

JHU Department of Philosophy Evaluation Form Teaching Assistant

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I. Course and Student Information

Instructor's name: <u>Tanino</u>	
Course name and number: <u>Intro to Logic</u>	Year and Semester: <u>2019 Spring</u>
Your year in school: <u>Senior</u>	Your major: <u>Computer Engineering</u>

II. Teaching Assistant's Rating by Category

Instructions. Where "5" means "excellent" and "1" means "poor," please circle the number you *feel* best describes your TA in the categories below. If a category does not apply, or if you lack relevant information, circle "NA."

	Excellent		Poor			
Knowledge of course material	(5)	4	3	2	1	NA
Preparation for section	(5)	4	3	2	1	NA
Ability to explain course material in section	(5)	4	3	2	1	NA
Ability to explain course material in a one-on-one setting	(5)	4	3	2	1	NA
Availability for questions outside of section	(5)	4	3	2	1	NA
Quality of comments on written work	(5)	4	3	2	1	NA
Fairness in grading	(5)	4	3	2	1	NA
Enthusiasm for subject and for teaching	(5)	4	3	2	1	NA
Overall effectiveness, compared to other instructor's you have had	(5)	4	3	2	1	NA

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III. Student Comments

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Tammo is awesome and nice.

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I. Course and Student Information

Instructor's name:	<u>Peter Achinstein</u>		
Course name and number:	<u>Intro to Formal Logic</u>	Year and Semester:	<u>Spring 2019</u>
Your year in school:	<u>Freshman</u>	Your major:	<u>computer science</u> <u>Applied Math</u>

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	Excellent		Poor			
Knowledge of course material	5	④	3	2	1	NA
Preparation for section	5	④	3	2	1	NA
Ability to explain course material in section	5	④	3	2	1	NA
Ability to explain course material in a one-on-one setting	⑤	4	3	2	1	NA
Availability for questions outside of section	⑤	4	3	2	1	NA
Quality of comments on written work	5	④	3	2	1	NA
Fairness in grading	5	④	3	2	1	NA
Enthusiasm for subject and for teaching	⑤	4	3	2	1	NA
Overall effectiveness, compared to other instructor's you have had	⑤	4	3	2	1	NA

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The TA was definitely enthusiastic about the subject. They were also responsive to emails, and tried their best to answer any individual questions I had. I would recommend this TA to a friend.

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I. Course and Student Information

Instructor's name:	James Logan		
Course name and number:	Zeta to theta logic logic	Year and Semester:	Spring Spring
Your year in school:	Senior	Your major:	Econ

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	Excellent		Poor			
Knowledge of course material	5	4	3	2	1	NA
Preparation for section	5	4	3	2	1	NA
Ability to explain course material in section	5	4	3	2	1	NA
Ability to explain course material in a one-on-one setting	5	4	3	2	1	NA
Availability for questions outside of section	5	4	3	2	1	NA
Quality of comments on written work	5	4	3	2	1	NA
Fairness in grading	5	4	3	2	1	NA
Enthusiasm for subject and for teaching	5	4	3	2	1	NA
Overall effectiveness, compared to other instructor's you have had	5	4	3	2	1	NA

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I. Course and Student Information

Instructor's name: <u>Tammo Losrav</u>
Course name and number: <u>Intro to Formal Logic</u> Year and Semester: <u>Spring 2019</u>
Your year in school: <u>Sophomore</u> Your major: <u>Computer Science</u>

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	Excellent		Poor			
Knowledge of course material	5	4	3	2	1	NA
Preparation for section	5	4	3	2	1	NA
Ability to explain course material in section	5	4	3	2	1	NA
Ability to explain course material in a one-on-one setting	5	4	3	2	1	NA
Availability for questions outside of section	5	4	3	2	1	NA
Quality of comments on written work	5	4	3	2	1	NA
Fairness in grading	5	4	3	2	1	NA
Enthusiasm for subject and for teaching	5	4	3	2	1	NA
Overall effectiveness, compared to other instructor's you have had	5	4	3	2	1	NA

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I liked the examples we went through in session, I thought they were helpful. I would recommend the TA. He contributed to my development with examples that were useful for the homeworks and the exams. The TA could call up on people more if students don't seem to participate.

