Columbia University: Arts & Sciences
A&S Spring 2022 Standard Evaluation

|	
Course:	PSYCUN1450_001_2022_1 - RESEARCH METHODS - SOCIAL COGNITION & EM: PSYCW1450_001_2022_1_136940
Instructor:	Kevin Ochsner
TA:	Matthew Siegelman,Ovidia Stanoi,Benjamin Silver *
Response Rate:	32/48 (66.67 %)

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	6/48 (12.5%)

• Best TA ever! Ben's lab sections were engaging and clear. He reviewed material from the lecture, answered questions, and led group activities to help us better understand the material covered in lecture. The R Studio tutorials were very helpful and Ben would go at the pace of the class, stopping to answer questions and go over the instructions again when necessary. He provided good, constructive feedback on class assignments and was always available to assist students when needed. I think Ben's greatest strength is his dedication to becoming a great teacher and continuing to learn and improve. He not only asked us for feedback but also acted on it. He adjusted the class based on what students needed most, dedicating more time to review the studies and concepts presented in class and even creating a link so students could submit questions anonymously.

• Kind, clear, and eager to receive feedback so that he can help us the way we need. He was approachable, never rushed through explaining concepts and took time with individual students who needed extra support. I think the main thing would be just coordinating the lab and lectures so that there's always time to review things that the lecture moved through quickly. That being said, Ben checked in, received this feedback and altered his labs to better meet our needs without sacrificing what we needed to get done. As far as I'm concerned that's the sign of a great teacher. He's dedicated to his students and very intelligent.

• Ben is the best. I think he's one of the best TA's I've had at Columbia so far and he's super understanding and kind and smart. Couldn't ask for more from him because he's already doing everything perfectly

• Ben had a real enthusiasm for teaching, which I loved. He also went above and beyond to make sure his students did well while being extremely professional

• Ben was great he was good at explaining things and enthusiastic. He was good at grading and giving feedback and always available.

• Ben is very kind and helpful. He is knowledgeable and fair in his teaching methods. He is a sympathetic presence in the lab session, always working hard to help all students.

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

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Excellent	(5)	12	92.31%		4.92
Very Good	(4)	1	7.69%		
Good	(3)	0	0.00%		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		
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Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median
13/48 (27.08%)	4.92	0.28	5.00