

**The Biological Sciences Graduate Office**

**Ratings of TA by Students**

**Spring 2010-11**

**TA Name: AARON OLSEN**

**Course: CHORDATE EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY**

**Number of Students Responding: 7**

**\*Mean  $\pm$  SD**

**LABS**

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| • The TA had an excellent knowledge of the subject matter.  | 4.6 $\pm$ 0.53 |
| • The TA explained the lab very well.                       | 4.7 $\pm$ 0.49 |
| • The TA provided good help during the lab.                 | 5.0 $\pm$ 0.00 |
| • The TA answered questions fully and with good explanation | 4.6 $\pm$ 0.53 |

**Full-Length Lectures**

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| • The TA knew the material well.                                     | 4.6 $\pm$ 0.53 |
| • The material was well organized.                                   | 4.3 $\pm$ 0.76 |
| • The TA's delivery was clear and comprehensible.                    | 4.3 $\pm$ 0.76 |
| • The TA explained the material at the right level for the audience. | 4.4 $\pm$ 0.53 |
| • The TA made good use of blackboard, overheads, etc.                | 4.1 $\pm$ 0.69 |

**Discussion Sections**

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| • The TA was good at clarifying material from the lectures. | 5.0 $\pm$ 0.00 |
| • The TA answered questions well.                           | 5.0 $\pm$ 0.00 |
| • The TA was good at getting a real discussion going.       | 5.0 $\pm$ 0.00 |
| • The TA kept the interest level high.                      | 5.0 $\pm$ 0.00 |

**TA Prize**

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| • Your TA is eligible to win a teaching prize. Do you want to nominate him/her for such a prize? | 2 votes |
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\* 5 = Strongly Agree

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## Student Comments on TA performance

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**Course:** BIOS 20260 Chordate Evolutionary Biology

**Quarter:** Spring 2010-11

Please remember that the comments below have not been analyzed; they are raw data and should be treated as such. Even if the same comment appears several times, that does not mean that it represents the opinion of the class – it is likely the opinion of only the few that gave it.

### Comments

Aaron is an exceptional TA. He knows this course's content in both lab and lecture forwards and backwards. He even presented a full 80 minute lecture on the nervous system in chordates (quite a daunting amount of material!). He was perfectly willing to help me outside of class with study tips, essay advice, and answering ALL of my questions (I am really curious). Bravo, wonderful job Aaron!

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Aaron was a superb TA. He was always available to answer questions and did do in a clear, kind manner. He was always friendly and helpful and gave a wonderful lecture. I would love to have him as a TA again. He is an effective teacher and clearly has passion for the material.  
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