

# 2021 – 2023 Teaching Evaluations (University of British Columbia, Vancouver Campus)

## Sessional Instructor Evaluations

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### 2023W1 UBC Individual Instructor Report for EOSC 211 101 - Computer Methods in Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences (Francis Rossmann)

Course Audience: 94

Responses Received: 45

Response Ratio: 48%

Comments
The instructor explained the content really well and in detail.
Always gives constructive feedback and walks us through the solution step by step to ensure our understanding. One of the most helpful instructors I've ever had.
In every his lecture, Francis brought various examples to the class. Also, his lecture was very organized and easy to hear.
Explained clearly about the details of the topics that we have learnt.
Was really good at explaining concepts in a way that everyone could understand.
He helped me indepth if I did not understand how to code something and taught me how to fix it.
The instructor explained everything very well
Very nice and patient when explaining lab questions. Great understanding of my code at a glance that was really helpful when explaining any issues.
Was good at letting us know what the expectation were for quizzes/labs/midterm, and provided helpful feedback during class. Also took student input a lot.
Thanks for being so understanding and welcoming. Everything was taught in a way I could understand relatively easily.
Gave a lot of one on one help throughout the course, including during lab times and TA hours. I felt well-supported throughout and that I could always get help when needed.
Francis have provided helpful feedback for the group project, and also help me explaining the questions that I don't understand during class
The labs and office hours were really good. He was good at going over difficult questions on quizzes and stuff
They always answered questions in a way that I could understand what they were saying. Their help in the labs was always super great, and they always knew what was wrong with the code/how to help me, and explained the solution/ways to fix it very well.
I appreciated how easy it was to reach out to Francis over email to ask additional questions about the course. Especially during office hours, he was willing to help even though he was not hosting the office hours.

I also just want to add that in the beginning of the course, I felt that he was a bit nervous instructing and it was sometimes hard to hear him. Going into the last couple of classes, he's definitely projecting his voice a lot more :D
Francis always made their class goals/expectations clear and accessible. I liked how they incorporated group work into their lessons. It broke up the class time and gave students the opportunity to apply lecture content right away.
Very helpful during lab times. Always looking for student feedback to help us better prepare for quizzes (exams)
Francis supported my learning extremely well over the course of the semester by delivering concise and informative lectures. The class "notebooks" created by Francis provided me with an organized summary of fundamental concepts, as well as allowed me to reinforce these concepts via group work problems. I really appreciate how patient and diligent Francis was when it came to helping me and my groupmates in lab, especially when we were stuck (which was often). Also, I appreciate how Francis was always open to answering our questions, no matter how trivial they were.
Overall, I'd give Francis a 5/5 on Rate My Rossman.
Francis is easily the best instructor I've had at UBC thus far. They genuinely care about each student's learning and goes above and beyond for student like me, who occasionally need a little bit of extra help. Francis is very understanding and accommodating of their students and acknowledges that, like them, we are all still students and life can sometimes get busy. I find the way in which Francis helps students to be a very good balance. Francis helps guide students to the correct answer, rather than just giving them the answer or throwing a bunch of information at students, as many instructors do. They have a very good understanding of where each student's knowledge is and provides very clear, and helpful feedback.
Overall, I give Francis a 5/5 rate my Rossmans :)
Thank you for the replies to my emails when my academic life and health has been on a slump. I'm very grateful to have an alternative time to write and pass midterm 2. Very grateful for your kind replies to my application on academic concession, when I'm having a hard time with side effects of medications and having to go to the ER.
On a side note, I still have a faint memory of the research you have shared with the class on the first lecture. That was very inspiring.
I really like how Francis taught the second half of the course. I understood what was being said and I could easily follow along in class to enhance my learning, and apply this to the project labs especially. Francis also replied quickly over email when I had questions which was extremely helpful and something I value greatly. Overall, I think Francis did a very good job.
Nice lectures
Francis was always available in lab to help solve coding issues or answer any questions about course content which was great.
Francis is patient and does his best to explain course content in a way that is easily understandable.
Super personable and approachable, easy to ask questions to and would help until I figured out how to do something
Very fast at marking and giving feedback. Super supportive of students and working with individuals to foster understanding of the material. Created a healthy and accessible learning environment.

