

11.201 Gateway: Urban Studies and Planning

Survey Window: Fall 2018 End of Term

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Freemark, Yonah Slifkin, Recitation Instructor - Overall rating: 6.5

Teaching in Recitation

Rating Scale: 1=Strongly Disagree, 4=Neutral, 7=Strongly Agree, N/A=Not Applicable (7 is best)

Quality of Teaching	AVG	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	RESPONSES	MEDIAN	STDEV
Stimulated interest	6.1		11	7.0	1.92
Displayed thorough knowledge of subject material	6.6		11	7.0	0.81
Helped me learn	6.6		11	7.0	0.92

Rating Scale: 1=Very Poor, 7=Excellent, N/A=Not Applicable (7 is best)

	AVG	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	RESPONSES	MEDIAN	STDEV
Overall rating	6.5		11	7.0	1.04

Comments on teaching (strengths, areas for improvement)

[Student 5495](#) - Very knowledgeable and engaging - does a great job of making the content interesting and dynamic, and encouraging good discussions

[Student 24404](#) - Yonah is a very strong section lead with a good sense of how to inform students and get something meaningful out of a discussion. He should continue to consider how to foment more discussion. His grading and comments are very comprehensive.

[Student 33856](#) - Yonah was a great TA. He clearly knows a lot about planning, and it seemed like he really cared about helping us learn. He gave great feedback on our written work, and tried hard to stimulate discussion during recitation. My only recommendation is that he tone down his responses to students during classes, especially at the beginning of term. In trying to stimulate discussion amongst a reluctant class, it seemed like he fired back at students with very challenging responses. This was intimidating until we got to know him better and other students became more willing to jump in to the discussions. Without the others students' involvement, the discussions seemed like a debate with Yonah, which is intimidating because he's the expert in the room. That style sort of killed rather than stimulated some discussions.

[Student 41921](#) - Yonah is a great teacher and recitation helped improve my overall understanding of course materials and allowed us to dig deeper into certain questions or areas. He clearly cares about teaching and provided helpful feedback on assignments. The handouts helped synthesize information and were good for reference.

[Student 53760](#) - His recitation was a very good accompaniment to the loose structure of the lectures. They provided a good background and context for what felt like a lot of confused opinions being restated a lot.