

## Comments

### Section 1

Tammo always had worksheets ready for us to work on during section. They were relevant to the course and aided my understanding of the material. I wouldn't recommend that anything be changed. He did a great job.

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 drawing our attention to the core points of the philosopher's argument. I would recommend Tammo to a friend. He gives a lot of helpful feedback on essays.

I liked that the TA was knowledgeable and open to questions & 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 & auxiliary texts provided by the TA were very helpful in getting a deeper understanding of the texts.

Tammo 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 Tammo 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 cannot complain there.

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

I liked class discussions, they typically had interesting topics, it's a good format for a smaller section. Possibly, to [illegible], have more material ready in case no one has anything to say about some topic. He really helped with ideas for essays and such, made the prompts more clear.

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 were 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.

### Section 2

Tammo's discussions and perspectives on our texts was extremely helpful to me in terms of writing essays and thinking about in 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, the discussions influenced my decision to choose philosophy as my major.

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 see different perspective and analyze things in a different light.  
Not much to recommend any change.

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

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.

Tammo is by far the best TA I have had. Not only does he engage the section when teaching 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 a friend interested in philosophy. During one-on-one meetings, Tammo helped me better understand philosophy and my own shortcomings in writing essays. There's nothing in particular I would recommend to change about section.

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 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 have even 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!