## Teaching Assistant Evaluations

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### 2022W1 UBC Individual TA Reports for EOSC 211 101 - Computer Methods in Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences (Francis Rossmann)

Course Audience: 109

Responses Received: 51

Response Ratio: 47%

Comments
Helpful but responses to questions tended to be vague (ie: depends on what you did)
Francis was helpful and very understanding of all the students that needed help. He could not of done a better job. I would like to request for more TA's in this class next year as it was overwhelming for two TA's to handle.
Francis was helpful when answering questions and rather than giving answers, he tried to help us understand and reach the solutions ourselves.
TA Francis was really great and always super helpful in the lab. Thanks so much!
There is not much to say about him. He is the best TA possible, very helpful and knowledgeable.
Francis was very helpful. The class was really difficult so it was hard to get a TAs attention however he stayed late many times to help everyone he could.
I can confidently say that in all my post-secondary career I have never had a Teaching Assistant quite like Francis. Throughout the whole term, he demonstrated an immense amount of patience, understanding, and intelligence. My partner and I spent every lab and office hour seeking his help and guidance as he was always able to provide us with the resources, knowledge, and confidence we needed to successfully complete the labs. He even spent time outside of his role as a TA to meet with us via zoom for the labs we especially struggled in which showed how much he cares about his students. I am incredibly appreciative of the consistent dedication and hard work that he showed in this course.
Francis was super helpful and encouraging in every lab and office hour I needed help in. Even when my group was unsure or took lab questions in a different direction, he was always respectful and would breakdown the content in a way that was clear to help us get back on the right path. Even outside of those hours, he was always eager to help us through email or zoom and really went above and beyond to make sure we understood the course material. My performance in this course would be drastically different if not for the support Francis gave throughout.
Francis was a great help in office hours answering questions and assuring students about the labs.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Helpful in guiding us through questions</li><li>– Could be more approachable</li><li>– Sometimes could have been more helpful in identifying issues with our code</li></ul>
Francis was a fantastic TA who was always well-prepared to help students with their codes during labs. He understood the lab material inside and out, and was easily able to identify errors within our code and walk us through how to effectively solve through the errors. He also provides useful feedback and suggestions on how to tidy up our code and make it better in any way. He stayed for extra time whenever students needed it and valued all questions, no matter how big or small.
Francis was always approachable and helpful in lab times, he was always stretched thin with students wanting his help but managed to find a balance between everyone. He often went above and beyond

including staying considerably after lab times to help students struggling and when he wasn't running between students who needed help with course content he was often offering students advice regarding school outside of our course. Additionally, it was clear to me personally that he was well-versed in the content which allowed him to properly identify where individual students were struggling and what they needed to obtain their personal goals in the course.
Francis is such a gem. Very helpful when in need of help and explains it very well step by step. His office hours are also very helpful.
The teaching assistant is very helpful, and always has great and effective responses to my questions.
The TA answered all questions concisely and clearly
Very helpful when get stuck in questions and labs. Guiding strategies for problem solving is effective and provoking student thinking. Strong knowledge on course content and background.
Francis answered questions in a way that helped me think about it and arrive at the answer on my own rather than just giving away the answer. he also routinely stayed longer than obligated in the labs and office hours.
So good
Francis was great!! They would stay late during office hours one week when a lot of people were struggling with the lab, which he did not have to do, but it was greatly appreciated! He always answered questions very clearly and was always very kind to everyone!
Francis was a fantastic TA. I was having trouble beginning a lab due to technical difficulties that I could not solve without assistance. Outside of class time, I emailed Francis, and he responded almost immediately, setting up a Zoom call to help assist me. I would not have been able to complete the lab without this help, and he really went above and beyond my expectations for what a TA is expected to do in helping me solve these problems. I really respect and appreciate him helping a student with these problems on his own time.
He was an awesome TA, helped me so much in the labs. Super approachable, the lab could be going so wrong for me and he would patiently help me get back on track to succeed in the lab.
In the face of difficult lab content, it is very important for me that the teaching assistant can remain patient. I think that helped me a lot.
Did a great job
Francis is very knowledgeable of course material and considerate of students wellbeing.
Francis always made sure to be present and help out with understanding difficult concepts. He never just gave the answer, but instead encouraged learning by explaining the theory which helped me solve the problems on my own.
Amazing TA, stayed a little after class to help students. wonderful !!! amazingly well versed in python super helpful !
caring instructor, very helpful and willing to help students outside of office hours.
Francis is a g! Would not have solved the labs without his many answers to our many questions. He was very patient with us which was definitely tough, but I never felt like he was annoyed at my stupidity which was really nice. I wish him the best of luck in his planetary studies ! Space stuff is cool
Super intelligent person and well articulated. I really appreciated his tone throughout and did a really good job of mirroring what the student wanted to talk about. Also, super aware of the classroom and when hands went up for questions.
Francis is a genius. He always knew how to help out. We need more TAs though cause he seemed like he was working way too hard.
Francis was always really helpful, albeit stressed because there really aren't enough TAs for the number of people in the tutorials.

