

Summary of Yale Teaching Evaluations – Timothy Hersey

Course	Game Theory	Intermediate Macro	Game Theory	American Econ Hist	Game Theory	Game Theory	Introductory Micro	
Instructor	Ben Polak	Ilse Lindelaub	Ben Polak	Maggie Jones	Ben Polak	Ben Polak	Steve Berry Ben Polak	
term	Fall 2023	Spring 2023	Fall 2022	Spring 2022	Fall 2021	Spring 2022	Fall 2020	Total
Poor	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Fair	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Good	2	2	1	0	2	4	6	17
Very Good	2	8	9	2	15	12	14	62
Excellent	24	20	20	8	17	30	21	140
avg	4.79	4.52	4.55	4.8	4.44	4.57	4.29	4.52

Dept Avg: 4.2

Courses Taught

Fall 2023 – Introduction to Game Theory (Benjamin Polak), *TA*

Spring 2023 – Intermediate Macroeconomics (Ilse Lindelaub), *TA*, Applications of Game Theory (Benjamin Polak), *Head TA*

Fall 2022 – Introduction to Game Theory (Benjamin Polak), *Head TA*

Spring 2022 – American Economic History (Maggie Jones), *TA*, Applications of Game Theory (Benjamin Polak), *Head TA*

Fall 2021 – Introduction to Game Theory (Benjamin Polak), *Head TA*

Spring 2021 – Introduction to Game Theory (Benjamin Polak, online), *Head TA*

Fall 2021 – Introductory Microeconomics (Steven Berry, Benjamin Polak, online), *TA*

Achievements

Raymond Powell Teaching Prize, Yale University 2023

Featured Comments

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"Tim is an incredible TF! So knowledgable and can explain hard concepts in a clear way. Can answer questions and provide helpful examples. Super kind and warm person."

"I was lucky enough to have Tim for my Macro section last semester, and he was excellent then too. I always tried to go to his sections because he was always prepared and got through the questions at a reasonable pace... He didn't just go over each problem. He also gave us general lessons for solving game theory problems. He's truly wonderful."

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Term	Course	Primary Dept	Primary Division	Enrolled: 308
Fall 2023	ECON 159 01/GLBL 159 01 - Game Theory	ECON	Social Sciences	Responded: 185
Instructors				
Polak, Benjamin (P)				

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#10 Summarize the strengths and weaknesses of the Teaching Fellow. In what ways was their teaching effective and in what ways could their teaching be improved?

Instructor(s): Hersey, Timothy

Responses for Instructor: 11
Declined to Answer Question: 21

Respondent	Answer
1700830	Timothy was helpful!
1701057	Tim is an incredible TF! So knowledgeable and can explain hard concepts in a clear way. Can answer questions and provide helpful examples. Super kind and warm person.
1703154	I was lucky enough to have Tim for my Macro section last semester, and he was excellent then too. I always tried to go to his sections because he was always prepared and got through the questions at a reasonable pace. He also adapted sections to fit what we wanted to cover, which was helpful. I also appreciated the general tips that he gave. He didn't just go over each problem. He also gave us general lessons for solving game theory problems. He's truly wonderful.
1704070	I went to Tim's office hours once. He was really helpful.
1705123	Tim never disappoints. He always has multiple great ways of explaining complex topics and is always willing to offer guidance.
1707793	Very good. Awesome that he looked out for us so much and I appreciate his effort.
1709973	Tim was my favorite section to go to. He was great at explaining everything and very enthusiastic.
1712837	Tim was awesome! He was really great at explaining difficult concepts - he took time to answer questions and work through difficult problems with students. He was very helpful during exam preparations, too. Thanks, Tim!
1717881	Timothy was great and very helpful.
1721421	Tim was an incredible Teaching Fellow. He was an experienced section leader and made Game Theory a much more accessible class.
1723923	Always helpful whenever I needed it a savant and deserving of a job in higher academia!

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#11 What is your overall assessment of the Teaching Fellow?

Instructor(s): Hersey, Timothy

Responses for Instructor: 23
Declined to Answer Question: 9

Average and Standard Deviation			
Question Average	Dept	Div	School
4.8 ±0.6	4.1 ±1.1	4.1 ±1.1	4.3 ±1.0

Choice Label	Counts
poor	0
fair	0
good	2
very good	1
excellent	20

Term	Course	Primary Dept	Primary Division	Enrolled: 376
Fall 2023	MGT 622 01 - Game Theory	ECON	Social Sciences	Responded: 90
Instructors				
Polak, Benjamin (P)				

#1 What were the strengths and weaknesses of your TA?

