

Student Comments

The following are the comments from the SFWRENG/COMPSCI 2C03 when asked to comment on the course TAs. All comments seen here are transposed exactly as they were written. No comments directed at myself were removed. Comments which were explicitly meant for another TA were deleted.

Computer Science Student Comments

- The TA that taught my tutorial was great and very straightforward.
- One of the best TA I had in undergrad. Very well prepared and good at delivering the material in clear concise manner.
- great TA. very useful tutorials
- vincent was an excellent teacher
- The TA was wonderful. Answered questions and had great explanations. Made the course much easier.
- TA was excellent.
- I never met them.
- Teaching TA was excellent. Other marking TA's took long time to mark assignments.
- Really really helpful. perform better teaching than the professor
- I have only interacted with the TA teaching the tutorials. Vincent was great at explaining concepts and really helped with a deeper understanding and clarification of the materials covered in the course/
- Vincent is extremely helpful and an effective teacher.
- Vincent is a great TA, provides helpful examples and explains the content really well. Excellent TA overall.
- The TA for the tutorial section did an excellent job of going over lecture and assignment material for the week.
- Vince is very great at explaining the content the prof covers in lecture and filling in the holes. He goes through the content at a good rate.
- They were good. Vincent too
- Very good TA's

- Vincent the TA was amazing. He was really great in reviewing the weeks material and giving extra examples and applications of the things we learned in lecture. He came prepared was very knowledgeable of the course material. I cannot comment on the quality of the other TAs and never met them.
- The tutorial TA is very helpful. He can explain the course contents clearly and the way of his teaching is very easy to understand, for example, he can always give us meaningful examples to help understand the difficult parts. He is very friendly, so the atmosphere of the tutorial is very good. I only communicate with the marking TA by email, but overall they are responsive.
- TA which taught tutorial was very helpful, helped cover very hard topics in the course and was very thorough with explanations.
- Great
- Vince is a cool dude with a sexy beard. The other TAs mark way too difficulty and you never see them.
- Vince the teaching TA was great.
- He is the best. He usually provides us a review of the materials covering during the week, which is very helpful. Additionally, he gives us application examples with those knowledge. I hope he can be the TA, or even the instructor, of this course in next semester.
- Great
- TAs were very helpful.
- Vince was great, best TA ever 10/10
- t.a. vince presents material extremely well and reaks down the weekly lecture material in a concise and very effective manner
- Vincent is very good. Vincent hold slides good and make points easy to understand.
- Vince is a great TA, the others were non exsistant and Vince could only do so much.
- The TA who did the tutorials (Vince) for this course did very good. I thought his tutorials were very informative and helped me better understand concepts that i might have had difficulty with in the lectures.
- Vincent is well prepared for tutorials and tutorials are all very useful
- Vince was awful...ly good at teaching this during tutorial. Thanks, man!
- Vincent is the best TA I have ever met. He explained the algorithms in a structured and clear way. I learned a lot in the tutorials.

- So the TA's marking schemes for our assignments depended on their moods. If they were unhappy marks would be lower. I experienced this as for some questions my friends got higher marks than me and we worked together as a team, however mark allocation was not the same. I was mad, however the TA's did not reply to my emails and as such I lost marks without even being about to fight for them. The only TA that was good was Vincent. He da real MVP.
- Vincent was an excellent TA
- Vincent, was again my TA for this course, and he was really effective in teaching the material.
- Enthusiastic TA
- Vincent was the best. Always helpful and approachable. he should teach the course.
- I did not interact with the TAs other than attending the tutorial. The one TA I had in T01 was exceptional and also had a great beard!
- Vince is an incredible TA and is very easy to talk to.
- The TA I had, Vince, was awesome. I wish his tutorials would have been two hours instead of one. He was very helpful and a good teacher.
- The TA's were quite helpful and informative. Going to tutorials was well worth it. The TA's clearly knew what they were doing.
- Vince is great at explaining
- TA in this course actually teaches very well.
- Vincent is awesome
- Absolutely AMAZING! Tutorial became easily one of my favorite parts of the course just because the TA's were so enjoyable to listen to.
- Vincent was an excellent TA. He explained things well, and was fun to listen to. Vincent's explanations always enlightened me, and I understood concepts which I was struggling with.
- The marking TA's seem to have marked very hard but that may just be my experience. I may not have put in enough effort. Vince was amazing and god-sent for his help throughout the course. Any things I had trouble with he had detailed and great answers and even if he didn't he did his best to find out and be of as most assistance as he could. Btw Vince sux. jk
- Vince : Best TA. His tutorials were very helpful. He was well prepared and covered the course content in an organized manner.
- Vincent. Best Ta i have had at Mcmaster University