It was very helpful that he did the labs before we did so he was able to explain common problems that we encountered.

He was helpful and it was nice to know that he completed labs beforehand so he knew the material well.

Francis was extremely helpful in the labs, he was very good at assisting and helping in finding a solution to any of the problems I had

## 2021W1 UBC Individual TA Report for EOSC 211 101 - Computer Methods in Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences (Francis Rossmann)

Course Audience: 95

Responses Received: 24

Response Ratio: 25%

Comments
You were very prepared and I liked how you helped us step by step without the assumption that we were naturally good at coding.
Francis always goes around the lab to make sure anyone who has questions gets their questions answered. He is also very helpful in giving tips during office hours. He's also very responsive via email.
Special shoutout to Francis for being an AMAZING TA!! he went out of his way to help out my group on the final assignment and honestly without him we probably would not have been able to do as much as we had :)
MY FAVOURITE TA!!!! SUPER HELPFUL AND SUPER KIND AND CONSIDERATE AND PATIENT. I AM FOREVER GRATEFUL THAT I WAS IN HIS LAB SECTION BECAUSE I WOULD HAVE HAD A MUCH MORE DISASTROUS TIME IN THIS COURSE, OTHERWISE. I HAVE NO IMPROVEMENTS TO SUGGEST; FRANCIS WAS 20000/10 THE BEST.
Francis was super helpful during TA office hours and in the lab, he saved me many many times throughout this course! He explains really well and makes the content make more sense!
Was always available to answer questions in the labs and during office hours. Some parts of the labs and coding errors could have been explained better at times as it was not always clear where mistakes or misconceptions were being made.
All the TAs in this class were angels in disguise. Super helpful and learned most from them
Talked to him once but that one time he saved our project so big respect to him.
Francis is one of the best TAs I've had in university. I truly appreciate how he tries to lead you to the solution (i.e. work with you until you figure it out) instead of giving hints and letting you fend for yourself. He once scheduled an extra office hour just to help me understand a concept before midterms, which shows how considerate he is. I've reached out multiple times when I was feeling stuck on an assignment and his replies are quick and efficient – I owe a lot of my learning in EOSC 211 to him. Thanks Francis!
All the TAs for this course were very helpful! Everyone was approachable and knowledgeable, and I really appreciated their help during labs.
He answered my email question immediately, was super nice and I felt like i had alot of "dumb" questions, and he didn't make me feel like I was behind in the course and was super welcoming, I felt really comfortable asking him questions as he was very patient with me
Thank you for your help this term! Francis is very nice and helpful to students. He has so much patience and is willing to answer students' questions via email and time beyond office hours.
I don't think I interacted with this TA throughout the term.
Francis was a great TA who was always very helpful and encouraging. He explained things clearly and went out of his way to support students. 11/10!!!