Instructor(s): Hersey, Timothy

Responses for Instructor: 4
Declined to Answer Question: 8

Respondent	Answer
1692760	I'm not sure if this is my TA but I can't find the list attached with who teaches each section anywhere.
1693162	I never went to section
1693819	Tim's amazing at explaining things, even when topics are a bit more mathy.
1693826	N/A

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Fall 2023	MGT 622 01 - Game Theory	ECON	Social Sciences	Responded: 90
Instructors				
Polak, Benjamin (P)				

#2 On a scale of 1 to 5 what is your overall assessment of your TA?
Instructor(s): Hersey, Timothy

Responses for Instructor: 5
Declined to Answer Question: 7

Average and Standard Deviation		
Question Average	Dept	School
4.8 ±0.4	4.5 ±0.8	4.5 ±0.8

Choice Label	Counts
1 (low)	0
2	0
3	0
4	1
5 (high)	4

Term Spring 2023	Course ECON 122 01 - Intermediate Macroeconomics	Primary Dept ECON	Primary Division Social Sciences	Enrolled: 196 Responded: 172
Instructors Lindenlaub, Ilse (P)				

#10 Summarize the strengths and weaknesses of the Teaching Fellow. In what ways was their teaching effective and in what ways could their teaching be improved?

Instructor(s): Hersey, Timothy

Responses for Instructor: 19
Declined to Answer Question: 29

Respondent	Answer
1647139	Wonderful, great job explaining things and making sure that everyone understood the concepts as much as possible.
1649043	Strengths: funny, accessible, friendly, often quite helpful Weaknesses: occasionally got tripped up answering questions and left me very confused; did not engage/include students as much as I would've liked in section
1654110	Tim was passionate for his work.
1660354	Great at explaining things in section and really appreciated his willingness to stay later and answer questions we had.
1664612	He was very engaging, kept people interested, funny, and even had almost full attendance towards the end of the year. I think he covered concepts people really wanted to hear about and matched our concerns with clear guidance.
1666583	Timothy was very helpful and his explanations were clear!
1666714	GREAT TF! Could explain the content in simple terms and bring the big ideas together which helped me better understand what the lectures have been covering.
1672441	Tim was very helpful and his office hours were productive. Great job Tim!
1672635	Really good at making space for us to ask questions. Very approachable.
1672738	Very engaging, helpful, and considerate. Facilitated student learning by offering personal help and explained the concepts very clearly.
1672749	Tim is a great TF. I have had him for multiple previous econ classes and he has never failed to help me understand the class material. No weaknesses.
1672780	Tim was very nice and easy to work with. We wouldnt finish the sections slides pretty much every time, but im not sure that was even possible. Sometimes we would get confused on a question but hed be sure to follow up in an email afterwards if that happened.
1672877	Tim is a great TA, he always spends the time to make everyone is at the same level and answers all the questions we have at any time.
1672918	the most helpful TA I've ever had
1673034	Tim is the best!! He was one of the biggest factors towards my learning in this course. He ran sections efficiently and expertly, really synthesizing the information from lecture into digestable form. He was a great resource, always very responsive and willing to stay after section to talk. I can't wait until Tim has his PhD and is giving the big lecture himself! If I had to give a constructive piece of feedback, it would be to make sure to learn everybody's name in section as to be able to call on people (cold call if necessary) to foster some more engagement. Sometimes section was really only Tim and one or two students going back and forth; no need to be afraid to force others into the conversation!
1673115	Tim is such a good TF! He would walk us through difficult concepts and explain every step during section in a way that is easy to understand. I could tell that he taught things in consideration of our point of view and always went at a good pace. He is an excellent teacher!
1673242	Tim Hersey was a great TF - he made section enjoyable and informative. I think when he didn't follow the designated slides and explained parts of lecture in more simple ways was best.
1673580	Great TF!

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Instructors				
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Instructor(s): Hersey, Timothy

Responses for Instructor: 19
Declined to Answer Question: 29

Respondent	Answer
1677427	Strengths: Very supportive, intelligent, friendly; Weaknesses: Tim can further improve his explanations and make them more accessible to those struggling with the material- I would sometimes ask a question and receive an answer that (while I'm sure economically correct) did not help me understand the concept any more clearly as an undergraduate student.

