



Zhu, Tyler (COMPSCI 70 LEC 001 DISCRETE MATH&P
(EVAL FOR GSI)) - Spring 2020

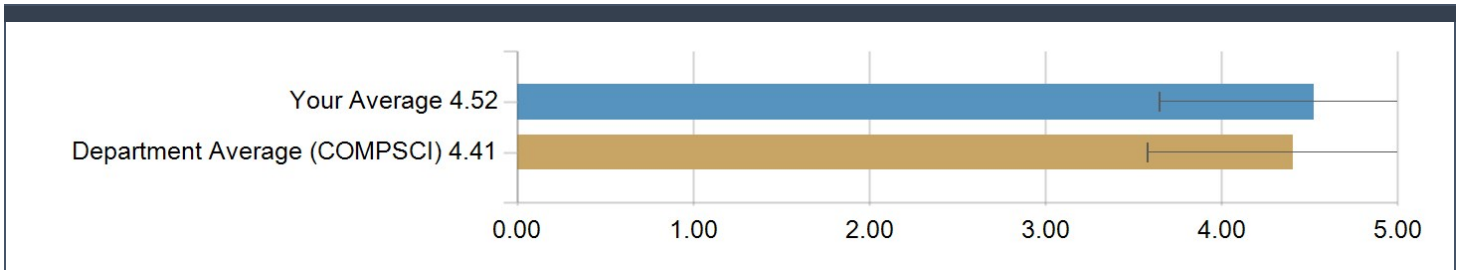
Project Title: **[ENGINEERING]** Spring 2020 Evaluations

Courses Audience: **615**
Responses Received: **473**
Response Ratio: **76.91%**

Instructor Ratings

Please rate the GSI's overall teaching effectiveness.

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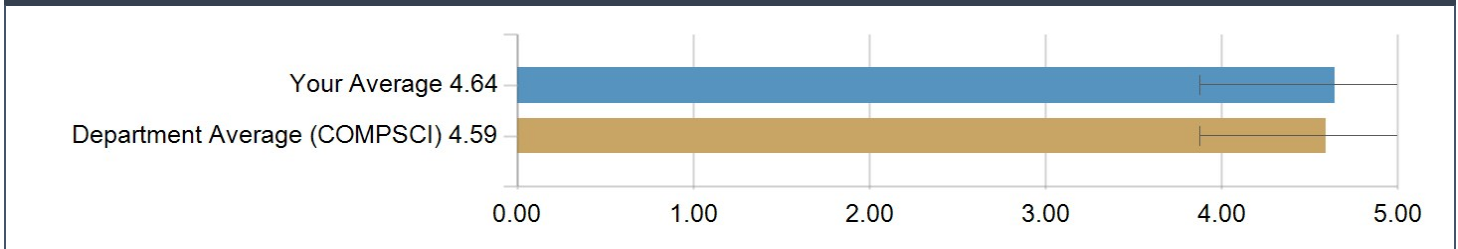


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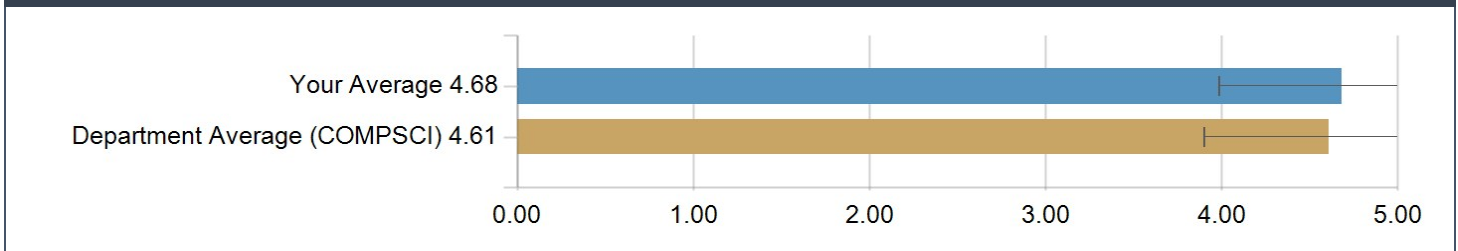
Options	Count	Percentage
1-Least Effective	2	1.98%
2	2	1.98%
3	8	7.92%
4	18	17.82%
5-Most Effective	71	70.30%
Statistics	Value	
Response Count	101	
Mean	4.52	
Median	5.00	
Standard Deviation	0.88	

