

TA Survey -Department of Political Science

All Teaching Assistants are required to complete this form at the end of each semester as a TA. This is an anonymous survey intended to solicit information regarding your experience as a TA. The information will be used in future discussions among faculty and students over how to better utilize TAs, improve the TA experience, etc. Because it is anonymous, this survey is NOT an evaluation of your performance as TA. Feel free to elaborate on any answers - the more info you provide, the more useful this survey will be. Please return the completed form to the Graduate Chair.

1. How many courses have you taught prior to this semester as a TA?

As a TA for a faculty member _____ Teaching on my own _____

2. Were you a TA this semester for a faculty member, or did you teach on your own? (If both apply, indicate which course you are using as the basis for this survey)

3. If you assisted a faculty member, please indicate below which activities you did and how frequently or how much time you spent on each (hours per week): (if you taught on your own, skip to question 4)

- a. conducted lecture _____
- b. conducted discussion section _____
- c. prepared student assignments/exams/quizzes _____
- d. graded exams _____
- e. graded papers _____
- f. advised students outside of the classroom _____
- g. chose materials for the course _____
- h. how many students were in this clasls? _____

- i. Do you feel that your TA experience this semester taught you something about teaching? Please elaborate:

- j. Did your faculty make clear their expectations of your role at the beginning of the semester?

- k. What could the department do to improve the TA-ship as a means for training you as a teacher.

4. If you taught your own class, please answer the following questions:

- a. How many times have you taughta this class before? _____

- b. How prepared did you feel to teach this class? _____
- c. Did the teaching seminar (PS 404) prove useful as preparation? _____
- d. Did you seek advise from a faculty member during the semester regarding your teaching or other pedagogical issues? _____

If so, please elaborate on the nature of this discussion:

- e. Do you feel you were relatively successful in teaching this course? _____
- f. What could the department do in the futere that could help you improve as a teacher and your effectiveness in the classroom?
- g. Would you like to teach this course again? _____
- h. Which other classes have you taught (either on your own or for a faculty member)?

Additional comments:

Please return completed forms to Graduate Secretary