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1. What did you like best about your TA's teaching style?

He was very open to comments  
Pulled ppl's ideas together

2. What changes would you recommend to improve your TA's teaching style?

He was great

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

I really liked when we spent 5-10 minutes  
discussing key elements before breaking  
out into smaller groups

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- His Calmness and ability to facilitate discussion

2. What changes would you recommend to improve your TA's teaching style?

- More time management  
- address questions from class with clear answers

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

- More time to discuss cases  
- more time to debrief at the end

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His humor and tact. He was a fantastic teacher but an interesting and enjoyable person too.

2. What changes would you recommend to improve your TA's teaching style?

Maybe more energy but not a whole lot more.

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

Less open discussion, more focus.

Great job Sean! (From one TA to another)

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He asked a lot of thought provoking questions to stimulate discussions

2. What changes would you recommend to improve your TA's teaching style?

He had good thoughts but was sometimes ineffective in presenting them, ~~also~~ so maybe he should do more preparation?

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

The case studies were well done exercises.

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He was very responsive to everyone's learning styles & personality

2. What changes would you recommend to improve your TA's teaching style?

none. I loved the way he ran the class

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

None. Sean was one of the best TAs I've had during my 5 years at Syracuse & Maxwell

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*His flexible leadership style that was both firm and adaptable*

2. What changes would you recommend to improve your TA's teaching style?

*Manage time a little more effectively*

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

*N/A*

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Sean was a good facilitator, & adept at extracting meaningful points from students prone to over-explanations.

2. What changes would you recommend to improve your TA's teaching style?

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Discussion of more specific points rather than open-ended prompts

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*Inclusive, took a lot of comments*

2. What changes would you recommend to improve your TA's teaching style?

*Took too many comments. Conversation would sometimes get way off topic. Issues sometimes got more confusing the more people talked.*

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

*Less time rehashing details of the cases, more time in groups*



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*He was responsive and accessible. He made everyone feel comfortable and free to express themselves.*

2. What changes would you recommend to improve your TA's teaching style?

*Time management.*

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

*I enjoyed the case discussions, though we were sometimes put into groups by similar political affiliation and I found that boring because we all thought the same way about the issue.*

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He was very friendly & open

2. What changes would you recommend to improve your TA's teaching style?

MUST become better at facilitating discussion - often just called on people w/out providing direction of how their comments related to the reading. Poor time management.

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

More structure - pre set questions w/ a time frame

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*Student-focused collaboration*

2. What changes would you recommend to improve your TA's teaching style?

*Allow time to clear up any confusion from the large group discussion*

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

*More time - less time in the auditorium.*

*Strong Tina!  
Love lectures but discussion is without time.*

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*He infused humor and personal experiences into his teachings.*

2. What changes would you recommend to improve your TA's teaching style?

*He had difficulty keeping the discussion group on a strict time schedule. We would often go past our noon classtive.*

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

*I don't have any comments.*

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*I like that he easily facilitated conversation between students. He was approachable and willing to help students.*

2. What changes would you recommend to improve your TA's teaching style?

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

*I would recommend more time for case discussions*

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*Helpful & courteous.*

2. What changes would you recommend to improve your TA's teaching style?

*More instruction could help.*

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

*It was generally effective.*

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helpful

2. What changes would you recommend to improve your TA's teaching style?

Facilitation skills

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

More facilitation

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Letting us to drive the class and stepping up when it was necessary. Putting the cases clear before we started. His general attitude.

2. What changes would you recommend to improve your TA's teaching style?

It ok to, sometimes, tell someone he/she is wrong.

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

More randomly selected groups.



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He was very accesible and facilitated well the group.

2. What changes would you recommend to improve your TA's teaching style?

None.

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

Maybe a little bit of order, trying to get into the issues discussed.

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*Good at facilitating our discussions, created a fun but productive environment for us.*

2. What changes would you recommend to improve your TA's teaching style?

*None*

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

*Just wish we had a little more time.*

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1. What did you like best about your TA's teaching style?

*laid back, let us figure things out for ourselves, asked good questions - liked when he pushed people, asked for a few sentences of clarification, expansion of ppl's answers*

2. What changes would you recommend to improve your TA's teaching style?

*He was great*

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

*more time to discuss, maybe less time in our groups going over a plan, more time discussing as group*

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1. What did you like best about your TA's teaching style?

