

JHU Department of Philosophy Evaluation Form Teaching Assistant

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I. Course and Student Information

Instructor's name: <u>Tammo Lossau</u>
Course name and number: <u>Philosophic Classics</u> Year and Semester: <u>Fall 2019</u>
Your year in school: <u>Freshman</u> Your major: _____

II. Teaching Assistant's Rating by Category

Instructions. Where "5" means "excellent" and "1" means "poor," please circle the number your *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
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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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TAMMO always had worksheets ready for us to work on during section. They were relevant to the course and aided in my understanding of the material. I wouldn't recommend that anything be changed. He did a great job.

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Your year in school: <u>Freshman</u>	Your major: <u>ChemBE / AMS</u>

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Quality of comments on written work	5	4	3	2	1 NA
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Tammo, during section, usually had exercises/discussions prepared that would help make the somewhat cryptic philosophy readings easily digestible. He has a knack for cutting out the peripheral minutiae and directing our attention to the core points of the philosophers' argument. I would recommend Tammo to a friend. He gives a lot of helpful feedback on essays.

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Instructor's name:	Tanner Lussaw		
Course name and number:	Phil Classes	Year and Semester:	Fall 2019
Your year in school:	Freshman	Your major:	Math/AMS/CS

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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
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I liked that the TA was knowledgeable and open to question & conversations about the texts. I think that the TA should be more forceful in attempting to get all of the students involved during section. I think the conversations & ancillary texts provided by the TA were very helpful in getting a deeper understanding of the texts.

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Instructor's name: <u>Tanno Lossau</u>
Course name and number: <u>Philosophic Classics</u> Year and Semester: <u>Fall 2019</u>
Your year in school: <u>First Year</u> Your major: <u>Math/Philosophy</u>

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Knowledge of course material	5	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 4	3	2	1	NA
Preparation for section	5	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 3	2	1	NA
Ability to explain course material in section	5	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 3	2	1	NA
Ability to explain course material in a one-on-one setting	5	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 4	3	2	1	NA
Availability for questions outside of section	5	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 4	3	2	1	NA
Quality of comments on written work	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 5	4	3	2	1	NA
Fairness in grading	5	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 4	3	2	1	NA
Enthusiasm for subject and for teaching	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 5	4	3	2	1	NA
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Tanno did a great job leading discussions. Sometimes it felt like we were running out of things to talk about in class. The best aspect of the class was the feedback Tanno gave on papers, which has made me a better writer overall. I think the rubric could be limiting at times (especially the counterargument criterion) but overall my grades generally reflected the quality of work, so I can't complain there.

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I. Course and Student Information

Instructor's name:	Dean Moyer				
Course name and number:	Phil. Classics	Year and Semester:	2019, Fall		
Your year in school:	3rd Year	Your major:	BME		

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	5	4	3	2	1	NA
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
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I liked the historical & philosophic background he had, which was great for discussions, feedback, and clarification.

The written feedback was some of the best I've ^{ever} gotten - very ~~strong~~ clear, concise, and insightful.

I'd recommend more in-section debates, since those were always more lively & fun.

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Instructor's name:	Tammie Cosman		
Course name and number:	Philosophy	Year and Semester:	Fall 2019
Your year in school:	4th	Your major:	Physics and Math

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Preparation for section	5	4	3	2	1	NA
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I liked class discussions ^{by typically} had interesting topics, it's a good format for a smaller section, possibly, to ^{carry}, have more material ready in case no one has anything to say about some topic.

He really helped with ideas for essays and ~~also~~ such. Made the prompts more clear.

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Course name and number: <u>Philosophic Classics</u> Year and Semester: <u>Fall 2019</u>
Your year in school: <u>Junior</u> Your major: <u>Public Health major</u> <u>Philosophy minor</u>

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I liked how the TA was helpful with comments on papers, drafts, and outlines - comments were all very useful and relevant. I would recommend this TA to a friend, especially those who are new to philosophy because the explanations are very helpful. This TA helped me personally by encouraging me to think more critically/in different ways regarding my papers. I would suggest doing more in-depth summaries/outlining the chapters we read on the board during section because many of the readings could be challenging for new philosophers.