GSI Ratings

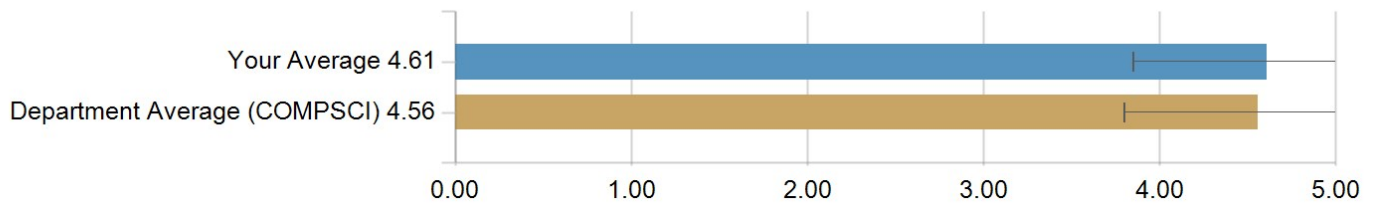
1. Helpful in understanding course material



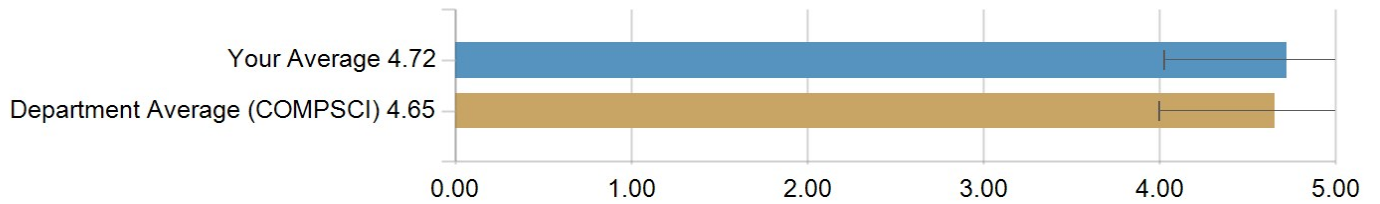
2. Is well prepared



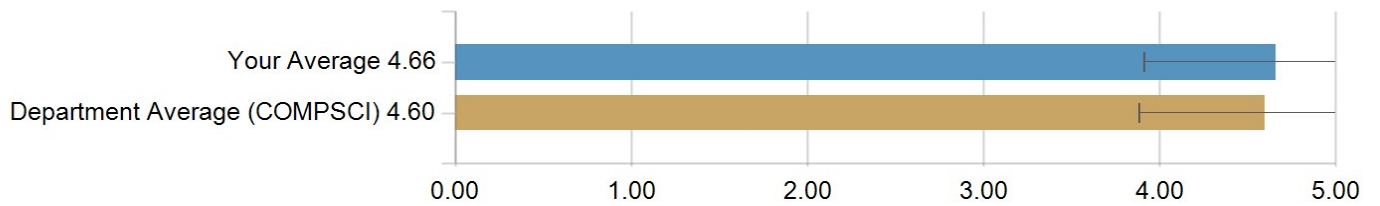
3. Communicates ideas effectively



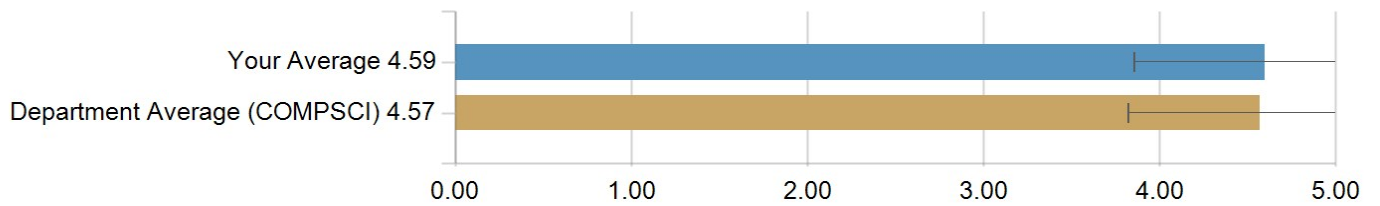
4. Appears to have a good knowledge of the subject matter



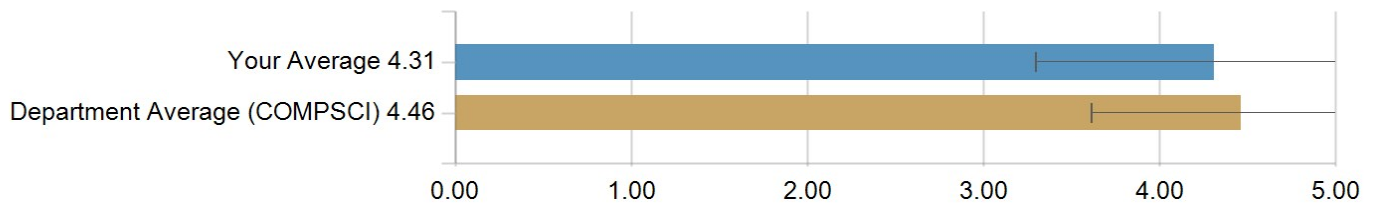
5. Answers questions accurately



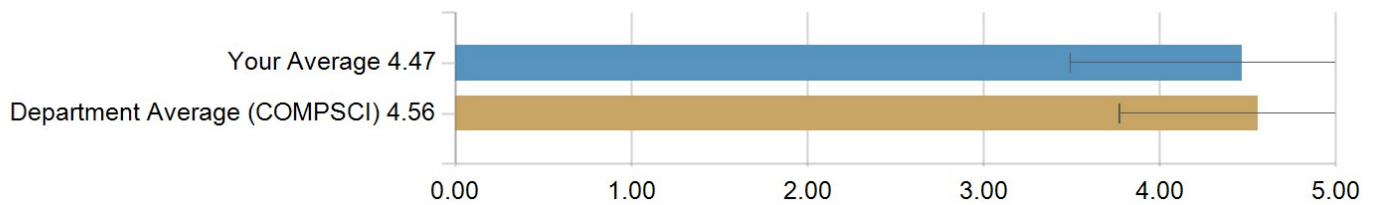
6. Encourages questions and/or classroom discussion



7. Is aware when students are having difficulty



8. Is accessible during office hours



1. Helpful in understanding course material			2. Is well prepared		
Options	Count	Percentage	Options	Count	Percentage
1-Strongly Disagree	2	1.79%	1-Strongly Disagree	1	0.88%
Disagree	1	0.89%	Disagree	1	0.88%
Neutral	5	4.46%	Neutral	6	5.26%
Agree	19	16.96%	Agree	17	14.91%
5-Strongly Agree	85	75.89%	5-Strongly Agree	89	78.07%
Statistics	Value		Statistics	Value	
Response Count	112		Response Count	114	
Mean	4.64		Mean	4.68	
Median	5.00		Median	5.00	
Standard Deviation	0.77		Standard Deviation	0.70	

3. Communicates ideas effectively			4. Appears to have a good knowledge of the subject matter		
Options	Count	Percentage	Options	Count	Percentage
1-Strongly Disagree	1	0.89%	1-Strongly Disagree	1	0.87%
Disagree	3	2.68%	Disagree	2	1.74%
Neutral	4	3.57%	Neutral	4	3.48%
Agree	23	20.54%	Agree	14	12.17%
5-Strongly Agree	81	72.32%	5-Strongly Agree	94	81.74%
Statistics	Value		Statistics	Value	
Response Count	112		Response Count	115	
Mean	4.61		Mean	4.72	
Median	5.00		Median	5.00	
Standard Deviation	0.76		Standard Deviation	0.70	

