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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: 8
Declined to Answer Question: 4

Respondent	Answer
1536913	Great! So willing to help and put in extra work to make sure students were all on the same page with the material although he was busy himself
1540748	He cares about the material and the class. Couldnt ask for a better TF
1541825	James was great, really cared for the learning of his students and always challenged his students to think critically and argue against some of the political scientist's claims.
1545279	Great TA! Very, very helpful. In many instances, I felt like I learned more from James than I did from Professor Mousa. He facilitated great discussions in my section, especially when it felt like the class wasn't particularly engaged on certain days.
1545625	James was fantastic and his sections were my favorite of the sections I had this semester. Not only did he break down the complicated concepts of causal inference and statistical correlation with ease so that we all could understand, he also led insightful and exciting discussions on immigration and our own migration histories. I really liked his style of asking questions and ensuring that everybody in the section participated before moving on to a new topic, because it allowed all of our voices to be heard. I also appreciated how willing he was to help, either in his office hours or through email, with the coding assignments (which I struggled with a bit). However, after he taught me valuable skills in terms of solving errors or making my data cleaner, I found myself growing more comfortable with R. Overall, I'm really lucky to have had James as a TF for this course!
1551797	James strengths are that he was accessible. I found section to be of little value on days where a coding assignment was due the next class.
1555791	James is incredibly helpful and enthusiastic about the course content. He seemed to be in charge of the actual work of the course (explaining and guiding us through assignments, grading, etc.) for all students enrolled. That was probably a LOT, so I think it would be helpful to have at least 2 TFs for this course. Thank you for everything, James!
1556058	James is a great Teaching Fellow who encouraged student-led discussions, while he provided key insights into the course material. Throughout the semester, James tailored the discussion sections to the students - covering topics or reviewing skills that were most relevant during the semester (e.g. focusing on a specific topic/reading from lecture, guiding students through R). James facilitated engaging conversations through group activities or encouraging active discussions around the classroom table. Overall, James created an excellent learning environment that really allowed students to learn and ask questions.