

Report: **Graph Distribution**

Course:	<b>MICROECON &amp; POLICY ANALYSIS I (ENVP8213_001_2012_3)</b>
Evaluation:	<b>Teaching Assistant Evaluation - Jan Von Der Goltz</b>
Dates:	<b>December 03, 2012 - December 21, 2012</b>
No. of Respondents:	42
No. of Students:	59
Percent Completed:	<b>71%</b>

**Evaluation of the TA Performance**

<b>1: Technical knowledge of the course material</b>	<b>n =42</b>
Poor	0%(0)
Fair	0%(0)
Good	2% (1)
Very Good	2% (1)
Excellent	<input type="text" value="95"/> 95% (40)
Not Applicable	0%(0)
<b>2: Performance during office hours</b>	<b>n =42</b>
Poor	0%(0)
Fair	0%(0)
Good	2% (1)
Very Good	2% (1)
Excellent	<input type="text" value="90"/> 90% (38)
Not Applicable	<input type="text" value="5"/> 5%(2)
<b>3: Performance during recitations / labs</b>	<b>n =42</b>
Poor	0%(0)
Fair	0%(0)
Good	2% (1)
Very Good	2% (1)
Excellent	<input type="text" value="90"/> 90% (38)
Not Applicable	<input type="text" value="5"/> 5%(2)

4: **Organization of the recitations / labs** n =42

Poor	0%(0)
Fair	0%(0)
Good	<input type="checkbox"/> 7% (3)
Very Good	<input type="checkbox"/> 5% (2)
Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> 83% (35)
Not Applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> 5%(2)

5: **Ability to explain difficult concepts and make course material accessible** n =42

Poor	0%(0)
Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> 2%(1)
Good	<input type="checkbox"/> 2% (1)
Very Good	0% (0)
Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> 95% (40)
Not Applicable	0%(0)

6: **Availability to students** n =42

Poor	0%(0)
Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> 2%(1)
Good	<input type="checkbox"/> 2% (1)
Very Good	0% (0)
Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> 93% (39)
Not Applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> 2%(1)

7: **Ability to communicate student concerns to the course instructor** n =42

Poor	0%(0)
Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> 2%(1)
Good	<input type="checkbox"/> 2% (1)
Very Good	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% (4)
Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> 74% (31)
Not Applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> 12%(5)

8: **Attitude towards students** n =42

Poor	0%(0)
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Fair	0%(0)
Good	2% (1)
Very Good	2% (1)
Excellent	<input type="text"/> 95% (40)
Not Applicable	0%(0)

9: **Overall TA performance** n =42

Poor	0%(0)
Fair	0%(0)
Good	2% (1)
Very Good	2% (1)
Excellent	<input type="text"/> 95% (40)
Not Applicable	0%(0)

Report: **Comments**

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**Comments**

1. Please make this man a full professor!
2. Great job!
3. Very genuinely interested in helping students understand the content and asking guiding questions without being patronizing. Would stay till the last minute of OH even when nobody had more questions.
4. Jan is awesome! The best TA I have had at Columbia!
5. Jan did a great job of filling in the instructional gaps in the course. He was patient, available and very clear. I wish we could've had more of his instruction. I feel like I learned a lot more in his Monday recitations than I did in the 2-day class sections. I hope he comes back next semester!!!
6. Jan was an amazing TA! He was so patient and helpful when explaining the math and connecting it with the concepts. We're all so glad and grateful that he put out the time and effort to help us. We hope that he will continue to be our TA next semester! Thank you so much Jan!

7. I actually didn't utilize recitations or office hours, but I saw the TA's straightforward and clear manner of explaining the subject during one of the classes. Also, heard from many of my peers with less math background that the TA was very helpful for them.

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8. Jan is the best TA ever.

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9. Really excellent job! Wonderful instructor, great at explaining complicated concepts, very patient, and willing to make time for his students. Everyone is most appreciative of his going above and beyond for us all this semester.

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10. Best TA we have ever had. He made the course possible, and I am so glad that he was here to help us. Thank you JAN!!!!

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11. Wunderbar.

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12. Jan was an excellent TA and deserves a christmas bonus.

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13. Jan was absolutely exceptional, able to explain things, willing and engaged. Thank God for him. Please can he teach all micro? he is certainly better able and perhaps more interested in doing so, apologies Suresh but we all need the feedback.

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14. just ok

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15. Best TA I've ever had. Excellent teacher. Thoroughly able to breakdown mathematical and economics concepts in a language accessible to non math/econ students.

