

Selection of Comments on Joseph Torigian's Teaching

“You are a fantastic TA, and I always looked forward to recitation! The discussions really highlighted and clarified important concepts and furthered my interest in foreign policy. I enjoyed the variety in recitation - discussions, game theory rounds, presentations, debates, etc. You are also knowledgeable and managed the discussions very well, giving us all an equal chance to speak and keeping us on topic. That we often continued the discussion on the walk back to central campus shows how successful of a TA you are. You were also available to discuss our papers and answer questions and very understanding about extensions. Thanks for a great class!”

“Brought up all relevant topics in recitations that were necessary to know. Provided interesting articles about class material. Was willing to talk about current events related to class material regularly. Viewed himself as an aid to the student rather than someone out to get them - which is the way a TA should be. Was able to recognize both effort and interest in classwork and was quick to provide positive encouragement.”

“Joseph was not the TA of my session, but he was readily available after lecture. He helped lead me to further study outside the scope of the class and always invited to me to stop by to ask questions.”

“The recitations were great. I enjoyed them and was felt challenged by them. Joseph was always available for questions via email, and gave great comments about writing!”

“This was a very interesting class and I'm glad I took it. I felt that the reading was a little too exhaustive, especially the Gaddis book. I also feel that the work-load got too intense at the end of semester with a paper, oral presentation, quiz and usual readings all do in a short span. Overall, though it was a great class, and I thought the recitations with Joseph made it excellent.”

“Student 38920 - Joseph himself was absolutely amazing. He had a tremendous amount of knowledge in the field and was able to facilitate discussions very smoothly. I do not have any complaints with him as a TA. In fact, I felt a little guilty seeing how he worked so hard.”