

Title: **A&S Fall 2016 TA Evaluation**

Dates: **01/27/2017 - 02/05/2017**

Course: **ECONG6211_001_2016_3 / MICROECONOMIC ANALYSIS I**

Responses: **23/37 - 62.16%**

Instructors: **Bernard Salanie, Qingmin Liu**

Number of Participants: **37**

Enrollment of All Students: **38**

TA Graph Report for: **Xingye Wu**

1 What is your overall assessment of the effectiveness of the teaching assistant? N=23

1	No basis for comment		0 (0%)
2	Poor		0 (0%)
3	Fair		0 (0%)
4	Good		2 (9%)
5	Very Good		2 (9%)
6	Excellent		19 (83%)
Median 6 Interpolated Median 5.89 Mean 5.74 Std Dev 0.62			

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Q1 What are the strengths and weaknesses of your teaching assistant (discussion section leader, lab section leader, grader, or other assistant) as an instructor, and how might his or her teaching be improved?

- He was great! Definitely one of the best TAs I've ever had.
- Excellent knowledge of the topic. Perhaps would have been useful to go through more exercises during recitation. Minor note: please speak up a little bit when teaching :)
- He is very attentive to students' questions and difficulties with the material seen in lectures. He also often provided another way to think about this material, in order for us to be more familiar and comfortable using the concepts.
- Xingye was excellent. I have reviewed him twice, once in the "general" comments section of the micro evaluation, and for the presidential teaching award. He was just excellent in every way, both in the math clamp, and micro.
- Having Xingye as a TA was a great experience. He is a very skillful lecturer, who presents materials in an organized and well planned manner. He is always extremely clear in presenting basic ideas about each topic, and then starts carefully building up upon them, adding just enough details that helped me improve my understanding of the topics, and, at the same time, make me curious about them. His ability of leading classroom discussions is very helpful. He was always patient in answering every single question that popped up, and always provided very good and very helpful answers to questions. All in all, Xingye was one of the best TAs I have ever had, and I can only congratulate him for the way he did his job.
- He is a great TA overall, with a great attitude.
- Strengths of Xingye is that he is very careful in what he says, so his delivery leaves no ambiguity. The weakness is that I think students could benefit more if he makes a lecture note (although I agree that he did not do it because it takes too much time).
- Xingye always came to the recitations well-prepared. In particular, I liked the extra examples that he used to clarify difficult/confusing concepts we encountered in our lectures or in the textbook. I also liked his alternative proofs of some theorems in the first half of the course.

During the recitations, many students asked questions, but because we're a relatively large class, not all of us could catch what a questioner was asking immediately. It would have been helpful if Xingye had spent a few seconds rephrasing the question and then addressed his answer to the whole class and not just to the original questioner.

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- Xingye is an outstanding TA, the best we had during the fall semester (the best I had in Columbia so far) and perhaps one of the most skilled TA's I've ever met. His recitations were at the same time very useful in terms of techniques and knowledge of the material (which he completely mastered) and in terms of motivation, since he was always forcing us to think about each step, each assumption and each proof, naturally leading many of us to think about possible research topics. I cannot point any weaknesses he might have.
- I see very little scope for improvement. He is as good as it gets. Plain and simple. His clarity of thought and his ability to explain difficult concepts so clearly is quite amazing.
- Xingye was very good at structuring mini lectures about points that were unclear for the students. He is brilliant in re explaining proofs and guiding students to do complicated problems.
I wish the section had been more participative in the sense of, not just letting everyone ask their questions (there should be questions, but this many questions should be sent to office hour), but solving exercises. In particular, it would be good to propose new applications of the material, and do less repetitions of proofs (but I know the demand was high for that so I am probably in minority).
- Xingye has been an excellent TA. He is very proficient a broad range of topics in microeconomics and has great talent in conveying complicated and difficult topics to students in a very clear and neat manner. He has always our source of help. And his teaching style is also mind-opening and thought-provoking. This generates interest in further study and can be a valuable asset for us in future research. Xingye has always been responding very effectively to our questions whether in class or during office hours. He is absolutely the best TA I have ever seen.
- Xingye Was an excellent Teaching assistant. He did a very good job of making difficult concepts easier to understand especially during first quarter. Under a new professor in the second semester, I think Xingye was a better instructor than the professor. He provides complete proofs, answers questions completely.
- Xingye Wu is an inspiring teaching assistant, technically rigorous but making difficult materials accessible through his remarkable explanations and engaging attitude in the classroom.
Always available, humble and without fault.
- Xingye was incredibly structured in his lessons and was able to explain difficult in very simple, easy-to-follow methods. He was able to explain the same idea in many different ways to make sure that everyone in the class was able to follow him. He had a good understanding of how students perceived the material and did not ever move too quickly or too slowly.
- Xingye had excellent knowledge of the course material and explained difficult concepts in a more comprehensive way. His recitation and office hour were very helpful to answer the questions we had. He was always available and communicated closely with students. I'm very thankful to have him as a TA.

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- - As a teacher, he is very organized, sympathetic, thorough, and knowledgeable.
 - Also as a teacher, he listens and understands to what I talk about. He tries his best to be helpful in every dimension.
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