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16. Dude seriously could not have been better. The only reason I'm giving him a 4 on the part about being able to convey student concerns to the instructor is that I'm not sure he quite made it clear to Suresh just how frustrated and lost we all felt. Then again, maybe he did and I just didn't notice. Seriously, though, I might have dropped out if not for him.

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17. Amazing TA- friendly, approachable, expert in subject matter, and very organized and helpful in recitation. Was essential for understanding of lecture material and concepts.

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18. GREAT T.A.! In my view, he should've been the Professor!

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19. Excellent, put in an astonishing amount of work. Thanks!

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20. I am really grateful to have had a TA like Jan. He REALLY helped us to understand the concepts. He is brilliant on teaching. Actually he is better to explain the concepts than our professor. He has a very didactic person.

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21. Jan is awesome - best TA ever!

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22. Nice work overall.

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23. Allow me to start out by saying that whatever you're paying Jan is definitely not enough for all the work that he has done for us this semester. He has gone above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that we understand the class material and that we succeed in this class. I can honestly say that I would actually not understand the class material if it weren't for Jan. During recitation (and office hours), he always goes over the mathematics and the concepts behind it in a concise, easy manner. I can tell that he puts a lot of effort into preparing for each recitation, even holding extra review sessions for us before exams. Jan answers our questions thoughtfully; he never laughs at a them or makes us feel like our questions are stupid (even though I've asked many a dumb question!). He's always patient when re-explaining what he just said five seconds ago, and doesn't get upset at having to repeat himself. Speaking as a past educator and as someone who has lived with educators, I can say that teaching effectively is a gift, and Jan truly has a wonderful gift for teaching others. I don't know what his plans are for the future, but I'm thankful he could share his knowledge of microeconomics with us, and help me learn the subject. THANK YOU, Jan!

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24. Jan was an excellent TA - highly accessible and effective at communicating the course concepts.

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25. The best TA I have ever had. He was able to explain the course material to students more than the professor. Jan was also very prompt at answering questions students would pose and exercised patience with the students.

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26. Very helpful and friendly, always willing to make time for students. Would not have been able to get through the course without him.

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27. Very good!

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28. Excellent TA! Amazingly patient with students and very adapt at explaining concepts. He goes above and beyond his TA duties and his extra effort is \*greatly\* appreciated!

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29. Jan is a remarkable teacher. He is unfailingly patient, which was so important in this course for many of us are not fluent in math, and the course content can be frustrating for us for that reason. But his patience set a tone for the recitation that was very positive, which made it much easier to participate and get what we needed out of that time. Jan also has a gift for being able to understand where we (beginners in the topic) are starting from. TA's in other topics failed to see that what for them was quite simple, for us was very new, and difficult. I don't know how he does it, but he can explain the concepts in ways that are so easy to grasp. Jan also seems to see us as more than students in microeconomics. He sees past our novice in this topic, and gives us credit for having professional experience and expertise in other areas. This simple sign of respect makes for a very effective learning environment. I hope my fellow students take that lesson from his example with them, along with the basics of economics of course. We've had many TA's in our different courses, many of them very good. But Jan is head and shoulders above the pack.

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30. explanation of concepts was well depicted in plain english, as compared to the lectures.

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31. Most useful TA I had all semester

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32. Excellent performance. Very helpful and explained very clearly. Organized. You can see he prepared the recitations.

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33. The most patient and effective TA I have ever had. He is an excellent teacher who has great rapport with his students.

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34. Very available, helpful, patient, friendly. His explications are easy to understand. I wish he would be the one teaching the class

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35. Jan is extremely helpful and a very pleasant TA.

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36. I think Jan was a lot of people's saving grace for the class. He is very articulate and clear in his teaching. He begins with the basics and makes sure people understand the principles. Though I know it's not his chosen career path, he would be an excellent professor. He always returns students questions whether in person or email promptly and helpfully. He begins and ends recitations on time. I have never had a TA put so much time and effort into teaching before. Whatever SIPA is paying him, they should double it (am 100 percent serious about that)!

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37. Jan has gone above and beyond what a TA is required to do. He cares about the students in the class and will help them in any way he can. Jan should be the professor of the course! How I wish he was.

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38. So great. So thoughtful and considerate. Jan spends so much time with us and really takes care to make sure we all understand what he is doing. His recitation sessions are

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so well organized even when he says he doesnt have anything planned. He presents all the material in a very clear, organized way.

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