

# Columbia University: Arts & Sciences

## A&S Spring 2019 Standard Evaluation

**Course:** POLSGU4768\_001\_2019\_1-EXPERIMENTALRESEARCH  
**Instructor:** Donald Green  
**TA:** Linan Yao \*  
**Response Rate:** 14/30 (46.67%)

### 1 - What are the strengths and weaknesses of Linan Yao (discussion section leader, lab section leader, grader) as an instructor, and how might Linan Yao's teaching be improved?

**Response Rate** 9/30 (30%)

- nice teacher. The grading is very strict though, but this is a sign of being responsible.
- Linan Yao is a great instructor. She is always kind and available to discuss any issues that may come up. Her teaching and programing skills were particularly helpful to absorb the complex concepts of the course.
- Lily is a great TA. She has impressive academic capabilities in regards of the course's content and she is always open to questions when you meet her. Her sections is mostly very fruitful, but sometimes she prioritize different in what she walks through: Sometimes the most difficult exercises have remained untouched.
- Lily was a great TA for a class that goes over a lot of material pretty quickly. She covered specific concepts and went through examples questions in sections, which was really helpful as we worked through problem sets. She also provided guidance on specific assignments when I went to office hours which I appreciated.
- Lily is a very gifted lecturer. Her sections were always very complementary to the lectures, and well-organized. She was always available via email or during office hours, and problem sets were corrected in a timely and precise manner.
- Lily is a great TA!
- Lily is very smart and approachable. I wish we had more than 50 minutes per week with her to cover more content.
- Lily (Linan) was a great TA. I needed to fill in a lot of the gaps in my knowledge as I didn't come in with a strong background in R and in statistics. Lily was very patient and clear in explaining the core concepts. She also gave clear and detailed feedback on the HW assignment; she pointed out whenever my answer to questions might be sufficient for the purpose of the question but not generalizable to the broader context. I found this to be super useful, b/c it pointed out where I might not have fully grasped the concepts and helped solidify my understanding of the course material.
- Lily was helpful throughout the semester. She took careful measures to provide as much assistance as possible to our homework questions. I valued her time tremendously.

### 2 - What is the overall teaching effectiveness of Linan Yao?

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Excellent	(5)	11	84.62%		
Very Good	(4)	2	15.38%		
Good	(3)	0	0.00%		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%		
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<b>Response Rate</b>			<b>Mean</b>	<b>STD</b>	<b>Median</b>
13/30 (43.33%)			4.85	0.38	5.00