well to teach us basic R skills and

how to analyze our data. They all stayed past the scheduled time to work with all of us there until we felt comfortable with the program and how to run analyses.

- Yes, and this session was also a tremendous help. I had no idea what I was doing beforehand, and walked away with a basic understanding of R.
- Very helpful
- Yes. It was a good start for what we needed, but it could have been longer and more detailed. There was a steep learning curve to R, and I had to do a lot of the learning of the program on my own.
- Yes, it was helpful.