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1. What did you like best about your TA's teaching style?

The thing I liked most about Chris was how fun he was. How welcomed he made everyone feel. Chris was so so good at linking our thoughts to the course materials.

2. What recommendations to you have for your TA to improve her/his teaching style?

Can't really think of any. Just continue to be fun.

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

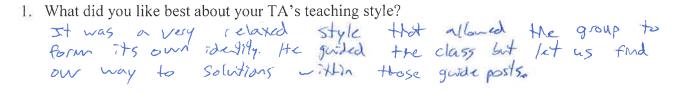Not a specific comment to Chris at all but I think if we had fewer cases and spent more time on each of them we could have gained a lot more.
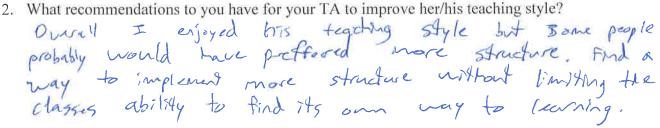
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   It was a very relaxed style that allowed the group to form its own identity. He guided the class but let us find our way to solutions within those guide posts.

2. What recommendations to you have for your TA to improve her/his teaching style?

   Overall I enjoyed his teaching style but some people probably would have preffered more structure. Find a way to implement more structure without limiting the classes ability to find its own way to learning.

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

   The case discussions were the best part of the class and we had very limited time. I wish we could have spent more time applying the abstract lecture concepts to these case studies.

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The TA was effective at shaping discussion and making sure that there was diversity in voice - this is crucial and not everyone does it well. I know I can talk a lot an appreciated balancing w/ some of the quieter students

2. What recommendations to you have for your TA to improve her/his teaching style?

The TA should treat this like a job. I was largely offended by his general approach and am not alone in this. He conveyed to us that he didn't care to do his work well or building us up in anyway. In general I found his attitude contrived and like his was forcing a caricatured personality on us.

I would have fired it I treated any job like he did.

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

Instead of discussing Big Brother or other use less information at the start of class it would have significantly improved our discussion and focus to discuss the future issues of the case as other groups did. It was difficult to have 15-20 mins to do over all of this as a group w/o guidance and we seldom had time to get into the meat of the problem.

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I thought Chris was a great TA. While he has a more informal teaching style, I still thought he did a great job controlling the discussion and ensuring that we learned the correct lessons from the material. I thought he struck a great balance between being informal and controlling the discussion.

2. What recommendations to you have for your TA to improve her/his teaching style?

While I really enjoyed Chris' humor and teaching style, I am not sure if everyone in the class would agree. Maybe starting off the class more formal than getting increasingly less formal would help. Also grading the assignments more harshly.

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I think Chris should've given us more feedback on the points to ponder. But overall I thought we accomplished a lot and the discussions.

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   Chris was laid-back, which encouraged open discussion.

2. What recommendations to you have for your TA to improve her/his teaching style?

   Consider finding balance that allows class to be informal & open but also encourages enough discussion of topics.

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

   Consider giving more time to discuss & prepare for case in small groups.

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2. What recommendations to you have for your TA to improve her/his teaching style?

Make sure the class doesn't tangent off & waste time

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

The case studies felt extremely superficial because we were given so little time to approach them. They felt like something we had to check off a list & say we completed rather than a useful learning tool.

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   Chris was very relaxed and was effective at making conversation easy in the group setting. He challenged us to think critically. I was entertained by the Big Brother tangents.

2. What recommendations to you have for your TA to improve her/his teaching style?

   Ask harder questions to the small group presentations. Open the answers to everyone in the group.

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

   Give us more time to work in small groups. We were often rushed and that didn't allow for the best conversations.

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His more casual demeanor/approach and efforts to personally connect with us made a comfortable environment for discussion and overall an enjoyable time.

2. What recommendations to you have for your TA to improve her/his teaching style?

On rare occasions (not enough to truly be a big problem) Chris would give an impression that his belief was the "correct" way of looking at a situation — which kind of goes against one of the main points of this class

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

° Longer cases felt more thorough and interesting to analyze
° Real-life cases (i.e. Snowden) made it difficult to think about hypotheticals, especially since we could look it up outside course materials

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Chris' style is approachable + reflective at his best. He did a really excellent job providing reflections at the end that really provided insight on the big questions in application

2. What recommendations to you have for your TA to improve her/his teaching style?

Chris is too casual in class. ~~It would be~~ His style seems more ~~like~~ appropriate for undergraduates + wish he would treat us more as professionals.

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

It would be helpful to have more reflection time at the end of each session to help improve the internalizing of the material.

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Laid back

2. What recommendations to you have for your TA to improve her/his teaching style?

Draw people out and get them to step back more

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

More clarity on roles in groups so dominant personalities don't take over

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   Energetic, creative

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   Please give more time, the discussion can't be deep in 15 - 20 minutes.

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   - Objective and fair   - Always felt comfortable speaking in class
   - Encouraged everyone to speak/contribute   - Did not push his own views on us
   - Tried to make sure everyone worked w/each other - Made best use of discussion time
   - Pushed/challenged us and our views to consider other perspectives
   - Built rappor with each of us

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   I thought that Chris was friendly and engaging

2. What recommendations to you have for your TA to improve her/his teaching style?

   I think the time management could be better because we usually spent a lot of the time on the case study work and not much on discussion

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

   I would have liked less time spent on the case study in small groups and more time just discussing the topic as a whole group. After the groups presented we often didn't have much time for discussion

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His open mindedness & his ability to make the class a safe space for everyone to speak

2. What recommendations to you have for your TA to improve her/his teaching style?

Be more energetic

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

More diversity in the cases, some local & not always poor muslim countries

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He was extremly engaging with his humor and teaching style. He made breakout sessions fun and interesting.

2. What recommendations to you have for your TA to improve her/his teaching style?

Provide more feedback at the beginning of the class.

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

None.