

Term	Course	Primary Dept	Primary Division	Enrolled:	126
Fall 2018	EAST 310 01/GLBL 309 01/PLSC 357 01 - The Rise of China	PLSC	Social Sciences	Responded:	109

Instructors

Mattingly, Daniel

Summarize the strengths and weaknesses of the Teaching Fellow. In what ways was their teaching effective and in what ways could their teaching be improved?

Instructor: Sundquist, James

Responses for Instructor: 14
Declined to Answer Question: 16

Respondent	Answer
1277254	James was a great TF. Very helpful feedback, and ran a great section.
1277815	Best TF I have had at Yale hands-down. So engaging, cared a lot about his students, open to help outside the classroom, and very understanding when grading.
1279692	Strengths- very responsive via email/in person, extremely knowledgeable, supportive and empathetic to students Weaknesses- honestly none, James was extremely helpful throughout
1289377	Awesome TA
1289441	James put so much effort into each and every section! He always had something unique planned for the class and had every part of the discussion flow prepared. I really appreciate the time he put in, especially alongside his own schoolwork. I've never had a TA be this dedicated before. He really deserves recognition for how much work he put in.
1290033	Strengths: Incredibly approachable and welcoming for students to ask questions (about midterm, papers, course content) and get feedback on papers. Feedback on papers was always very helpful. I enjoyed the "games"/"simulations" we would do in section. I think the midterm and final review session was helpful. Additionally, I appreciated how James was available for office hours and additional times if his original hours did not work for some students. He was always eager to help students if they needed it. James also responded to our discussion posts to answer our questions or have us consider a new perspective or recommend additional readings. Overall, he was very supportive to all his students!
1291507	Very helpful and provided great feedback. Was very engaged during class discussions
1296324	Passionate and knowledgeable, really cared about facilitating meaningful discussion in section.
1297338	James, James, James...I cannot ask anything more of this man. One of the most compassionate and engaging instructors I've had in my life. He genuinely cares about students learning and applying the content; he cares about what students think; and he doesn't give anyone a hard time who is clearly there just to breeze by or is credit/d'ing the class. That's a good thing because sometimes TFs take this to heart and create a hostile learning environment, but James made sure students learned regardless. I wish he did less discussion-style sections and more teaching because he is really good at it, and the discussions often fall through or become repetitive if students don't engage enough.
1303551	James was one of the best TFs I've had. He was accommodating, always available to meet, and helped me talk through papers. He's genuinely super interested in China, especially since he lived there, and he tried to engage us in section but not many of us were willing to pipe up. He was so worried about speaking too much but next time maybe he could help everyone learn the material in a different way than just discussion. With the topic, though, that may be difficult.
1305601	James was a great TA, promoted good conversation.
1306434	Great TA. Offered constructive advice on essays and midterm prep. Went out of his way.
1307894	James has been a great TA! He was the perfect person to teach about this class and learned a lot from him. He's also been accessible for his students!
1310750	The TF was amazing! He was very invested in the topic, helped start interesting conversations, and took the student's questions seriously. He managed to cover the weekly readings, while at the same time pushing us to think further about the subject.