

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences  
Office of Academic Programs  
Student Appraisal of Teaching Assistant**

SPRING 2009

**Course**  
AEM 2300 LEC 001

**Instructor**  
Finseth, Ryan

<u>Gender</u>		<u>Student Year</u>				<u>School or College</u>				<u>Course Intended/Required for Major</u>			
26	Male	5	Freshmen	10	Seniors	28	Ag & Life Science	2	Human Ecology	26	Yes	1	Undecided
20	Female	14	Sophomores	0	Grad Students	0	Architecture	3	ILR	20	No	2	Declined
3	Declined	14	Juniors	0	Other/Declined	8	Arts & Sciences	0	Unclassified/ExMu				
						6	Engineering	0	Graduate School				
						0	Hotel	2	Declined				

<u>Approximate Grade in Course</u>					<u>Approximate Cum Average</u>					<u>Average is:</u>		<u>Reason for Taking Course</u>					
28	A	0	D	0	U	11	4.0	0	2.5	0	1.0	44	Cornell Ave.	26	Required for Major	0	Required for Grad Work
16	B	0	F	1	Declined	26	3.5	0	2.0	1	n/a	0	Transfer Ave.	4	Has Great Reputation	7	Other
2	C	2	S			10	3.0	0	1.5	1	declined	5	Declined	26	Subject Matter of Interest		

1=very low or never; 2=low or rarely; 3=medium or sometimes; 4=high or frequently; 5=very high or always

	<u>Resp. 1</u>	<u>Resp. 2</u>	<u>Resp. 3</u>	<u>Resp. 4</u>	<u>Resp. 5</u>	<u>No Resp.</u>	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Std. Dev.</u>
8. Seems knowledgeable in the subject matter	0	0	6	11	27	5	4.4800	0.7300
9. Is well prepared for class	0	0	6	11	27	5	4.4800	0.7300
10. Uses class time efficiently	0	0	7	12	24	6	4.4000	0.7600
11. Stimulates deeper thinking about the subject	0	0	8	13	23	5	4.3400	0.7800
12. Makes me feel free to ask questions	0	2	4	12	26	5	4.4100	0.8400
13. Provides clear and comprehensive explanations	1	0	6	11	26	5	4.3900	0.8900
14. Communicates interest in helping students learn	1	0	7	11	25	5	4.3400	0.9100
15. Is willing to help students outside of class	2	0	6	10	25	6	4.3000	1.0400
16. Conveys enthusiasm in teaching the material	0	0	11	14	19	5	4.1800	0.8100
17. Is organized in presenting the material	1	0	7	14	22	5	4.2700	0.9000
18. Involves everyone in class	0	1	10	12	21	5	4.2000	0.8800

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19. Grades Equitably	0	1	8	11	24	5	4.3200	0.8600
20. Comments on my work in ways that help me learn	1	0	8	15	20	5	4.2000	0.9000
21. Realizes when students do NOT understand	0	1	9	10	24	5	4.3000	0.8800
22. Overall the quality of my TA's teaching is:	0	1	6	13	24	5	4.3600	0.8100
<b>Self-reported Info about Student:</b>								
23. Your interest in taking the course before you enrolled	0	2	9	15	19	4	4.1300	0.8900
24. Your effort to learn in this course (studying, doing assignments, thinking about ideas)	0	2	9	15	19	4	4.1300	0.8900
25. The amount that you have learned in the course thus far	1	2	7	17	18	4	4.0900	0.9700

Average

Standard Dev

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Student Comments

Ryan is one of the finest TA's I have ever have. He is friendly and makes me feel very comfortable to ask any questions that I have.

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Might have been better if there was no switching of TAs of their sections..

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Didn't go to sections

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he is very helpful and clear about class material.

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I have never had to deal with the TAs in this class

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I asked Ryan a few questions about problems sets which he was eager to answer and clear in answering. I also learned a lot from the review he presented for the midterm. Thanks.

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I think that in the future, the TA's should be more informed about what will be covered in the exams to better help students with specific test related questions.

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