

Anonymous student evaluation for Harman Khare (Teaching Assistant/Recitation Instructor)
University of Pennsylvania, Department of Mechanical Engineering & Applied Mechanics
MEAM 354: Mechanics of Solids

Fall 2015 (Instructor of record: Prof. Nikolaos Aravas)

Students comments:

- He explained concepts very thoroughly [sic] which naturally led to longer recitations and less time for questions.
- Harman adapted his teaching style accordingly with the class's need. I don't think he has a particular weakness.
- He was always well prepared and he made it easy to understand the material.
- It would be helpful if you could teach problems relevant to upcoming homework, as opposed to past homework. Overall, you were really great and taught me a lot and helped me understand how to apply to the concepts we learned in class to actual problems.
- He was super clear and taught everything I didn't understand very well. He simplified everything so we could understand it easily. He was easy to follow and kept my attention very well. The one thing I would recommend is that he ends class on time as he frequently would go overtime.
- Not specific to him, but would be super useful to have solutions to problems posted online.
- Strengths: Harman always came to recitation prepared, presented the problems efficiently, was clear about the steps he was taking to solve the problem, engaged with the students, and answered questions skillfully. I was impressed with his ability as a TA. Weaknesses: Hard to come up with any. Well done. If there's any way to improve your ability to make all the recitations, that would be helpful, but things always come up so it's hard to do much about that.
- The TA was very good at communicating the material to us.
- I was not in Harman's TA section, however I went to his section because it fit better into my schedule and I thought he was an awesome TA.

Fall 2016 (Instructor of record: Prof. Pedro Ponte Castañeda)

Students comments:

- Clearly communicated material and always organized
- Strengths: very knowledgeable [sic] and helpful Weaknesses: There seemed to be poor communication with TA and professor. Also, could show more passion when teaching
- I thought he went over the material well. He went over many practice problems which was extremely important for understanding what was going on in lecture. One negative though was that a few times he didn't know the answer to a question, said that he would figure it out and tell us the answer during the next recitation, but never did. That could just be because there was a week between recitations and it was hard to remember to answer the question. Though maybe he could have emailed us the answer?
- Focused on the applicable aspects of the material and ensured we were able to complete the homework we wouldn't have been able to complete from going only to class.
- Very patient, explained concepts well, targeted recitations to homework
- Thanks for your help this semester!
- Would have appreciated more responses on Piazza (from the entire teaching team)
- Go through more challenging examples in recitation

Average student evaluation scores:

1: Strongly Disagree, 5: Strongly Agree

| | 2015 | 2016 |
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| The TA is well prepared for class | 4.9 | 4.4 |
| The TA presents material clearly | 4.8 | 4.6 |
| The TA helped me improve my understanding of concepts taught in the lecture | 4.9 | 4.4 |
| The TA was accessible and approachable after and outside the recitation | 4.3 | 4.1 |
| The TA is knowledgeable in the course material | 4.9 | 4.6 |
| Overall, how well did the TA teach? | 4.7 | 4.2 |