



**Student IA Evaluation for Lindsay Depalma
Department of Sociology**

SOCI 60 - Practice of Social Research (Andrews, Abigail Leslie)
Fall 2014

**Number of Evaluations Submitted: 26
Number of Students Enrolled: 157**

1. The Instructional Assistant was well organized and prepared for class.

19 (73.1%): Strongly Agree
7 (26.9%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

2. The Instructional Assistant consistently arrived at lecture, section/lab, office hours and exams on time.

19 (73.1%): Strongly Agree
7 (26.9%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

3. The Instructional Assistant presented course material clearly and answered questions accurately in class.

15 (57.7%): Strongly Agree
10 (38.5%): Agree
1 (3.8%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

4. The Instructional Assistant helped develop my thinking skills on the subject.

12 (46.2%): Strongly Agree
12 (46.2%): Agree
2 (7.7%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

5. Feedback from the Instructional Assistant on assignments, exams and/or papers was helpful and constructive.

13 (50.0%): Strongly Agree
9 (34.6%): Agree
2 (7.7%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
2 (7.7%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

6. The Instructional Assistant's explanations were appropriate, being neither too complicated nor too simple.

13 (50.0%): Strongly Agree
10 (38.5%): Agree
3 (11.5%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

7. The Instructional Assistant answered questions clearly and effectively, helping students to make connections among the course readings, assignments, and lectures.

13 (52.0%): Strongly Agree
10 (40.0%): Agree
2 (8.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable
1: [No Response]

8. The Instructional Assistant was genuinely interested in and enthusiastic about teaching.

17 (65.4%): Strongly Agree
9 (34.6%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

9. The Instructional Assistant was accessible to students outside of class (office hours, e-mail, etc.).

16 (64.0%): Strongly Agree
9 (36.0%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable
1: [No Response]

10. The Instructional Assistant effectively connected the section/lab exercises with the material covered in lecture.

17 (65.4%): Strongly Agree
8 (30.8%): Agree
1 (3.8%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

11. In terms of communication skills, did the Instructional Assistant demonstrate any of the following? (check all that apply)

21 (95.5%): No issues
0 (0.0%): Too quiet
0 (0.0%): Too loud
0 (0.0%): Too fast
0 (0.0%): Too slow
0 (0.0%): Poor grammar and/or English language skills
1 (4.5%): Used filler words such as "um"
0 (0.0%): Other (please describe)

12. I would recommend this Instructional Assistant to other students.

17 (68.0%): Strongly Agree
7 (28.0%): Agree
1 (4.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
1: [No Response]

13. Please describe this person's greatest strengths as a Instructional Assistant.

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- -Clearly knowledgeable and passionate about the subject
-Clarifies key points that the professor makes
- Dependable when you need to clarify what was discussed in lecture.
- enthusiasm
- Even though the course itself was boring, I always looked forward to coming to section because Lindsay was so welcoming and truly showed love for helping students.
- Good at explaining material
- Informative and talkative.
- Lindsay has good teaching skills. She was very clear and helpful in explaining the concepts from the textbook and lecture that were most confusing.
- Lindsay is very friendly and approachable, which made me feel very comfortable in class.
- Lindsay's greatest strengths are her approachability, how much she cares about her students and takes them into consideration, and her knowledge. She also engages students in interesting ways sometimes.
- Ms. DePalma essentially taught most of the class material since Professor Andrews' lectures were more discussion-like, which seemed hard, but she did a good job.
- prepared... has a list of whats expected to be discussed
- She explains concepts thoroughly and shows interest in our understanding of the subject matter.
- She is able to provide examples for the topics covered in lecture and adequately supplement the textbook.
- She is very thorough and organized. She was good at clarifying content that was addressed in lecture. She was great at incorporating games and group work that helped our understanding of the material.
- She made section engaging, and was always helpful. She even changed her office hours because a majority of us had class during the allocated time, based on her occasional section-performance surveys. She frequently brought up engaging activities to class (like group work based on a short video) that helped us understand certain concepts. She demonstrated high levels of knowledge in the material, and even helped me with academic material not related to the course via email and office hours. She even gave us candy before thanksgiving!

- She made sure that we understood the content and was very willing to take the time to expand on something even if only one person in the class needed help.
- She provided many examples and scenarios to help us apply terms rather than simply define them. Also liked how she went ahead of lecture by introducing us to material in addition to reviewing older material as well
- She was personable and easy to discuss course material with. She was available at office hours and was flexible with making other arrangements if we could not make her allotted time. The course material was difficult and extensive and she really helped simplify things, realizing that many of us are not social scientists so the material can be confusing at times. She did a great job at helping us learn and grow in this class.
- She was very well prepared and enthusiastic about the course.
- Willing to listen to the students.

14. Please describe this person's greatest weaknesses as a Instructional Assistant.
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- Although very few occurrences, she created a bit of confusion with her explanations.
- Didn't have any.
- Do not notice any.
- Hard grader. I still have no idea what was wrong with my assignment.
- I'm afraid that I did not notice any weaknesses in this person as a TA.
- Lindsay wasn't able to thoroughly explain why my group received a specific grade when we asked for an explanation.
- Lindsay's greatest weakness is...not sure. Nothing.
- No weakness in particular
- No weaknesses.
- None that I've noticed.
- None, she was amazing.
- Nothing glaring.
- She didn't seem to communicate effectively with the professor and have an idea of what would/wouldn't be covered in lecture.
- She was very knowledgeable about the subject, but at times she would go off on topics that we were not particularly studying or relevant in a review for a test or quiz.
- Technology is not her strong suit, but she didn't need it to be an effective TA

15. Do you have any other comments to add to your evaluation?

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- I had section on Fridays, so everyone was quite moody during section (which did disappoint the TA), but that's not her fault!
- I really appreciated how ms. DePalma went over the material that Professor Andrews did not.
- Lindsay has been a wonderful TA!
- She was so amazing. I wishes she would be a TA for my future courses. I really enjoyed her section and highly recommend her. She is intelligent and super sweet!
- The lecture slides were very helpful and should definitely be continued. The practice worksheets/problems were also very helpful, especially in preparing for exams.
- Very grateful that she listened to our recommendations.

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