5. Answers questions accurately			6. Encourages questions and/or classroom discussion		
Options	Count	Percentage	Options	Count	Percentage
1-Strongly Disagree	1	0.89%	1-Strongly Disagree	1	0.90%
Disagree	3	2.68%	Disagree	2	1.80%
Neutral	4	3.57%	Neutral	5	4.50%
Agree	17	15.18%	Agree	25	22.52%
5-Strongly Agree	87	77.68%	5-Strongly Agree	78	70.27%
Statistics	Value		Statistics	Value	
Response Count	112		Response Count	111	
Mean	4.66		Mean	4.59	
Median	5.00		Median	5.00	
Standard Deviation	0.75		Standard Deviation	0.74	

7. Is aware when students are having difficulty			8. Is accessible during office hours		
Options	Count	Percentage	Options	Count	Percentage
1-Strongly Disagree	3	2.75%	1-Strongly Disagree	2	2.53%
Disagree	5	4.59%	Disagree	3	3.80%
Neutral	11	10.09%	Neutral	7	8.86%
Agree	26	23.85%	Agree	11	13.92%
5-Strongly Agree	64	58.72%	5-Strongly Agree	56	70.89%
Statistics	Value		Statistics	Value	
Response Count	109		Response Count	79	
Mean	4.31		Mean	4.47	
Median	5.00		Median	5.00	
Standard Deviation	1.02		Standard Deviation	0.98	

Open Ended Questions

Instructor

Please provide comments or suggestions about the GSI

Comments
Tyler is the best GSI and leads the best discussions. His online discussions are much more effective than other TA's. He adapted the best to online instruction.
your notes are LEGENDARY
tzhu is the GOAT!! tyler really knows his stuff AND explains it in an accessible manner. this is a really hard subject to explain well, so this is SUPER important. i saw a ton of students come to his section from other discussion sections, and they stayed in his. tyler keeps discussions fun and goes above and beyond to make sure students are getting it, even making course content summaries/supplementary problem sets during his own time. y'all need to pay this guy more PERIOD
He has always been very helpful and not also has a good understanding of the material but also explains it very well.
Thank you guys your discussion section was very helpful and well structured
Incredible GSI. Goes above and beyond what is required and provides worksheets and tips that really help approach the problems. There have been occasional errors in these worksheets though.
Thank you Tyler! You were very humble as a TA, which in turn made students like me respect your more. You're definitely one of the best TAs I've ever had.
I go to Tyler's sections all the time! He is an amazing teacher, and always answers questions accurately and effectively. He posts discussion recaps on his website to provide additional study resources.
Tyler is amazing, really passionate and very helpful in teaching and explaining.
I received help from Tyler during a homework party and he was very helpful. Despite not attending his discussion section, I referred back to his website notes multiple times
Great stuff Tyler.
Super knowledgable, personable, and approachable. Breaks down concepts into easily digestible and effective terms, and attending his discussion section on CLT is the main reason why I did relatively well on that portion of MT3. Very active on Piazza as well.
The summaries on your website are very helpful.
Engaging; uses his own notes that have great explanations and questions for certain topics
A superb discussion GSI. Discussions feel incredibly streamlined with his guidance, and through Piazza posts he's demonstrated an airtight understanding of material going above and beyond course staff standards.
great guy i'd say
Tyler was a great GSI! He explained concepts very clearly and definitely helped improve my understanding of material throughout the entire semester.
Tyler sometimes talks/covers material too fast. (at least in person classes). Great website tho
Went to his discussions a couple of times, and they were helpful