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I. Course and Student Information

Instructor's name:	TAMMO LOSSAU				
Course name and number:	PHIL CLASSICS	[PHO.111]	Year and Semester:	FALL 2019	
Your year in school:	2023	Your major:	IS + PHIL		

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Tammo's discussions and perspectives on our texts was extremely helpful to me in terms of writing essays and thinking about philosophy in ~~just~~ general.

He pushed us to constantly discuss and engage with the texts in a collaborative manner, which was extremely interesting and thought-provoking.

To some extent, these discussions influenced my decision to choose philosophy as my major.

Lastly,

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Instructor's name:	<u>Tammo Klossner Lossau</u>		
Course name and number:	<u>Philosophical Classics</u>	Year and Semester:	<u>2019, sem 2</u> Sophomore
Your year in school:	<u>Sophomore</u>	Your major:	<u>International Studies</u>

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- Very helpful during office hours.
- Listens and introduces new ideas in a constructive way.
- Helps shape arguments in my essay without being dismissive or adamant.
- I would recommend this TA to a friend
- Class + TA allowed me to ~~now~~ see different perspectives and analyze things in a different light.
- Not much to recommend any change

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I. Course and Student Information

Instructor's name: Dean Meyer <u>Tammo Lossau</u>
Course name and number: <u>Philosophic Classics 150.111</u> Year and Semester: <u>2019 Fall</u>
Your year in school: <u>Freshman</u> 2019 <u>2023</u> Your major: <u>Molecular/Cellular Biology</u>

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very willing to provide additional guidance
friendly w/ students but maintained professional
learning setting
would recommend: provided many comments on each
essay, always offered to review outlines/drafts
before essay deadlines
facilitated productive class discussions

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Course name and number: <u>AS.150.III</u>	Year and Semester: <u>Fall 2019</u>
Your year in school: <u>Freshman</u>	Your major: <u>IS</u>

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Tammo was very good at providing further, in-depth discussions and aid with topics discussed in lecture. He helped me a lot with understanding the topics. I would recommend him. There isn't any aspect that he should change about his teaching.

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Your year in school: <u>Freshman, 2023</u> Your major: <u>Physics/Math/Philosophy</u>

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Tammo is by far the best TA I have had. Not only does he engage the section when teaching material, he also explains the material in a way that makes the course easier to understand and more interesting. This section has been a fantastic part of my semester, and I would recommend Tammo to any friend interested in Philosophy. During one-on-one meetings, Tammo helped me better understand philosophy and my own shortcomings in writing essays. ~~He both has insti has both helped me~~ There's nothing in particular I would recommend to change about the section.

JHU Department of Philosophy Evaluation Form Teaching Assistant

Instructions. Please help improve the quality of teaching in philosophy at Hopkins by taking this opportunity to evaluate your teaching assistant. Please fill out *all three* sections of the evaluation; note that section III is on the reverse of this form. Your responses are confidential, and this evaluation will not be seen by your T.A. until all grades for the course have been turned in. We appreciate the time and effort you spend filling out this form.

I. Course and Student Information

Instructor's name: <u>Tammo Lossau</u>
Course name and number: <u>ISO.111 Philosophic Classics</u> Year and Semester: <u>Fall 2019</u>
Your year in school: <u>2023, Freshman</u> Your major: <u>Philosophy, IS</u>

II. Teaching Assistant's Rating by Category

Instructions. Where "5" means "excellent" and "1" means "poor," please circle the number your *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			
	5	4	3	2	1	NA
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

~Please see reverse for Section III~

III. Student Comments

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Tammo is the best person + human being I have ever met. He is extremely intelligent, helpful, kind, and considerate. I have actually had some emotional/psychological traumas happen to me ~~there~~ during + throughout the course. But Tammo, out of all my TAs, wrote extensive email-notes that made me feel supportive, happy, and more recovered from what happened to me. He also took so much careful time to review my ^{final} essay draft before I submitted it to ensure I would do well on the paper. Tammo just sparks so much joy in me; all my friends even have been tired of the amount of times I talk about how good Tammo is. I am so incredibly blessed to have had him in my life. I hope his life is full of immense blessings and joy. Tammo is really the best TA and one of the best human beings I've ever met. I hope he gets his dream job.

If you don't hire him, I don't know who you will!