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Spring 2023	ECON 122 01 - Intermediate Macroeconomics	ECON	Social Sciences	Responded: 172
Instructors				
Lindenlaub, Ilse (P)				

#11 What is your overall assessment of the Teaching Fellow?
Instructor(s): Hersey, Timothy

Responses for Instructor: 31
Declined to Answer Question: 17

Average and Standard Deviation			
Question Average	Dept	Div	School
4.5 ±0.8	4.2 ±1.0	4.3 ±1.0	4.3 ±1.0

Choice Label	Counts
poor	0
fair	1
good	2
very good	8
excellent	20

Term	Course	Primary Dept	Primary Division	Enrolled: 180
Fall 2022	ECON 159 01/GLBL 159 01 - Game Theory	ECON	Social Sciences	Responded: 147
Instructors				
Polak, Benjamin (P) Deb, Joyee				

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Instructor(s): Hersey, Timothy

Responses for Instructor: 20
Declined to Answer Question: 23

Respondent	Answer
1607509	Tim is awesome, the bedrock of this course!
1608113	He is good
1608171	This TF was very helpful in section. He helped thoroughly understand the concepts, especially past problem sets. He also provided good outlines for approaching certain strategies.
1608707	My TF Timothy was great to learn from during the weekly sections! They were also very helpful throughout the summer with any questions I had regarding the PSETs and the different types of games we played in class.
1615228	AMAZING!!! best TA I've ever had and honestly I'd take a class if he was the actual professor. He is incredibly generous with his time and answered all my questions via email. He is the only TA whose OH were actually helpful and didnt just go over pset solutions but actually helped you understand the reasoning and topics from class, although I unfortunately only found out on the last week of classes. His OH were the best and he made it fun
1616188	Tim is a fantastic TF. He truly cares about students success in this course. I was really touched by his commitment to helping me, on multiple occasions, when I was struggling with course material. Tim frequently stayed after section and office hours to assist even more than he had to. Additionally, hes very clear and easy to understand, even when explaining difficult concepts. I am lucky to have had section with Tim and thank him for all of his help this semester! I honestly cant think of any ways to improve he is really great!
1618649	Tim is super helpful in explaining concepts and helping with psets. He's always very patient and does a good job making sure everyone understands.
1618997	I haven't interacted with Tim too much, but he seems great and like he really cares about what he does.
1619239	Tim was a fantastic TA. He is very knowledgeable and willing to help and spend extra time making sure students understand difficult content.
1620653	I did not attend section after the second session. We did not get through the problem set in the 50 minutes, and I could not stay late. Section was not helpfully organized. I did not want to review the problem set the day I turned it in. I do not understand why they did not post the answers, but at the very least it would have been much nicer to have gotten the pset back before the session to review it so you knew if you didn't understand something. On the other hand, it was nice not to have to attend section. Tim's review session was helpful.
1625527	Tim is absolutely amazing. He went over the psets during section but also tried to incorporate concept re-teachings. I honestly think I passed this class because of Tims help and the way he retaught confusing concepts. He has a way of making them more clear and easier to understand.
1627031	office hours are the most helpful
1632257	The TF was very helpful and knowledgeable in section. Sections could benefit from being mandatory.
1633855	Strength: fully knows what he is teaching; can explain things in simple terms
1633863	Tim was such an awesome TA! I went to section every week and he always gave 100% no matter how many ppl showed up. He was incredible at explaining and really understood what could be difficult for us to comprehend. He was proactive about what concepts are more difficult for new learners and made sure to spend time on those concepts even if it wasnt necessarily on PSETs
1633890	Tim was a great TA and I appreciated his thorough explanations in discussion sections and office hours.

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Fall 2022	ECON 159 01/GLBL 159 01 - Game Theory	ECON	Social Sciences	Responded: 147
Instructors				
Polak, Benjamin (P) Deb, Joyee				

#10 Summarize the strengths and weaknesses of the Teaching Fellow. In what ways was their teaching effective and in what ways could their teaching be improved?

Instructor(s): Hersey, Timothy

Responses for Instructor: 20
Declined to Answer Question: 23

Respondent	Answer
1633920	Tim was awesome. I went to his office hours nearly every week and he would routinely stay much later than scheduled to answer questions. He was adept at explaining the material and did not simply give out the answers like certain TAs, which I personally appreciated. I learned a lot by working through the problem sets in his office hours and think he is a strong asset to the course!
1633940	Tim is great! He took his time explaining everything and above all else was interested in making sure we understood how the games worked and not just how to get the answer
1634389	Strength: very helpful and attentive
1640054	It is my fault, but I did not attend nearly enough sections to fairly assess my Teaching fellow. Many apologies for this. Therefore, I have declined to answer the question below.