Comments
Tyler is extremely smart and that is super apparent. But, throughout the semester, his Piazza answers were kind of condescending, even if he didn't mean them to be. I only went to 1 disc near the beginning and the discussion was kind of rushed and felt like the material went from 0 – 100 super fast.
Great GSI!
During the in-person discussions I attended, Tyler was great (I was unable to attend his online ones). It was clear he knew a lot about the material in 70, even beyond the scope of the class, and was passionate about it. His outlines were very helpful, and he provided many great resources.
I loved Tyler as a TA. His notes on each discussion page were extremely useful and his outside resources also helped a bunch in terms of learning and internalizing the material.
Tyler was amazing! Arjun was initially my TA but I interacted with Tyler when discussions moved online, and he was amazing! He always explained concepts thoroughly and was helpful in clearing up any misconceptions I had. When I was confused about how to approach a question, he always offered helpful hints that would guide me towards the correct approach without explicitly giving anything valuable away.
Great GSI we had a good time doing Zoom remote discussions.
I did not work with this GSI
Tyler is probably my favorite GSI because I've found his review sessions the most helpful. I really appreciate how organized and informative his website is as well, I find it as a really great resource. He's really nice and approachable when it comes to answering questions and knows how to explain the material well.
I appreciate how he made worksheets for discussion material! It was a great content refresher and made it super easy to find important concepts/formulas.
This man single-handedly saved my butt in this class. He is pretty much everything I want from a GSI; he provides so much help to us students, he's polite and understanding when we're struggling with things, and he's really funny. I had to unfortunately stop attending his discussions once COVID hit due to time constraints, but even when I wasn't in his discussion his notes were short, straight to the point, and super informative. I really don't have any problems with his approach. I would even say he taught me more than the professors.
Loved this section!
Tyler is the only reason I passed this class
Not applicable
Goes out of his way to create review sheets for material and a summary of every discussion and topic. Really dedicated to teaching and is super friendly.
Tyler is one of the best TAs I've ever had. His approach to helping us understand the material through the problems made me understand much more of the material. He really cares about his students and does his best to make sure everyone has a chance to succeed.
Great at explaining complicated concepts! Enjoyed his review sessions.
Tyler was one of the most accessible uGSI's in this course. He would compile helpful review worksheets before each midterm, and he would give thorough explanations in discussion, office hours, homework parties, and review sessions whenever asked.
I am recusing myself from providing GSI specific feedback, because I have attended precisely two discussion sections all semester. This is primarily for scheduling reasons. I filled out the course feedback form, which is why I did not opt out of providing feedback all together.
Very helpful with his personal notes. Deep understanding of the subject.
funny, smiley, relatable, enthusiastic. Fast paced discussion (for example, we admired how fast he ran the stable marriage algorithm problem on the board, crazyyy fast). Great personal website with notes for each discussion, I read and took notes on all of them. Cares about students—I like the beginning of discussion bit.ly links asking how we are doing with some fun things attached. Handwriting on in-person dwinelle black board is very neat, but handwriting on online class tablet was hard to read. One of my favorite GSIs.
Didn't work with this GSI.
you saved my grade
Tyler is a great UGSI!!!
I asked a lot of questions about confidence intervals the day before the final in the study party and I got perfect score on that section because I understood all concepts very thoroughly due to his explanations of the material.
Tyler's notes have been very helpful for us as students. He explains questions very well and continuously helps us on Piazza.
Tyler, you're a fantastic GSI, and I appreciate that you find a solid balance between providing hints on Piazza and not giving away the answers. However, probably because you are so smart, I feel as though sometimes you have difficulty lowering the complexity of

Comments

your explanations down to an average student's level. I attended a solid number of your discussions, and I kept going because I thought you were a great teacher. However, I did walk away from your discussion on, for example, RSA cryptography without a good understanding of the material. Whereas your explanations for solving problems related to geometric random variables were fantastic.

Slow down. Nobody understands anything.

Fantastic GSI

Tyler is so positive and happy when teaching that I feel happy learning the material as well! His pacing for discussion could be a bit more consistent and faster. However, his explanations and feedback are helpful. His discussion overviews are incredibly helpful.