

**Students' feedback - MECH 2110 Lab Fall 2008**

**Instructor: Ananthkrishnan Narayanan**

**Lab Timing: Wednesday 3:30 PM – 5:50 PM/ 6:00 PM to 8:20 PM**

**Section strength – 22**

**Feedback type- Anonymous questionnaire**

<b>The Instructor for this class</b>	<b>Number of students who STRONGLY AGREE</b>	<b>Number of students who AGREE</b>	<b>Number of students who DISAGREE</b>	<b>No. of students who STRONGLY DISAGREE</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Integrates section with overall course objectives.	18	4	0	0	0
Is organized and prepared for class.	19	3	0	0	0
Explains material clearly.	19	3	0	0	0
Indicates key steps in the process and areas of difficulty I might encounter.	20	2	0	0	0
Helps me to understand the conceptual basis for the lab and the reasons for specific procedures.	20	2	0	0	0
Encourages me to discover answers for myself.	17	5	0	0	0
Helps me understand the expected results of experiments.	19	3	0	0	0
Responds effectively to questions raised in class.	20	2	0	0	0
Grades work fairly, consistently, and in a timely fashion.	19	3	0	0	0
Is encouraging and effective in helping me learn.	20	2	0	0	0
Has good communications skills and I had no trouble understanding following him	17	5	0	0	0
Was friendly and approachable	20	2	0	0	0

**Number of students who thought the instructor was among**

- (a) Top 10% of the TAs I have had - 19 students
- (b) Top 25% of the TAs I have had - 2 students
- (c) Top 50% of the TAs I have had - 0
- (d) Bottom 25% of the TAs I have had - 1
- (e) If he is my TA again, I will consider changing majors – 0

**Students' response to "What do you particularly like about this section?"**

1. The way the course instructor and TA work together on finding better methods for class.
2. The experiments were interesting, I like the lab more than the class.
3. Anan was very enthusiastic and really made sure we were learning. He made himself available after class. Grading was done very quickly.
4. You simplify the concepts to where we understand them.
5. Helped me understand the class material and graded our work before any other TA.
6. The TA taught the class with completeness and seemed to enjoy teaching, unlike other TAs from the past.
7. The labs were interesting to do and the material covered in the lab section helped me greatly on the class quizzes and exams.
8. Everything really. I learned more and understood better in the lab.
9. Anan was easy to understand and broke down the material in an organized and easy to understand manner.
10. Good TA.
11. TA was very helpful and made sure everyone understood the material.
12. The TA has been one of the most willing TAs, he was there to help you succeed and even if you didn't do good he felt it was kinda his fault. One of the best I've had.
13. The material I was confused was always made clear in lab through discussion. Very quick with grading.
14. I like that Anan takes time to explain conceptually what occurs in each experiment as well as what we are confused about the class. He was willing to help with other courses.
15. It made me understand the lecture better.
16. I learn more in labs.
17. It was really interesting to see concepts applied or explained in relation to real life.
18. Anan was extraordinarily good in relating the basis of the material.
19. Anan would go over anything we asked and is also having extra labs for study sessions. I also like the small size of the class.
20. I like that Anan was willing to help in any way that he could. He made concessions and took time out of the day to help. He is honestly one of the best TA's I have ever had.
21. We got our quizzes back the next lab. Most of my friends have to wait almost a month.

**Students' response to "What do you particularly not like about this section?"**

1. The way professor and TA don't use the same method.
2. I don't particularly like the material.
3. Nothing about the lab.
4. Nothing.
5. It is generally long.
6. It is late in the afternoon.
7. The length of the section.
8. Does not get out until 6:00 PM.

9. The length of the class.
10. Nothing.
11. Nothing comes to my mind.
12. The time it took to complete the lab was very long, but this is due to Anan wanting us to know the material.
13. The lab was so late.
14. The duration of the class, even though it is needed.
15. Nothing.
16. I did not like that it was so late.
17. We did end up staying most of the time in the lab, but we were actually doing something. Time was not wasted.

#### **Suggestions/recommendations/comments from students**

1. Great TA!! Most helpful TA I have ever had, really wants people to learn and enjoys helping.
2. Have the choice of experiments correspond more directly to what is discussed in class.
3. Great job, really appreciate the effort. I would recommend Anan to anyone who asks. Have a time for recitation of the material in class addition to lab experiments and teaching.
4. You are doing a great job.
5. Be professor of the class.
6. N/A
7. Anan for all labs.
8. You are awesome. Once finished with the lab, try not just to keep adding more problems to fill the time.
9. Not so much deriving formulae.
10. Good luck Anan!
11. More apparatus for our experiments.
12. Snack break!
13. Anan is a great TA because he is very excited about teaching the course. He is very passionate about us learning.
14. Keep it up.
15. Review for quizzes better.
16. The experiments while engaging, did not seem to follow the lecture as well as they could have.
17. Good class. Lab helps concepts make sense. Awesome TA, by far the best I have ever had.