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I. Course and Student Information

Instructor's name: <u>Tammo Lassau</u>
Course name and number: <u>Intro to Formal Logic 150.118</u> Year and Semester: <u>Spring 2019</u>
Your year in school: <u>Freshman</u> Your major: <u>BME</u>

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	Excellent			Poor		
Knowledge of course material	<u>5</u>	4	3	2	1	NA
Preparation for section	5	<u>4</u>	3	2	1	NA
Ability to explain course material in section	5	<u>4</u>	3	2	1	NA
Ability to explain course material in a one-on-one setting	5	4	3	2	1	<u>NA</u>
Availability for questions outside of section	5	<u>4</u>	3	2	1	NA
Quality of comments on written work	5	<u>4</u>	3	2	1	NA
Fairness in grading	<u>5</u>	4	3	2	1	NA
Enthusiasm for subject and for teaching	5	<u>4</u>	3	2	1	NA
Overall effectiveness, compared to other instructor's you have had	5	<u>4</u>	3	2	1	NA

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What I liked most is that he tried to keep his section topics adaptable to meet the needs of what we were having troubles with. He did well at helping us understand the core concepts and helping us gain intuition about how to approach difficult problems.

Sometimes struggled with student engagement during section - students unresponsive when questions were asked, did not volunteer quickly. Some suggestion is ~~either~~ have a systematic way of working through the class to get full participation so not as much time is wasted sitting and waiting for a response.

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I. Course and Student Information

Instructor's name: <u>Tammo</u>
Course name and number: <u>Intro to Formal Logic</u> ^{150, 118} Year and Semester: <u>2019 Spring</u>
Your year in school: <u>Freshman</u> Your major: <u>AMS</u>

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	Excellent		Poor			
Knowledge of course material	(5)	4	3	2	1	NA
Preparation for section	(5)	4	3	2	1	NA
Ability to explain course material in section	(5)	4	3	2	1	NA
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Availability for questions outside of section	(5)	4	3	2	1	NA
Quality of comments on written work	(5)	4	3	2	1	NA
Fairness in grading	(5)	4	3	2	1	NA
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He was very good at explaining concepts.

Very friendly and approachable.

Definitely recommend Tamma to a friend

Tamma was essential to my development b/c I saw him almost every week to further my understand of subject.

No real changes needed to be made. Overall he was very good

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Instructor's name: <u>Tammo</u>	
Course name and number: <u>Intro to Formal Logic (AS.150.118)</u>	Year and Semester: <u>Spring 2019</u>
Your year in school: <u>Sophomore</u>	Your major: <u>Computer Science</u>

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Ability to explain course material in a one-on-one setting	5	4	3	2	1 NA
Availability for questions outside of section	5	4	3	2	1 NA
Quality of comments on written work	5	4	3	2	1 NA
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Tammo is a great TA. He makes himself available when students want to ask 1-on-1 questions and he's always prepared for section. He seems to really like this subject, which I appreciate because that made this course more enjoyable for me.

My only recommendation is to have handouts for section. I think those would help me study for exams more than just buy notes.

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Course name and number: <u>Intro to Formal Logic 150.118</u>	Year and Semester: <u>Spring 2019</u>
Your year in school: <u>Seophomore</u>	Your major: <u>Neuroscience / philosophy</u>

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Tammo was the most helpful TA I've ever had. He was quick to respond to emails, and his responses were always detailed and helpful. He would meet with me early in the morning before section to make sure I understood the homework for that day. He went out of his way to help us with difficult concepts, and truly seemed to care about us learning and our grades.

My only advice for Tammo would be to be more confident, because you know what you're talking about and are a good teacher.

I would very much enjoy taking a class taught by or TA'd by Tammo again.

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I. Course and Student Information

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Course name and number: <u>Intro to Formal Logic AS150.118</u> Year and Semester: <u>Spring 2019</u>
Your year in school: <u>Freshman</u> Your major: <u>Cognitive Science</u>

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Availability for questions outside of section	5	4	3	2	1	NA
Quality of comments on written work	5	4	3	2	1	NA
Fairness in grading	5	4	3	2	1	NA
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Tammo clearly knew the material of the course very well as evident in his mentions of the various peculiarities and special cases of logical translation and function. His email responses to my questions about homework assignments were also thorough and helpful in addition to being prompt. However, our reviews in section were less helpful and often felt like a rehashing of the lecture without a deeper or clearer explanation of the topics which may have been confusing. We often spent section doing example problems, which were helpful, but many of them were created on the spot and left open the window for small errors that muddled the explanation. I feel that if the practice material for section meetings was prepared more thoroughly beforehand, the section meetings would be much more helpful and the explanations much clearer. Especially since Tammo knew the specifics of the material, more prepared examples could help him transfer that knowledge more effectively. ~~_____~~