Teaching Evaluation

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Course Description

Course: 19703 - Data Analysis I (core course for Ph.D. students in Engineering & Public Policy)
Role: Recitation Instructor & Teaching Assistant

Although teaching assistants are not formally evaluated each semester, I was evaluated for this course. I took on significant instructional responsibilities, including leading weekly recitations, holding office hours, and grading assignments. In recitations, I guided students in applying statistical concepts using R. Topics covered included:

- Statistical tests (T-test, KS-test)
- Causal inference and regression methods
- Cross-validation
- Confidence intervals
- Bootstrapping

Survey Results

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Response rate: 2/8 (25%)
Each question was rated on a scale of 1–5 (1 = strongly disagree, 5 = strongly agree).

5/5	The TA was prepared.
5/5	The TA was knowledgeable about course materials.
5/5	The TA explained concepts clearly.
5/5	The TA was respectful in communications.
5/5	Students felt comfortable meeting with the TA.
5/5	The TA was helpful.
5/5	Students would recommend this TA.

Student Comments

What is the greatest strength of the TA?

"Thuy was endlessly generous with her time and showed a deep command of both the theory and implementation of the material."

"She gave explanations that were easy to follow and was very responsive."

How could the TA improve?

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"No notes!"