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Instructors
Mak, Michael

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?

Instructor: Tam, Edric

Responses for Instructor: 25
Declined to Answer Question: 2

Respondent	Answer
1158530	Super helpful! Stayed late at section every week to help us with the problem sets and answer questions about the material. One of the best TAs that I have had at Yale by far. Thank you Ed!!!!
1158876	Ed was so knowledgeable and good at teaching the material that I missed in class. In addition, Ed was willing to help at any time of day and via email. He was an excellent TA!
1161251	Ed was an incredible TA! It was clear that he put a lot of time into preparing for each section, and I really appreciated that he focused on making sure we understood the concepts in addition to walking us through the problem sets. I was also very grateful and impressed by how dedicated Ed was during office hours. He often stayed several hours past his scheduled times to make sure that every question was answered, and he always did so with a smile on his face. You're the greatest, Ed! :)
1162676	Edric was always helpful, especially with staying up with us on Tuesday nights to help us do the problem sets. Wonderful TF who really knows the material - no real weaknesses. Edric and Fan saved the class and actually taught us the material we should have learned in lecture.
1163409	Ed is amazing and went above and beyond. He spent so much time explaining concepts and helping us understand the problem sets. I wish we had more time learning from him because sometimes the sections felt rushed. Overall, there was a bit of a disconnect between the TFs and professor, which created some confusion.
1164515	Ed was an amazing TA! He stayed after section for hours to help us with our code for our psets. He was also extremely helpful in making sure we had a practical understanding of the code that was taught to us in lecture. Would definitely recommend taking a section with him in the future.
1164930	Ed Tam is by far the best TA I've ever had. He has a special talent for being able to explain complicated topics and making them seem simple and intuitive. He stayed extra hours every day that he held section to help students with coding problems, so late to the point that the students had to tell him to go to sleep. He was also very good at helping students prepare for the final and the midterm. I don't know how his teaching could be improved, he is probably the best teacher I've ever had at Yale
1167148	Ed was amazing. He was responsible for 70% of our understanding throughout the course, and basically did most of the teaching. He brings an ever-present enthusiasm and energy to his teaching, is incredibly humble and always willing to explain something further, and is very much in touch with what students understand and don't understand. He is also an incredibly warm and approachable person.
1167544	Ed is a wonderful human being <3

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1173216	Ed is absolutely amazing. I couldn't have taken this class without him.
1175748	Edric was a fantastic TF who went above and beyond in helping me and everyone else understand this class. His willingness and patience to stay with us after section for hours on end to help us finish the psets is so appreciated, and I'm very thankful.
1176152	Ed is amazing! He is so nice and so good at explaining everything (both theory and application) for this class. I would go through lectures not understanding anything and his section would basically go through everything and explain clearly how and why everything worked. It was soooo helpful. I definitely would not have understood anything in this class without Ed. He was also incredibly dedicated to our class; he stayed hours after section helping all of us when he didn't have to.
1178394	Best TA of all the classes I've taken, ever. Explains things quickly but clearly and gives clear feedback on psets.
1178395	THE BEST!! He was always so helpful, staying long after the end of office hours and always willing to meet for extra help. I cannot say thank you enough, he will be a great teacher if he ever wants to be
1178403	Amazing. Beyond amazing. The only reason we got through this class. He would stay with us in wlh for office hours until 1 am. So so helpful and took the time to meet with us outside of class and organize a private section for me as I couldn't attend the normal time. And so responsive over email. He deserves a bonus and an award. Amazing. And so smart.
1178409	Ed was extremely timely in his emails and incredibly helpful during the weekly sections. He really broke everything down to be understandable. He put in a lot of effort.
1178411	Ed is amazing! He'd stay super late in section helping all of us. Super good at teaching. One of the best TAs I've ever had!!
1178457	The savior of the entire class. I would have literally failed it were not for this man. Ed put in so much extra time to help all his students learn and enderstamd what they were lacking. He was engaging, interesting, and good at explaining concepts and code.
1178490	Edric was the reason I could continue on this class, as he is more than an excellent TF. He was able to summarize every week's content in a short 50min section, and still give us precious insight for every homework. I believe I wouldn't be able to start a number of the homework problems if Edric hadn't showed us the gist of the problem. He is also very passionate about the subject and about us learning.
1178766	Super nice, devoted and helpful. Ed really helped me through this class and I am very thankful for him. His section was a great review of class material and he always stayed late into the night to help with he problem sets. Fan was also a phenomenal TF
1178845	Incredible TF! He provides support to the students when necessary, but he also helps encourage learning to the appropriate capacity. He is very effective at building up intuition for difficult subjects, and I always enjoyed going to section. It not only helped solidify topics explored in class, but also got me interested in the material. Very much appreciate his hard work for this class. I do think that in some cases, he could provide a little less help, and it would be great to have the section scheduled on a day other than the day before it's due. But Ed is great!
1180886	Simply amazing! Best TA I have ever seen. He somehow breaks down all the concepts that seemed so complicated in class and makes most of them understandable. Homework would have been impossible to do without him.
1182423	Ed was a great TF. His weekly sections were very organized and did a good job of teaching us the things from class in way that was easy to understand. He was always willing to give extra help understanding the material or with the homeworks.

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1185374	Ed was a saving grace. He was EXTREMELY good at explaining things that Dr. Mak had completely glossed over. He truly cared about the students and communicated our concerns to Dr. Mak when they had meals together. Ed was so so helpful and often stayed after his required time to help us. He truly made this class bearable and I interacted with Ed much more willingly than with Dr. Mak.
1186678	Edric was very helpful throughout this course. Of the weekly sections I attended of his, he clearly demonstrated his mastery of Matlab and was able to use this expertise to help us solidify the concepts we were learning in class. He often stayed one to two hours after his alloted time to help us with the homework. His review sessions for the final were clear and thorough, which I appreciated. He was always eager to help which made it seem to me that he really enjoyed his work, which made really added to the experience, and his answers to our questions never left us with more questions since they were so well explained. Edric was a saving grace to a very tough course.

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What is your overall assessment of the Teaching Fellow?

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Question Average	Dept	Div	School
5.0 ±0.0	4.4 ±0.9	4.1 ±1.1	4.1 ±1.1

Bar chart: poor n=0, fair n=0, good n=0, very good n=0, excellent n=27