*His sense of humor*

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3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

*I found summarizing the facts before the discussions very useful*

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1. What did you like best about your TA's teaching style?

*great.*

2. What changes would you recommend to improve your TA's teaching style?

*ask me more questions  
so I can participate more*

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

*that was good*

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1. What did you like best about your TA's teaching style?

He was a great facilitator in that he stimulated discussion rather than lecturing at us.

2. What changes would you recommend to improve your TA's teaching style?

~~I would have~~ I think Sean did a great job and was good about infusing humor. Maybe a little more enthusiasm.

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

I would have ensured that different people presented group ideas every session.



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1. What did you like best about your TA's teaching style?

Sean let us speak and encouraged discussion, rather than speaking too much himself. He was also always open to questions about what we were doing in class.

2. What changes would you recommend to improve your TA's teaching style?

He had issues with time management and could have done a better job of wrapping up sessions by connecting ideas back to lectures/readings.

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

I think more role assignments like we did w/ Nevada 4 and ICC would have been more interesting and could have prepared us for the role play.



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1. What did you like best about your TA's teaching style?

*How he facilitate the discussions on class.*

2. What changes would you recommend to improve your TA's teaching style?

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3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

*Maybe the could be better with few students.*

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- Sean clearly answered questions & concerns, but did not try to assert his own ideas. When appropriate he allowed & facilitated for thought provoking discussion on the topics.

2. What changes would you recommend to improve your TA's teaching style?

None

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

- More time for case study discussions.

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open to class discussions, humorous, informative, and a skilled facilitator.

2. What changes would you recommend to improve your TA's teaching style?

Sometimes tone matters a lot. being conscious of your tone in listening perspectives especially. on the whole, this wasn't a problem though.

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

more small group, less debating.

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*Sean was laid back and treated us all as peers. I liked that.*

2. What changes would you recommend to improve your TA's teaching style?

*He could've probably been more ~~can~~ forceful in situations when the class dynamic was getting out of hand just to bring us back to the focus quicker.*

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

*I liked what he did to prepare us for the Mauritania discussion (outlining facts and challenges w/ us beforehand). He could do that for all the cases in the future.*

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1. What did you like best about your TA's teaching style?

He was a good facilitator and was funny.

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3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

Ensure that the facts of the case are discussed & clear before team & breakout exercises.

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answering questions very well

2. What changes would you recommend to improve your TA's teaching style?

have more passion.

articulate more clearly

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

It's very good already

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1. What did you like best about your TA's teaching style?

*Respected our opinions, Asked us to explain our positions, drew on the knowledge in the room*

2. What changes would you recommend to improve your TA's teaching style?

*before when charging topics*

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

*No Recommendations*

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1. What did you like best about your TA's teaching style?

Very informal, communal, and open

2. What changes would you recommend to improve your TA's teaching style?

None, it was very good for my style of learning

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

Keep a better eye on time



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Sean really seemed to care about our comprehension, and asked thought-provoking questions.

2. What changes would you recommend to improve your TA's teaching style?

Sean can be more forceful about enforcing time limits. I felt that we were frequently short on time for case discussions because of his lack of time-management skills.

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

It would be awesome to find out in class the real-world results of the case studies.

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1. What did you like best about your TA's teaching style?

ENGAGED EVERYONE IN GROUP. ENSURED CONCEPTS FROM MAIN SESSIONS RE-WASHED AS NEEDED.

2. What changes would you recommend to improve your TA's teaching style?

NONE

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

MORE TIME

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1. What did you like best about your TA's teaching style?

Sean really tried to help students understand course material.   
~~Before~~ Before every session, he assigned, he discussed the concepts and general "big" questions and answered questions.

2. What changes would you recommend to improve your TA's teaching style?

I think if there was anything we struggled with it was time.   
 Having said that, I really enjoyed discussion as Sean always tried to incorporate everyone.

3. What changes would you recommend to improve the overall quality of the case discussions?

To improve overall quality of case discussion, it would be great if students had more time to discuss and develop solutions.