

TEACHING ASSISTANT	Meier, Caleb
COURSE	MATH 180A • Introduction to Probability
INSTRUCTOR	Kemp,
SECTIONS	A03, A04 (Total Students: 38)

	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Graduate		# RESP.
CLASS LEVEL	0	1	15	21	0		21
	0%	3%	39%	55%	0%		56%

#	QUESTION	N/A	Strongly Disagree		Neither		Strongly Agree		# RESP.	MEAN
			1	2	3	4	5			
1.	The TA is on time, organized, and prepared for section.	0	1	2	0	9	9	21	4.10	
			4%	9%	0%	43%	42%			
2.	The TA explains the material well and emphasizes important points.	0	1	1	5	6	8	21	3.90	
			4%	4%	24%	29%	38%			
3.	The TA responds to questions effectively and encourages participation.	0	1	1	3	9	7	21	3.95	
			4%	4%	15%	43%	33%			
4.	The TA interacts well with students and treats students with respect.	0	1	0	2	4	14	21	4.43	
			4%	0%	10%	20%	66%			
5.	The TA does not just provide answers, but teaches how to solve problems.	0	1	1	4	7	8	21	3.95	
			4%	4%	20%	34%	38%			
6.	The section is useful and helped with the rest of the course.	0	1	1	4	7	8	21	3.95	
			4%	4%	20%	34%	38%			
7.	The sections are interesting and enjoyable.	1	2	0	5	6	7	20	3.80	
			10%	0%	25%	30%	35%			
8.	I would recommend the TA to other students.	0	2	0	3	8	8	21	3.95	
			9%	0%	15%	39%	38%			

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TOTAL COMMENTS: 7

1) I thought Caleb Meier was not a good TA at all because he did not solve any homework problems, he only gave partial answers. In my opinion a TA is good if he solves homework questions. He does not know how to explain probability well, his grading is too harsh I got marked down for correct answers. In my opinion not a good TA.

2) Caleb's sections and office hours are very useful. Some people complain about him saying he's not helpful, but that's only because (unlike other ta's) he doesn't give away the whole answers to the homework but instead only gives hints, which is what you're supposed to do.
These people who complain are the same people who score low on the exams.

3) I thought that Caleb was a great TA who did not just answer questions and helped with homework problems but also provided a summary of lectures throughout the course. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend all of his sections nor any of his office hours.
Tom, the other TA, was also very effective in explaining and teaching how to solve various problems. I would highly recommend Tom to all other students.

4) he was a decent TA; not the best but definitely not the worst.

5) I would have liked to see Caleb be more prepared for sections. When a TA tries to go over material that they are not prepared for, it often makes it more confusing, rather than more clear, for the students.

6) Explanations can sometimes be a bit wandering

7) I actually strongly recommend Tom Laetsch as a wonderful, helpful, and friendly effective TA for this course. Tom is much better.