



## POLI 210: Poli Sci Research Methods - Lecture (Section 001, CRN 5070) - Rafael Campos-Gottardo (Fall 2024)

Project Title: **Mercury Course Evaluation (Fall 2024)**

Course Audience: **287**

Responses Received: **107**

Response Ratio: **37.3%**

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### Report Comments

End-of-course evaluations results, as one indicator of teaching effectiveness, are used to:

- a. to help instructors improve future offerings of courses;
- b. to inform students about courses and instructors;
- c. as a component of the teaching dossier; and
- d. to help administrators and faculty committees in their decision-making processes.

Written comments are treated as confidential and are not made available to the McGill community.

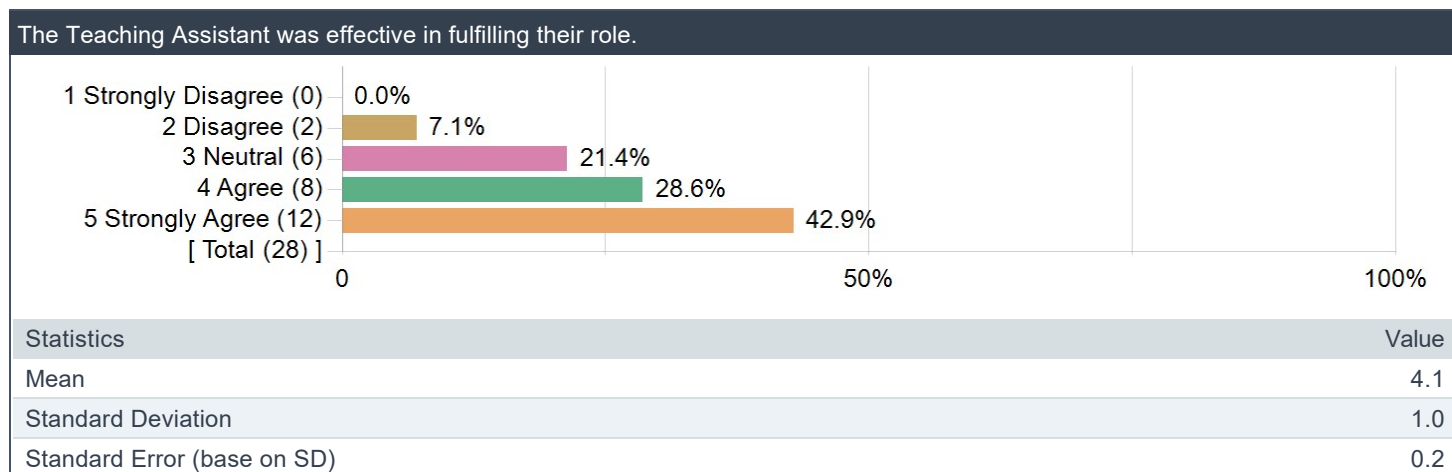
The course ratings reported here are only one indicator of teaching effectiveness and these results should be treated with caution since they represent reports on only one particular course.

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## The Teaching Assistant was effective in fulfilling their role.



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The teaching assistant was clear and concise during the labs. Indeed, they explained at a slower pace and used multiple examples (notably from their research) to further illustrate their point which helps students further understand the topics talked during the labs. Furthermore, they take the time to ask students throughout the labs to give students the opportunity to voice their concerns.
It was very fast especially in the first couple conferences when students are just getting used to the look of R and its functions. I would suggest more back and forth (checking in on students after each step) for the first 1–2 conferences because if something isn't working it feels very awkward to hold up the class, but it seems that several people have issues they just don't want to interrupt. Also, if possible posting these tutorials would be super helpful so that students could go back and replay segments they thought were confusing.
Rafael was a great TA! Honestly learned so much from him and he was really helpful and understanding overall. Good lecturing style, asked us good questions in discussion and super clear he puts lots of effort into his role.
The TA does his job but not much else, he doesn't really help when we're having trouble with our code during labs, and kind of just goes on with his slides.
By far the best instructor I've had in a programming/coding setting. Engaging, approachable, and very clear
Went fast but overall clear and helpful
Was not open to help, unapproachable
The TA was good at teaching during conferences. He did not reply efficiently to emails.
Taught us about R studio and assisted us during the conferences. Answers his emails super fast and is understanding of students' situations without being a pushover (extension won't be unfair to others). However, not very dynamic during conferences... Also, yes, we don't have a lot of time and we have a lot of work to do but it would be better for him to adopt a different approach to answering students. Rafael is VERY respectful, don't let my lack of better words convince you otherwise. I meant, do not make it show too much that it's a bit annoying (understandably so, because you get interrupted often because of questions) that we're asking questions, that we have programming problems, etc. It's a bit discouraging for us. :(
Still, Rafael is a very good TA, he is very knowledgeable, I don't know if he has a minor/major in programming or something but he seems very able with computers! Also, he had answers to each interpretation question asked during conferences. It would've been nice to have a bit more interactive activities in our conferences but again, I understand that the context of these conferences is different from others, and so, TAs are very limited.
Bref, just got to work on that teaching attitude but other than that, A1!
I learned a lot in all of the labs. The R concepts were thoroughly explained; I actually know what each little piece of code is for instead of just plugging things in. The exam review sessions are helpful as well.
Rafael's lab sessions are always helpful to learn hands-on R. He is also extra helpful in going the extra mile and teaching us interesting stuff on R that aren't strictly needed for class.
Rafael subbed for one of my conferences (exam review) and he was incredibly helpful! He quite easily explained content that I had been struggling with for weeks in a few sentences. He seems like a great TA!

