

Comments

Wednesday section

Lossau is quite clearly very passionate and well read in philosophy. In section, he gave us very helpful examples in concepts and in office hours, he was helpful in explaining concepts and throwing out ideas for essays. One thing to improve is that I needed much more help and preparation for the 1st essay b/c it was my first philosophy paper.

I think Tammo was great at giving good feedback on written materials and always addressing discussion questions. He took time to write everything out on the board and slowly explain concepts. Sometimes, though, he'd look for participation and not receive it, so he'd just switch topics instead of explaining himself.

Tammo is very enthusiastic about philosophy and it shows in the way he addresses topics in section. I also really like the comments our papers because they were very thoughtful. TA hours were also helpful before writing papers, maybe in order to improve, elaborate more on first paper because I was confused going into it.

He has a good sense of humor and youthful disposition. He exudes a genuine enthusiasm for philosophical discourse. Tammo's comments on my writing were constructive and critical.

He loves philosophy and is thorough in reviewing what we learned in lecture.

Tammo was very pleasant. He also did a very good job of addressing each of our discussion/blog questions.

Tammo LOVES philosophy. Having him as a TA encouraged me to love philosophy as well! He knows the topics thoroughly and facilitated exploration naturally.

He is very enthusiastic about this class. I was not available for Tammo's office hours, but he was very willing to schedule appointments out of his office hours. His feedback on our essays was very effective as well. I would definitely recommend this section to my friends.

Friday section

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.

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.

Tammo has been a wonderful TA. At first, during the first couple of sections, it was a bit 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 grading extremely fair and help my development in writing philosophical arguments. He is so kind and helpful.

I liked how Tammo was available often for help on our work, but section 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. Section, which is supposed to clarify lecture, failed to do so.

Great feedback on papers, and knows the material well enough to expand discussions of course materials in [illegible]. Good with scheduling problems, helped me catch up on missed week when I was unable to attend lecture.

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.

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 sections 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.

Tammo was obviously very interested and enthusiastic about the subject he was teaching. He always came well prepared, with discussion board questions printed out and a plan how to organize the discussion. Unfortunately, Tammo received a not too talkative section, so he had to work extra hard to keep discussions going and making everyone contribute. He answered 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.

Great response & knowledge via email. Somewhat awkward and unhelpful in section.

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 the 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.

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.

I like that he was very 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.