



# UC RIVERSIDE - Student Comments of Instructor, Discussion Courses - Winter 2020

Course: PBPL 220 Section: 021 - POLICY EVALUATION  
Instructor: Nicholas Jenkins

**Question # 18:** YOUR CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENTS ON YOUR GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR'S TEACHING SKILLS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. PLEASE WRITE YOUR COMMENTS IN THE TEXTBOX BELOW. PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO 2000 CHARACTERS.

- I really found the material he provided (guides) extremely helpful and was very helpful regarding questions about the policy project or materials.
- Nick does well at putting difficult statistical methods into understandable terms.
- Nick was an absolute God-send. He not only provided support on STATA but also provided a detailed guide on R Studio. the knowledge gained on these programs will no doubt be beneficial in the future.
- Nick does a great job in answering questions pertaining to the homework, quizzes and projects. SPP should definitely re-hire him to be a TA, it really makes a difference having extra help for our class.
- Nick was very helpful and provided a lot of good examples during class.
- Nick was very helpful and made himself available for our class. I really appreciate his patience for all my questions and his ability to explain the material was very helpful.
- Great TA, he is very clear in explaining concepts and providing examples that further helped the class understand course material.
- He made himself available when ever I needed help weekly. He really is a great TA. He has a great, kind, and positive attitude when it comes to learning the material that we learned in class. Motivates me to keep going. I would recommend him. Great Job Nick!
- Nick was fantastic!
- Nick was by far the best TA I have ever had. Not only was he incredibly knowledgeable but also very easy to communicate with. He was a great help during our final projects and if anything I wished more time was dedicated to him explaining some of the material to students.
- Nick was a good TA. He often times explained the material a lot more clear than the professor. He is always positive and really tries to help students.
- Overall, great experience with the TA. There were times when the examples given in class left me more confused than before. But he was able to assist with any questions we had about lecture and assignments.
- Nick is a superb teaching assistant, I utilized his office hours/guidance throughout the quarter and he was always helpful. The state evaluation project had some bumps for me but I was always able to get through them with Nick's assistance.
- Sometimes I understood him better than our professor.
- It was super clear you knew what you were talking about but at times class didn't feel as structured as it should have, like when Esterling taught. It was hard to follow only because we kept jumping around. Overall, I was able to piece it together and the additional resources you created were phenomenal!
- Great overall! Helped when needed.
- I appreciated how prompt he was in answering emails. He was nice. 10/10 lol

- the TA and his guide for the project was very helpful. im sure some students had a problem with the regression/DID guide BUT I can also understand that NOT ALL problems would fit into that guideline as it does not provide an exhaustive explanation. he is a good TA and did in fact catch my attention more than the professor. in my book he did a great job.
- Nick was a great TA. He was always very helpful whenever students needed. He was always available and easy to reach. He provided great feedback and was always willing to help students.
- Nick made himself available and responded to questions and concerns promptly. To be honest I understood the material much better when he explained it rather than when the professor covered the material.