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Fall 2022	ECON 159 01/GLBL 159 01 - Game Theory	ECON	Social Sciences	Responded: 147
Instructors				
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#11 What is your overall assessment of the Teaching Fellow?

Instructor(s): Hersey, Timothy

Responses for Instructor: 31
Declined to Answer Question: 12

	Average and Standard Deviation		
Question Average	Dept	Div	School
4.5 ±0.7	4.2 ±1.0	4.2 ±1.0	4.3 ±1.0

Choice Label	Counts
poor	0
fair	1
good	1
very good	9
excellent	20

Term Spring 2022	Course ECON 182 01/HIST 135 01 - American Economic History	Primary Dept ECON	Primary Division Social Sciences	Enrolled: 83 Responded: 75
Instructors Jones, Maggie (P)				

#10 Summarize the strengths and weaknesses of the Teaching Fellow. In what ways was their teaching effective and in what ways could their teaching be improved?

Instructor(s): Hersey, Timothy

Responses for Instructor: 5
Declined to Answer Question: 6

Respondent	Answer
1567409	You can tell that Timothy is organized and prepared for every section and that he genuinely wants his students to understand the content. He is understanding and provides clear feedback. I've really enjoyed having him as my TA this semester and have no complaints.
1575581	Very good TF. Engaging in section, understanding with extensions, and quick to reply through email.
1593065	He was great, very kind, understanding, and helpful with course content.
1595947	Great guy
1599391	Tim is very approachable, patient and kind! He brought new things for us to look at for sections every week and I truly appreciated his enthusiasm and knowledge in the field.

Term	Course	Primary Dept	Primary Division	Enrolled: 83
Spring 2022	ECON 182 01/HIST 135 01 - American Economic History	ECON	Social Sciences	Responded: 75
Instructors				
Jones, Maggie (P)				

#11 What is your overall assessment of the Teaching Fellow?
Instructor(s): Hersey, Timothy

Responses for Instructor: 10
Declined to Answer Question: 1

Average and Standard Deviation			
Question Average	Dept	Div	School
4.8 ±0.4	4.4 ±0.9	4.5 ±0.9	4.5 ±0.9

Choice Label	Counts
poor	0
fair	0
good	0
very good	2
excellent	8

Term	Course	Primary Dept	Primary Division	Enrolled: 188
Fall 2021	ECON 159 01/GLBL 159 01/GLBL 659 01 - Game Theory	ECON	Social Sciences	Responded: 169
Instructors				
Polak, Benjamin (P) Deb, Joyee				

#10 Summarize the strengths and weaknesses of the Teaching Fellow. In what ways was their teaching effective and in what ways could their teaching be improved?
Instructor(s): Hersey, Timothy

Responses for Instructor: 22
Declined to Answer Question: 27

Respondent	Answer
1543795	Best Teaching Fellow. Really cares about the students. Would always be available after discussion section to discuss class material. Would be happy to explain the problems in different ways for the students to better understand.
1549631	great

Term	Course	Primary Dept	Primary Division	Enrolled: 188
Fall 2021	ECON 159 01/GLBL 159 01/GLBL 659 01 - Game Theory	ECON	Social Sciences	Responded: 169
Instructors				
Polak, Benjamin (P) Deb, Joyee				

#11 What is your overall assessment of the Teaching Fellow?
Instructor(s): Hersey, Timothy

Responses for Instructor: 34
Declined to Answer Question: 15

Average and Standard Deviation			
Question Average	Dept	Div	School
4.4 ±0.6	4.0 ±1.1	4.1 ±1.1	4.2 ±1.0

Choice Label	Counts
poor	0
fair	0
good	2
very good	15
excellent	17

Term Spring 2021	Course ECON 159 01/GLBL 159 01/GLBL 659 01 - Game Theory	Primary Dept ECON	Primary Division Social Sciences	Enrolled: 212 Responded: 175
Instructors Polak, Benjamin (P)				

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#12 Summarize the strengths and weaknesses of the Teaching Fellow. In what ways was their teaching effective and in what ways could their teaching be improved?

