

Cornell University  
 Course Evaluation Response Summary  
 Semester: Fall 2016 Course Owner: PHYS  
 Course: PHYS 3327 DIS 201 CID: 6360  
 Title: Adv. Electricity & Magnetism  
 Instructor: Dutta  
 14 Responses, 29 Enrolled, 48.28% Response

Please evaluate HOW THIS COURSE WAS TAUGHT. Evaluate each component of the course (lectures, Discussion sections, labs, assignments, and exams) separately. In particular, try to separate your feelings about the subject matter and exams/grading from your evaluations of lectures, discussion sections, labs, and assignments.  
 YOU MAY SKIP ANY QUESTION THAT DOES NOT PERTAIN TO YOUR SECTION.

Question	Mean	StDevP	Count	1	2	3	4	5
1. OVERALL rating of discussion section instructor: 1= poor; 3= satisfactory; 5= excellent	4.79	0.55	14	0	0	1	1	12
2. OVERALL rating of the DISCUSSION SECTION: 1= poor; 3= satisfactory; 5= excellent	4.50	0.62	14	0	0	1	5	8
3. Did discussion section help you learn the course material? 1= helped very little; 3= helped somewhat; 5= helped greatly	4.57	0.62	14	0	0	1	4	9
4. Was the discussion section instructor (TA) knowledgeable about the subject matter? 1= not at all; 3= somewhat knowledgeable; 5= very knowledgeable	4.79	0.55	14	0	0	1	1	12
5. Did the discussion section instructor (TA) arrive on time and prepared for class? 1= rarely; 3= about half of the time; 5= always	5.00	0	14	0	0	0	0	14
6. Was the discussion section instructor willing and available to help students who had difficulty? 1= not willing and available; 3= somewhat willing and available; 5= very willing and available	4.71	0.58	14	0	0	1	2	11
7. How effectively was the discussion section instructor (TA) able to communicate? 1= not effectively at all; 3= somewhat effectively; 5= very effectively	4.71	0.58	14	0	0	1	2	11
8. Teaching skill of the discussion section instructor: 1= poor; 3= satisfactory; 5= excellent	4.86	0.51	14	0	0	1	0	13
9. Did the discussion section instructor (TA) grade and return work promptly? 1= rarely; 3= about half of the time; 5= always	4.91	0.28	11	0	0	0	1	10

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**1. Please write any comments about your discussion classes or your TA here.**

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80666. I thought Shovan was an excellent TA. His lectures were a real highlight of the course, since he got to cover more of the fun topics than the professor did.

His teaching style is very engaging. Furthermore, he led two problem sessions / office hours every week, and was fully engaged with the students in each of them. He was extremely friendly, and was always receptive to answering questions outside of class.

I thought it was great how much of a role he seemed to play in the design of the class. He contributed at least one problem to each problem set, always very interesting, and frequently containing very accessible additional references.

I got a lot more out of this discussion section than I have from other classes.

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80668. Shovan was great. He answered my questions with complete clarity whenever I had them.

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80667. Shovan is a a great TA. He is very qualified for teaching this class and explains stuff really well and thoroughly. His mathematica tutorials are both interesting and useful. He knows very well how to make lectures interesting and get students to engage with the material. I actually think his lecture is 3 times better than the professor, and does an excellent job stimulating my interest on the subject. I have no negative things to say about this TA at all. He is fantastic, and a TA that I would love to have in the future.

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80669. Seriously, Shovan is the only reason I passed this class. Best TA office hours, no close second. Also learning Mathematica was extremely useful. Overall, 11/10. I wish all of my TAs were this good.

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80657. Thanks for an awesome semester Shovan!