

JHU Department of Philosophy Evaluation Form Teaching Assistant

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I. Course and Student Information

Instructor's name:	Tanna Lossau				
Course name and number:	150, 112	Year and Semester:	Fall 2017		
Your year in school:	Sophomore	Your major:	Writing Sems		

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
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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I ~~think~~ that like that he was enthusiastic about the material and that he was able to blend in our weekly discussion board posts into the section. However, sometimes when we brought up a question that one of us had, he would start to explain it but we would get sidetracked in the discussion and not come to the answer to the original question. Overall, though he did a good job of trying to keep discussions going in our group.

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I. Course and Student Information

Instructor's name: <u>Tanno</u>	
Course name and number: <u>150.112 Philosophical Problems</u>	Year and Semester: <u>Fall 2017</u>
Your year in school: <u>Sophomore</u>	Your major: <u>Writing Sems</u>

II. Teaching Assistant's Rating by Category

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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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He understood the course material well but sometimes his explanations were difficult to follow. Section felt fairly stagnant at times due to lack of discussion amongst the group so trying to encourage/facilitate more discussion would be good. ~~but~~

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I. Course and Student Information

Instructor's name: <u>Tammo Lossau</u>
Course name and number: <u>ISO.112 Philosophical Problems</u> Year and Semester: <u>Fall 2017</u>
Your year in school: <u>Freshman</u> Your major: <u>English</u>

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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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Tammo is definitely a good TA with excellent knowledge of the material covered over the course of the semester. I ^{often} found that he was better at explaining things in a one-on-one setting than in sections, however. This was perhaps just due to lack of discussion between students.

I would not recommend him to a friend but he was by no means a bad TA and helped contribute to my understanding of the course greatly.

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I. Course and Student Information

Instructor's name: <u>Tammy Lee</u>
Course name and number: <u>Philosophical Problems</u> Year and Semester: <u>Fall 2017</u>
Your year in school: <u>Sophomore</u> Your major: <u>Chem BE</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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great response & knowledge via email

some what awkward and unhelpful
in section

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Instructor's name: <u>Tamao</u>	
Course name and number: <u>150.112</u>	Year and Semester: <u>Fall 2017</u>
Your year in school: <u>2018</u>	Your major: <u>Biology</u>

II. Teaching Assistant's Rating by Category

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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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Tamas was obviously very interested and enthusiastic about the subject he was teaching. He always came very prepared, with discussion board questions printed out and a plan on how to organize the discussion. Unfortunately, Tamas received a not too talkative section, so he had to work extra hard to keep discussions going and making sure everyone contributed. He answered very questions very well. The only improvement would be to make himself more audible, as sometimes he would mumble & in combination with an accent it could be a bit difficult to understand him.

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I. Course and Student Information

Instructor's name: <u>Tammo Lossau</u>
Course name and number: <u>Philosophical problems 150.112</u> Year and Semester: <u>Fall 17</u>
Your year in school: <u>Junior</u> Your major: <u>Psychology</u>

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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
Overall effectiveness, compared to other instructor's you have had	5	4	3	2	1	NA

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This TA was well prepared for the material. He knew how to clarify things that otherwise may have seemed confusing through lecture alone. I am appreciative for discussion section with this TA. On several occasions, he has helped me with my work and with questions. I would recommend him to friends. I don't think he needs to change anything.

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I. Course and Student Information

Instructor's name: <u>TAMMO LASSON</u>
Course name and number: <u>Philosophical Problems 150.112</u> Year and Semester: <u>Fall 2017</u>
Your year in school: <u>JUNIOR</u> Your major: <u>writing seminars - Spanish</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
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Overall effectiveness, compared to other instructor's you have had	5	4	3	2	1 NA

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Tammo comes prepared for class, always having a sense of structure to his sections. I enjoyed how he incorporated questions students posted into his teaching. I would recommend this TA to a friend.

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Instructor's name:	Tammo Lassou				
Course name and number:	150.112	Year and Semester:	2019, Fall.		
Your year in school:	Senior	Your major:	Writing Seminars Mol. Cell Bio		

II. Teaching Assistant's Rating by Category

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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
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- Great feedback on papers, and knows the material well enough to expand discussions of course material in lecture.
- Good with ~~such~~ scheduling problems, helped me catch up on missed work when I was unable to attend lecture.

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I. Course and Student Information

Instructor's name:	Steven Gross Tarmo Lassou		
Course name and number:	Philosophical Problems 150.112	Year and Semester:	Fall 2017
Your year in school:	Sophomore	Your major:	Economics/English

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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 how Tanno was available often for help on our work, but Section 15 is a wasted time. There is no general direction, so there is a lot of "dead air". We definitely need a better system for Section, which is supposed to clarify lecture, ~~was~~ failed to do so.

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I. Course and Student Information

Instructor's name:	<u>Tammo Lossau</u>				
Course name and number:	<u>150.112</u>	Year and Semester:	<u>2017, Fall</u>		
Your year in school:	<u>Freshman</u>	Your major:	<u>Mol/Cel Biology & Philosophy</u>		

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

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Tammo has been a wonderful TA. At first, during the first couple of sections, it was a little difficult understanding him through the accent, but afterwards, I've gotten used to it. He elaborates very well on topics I couldn't completely understand and he is readily available to help at any other times. Office hours had been a great help as well. Moreover, the written comments and rubric makes ~~his~~ his grading extremely fair and help my development in witty philosophical arguments. He is so kind and helpful

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Course name and number: <u>150.112 Philosophical Problems</u> Year and Semester: <u>2017 FALL</u>
Your year in school: <u>Junior</u> Your major: <u>Writing Seminars</u>

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Tammo was always well organized in section and took our comments + questions seriously. He based the section around our questions and made sure we reviewed all materials covered in class. When meeting with him one-on-one he was always encouraging and had great feedback on how to improve a paper or better understand a difficult topic we discussed in class.

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Course name and number: <u>150.112 Philosophical Problems</u> Year and Semester: <u>2017, Fall</u>
Your year in school: <u>Freshman</u> Your major: <u>Writing Seminars + English</u>

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I thought Tammo was a good T. A. Sometimes what we learned in class was hard to understand and a bit too extensive but section helped make it a lot clearer. This especially helped on the essays. (For example, I could not understand the retentionalist view in class but I got it in section.) I think making the class more interactive, however, would be a positive thing. Overall, compared to TAs in other classes I have Tammo was better.