GenEd1125: Artificial and Natural Intelligence

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Spring 2022 Teaching Evaluations

Course Enrollment: 101 | Section Enrollment: 13

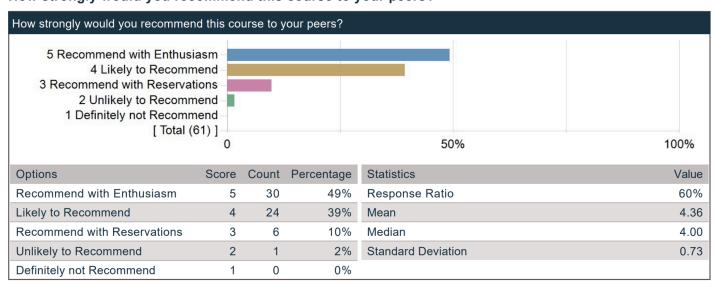
General Course Questions

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	Count	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Unsatisfactory	Course Mean	Dept Mean	Division Mean
Evaluate the course overall.	62	44%	37%	19%	0%	0%	4.24	4.06	4.06
Course materials (readings, audio-visual materials, textbooks, lab manuals, website, etc.)	61	44%	34%	18%	3%	0%	4.20	4.03	4.03
Assignments (exams, essays, problem sets, language homework, etc.)	59	53%	29%	17%	2%	0%	4.32	3.97	3.97
Feedback you received on work you produced in this course	60	60%	23%	15%	2%	0%	4.42	4.04	4.04
Section component of the course	60	62%	22%	12%	3%	2%	4.38	4.23	4.23

Recommendations - Would you recommend this course?

How strongly would you recommend this course to your peers?



Evaluation of Section Leaders

Section Leader Questions

	Count	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Unsatisfactory	Instructor Mean	Dept Mean	Division Mean
Evaluate your Section Leader overall.	13	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.00	4.54	4.54
Gives effective lectures or presentations, if applicable	13	92%	8%	0%	0%	0%	4.92	4.47	4.47
Facilitates discussion and encourages participation	13	85%	15%	0%	0%	0%	4.85	4.55	4.55
Is accessible outside of class (including after class, office hours, e-mail, etc.)	11	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.00	4.63	4.63
Generates enthusiasm for the subject matter	13	92%	8%	0%	0%	0%	4.92	4.50	4.50
Gives useful feedback on assignments	11	91%	9%	0%	0%	0%	4.91	4.41	4.41
Returns assignments in a timely fashion	11	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.00	4.37	4.37

Section Leader Comments

Please comment on your Section Leader's teaching.

Comments

Lucy is the best TF I have had at my time at Harvard. She will go on to do great things someday. The section exercises were extremely helpful and the feedback on homework was thorough and always released quickly. The presentation part of section was great, I enjoyed seeing how other students are using AI.

amazing. nothing more

I absolutely loved Lucy's teaching!!! She is so kind and incredibly enthusiastic about the material. She always made sure that students in her section understood the material, going out of her way to explain concepts people were struggling with. I also love how she fostered a sense of community within the course, and supported lively in–class discussions.

Lucy is an incredible teacher and leader

It was heavy to have the section right after class but having it with Lucy made things so easy. I hope she continues teaching with a smile on her face forever.

I really enjoyed Lucy's lectures for the course! She was super engaging and great at answering questions.

Lucy was always energetic and enthusiastic which made section a lot more fun and rewarding.

Easily one of the best section leaders I have had in my time at Harvard. Lucy was excellent in teaching the material and did a fantastic job in facilitating thoughtful discussions. This section was definitely the best aspect of the course.

Lucy is a fantastic section leader! She is very knowledgeable about the subject and she explains things simply. The enthusiasm she brought to class was inspiring. She is also very approachable and likeable.

I had a fantastic time in Lucy's section! We had some great discussions about AGI (hopefully I wasn't too scary haha) and other philosophical concepts. It was lots of fun. I also enjoyed other people's "AI life hacks" presentations and will definitely be taking a look at some of them in the future! (Might be nice to have gotten a Google Form or something to collect all the links, though.)

Spring 2021 Teaching Evaluations

Course Enrollment: 42 | Section Enrollment: 12

Evaluation of Section Leaders

Section Leader Questions

	Count	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Unsatisfactory	Instructor Mean	Dept Mean	Division Mean
Evaluate your Section Leader overall.	12	83%	8%	8%	0%	0%	4.75	4.62	4.62
Gives effective lectures or presentations, if applicable	11	82%	9%	9%	0%	0%	4.73	4.56	4.56
Facilitates discussion and encourages participation	11	82%	9%	9%	0%	0%	4.73	4.61	4.61
Is accessible outside of class (including after class, office hours, e-mail, etc.)	11	82%	18%	0%	0%	0%	4.82	4.64	4.64
Generates enthusiasm for the subject matter	12	83%	8%	8%	0%	0%	4.75	4.59	4.59
Gives useful feedback on assignments	10	80%	0%	20%	0%	0%	4.60	4.51	4.51
Returns assignments in a timely fashion	10	80%	0%	20%	0%	0%	4.60	4.43	4.43

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LUCY DESERVES A RAISE.

Seriously, very passionate TF that would stay for far longer than the allocated time for sections going over student questions or just chatting about how to attack the psets, life, etc. Her section in general was a joy, such a nice discussion environment she fostered there that EVERYONE had their cameras on and mics on all the time and were always talking a laughing. This class was absolutely fantastic but a significant part of that is because of Lucy and everything she meant for us.

Lucy is one of the best, if not the best section leader/teaching fellow I've had at Harvard. Considering the fact that she was a Ph. D student in the Neuroscience Department, it was almost as if she was just another student in the class that we could openly converse with during section, during office hours, or over email to get answers, help, or advice on not only course material, but being a college student in general. I can say with absolute certainty that every student in our section enjoyed having Lucy as a section leader/teaching fellow, and she contributed GREATLY to our overall enjoyment of the course. She easily encouraged participation through ice breakers, or questions about how our lives were going in general, and she provided excellent help on problem sets. If it weren't for Lucy, I would have a significantly worse grade in the class, and I definitely would not have learned as much as I did. Lucy is the greatest!

LUCY WAS THE BEST PART OF THIS CLASS. MAKE SURE YOU GET LUCY AS A SECTION LEADER BECAUSE SHE WAS THE BEST SECTION LEADER I HAD AT HARVARD!

I wasn't actually in Lucy's section but I loved having her be the zoom breakout room TF! Thanks for letting me come to your section dinner, you're great!

Lucy really goes above and beyond as a TF and really clearly cares about students and pedagogy. Sections are well thought out and incredibly engaging, especially given the Zoom context. Lucy is also very receptive to questions and emails and giving additional help when students ask for it.

super helpful TF. The best TF I have ever had. Went through the psets with us in section to make sure we were in the best shape possible in the class. Seemed very open to helping out whenever we had questions.

Very enthusiastic, genuine, personable, and makes learning enjoyable and less stressful for everyone. One of the best TAs!

Best section leader ever, really made the course amazing. Super helpful and taught course material really well

Lucy has been a great section leader. I really enjoyed coming to section since she made it quite interactive and fun.