

Columbia University: Arts & Sciences
A&S Spring 2021 B and Full-Term Standard Evaluation

Course: PSYCUN1455_001_2021_1 - RESEARCH METHODS: SOCIAL/PERSONALITY:
 PSYCW1455_001_2021_1_113707

Instructor: Niall Bolger





TA: Benjamin Silver * ,Margaux Wienk

Response Rate: 22/32 (68.75 %)

1 - What are the strengths and weaknesses of Benjamin Silver (discussion section leader, lab section leader, grader) as an instructor, and how might Benjamin Silver's teaching be improved?

Response Rate	5/32 (15.62%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An excellent TA. He completely saved this class for me. He was always willing to answer questions, very approachable, had great powerpoints, and was just all around a great teacher. • Ben did a great job. He is knowledgeable and will go the extra mile to make sure you succeed. Life saver = can't go wrong with Ben. • Ben is incredible! Best TA, hands down. Openly -- truly openly-- accepting of feedback. I appreciate his efforts to hear students, accommodate, and adjust. Ben did something that I typically only see at higher levels, in career engagement -something that I do and love-- he taught to the class! --Meaning he worked at the pace and understanding of his students, providing thorough feedback and ensuring that we all built a strong foundation. Without him I would not have been able to do this course in this way. • Ben encouraged conversation and created an environment where any question could be asked. He gave a lot of guidance in a course where there wasn't much. I really appreciated Ben • Ben was challenging for me. He talked very fast and it was hard to follow him. He was given this feedback but did not incorporate it. I also found him to be a bit patronizing. He really wanted participation but people were just not participating. Sometimes the silence waiting for an answer would go on so long that it was uncomfortable. I felt bad because people are legitimately dealing with heavy challenges right now and maybe just can't participate. I found him to be more helpful in office hours and responsive to specific questions. 	

2 - What is the overall teaching effectiveness of Benjamin Silver in the current modality?

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means	
Excellent	(5)	11	78.57%			
Very Good	(4)	2	14.29%			
Good	(3)	0	0.00%			
Fair	(2)	1	7.14%			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			
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Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median
14/32 (43.75%)				4.64	0.84	5.00