

Student Comments

Specific things your TA did well to help you learn...

My TA used a lot of visual learning tactics by using drawings/graphs/diagrams that personally really helped me understand material and concepts.

Jenn did very well engaging students in lab and making the information interesting. I think the examples she used illustrated the concepts quite well, as well as being interesting examples.

Jenn explained things extremely clearly and was always willing to stay after lab or meet up outside of lab to help if I was struggling with a concept!

Explained concepts very well and was always willing to further explain things if they weren't clear the first time or unclear from lecture, and she always helped students if needed.

She was very approachable and took the time necessary to explain things!

She had time for questions at the beginning of every lab based on what we learned in lecture. She explained things concisely and simply.

Partner matching, covering lecture material before lab started, basically everything

Jen was very good at explaining tricky concepts and noticed when someone was struggling to understand a lab concept.

Enthusiasm and keeping the class engaged

Jenn was very friendly and approachable and answered any questions, whether big or small. Enthusiastic and always offered help.

Always open to answering questions whenever asked, and very responsive to the students.

Jenn is able to explain things very well—sometimes having her explain something that we covered in lecture helped me understand it much better. In addition, Jenn is always very enthusiastic about the course material, which makes what she's teaching that much more interesting.

She's engaging and clearly excited about what she's teaching us.

She was veryyyy great at explaining ideas we needed to know. She also reviewed material from the lectures that we were confused on.

Our TA had very helpful match up games that helped us understand concepts we were learning in class. This actually helped me learn the topics better than students in other labs.

Jenn was very enthusiastic about the course material and had a very good understanding of it - each class she gave us an opportunity to ask questions and reviewed material using examples. This helped with learning!

I saw Jenn quite frequently outside of class and she helped me incredibly well - it takes me longer to understand concepts than most Duke students, but her TA office hours helped immensely. She also taught very well in lab.

Utilized information we learned in class for the lab section, which helped clarify both lecture material and what is expected of us in lab.

She was very well prepared on her biological knowledge and was able to immediately help us with any doubts that we had.

She would reference lecture frequently and connect the labs to things discussed in lecture.

Using simplified examples to help illustrate concepts when i was confused, could redirect the concept to something i could grasp well and then led me to the new concept from there

Jenn made the class very exciting and tried to bring a lot of energy. She was also very knowledgeable and gave additional examples when we needed it instead of just giving us the answers.

I cannot say enough good things about Jenn. She is incredible at explaining difficult concepts in a relatable, interesting, and even funny way! I definitely would not have done as well in the class without her.

I enjoyed the matchings she did in the beginning of class to pair us up with a partner. They always had to do with what we were learning about in class and were interesting, real models of the biology.

She helped present ideas from lectures and linked them together in an organized way, helping to increase understanding of both smaller details and larger big-picture concepts

Knew cool examples of stuff.

Enthusiastic and helpful

she had us find our lab partner for each lab based on an educational matching game

Jenn was really willing to take a huge chunk out of lab to go over material which was very helpful as well as giving us more examples than were found in lecture.

Always willing to help out and meet outside of class; did amazing at cultivating a stellar class environment

She was very enthusiastic and always ready to help and answer my questions

When there was an unclear portion of the lecture during that week she would make sure to specifically ask us at the beginning of lab if we understood it thoroughly, and even

if just one student didn't then she would make sure to re-explain the concept in a very easy to understand way.

Got us through the labs very efficiently while still being thorough. I really appreciated Jenn not using "busy time" to keep us in lab too long.

She was really knowledgeable and open to being talked to. I felt like I could email her with any question and she'd be able to answer it.

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Jenn is great. Very funny and engaging

She's the reason I like biology despite my piss-poor grade!

She really was a great TA. I did not particularly care for this subject but she made the labs interesting and fun. She always had a playful and enthusiastic attitude. I find good

TAs to be very personable, people who are not just a teacher and she was just that. Thanks Jen!

extremely patient and wasn't afraid to be silly in order to make sure we understood and remembered concepts.

Overall she's great

Specific things your TA could improve upon to better help you learn biology...

I really can't think of anything. She did a great job, and I feel that I have been very successful in the class due in part to her.

One thing Jenn could improve would be not giving as direct of answers, but encouraging students to think more through the problem themselves before answering the question.

I honestly thought Jenn ran the lab section perfectly. While I wasn't a huge section of some of the actual labs themselves, Jenn did a great job and explained things very clearly.

N/A

Nothing really, Jenn was great!

bring food lol

Maybe pronouncing it "prah-cess" instead of "pro-cess"

Jen did a fantastic job and I cannot think of anything upon which she could improve.

Translating lecture into lab

I can't think of anything specific.

None.

Offer TA hours that aren't on a Friday afternoon- being predominantly a pre-health sophomore class, several students in my section had biochemistry during her office hours 1-3 PM Friday every week.

Sometimes we spent too long going over the match-ups at the beginning of lab. Other than that, nothing to change.

N/A

Can't think of one. She did a phenomenal job!

My TA was great and should just keep doing what she's been doing.

I do not have any suggestions - I think Jenn was great!

She could improve on review sessions for the test.

More videos in class

Providing feedback to students and having more concrete understanding of how much students understand each topic.

Not a whole lot

make it a little more challenging

Just having better instructions...not her fault just the lab instructions were not easy to understand

Honestly nothing!

Jenn did a great job, I enjoyed lab a lot and she was really helpful in teaching the concepts

NA

none she was great

Not much

nothing. Jenn is the most wonderful human being

Honestly, nothing really comes to mind. Thanks Jenn!

n/a

Bring food to lab

None