Summary of Teaching Evaluations  
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1. GTA, Anatomy 345, Functional Neuroanatomy, Spring 2003
Below is the Department-tabulated summary of evaluations for my semester as the GTA in AY 345, Functional Neuroanatomy. There were about 50 students enrolled, and there appear to be evaluations from 29 of them. I assisted in two lab sessions, with 25 students/session each week, and I gave two lectures on the visual system to the entire class that semester.

Teaching Evaluation of Instructor  
Department of Biomedical Sciences  
AY345 Spring 2003  
Lucinda Baker

1. The instructor effectively uses teaching skills and methods to enhance learning in lecture and lab.
   Responses:  
   Strongly Agree A-16 B-11 C-2 D-0 E-0  
   Strongly Disagree

2. The instructor engages students’ interest and stimulates student participation in the learning process.
   Responses:  
   Strongly Agree A-20 B-7 C-1 D-1 E-0  
   Strongly Disagree

3. The instructor establishes clear learning objectives that assist in directing study.
   Responses:  
   Strongly Agree A-15 B-11 C-2 D-1 E-0  
   Strongly Disagree

4. The instructor is enthusiastic about course material and creates an atmosphere conducive to learning.
   Responses:  
   Strongly Agree A-17 B-9 C-3 D-0 E-0  
   Strongly Disagree

5. The instructor knows the material well.
   Responses:  
   Strongly Agree A-11 B-16 C-2 D-0 E-0  
   Strongly Disagree

6. If the instructor does not know an answer, she/he finds it and answers the question promptly.
   Responses:  
   Strongly Agree A-18 B-10 C-1 D-0 E-0  
   Strongly Disagree
7. In the laboratory sessions, the instructor is helpful to students.
   Responses:
   - Strongly Agree: A-23, B-6, C-0, D-0, E-0
   - Strongly Disagree

8. The instructor treats students fairly and equally.
   Responses:
   - Strongly Agree: A-25, B-4, C-0, D-0, E-0
   - Strongly Disagree

9. The instructor encourages students to express themselves.
   Responses:
   - Strongly Agree: A-20, B-8, C-1, D-0, E-0
   - Strongly Disagree

10. The instructor presents an intellectually challenging course.
    Responses:
    - Strongly Agree: A-31, B-9, C-0, D-0, E-0
    - Strongly Disagree

11. Lectures/presentations are well organized and easy to follow.
    Responses:
    - Strongly Agree: A-16, B-13, C-0, D-0, E-0
    - Strongly Disagree

12. Notes and other AV presentations are easy to see and read.
    Responses:
    - Strongly Agree: A-11, B-15, C-3, D-0, E-0
    - Strongly Disagree

13. Exam questions are well written and accurately reflect course content.
    Responses:
    - Strongly Agree: A-18, B-10, C-1, D-0, E-0
    - Strongly Disagree

**COMMENTS:**

Lucinda is very helpful and enthusiastic about the course. She is really concerned with the students doing well.

Lucinda, you ROCK! She was so helpful throughout the entire course! If it were not for her help, I do not think I would have done very well in this class.

Lucinda was the most enthusiastic TA I have ever had. She always went out of her way to help us and took a special interest in all of us. She is a true asset to the neurobiology department.

Lucinda was very helpful in answering questions and with the material I did not understand.

Lucinda was very helpful in the lab.
Thank you, Lucinda for all the help. Good job on the lectures!

Lucinda did an excellent job and made lab a really good learning tool.

Lucinda was a wonderful teacher, always enthusiastic to help us. I only wish I could take another class with her.

Lucinda was extremely helpful and always a joy to be around. The “neuro crew” was fabulous and it really made a difference in my desire to learn this material. I have nothing but great things to say about the class (lecture and lab). This was a challenging course but I learned so much and truly enjoyed it. I would recommend this class to any Pre Med/Vet students. Thank you! She is the Best!

Thanks to Lucinda for being so supportive in neuro lab. Always willing to help and provide great knowledge.

Lucinda was a great TA who I feel has great potential in becoming a teacher. She is very caring and went out of her way to ensure that everyone was comfortable with the material. Thanks for the Great Job!

Lucinda is an excellent TA. She helped tons and made anatomy fun and easy to learn.
Below is the Department-tabulated summary of evaluations for my semester as the GTA in BS 200, Human Anatomy & Physiology Recitation. The recitations were offered at eight times each week, and students could attend any of the recitation sessions, so I didn’t meet with the same group of students each week throughout the semester. On average there were probably 20 students at each recitation section each week, and I taught the recitation at four times each week. There are evaluations from about 50 students summarized here.

