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

Response Rate 15/170 (8.82%)

- Martsella was great. She always asked if we understood what she was saying, and if we didn't, she would clarify.
- explained a lot of concepts to me and was able to walk me through graphs, yet said everything was ambiguous which made understanding many of the concepts and timelines a little difficult.
- She is very direct and does not waste time, which I appreciate. She will always elaborate if necessary and often stops to ask if we have any questions. Overall, I have found the recitation section to be a great way to review and learn material, and most of that is due to Martsella's organization and teaching style.
- only had her for one lecture, she's pretty clear, took us thru deriving AE/MPC formula and stayed after to answer questions.
- Besides the minor barrier of an accent that seems to come up when speaking very quickly, Martsella is an incredible TA on all points.
- she always made sure to ask if we knew what was going on which was very nice and helpful of her
- Martsella explained concepts in great detail and always came prepared with helpful problems and activities.
- She definitely got better as the semester went along. She learned how to get through the material in an appropriate amount of time as the course went along. She also learned how to present the material in a clear and accessible way. The exercises were generally helpful in understanding how to apply the concepts.
- She is very good at explaining things and she really cares about the students. If I don't understand a concept she does not hesitate to go over dozens of times until I understand, which is really nice as a discussion section.
- She is very organized and pretty good at explaining things.
- She is a very competent teacher. She is calm, doesn't under or overestimate students and she asks is everyone on the same page.
- Martsella seems nice enough and helps break down lectures and the math type concepts for class. The only advice I have is to try and connect with the students a bit more and don't be so soft-spoken or nervous.
- Martsella was a wonderful discussion section leader. She provided us with slideshows based on lecture, and answered questions about our problem sets, tests, and anything else we were curious about. I personally utilized Martsella as a resource during office hours numerous times, and really appreciated that she was approachable and encouraging. Sometimes, I felt as though Martsella didn't exactly know the answer, so I would say that she could improve her teaching by knowing more of the course material and being more prepared to answer our questions.
- I really liked Martsella, and I thought she did a good job teaching our discussion section. She always asked if we had questions and went into a lot of detail. She also filled us in on things we hadn't understood in previous lectures, which was really great.
- very slow and gives you time to understand. I like that she always has slides prepared

2 - What is the overall teaching effectiveness of Martsella Davitaya?

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means		
Excellent	(5)	5	20.83%		3.79	Question	
Very Good	(4)	9	37.50%				
Good	(3)	10	41.67%				
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%				
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%				
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Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median	
24/170 (14.12%)				3.79	0.78	4.00	