Teaching Assistant Evaluation Form

This evaluation form has been prepared by *Nourhan Bayasi* to provide an opportunity for Prof. Alireza Nojeh to reflect on Nourhan's performance as a Teaching Assistant for the course:

ELEC 201 – Circuit Analysis I at the University of British Columbia.

The purpose of this evaluation is to gather structured feedback on Nourhan's teaching assistance, including strengths, areas for improvement, and overall contributions to the course delivery. This feedback will be used for professional development, job applications, and personal growth.

Please write the appropriate number (1–5) in the space provided. Additional comments are encouraged where applicable. Scale:

(1) Disagree Strongly, (2) Disagree, (3) Neither Agree nor Disagree, (4) Agree (5) Agree Strongly, (N/A) Not Applicable

The T.A. was generally well prepared.	5
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The T.A. was very knowledgeable in the subject matter.	5
In presenting new material, the T.A. was well organized.	5
The T.A. was able to help pick out the more important material dealt with in the course.	5
The T.A. demonstrated strong technical skills relevant to the course material (e.g., software, tools, or laboratory work).	5
The T.A. effectively facilitated lab sessions or practical components of the course.	5
The T.A. was able to work at assigned homework problems and answer related questions clearly.	5
The T.A. was able to answer most questions relating to the lecture material.	5
The T.A. spoke clearly.	5
The T.A. wrote clearly.	N/A
Any work graded by the T.A. was dealt with fairly.	5
The T.A. showed genuine interest in the academic progress of his/her students.	5
The T.A. was generally available for help outside class hours.	5
The discussion section helped make the course more interesting.	5
The T.A. encouraged active participation and discussion among students.	5
The T.A. provided useful feedback on assignments, projects, or lab work.	5
The T.A. was approachable and created a welcoming learning environment.	5

Comments:

Nourhan was an outstanding teaching assistant in this course and, in fact, she stood out among the large number of teaching assistants that I have worked with during my 18 years of teaching, which has often involved large classes with several teaching assistants at a time.

Nourhan worked on multiple aspects of the course: leading laboratory sessions, grading reports, trying out exam questions to ensure correctness, invigilating exams, and coordinating tasks among the 7 teaching assistants of the course. She was always ready to volunteer and help with whatever was needed. She put a significant amount of effort into student engagement and in helping students understand any points or topics that were unclear or that they had difficulty with. This was challenging given the large number of students (~180) and particularly appreciated by the students in the laboratory sessions, many of whom did not have any prior experience with electrical and electronic circuits.

The following unsolicited comment, which I received from a student during the term, is a perfect testimony to Nourhan's effectiveness in helping the students.

"I wanted to say that my lab TAs, Nourhan and ... are amazing. They were super genuine and helpful, and never condescending when they explained concepts that I should've already known/weren't understanding. The biggest thing for me was that they didn't make me feel or talk to me like I was stupid. I cannot stress enough how wonderful they were to have this semester. I felt super comfortable and at ease with them, which means a lot because I am a very shy and anxious person ... they made me feel safe. Not being stressed about my environment made it easier to learn and have fun. I did genuinely enjoy my labs, which was a first! I don't know who to tell this to but please forward this message to whoever is in charge !!!! I've been at university for five years ... and have taken infinite classes and they were the best TAs I've ever had :)"

In summary, Nourhan was a fantastic teaching assistant. We were really lucky to have her, and it was a pleasure to work with her in the course. She has my strongest recommendation.

Completed by:

Prof. Alireza Nojeh, Professor On 04 January 2025