GTA: Lucinda Baker, Evaluation of BS 200, Fall 2003

1. List features of the sessions you found beneficial
   - Repetition/Review; Materials appreciated………………30
   - Quizzes…………………………………………………10
   - Pictures/Diagrams/Graphs………………………………7
   - Old Test Questions……………………………………...7
   - Small Class Size………………………………………..1
   - GTA’s Teaching Style………………………………....1
   - Freedom to ask Questions…………………………….5
   - All…………………………………………………………2

2. List features of the sessions you found less beneficial.
   - N/A……………………………………………………20
   - Required Attendance………………………………….3
   - Old Test Questions……………………………………...26
   - Students Personal Questions…………………………4
   - Reviewing lectures / Not on Exams…………………..2
   - To much Information/Not enough time………………4
   - Sessions that were not done in great detail/organized……6

3. Did identifying “key points” improve your study effectiveness? Please elaborate.
   - Yes, helped to focus studying………………………….36
   - Yes, …………………………………………………….2
   - Yes, when the details were clear…………………….8
   - No, Not my study style………………………………...3
   - No, Could Not Hear GTA……………………………...1

4. Were the web-based quizzes useful in preparing you for AY/PS 300 examinations? How?
   - Somewhat………………………………………………6
   - Yes, Study Guide/Similar Questions……………………26
   - Yes, Kept you up to date………………………………5
   - Yes & No, they were easier than the actual exam……..3
   - No, Rather have Hard Copy to study from…………....2
   - No…………………………………………………………3
5. Rank your preferences for the activities that you found most helpful. (#1 is most helpful; #6 is least helpful).

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6. Do you feel that AY/PS 200 enhanced your performance in AY/PS 300? If so, how? If not, why not?

Yes,………………………………………………………..3
Yes, Allowed for Questions/Discussions………………….8
Yes, Kept me Updated…………………………………….9
Yes, Assisted Focus……………………………………...12
Yes, Preparation of Exams & Review…………………..11
No…………………………………………………………..4
No, notes on line more helpful………………………....2
No, Only the Quizzes helped……………………………1
No, GTA hard to hear……………………………………...1
No, did well in 200, not well in 300……………………3

7. Aside from its affect on your grade AY/PS 300 do you believe that AY/PS 200 has increased your depth of understanding of the material presented in AY/PS 300(Lecture)?

Definitely………………………………………………1
A Little…………………………………………………..1
Yes……………………………………………………..28
Yes, Main Concepts Clearer…………………………10
Yes & No………………………………………………2
No………………………………………………………..1
No, Not enough time…………………………………..3
Somewhat………………………………………………3

8. Would you recommend AY/PS 200 to students taking AY/PS 300 in the future?

Yes……………………………………………………..37
No………………………………………………………6
Definitely………………………………………………5
Maybe…………………………………………………2
Not unless the structure changes……………………..2

9. Where did you access Web CT? (home, CSU Lab, Library, or other).

Home…………………………………………………….43
CSU Lab………………………………………………….11
Library…………………………………………………..13
Other……………………………………………………2
10. Please provide constructive comments relative to your graduate teaching assistant. These will be very helpful to the GTA especially when she/he is considering an academic career and are desirous of becoming an effective teacher.

Comments:

I think Lucinda did very well. Thanks!

Lucinda was great! She knows a lot about all of the information. My only critique would be to speak a little louder and enunciate. I want to thank her for making the class more interesting and doable.

Lucinda Rocks! She was very knowledgeable and fun. Thanks! ☺

I think Lucinda did a great job. I really liked the graphs and charts she made to relate different parts of a subject together. Thanks so much! I hope she has a Great Christmas! ☺

I think Lucinda could be more confident. She knows the information, and having a plan of what to talk about in class is good. I want to thank her for all of her help, time and effort.

Lucinda was very good at explaining things and allowed for discussion of questions. She also had a good connection with the class.

The lecturing and drawing on the board, concepts learned in 300; was the most beneficial. It was like receiving two lectures. Lucinda did a great job clearing up the confusion from the 300 lectures. Reading questions from previous exams helped too.

Overall, I feel like Lucinda was knowledgeable about the subject matter. At times she seemed unprepared but was very helpful in the class.

I think study guides would be helpful in the future.

Overall, Lucinda is a good teacher. She was clear during her presentation.

Lucinda is very knowledgeable about the subject. She would do good to get the class more involved.

Lucinda was very helpful and clear in her teaching style.

I think Lucinda could have spoken louder. She used too many abbreviations; I did not understand what they stood for.

