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### Comment 3: What did you like best about the TA sessions?

Taka was pretty chill and didn't reprimand us for not completing or fully understanding the readings. He is very approachable.

-Really supportive nature of the discussions

-Review of key concepts through mediation of peer discussions leaders gives students the platform to really step up & understand further.

effective/engaging

Taka is a phenomenal instructor - knowledgeable, helpful, and approachable. His guidance during the discussions sections made them both enlightening and enjoyable.

Inclusive, well structured with a knowledgeable and friendly TA. Made it easier for the material to stick in my head.

They were very organized & my TA is knowledgeable & good at explaining concepts.

Very intellectual & helpful TA

I liked that it was able to explain the more difficult concepts which ultimately helped with exam prep.

Good review of the readings.

Offered new & relevant insight into the course material.

Review of important concepts of course material was helpful to get a sense of key concepts for exam.

The discussions about countries

He summarized the lectures so we had a better concrete understanding of general topics. Taka is a good TA who has genuine interest and friendly personality.

My TA knew exactly when to step back and let us discuss and when to step in.

Taka was super clear and good at explaining things - also pleasant b/c he is a nice guy!

The TA was uncommonly helpful in illustrating difficult concepts and willing to assist individual students.

The sessions were excellent opportunities to clarify topics from the lectures and readings, and my TA was very helpful.

Being able to comfortably participate



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Taka was an excellent TA. He was very knowledgeable about the material and a likeable person in general. I gained my understanding of the material best during his sections.

We got to lead discussion and pose questions. Taught me how to look at comparative cases from a different angle.

The TA was very informative and explained the subject material very well. He was also readily available to talk to.

I felt free to ask any question

Forced everyone to speak

student debate

Taka was very informed & ran the sections very well.

Taka was very supportive of all answers and open to mistakes

Exam preparations

Taka is always friendly & encouraging

No pressure/chill

Taka really knows his stuff and was super helpful with clearing things up.

reviews were on point

Taka brought energy every session and encouraged us to speak up and discuss.

They covered all material

Taka encouraged questions and always listened to our opinions

The TA was very enthusiastic about the subject.

Lively discussion

discussions with students were thought-provoking



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Well organized and very informative, well done Taka

Taka was extremely helpful and clear. What I didn't understand in lecture, I understood in section. Taka is the best TA I've had in any of my classes.

How much we went over the material from lecture - especially the important aspects for exams

The comfort Taka provided helping us go at our own pace but pushing us at the same time.

Taka ensured that everyone participated by assigning two or three students to lead discussion each week. It's an effective way to make sure that everyone would have contributed by the end of the semester.

Inclusion of student discussion