



PLEASE COMMENT ON YOUR SECTION LEADER'S TEACHING.

Nielsen, Richard Alexander

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **4 (very good)**

I do think that sections went off on tangents from time to time, and I wanted to see more of the material covered. That being said, the sections were still pretty useful and they did help me understand many of the things that I didn't understand from the lectures and readings.

Evaluate the course overall.: **1 (unsatisfactory)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

I hated this class, but Rich was amazing! He was one of the best TFs I have had. He dealt well with the fact that the lectures were awful and the readings worse. He sent out helpful questions to help us with the miserable readings and explained concepts well in section. He responded to emails super quickly. He was great.

Evaluate the course overall.: **1 (unsatisfactory)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **3 (good)**

He was very friendly and pleasant and created a comfortable environment for students to participate in.

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **3 (good)**

A lot of fun! Liked him a lot, and he was able to explain things well when I approached him in person. In section things got a little confusing (tangents, etc...) but I was engaged 100% of the time, which was great :D

Evaluate the course overall.: **2 (fair)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **4 (very good)**

Rich, as a person with little TF experience, was generally very good. He was amusing with his side comments, and made you pay attention by wondering what crazy thing he'd say next. He listened to students' complaints about readings, and tried to give a good summary on readings in section. Unfortunately, many of those readings didn't really apply to the lectures, so we spent most of section recapping readings rather than analyzing them. A handout with a brief summary would have been helpful for discussion. He was very helpful over email and in office hours. My complaint on the paper grading was directed more towards how the question was asked, not to how he graded it. A guideline on what students will be assessed on is often helpful.

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goofy but genuinely interested in you learning

Evaluate the course overall.: **2 (fair)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **3 (good)**

I liked Rich. He was highly approachable, gave good feedback, and returned assignments quickly. I thought he got better as the semester went on. Clearly the teaching staff didn't see eye to eye with Bates about a lot of things, which made the overall course experience sort of disorienting at times.



Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**
Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **4 (very good)**
Really nice, and always willing to talk.

Evaluate the course overall.: **2 (fair)**
Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **3 (good)**
Rich is friendly and enthusiastic, section's could be improved by spending more time talking about the readings and less time talking about logistical stuff.

Evaluate the course overall.: **2 (fair)**
Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**
Rich is one of my favorite TFs that I've had at Harvard. He has a great sense of humor and much smarter than he gives himself credit for. It's hilarious when he laughs at himself. He seems to understand the shortcomings of the course and tries to remedy them as best he can. He is very responsive to e-mail and gives great feedback.



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He genuinely cares about students - I would recommend that he not second-guess his evaluation of student work. It is difficult to lead a section when the material is dry. What about creating vignettes every week that test students' understanding of the material covered that week? Example: a news article on the 2008 food riots to discuss rural responses to the integration of national markets?

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I thought Rich was great. Helpful in section and office hours, personable and friendly, very sympathetic and clearly very knowledgeable.