Lucinda could be more excited about what she is teaching. She needed to talk louder.

Lucinda did a good job. I think a little more review before class would help her. She seemed to struggle with answers for questions sometimes. She needs some self-confidence.

Sometimes Lucinda was hard to understand, either she was too quiet or mumbled. She is a good teacher, just too quiet.
Lucinda is too quiet.

Lucinda did a good job at diagramming certain topics that were helpful for studying.

Lucinda did a Great Job!

Lucinda worked hard to make sure the class had a comprehensive overview before each exam.

Lucinda needs to organize the notes better and make sure that all the questions get answered in the sessions. Also she needs to push for class involvement outside study groups! (It would have helped me)

I think that Lucinda did a good job. I am sure it was difficult for her to work with this class because we were lost a lot. I think if she required people to fill out sheets or come with questions, she might get a little more involvement.

I felt like a little more structure in class would have been more helpful.

I think reviewing old exams and having a prepared lecture of key points definitely helped me. Thanks! 😊

I want to thank Lucinda so much for taking the time and effort to meet me and answer my questions. My interest and understanding of the subject was increased dramatically because of her.

Lucinda did a nice job of reviewing and integrating material from multiple lectures into one big picture. Thanks!

Lucinda might need to speak a little louder in the classroom for people in the back to hear her. But, I liked how she asked us questions and she did a good job at explaining the information.

I think that the best way to run the class would be going through the objectives.

Lucinda could talk louder. I did not like the material taken from old exams. I was just interested in the review of what was covered in the lecture. I thought an outline and no abbreviations would have been better.

Lucinda did a good job and found out answers she was not sure on.

It would have been more helpful if Lucinda would have erased the board before class and then rewrote it. I felt as though I got robbed because she just flew through the material. Having me recall the information rather than just read it would have been helpful.

I liked how Lucinda organized the information into charts, it made it easier to see the similarities and differences.

I felt the class was very helpful and if given the choice I would retake it. By having a set of planned lectures we knew what to expect.

Lucinda is very enthusiastic about teaching. 😊 That was always good!
Lucinda did a great job teaching! Next time she needs to have more of an outline to present in Recitation.

It is sometimes nice to have a new way that the material is presented to you. This often happened in BS300.

I want to thank Lucinda for being readily available. Her explanations greatly helped me understand the material. Good job!

I think that a lesson plan would be very beneficial. I do not think rambling about all the unrelated topics helped.

Lucinda was competent and friendly. She was approachable outside of class for questions. Her diagrams were especially helpful, as they were easier to read and understand than the diagrams presented in lecture.

I found everything very helpful. I think we needed some in class quizzes to help people stay more focused during the sessions.

Lucinda was very good at communicating ideas and being approachable to students. She could make a great career out of it. She also expressed care and concern for her students. Good luck.

Lucinda was an enthusiastic teacher and taught well. I think the class was not very helpful for 300. Maybe I did not pay enough attention. Once a week is tough to concentrate. Please do not abbreviate.

I liked it when Lucinda had prepared topics to discuss (review) and left only a little time for questions since not many people asked questions. Definitely helps when she was enthusiastic about the material. I also enjoy hearing stories on how this applies to real life.

Lucinda did a wonderful job. Keep it up! Over all, I felt like the GTA was knowledgeable in the subjects. At times, she was a little unprepared but she was very helpful overall in the class.

Lucinda needs to speak up and not use abbreviations. I think if she could explain things a different way then the professors; simplify the topics.

**Note: As a result of the comments above, I now always try to speak loudly when I teach, I encourage students to move to the front of the room instead of hugging the back wall, and I try to make sure I explain any abbreviations I use on the board.**
3. Lab Instructor, PSY 457, Sensation & Perception Laboratory, Fall 2006-Spring 2008
Below is a summary of the evaluations from seven sections of PSY 457, Sensation & Perception Laboratory, that I've taught at CSU. There isn't an electronic summary available for these course evaluations. I've taught this lab course to a total of 77 students, and I've summarized evaluations from 74 students.

All of these students filled out a standard bubble sheet evaluation, which has room at the bottom for written comments. The evaluation asks about the course, the classroom & facilities, the teacher, and about the student's perceived level of effort in the course, demographics, and grade expected for the course. I've summarized the responses to questions about me as a teacher, and given a representative sample of written comments.