Instructor(s): Hersey, Timothy

Responses for Instructor: 24
Declined to Answer Question: 37

Respondent	Answer
1484925	Tim was very accommodating. He was extremely approachable during section, which is not an easy thing to be over Zoom. Hes a great person and TA.
1485174	Timothy Hersey was always prepared for section with a powerpoint and demonstrated a profound understanding of the knowledge by providing various understandings of the problem. Even throughout awkward silences from the class, he was able to carry us through the section and reinforce our knowledge.
1486363	Mr. Hersey was the best Teaching Fellow I have had in my four years at Yale. He always made sure we had all of the materials we needed. He was prompt at responding to any of my questions. I wholeheartedly recommend him for any future positions. He would be a boon for any organization.
1486790	Tim is the best TA I have had at Yale he was consistently beyond well prepared for section, thorough in explaining concepts, and successful in engaging students, even on a Friday morning. The fact that Tim's section had at least three times the student turnout than any of the other sections I attended for this course says it all.
1488013	Tim is very optimistic and makes discussion sections fun. I am sure he will be a great professor one day!
1489556	I really appreciated how open to input Tim was during section. We had very little time to do everything that needed to be done but he made sure we were getting the information that was most needed by us.
1490694	I always went to Tim's office hours since he was the best at giving helpful hints for the problem sets, without giving away the exact answer. Always so helpful and super prepared every section. Go Tim!
1490894	Tim was extremely helpful and always responsive to my questions. He provided detailed and clear answers to help me work through my confusion. During zoom office hours and through email, he would explain any concept and very patiently help each student. One of the biggest strengths of Tim is that he explains concepts in a new way, which allowed me to see the big picture of how game theory concepts are related. At the same time, he can probe into specific topics and point out the details that can be easily mistaken. I found it much easier to navigate the course thanks to Tim.
1495013	Engaged
1495038	Tim was one of the best TFs Ive had at Yale - always patient, helpful, elucidating. and he genuinely roots for every students success. Thank you for a wonderful semester, Tim!
1495130	Great teaching fellow - takes the time to explain each question thoroughly to make sure we understand. Sometimes his explanations and the math involved was slightly hard to follow.

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Spring 2021	ECON 159 01/GLBL 159 01/GLBL 659 01 - Game Theory	ECON	Social Sciences	Responded: 175
Instructors				
Polak, Benjamin (P)				

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Responses for Instructor: 24
Declined to Answer Question: 37

Respondent	Answer
1495228	My only encounters with Timothy were when I was preparing for the final exam. I attended one of his office hours and an exam review session that he ran. During both of these instances he explained difficult concepts in a manner that helped me understand them. He went through the material quickly, but was highly responsive to questions.
1495231	NA
1495260	I've been attending Tim's office hours every week because he's been so helpful both during our individual and group sessions. Even when I didn't have any specific questions, I still went in just for the sake of getting his additional explanation of a concept because they were just so clear.
1495307	Timothy was incredibly helpful in each section! He explained Game Theory concepts exceptionally well and was always accommodating to different learning styles. I wouldn't have enjoyed this class as much without his help!
1495315	Strengths: Extremely helpful, replied very fast to emailed questions, and was a very effective section leader. Often asked for student input to make section best shaped for our needs. He was also very helpful in clearing up confusing conceptual questions. Weaknesses: Very few come to mind.
1495354	Great!! Explained the more difficult concepts really well.
1495375	He was so helpful throughout the year!
1495376	Overall a great Teaching Fellow who explained and took the time to make sure we understood any topic. Went over problems in depth to explain how and why we made a mistake to avoid making them again.
1495383	strengths: clear explanations, very engaging
1495644	Tim is a genius.
1496674	Timothy is a very helpful and kind TA. He is always ready to help students. We learned a lot from him. Also, Timothy helped Professor Polak with online teaching and students really like him.
1504424	Led excellent review sessions
1505915	His office hours really helped me work through difficult problems to develop the concepts not just figure out the answer.

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Spring 2021	ECON 159 01/GLBL 159 01/GLBL 659 01 - Game Theory	ECON	Social Sciences	Responded: 175

Instructors
Polak, Benjamin (P)

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#13 What is your overall assessment of the Teaching Fellow?

Instructor(s): Hersey, Timothy

Responses for Instructor: 46
Declined to Answer Question: 15

Average and Standard Deviation

Question Average	Dept	Div	School
4.6 ±0.7	4.2 ±0.9	4.3 ±0.9	4.3 ±0.9

Choice Label	Counts
poor	0
fair	0
good	4
very good	12
excellent	30

Term Fall 2020	Course ECON 115 01 - Introductory Microeconomics	Primary Dept ECON	Primary Division Social Sciences	Enrolled: 443 Responded: 357
Instructors Berry, Steven (P) Polak, Benjamin				

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#11 Summarize the strengths and weaknesses of the Teaching Fellow. In what ways was their teaching effective and in what ways could their teaching be improved?

