What is your overall assessment of the Teaching Fellow?

Instructor: Dearborn, John

Responses for Instructor: 23
Declined to Answer Question: 4

Question Average
4.9 ±0.5

Dept
4.1 ±1.1

Div
3.9 ±1.1

School
4.0 ±1.1
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?

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<td>1078931</td>
<td>John was very engaging and helped me a lot during section in understanding what we had discussed in lecture.</td>
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<td>1094481</td>
<td>John is so pure. Section with him was so valuable, as was communicating with him outside of class. He is one of the most responsive TFs I have ever had. I also appreciate his use of multimedia, particularly SNL skits that portray the President. I also appreciate the news stories that got everyone's urge to discuss current events out of the way early. I'd like to reiterate that he is a great synthesizer of key information. His review session was remarkable in its breadth. It is a testament to his skill that a semester turned into a 2 hour review session, with food!</td>
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<td>1107801</td>
<td>John is an amazing TA. He makes himself available for ample office hours and is incredibly responsive via email. He also clearly cares so much about the class material and brought so many interesting insights to class. I especially like the way he structured section so well, with a very clear agenda and a lot of guaranteed take-aways, even if you were still working your way through the material. He provides good and clear feedback on essays and was always available to talk about them further if necessary. Honestly, there is nothing to complain about! My fellow students and I would chat all the time about how John is the best TA we've ever had. He's great!</td>
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<td>1113065</td>
<td>John was very helpful in explaining our texts in a deeper context and also relating it to modern day politics. He also was very helpful in giving thoughtful feedbacks that improved my performance in the course.</td>
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<td>1113066</td>
<td>John was always very well prepared for section and started the discussion off with topics relevant to today's politics. I enjoyed the way John set up his discussions, making it an open forum instead of him talking the whole time. He was also very accessible for questions and gave good feed back for our essays. I wouldn't change the way John ran his section and think he was a very good TA.</td>
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<td>1113093</td>
<td>John was, is, and will continue to be the best TA at Yale. Seriously he is the best and always helpful. He also shows command of the material every week.</td>
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John is the best TF I've ever had at Yale (5 semesters worth of sections). He was always well organized and led some of the best section discussions I've had the pleasure to be a part of. His grading was very unbiased and fair, and his feedback on my first paper definitely helped me flesh out my ideas for the second paper and final exam.

John was hands down one of the best TFs I have ever had at Yale. He is so engaged and passionate about the material and goes out of his way to ensure people understand the material. He is also extremely helpful during office hours.

John was a phenomenal teacher. I appreciated the way he always brought in interesting and relevant outside material to class - be it quotes from relevant books, clips from TV shows, or articles about the election and ensuing debacle related to current issues. He organized section well and graded our work fairly and quickly. One of the most efficient sections I have ever been in. John also always made himself available to us to meet during office hours and extended office hours, which was great.

Superb. One of the best TA's I've ever had at Yale. Engaging, helpful and learnt everybody's names on the first day. His discussion sections were structured and encouraged students to speak out and discuss. Literally nothing I can think of to improve on.

John is undoubtedly one of the best TFs I have ever had at Yale. He came to every section extremely well prepared and explained the course material in a way that was easy to understand. He also did a fantastic job of tying in material from current events and made sure every member of our section was engaged. John is one of those rare TFs who makes section more than just a summary of class material and instead does his best to add to the course as a whole.

John is one of the best TF's that I have had at Yale. He knows exactly what he is talking about with regard to the class subject, he regularly brings in new literature and information that I never would have known existed, and he always had a great answer to questions. He graded fairly, and he structured his section well to facilitate good conversation while progressing through the topics without skating over anything important.

John is probably one of the best teaching assistants at Yale. He is incredibly invested in each student's success and dedicates personal time to ensure that everyone understands their strengths and weaknesses. Also, his teaching method of outlining main points of the readings on a white board and then opening up theoretical questions to the section for discussion and debate facilitated learning in a new and unique way. He also included funny SNL clips at the beginning of some sections which always helped to lighten the mood and engage students.

John was simply the best TF I've ever had. Very welcoming classroom that genuinely inspired participation and engagement.

John was such a great TF! Honestly one of the best I have had at Yale. He really kept us engaged with the material by incorporating current news article and popular culture references. He was also extremely organized and efficient with capturing the key points of lecture and the readings. He helped guide the conversation but definitely did not lead it. My only critique would be that I would have loved for him to add some personal opinions about the topics and really join into the conversation as one of us working through this material together. It would have been great to have another view, whether it was similar or different to the professor's.

Available when needed, clearly communicates feedback, facilitates discussion really well. One of the best
led lectures of my time at Yale (I'm a senior). Engaging, has a clear objectives for each section, asks thoughtful questions, and offers helpful insights related to class and current events we discuss in section.

John is a very skilled teaching fellow. Extremely prepared - having essentially based his graduate work around Professor Skowronek's authority theory on the American Presidency, as well as having in-depth knowledge of and the ability to reference each reading throughout the semester - and good at incorporating outside material that is relevant to the week's lecture content/current events. Very helpful with advice on writing style - specifically, on how to structure an effective argument - and tips in office hours on the direction in which to take a paper with the evidence at hand. I would like to take another course with John as my TF.

John is by far the best TF I've ever had. He made himself available to us at all times and aside from knowing what he was talking about, which made section very helpful, he helped make the connections between lecture and the readings. He helped me a lot with my essays which helped me to learn a lot.

John is great!!!

John was a great TA. He ran his discussion sections extremely well, going over what he learned in class and the readings (which helps if you haven't read them all). He is very nice and understanding, as well. Definitely try to be in his section.