The teacher was knowledgeable about the subject
55 Strongly Agree, 18 Agree

The teacher was enthusiastic about the course
61 Strongly Agree, 12 Agree

The teacher organized the course effectively
53 Strongly Agree, 19 Agree, 1 Neutral

The teacher was prepared for class sessions
56 Strongly Agree, 17 Agree

The teacher was fair and impartial in assigning grades
58 Strongly Agree, 15 Agree

The teacher created an atmosphere conducive to learning
59 Strongly Agree, 14 Agree

The teacher created an atmosphere that was respectful of student opinions, ideas, and differences
60 Strongly Agree, 13 Agree

The teacher was willing and available to help students outside of class
58 Strongly Agree, 12 Agree, 3 Neutral

Overall, I would rate this teacher as good
63 Strongly Agree, 10 Agree

Comments: 58 of the evaluations had hand-written comments on them, below is a representative sample.

Lucinda really cares about her students and it really shows. All Grad TA's should learn from her. Thanks for everything!!
I enjoyed having you for an instructor, and I appreciated your willingness to help students. Thanks!

Great teacher. She was very enthusiastic about the course and loved to teach and be here to teach us what we needed to know. Awesome!! Very kind and compassionate toward the students.

This has been one of the best labs I have had during my career at CSU. The labs went with the class wonderfully. Luci was amazingly knowledgeable and great to work with. The course could use some time for the other senses but overall the course is good just the way it is.

Best lab experience ever! Informative and great environment. Guest lectures in (accompanying lecture) class were better than normal teacher by far. Study guides a major plus. Thanks for a great semester!

I did not like the slide shows which Mrs. Baker occasionally showed before class. I thought they were not very interesting and difficult to understand. However, I did like her teaching style, her relaxed-ness and her friendliness.

More time to collect data for our studies would be helpful.

Maybe add some time to have our discussions (section of final paper) looked at before we turn them in.
4. **Instructor, PSY 456, Sensation & Perception, Summer 2008**

There were 5 students enrolled in this course, and they all filled out the same bubble sheet evaluation used by the students each semester in the lab course, described above. In addition to summarizing the responses about me as a teacher, I've also included some of the items about the course structure and content, as this was the first course that I've designed and taught myself.

**Course objectives were clearly stated**
4 Strongly Agree, 1 Agrees

**The grading system was clearly explained**
4 Strongly Agree, 1 Agrees

**The text and/or course materials were appropriate**
3 Strongly Agree, 1 Neutral, 1 Disagrees

**The course was intellectually challenging**
3 Strongly Agree, 1 Agrees, 1 Disagrees

**Class sessions increased my understanding of the subject**
4 Strongly Agree, 1 Agrees

**Overall, I would rate this course as good**
4 Strongly Agree, 1 Agrees

**The teacher was knowledgeable about the subject**
4 Strongly Agree, 1 Agrees

**The teacher was enthusiastic about the course**
5 Strongly Agree

**The teacher organized the course effectively**
4 Strongly Agree, 1 Disagrees

**The teacher was prepared for class sessions**
4 Strongly Agree, 1 Disagrees

**The teacher was fair and impartial in assigning grades**
3 Strongly Agree, 1 Agrees, 1 NA

**The teacher created an atmosphere conducive to learning**
4 Strongly Agree, 1 Agrees

**The teacher created an atmosphere that was respectful of student opinions, ideas, and differences**
4 Strongly Agree, 1 Agrees

**The teacher was willing and available to help students outside of class**
5 Strongly Agree
Overall, I would rate this teacher as good
4 Strongly Agree, 1 Agrees

Comments:
Great class! Feel like I learned a lot in 4 weeks. The only thing I would change is to have the somatosensory stuff on an exam by itself. There was just too much material covered for the third exam. I would also spend more time talking about the different cells for touch. Also it was not on the syllabus that we would have a cum. Final, so I would make that clear. *(Note: the cumulative final exam was mentioned on the syllabus twice, once in bold letters. This shows that I should announce this out loud more than once during the term, that having something stated on the syllabus may not guarantee that students have read or remembered it)*

Thank you very much! I really like to attend your class. You always pay attention on me, and try to explain the lecture again and again. Thank you for your patience. Have a nice summer! *(This student is from Taiwan, her English was not great, and she needed a little help with vocabulary terms in class)*

Some lectures were very disorganized. Some you would go through the pathways from transduction to the brain, then go back to the transduction process, then to brain, then pathways in between. So it got very confusing. Fun class, though.

This course was good. It was my first summer class but I really enjoyed the pace of the class and the material covered. The videos provided good interesting insight to real life issues and made our knowledge more applicable. I would def. keep those.

Thank you for a wonderful class. I really enjoyed it. When can we expect to have our final grades posted?