Instructor(s): Hersey, Timothy

Responses for Instructor: 26
Declined to Answer Question: 43

Respondent	Answer
1448684	Tim is an amazing Teaching Fellow. He always made the concepts we learned in lecture easy to understand. He always was available to help via email, office hours, or even a few minutes after section. He is a skilled instructor who knows how to break down economic concepts so that they are comprehensible. Anyone that has Tim as a Teaching Fellow is extremely lucky!
1450894	Tim was amazing! However, the virtual format did not help the already dull nature of discussion sessions.
1453467	Tim brings a wonderful Aussie energy to each discussion section to keep all us students going even when things can get tiring during the semester. Sections with him are very useful as they serve as great revision material. Hes always available for questions and is great at answering our questions.
1454197	Would walk us through the concepts we'd learned in class, and then help us through a problem. Never just did the work for us, but would lead us through by asking pointed questions. Was very helpful when I had questions, and was willing to spend a little extra time answering questions if necessary.
1457656	Talked in depth about the section material.
1458025	He was wonderful--always answered questions promptly and did his best to explain whatever material was unclear to us.
1458120	he was really clear
1458763	Mr. Hersey was an incredible teaching fellow. He worked methodically through each section's materials so that the students could understand them, and then he asked students questions to facilitate participation. He is very talented in breaking seemingly complex concepts into digestible terms. Tim was also more than willing to stay late after the end of the section to finish a problem, meet with students individually, or answer questions over email. Mr. Hersey really improved my understanding of microeconomics this semester, and I am so grateful that he was my TF!
1459516	Strengths: very helpful and engaging Weaknesses: could be more assertive in explaining some of the material
1462891	The teaching fellow presented information in a concise and clear way. Moreover, the instructor displayed patience and understanding when it came to students' concerns.
1463533	Tim was so helpful in discussion sections and explained everything really clearly.
1463630	helpful and patient
1464067	Tim was a really good TF, and did a great job of answering questions clearly and explaining concepts in a straightforward, easy to understand way.
1465394	Tim was always very helpful, patient, and responsive to my questions. Unfortunately I didn't have time to attend section every week, but his office hours were super helpful.

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Fall 2020	ECON 115 01 - Introductory Microeconomics	ECON	Social Sciences	Responded: 357
Instructors				
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#11 Summarize the strengths and weaknesses of the Teaching Fellow. In what ways was their teaching effective and in what ways could their teaching be improved?

Instructor(s): Hersey, Timothy

Responses for Instructor: 26
Declined to Answer Question: 43

Respondent	Answer
1467402	Tim was really fantastic at solving practice problems during our section meetings. There were a lot of times when I struggled to put the week's lecture material in the appropriate context for the p-set problems, and his immaculate way of laying out solutions to the problems helped me immensely in understanding the content. He was also very upbeat and positive in our section meetings and could answer every question we had in a supportive and informative way.
1467412	Never contacted Tim Hersey
1467419	This was not my discussion section leader, whose discussion section I enjoyed greatly, but is not listed here. Regardless, the TF that I selected did provide very helpful review sessions and seems nice too.
1467494	Mr. Hersey was very attentive and responsive to students in his section. He was always very open to going over questions as many times as students needed in order to understand the subject material. In addition, he was very helpful in navigating the course and great with communication.
1467508	Very helpful and understanding whenever I needed help.
1467559	Always excited to delve into Economics and eager to answer our questions and pave way for discussion.
1467592	He really put in his hours to help us. He was amazing! His discussions were engaging!
1467603	Teaching Fellow Hersey was not my official section leader, but when I couldn't make it to my section I attended his and he always walked through the section problems clearly. He had a very good demeanor with the section and was very receptive to questions whether in section or via email.
1467646	Tim was a great TF who always answered questions. I also really appreciated that, rather than summarizing the previous week's content, he also showed us how to do example problems, which was helpful for our exams.
1467844	Always willing to answer questions from students and will go to lengths to make sure concept is firmly grasped by all.
1469912	Did a great job
1473978	Very friendly and helpful and very accessible over email which I appreciated

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#12 What is your overall assessment of the Teaching Fellow?

Instructor(s): Hersey, Timothy

Responses for Instructor: 42
Declined to Answer Question: 27

Average and Standard Deviation

Question Average	Dept	Div	School
4.3 ±0.9	4.1 ±1.0	4.3 ±0.9	4.3 ±1.0

Choice Label	Counts
poor	1
fair	0
good	6
very good	14
excellent	21