- Vincent was awesome
- Vincent was a very helpful TA. His tutorials were well prepared and directly associated with what we were learning in lecture.
- TA's were very helpful.
- The TA was very helpful.
- No complaints.
- Good
- Smart and helpful
- One of the TA, Vincent, is a very professional and efficient teacher. I learned more from him than the professor.
- Vince did a great job. Good, clear examples, very helpful.
- TA's were okay.
- N/A (never interacted with them)
- They were good and helpful.
- TA's were alright
- my TA is Vincent, really good at teaching.

Software Engineering Student Comments

- GOOD TA'S
- The TA was really strong in this course. He was clear, patient, and willing to spend time to explain all unclear concepts to the students. He made a complex subject simple and interesting, and I feel that I learned a lot from being part of his tutorial.
- Well, they lost my assignment and never emailed back about it when I asked
- Vince was excellent at conducting the tutorials; he was able to explain the concepts with appreciable clarity and offered some interesting perspectives on potential applications.
- The TA's were helpful.
- TA's incredibly helpful during tutorial!
- Vincent is one of the best TA's I've ever had! He is knowledgeable, interesting and well prepared for tutorial. He explain everything very well and makes the material easy to understand.

- Vince was amazing, one of the reasons why I am doing well.
- Vince was amazing
- The TA Vince was very good. He was very effective with his instruction and learned the course well because of him. He taught very well and was always open to answering questions and helping students.
- Tutorial TA (T02) was very good. Explained course content very well and was prepared to answer questions.
- Great TA's, know what they're doing.
- Vince is excellent, one of the best TA's I've had here
- Vincent is a very good TA, explains the concepts with a more example based approach. Very approachable and his tutorials are as fun tutorials can be.
- vince was a great help -went out of his way to help you -by far one of the best TA's in mac
- Vince is the greatest TA of all time.
- Class TA was very approachable and helpful. Explained concept that the prof. Failed to do for 3 lectures in 50 min.
- Vincent was a great TA. Very clear and thorough.
- Only interacted in person with Vince. He gave good examples and taught the core concepts clearly.
- TA is good there's only one we interact with Vincent, and he seems like a good enough TA.
- My TA Vince was good
- We had vincent. He was awesome. Best ta i have ever had. Highly encouraging, great at explaining and sometimes funny.
- No complaints
- Vincent was my tutorial TA. He was a very effective lecturer, lessons were consistently well prepared, engaged the class well, covered a good amount of material in the time provided. I thought he did a great job of teaching tutorials, as well as explaining concepts one on one.
- The TA's are quite good and the tutorials are a pretty helpful in learning the course content and completing the assignments.
- Vincent was an awesome TA, love his teaching style

- Tutorial instructor was great
- Vincent is an excellent TA. He gives very understandable explanations and I always enjoy going to tutorial.
- Really great, I learned more from the TA than the professor
- Vincent was amazing. Very helpful
- A+
- Vince was a great TA. Very effective and knowledgeable.
- Vincent was an amazing TA one of the best I've ever had
- I found the TA's were more helpful than the instructor
- Vincent was very good
- Vincent was an excellent TA that helped me learn aspects of the course through a different teaching style. He used a lot of examples of the specific types of sorting algorithms and searching algorithms which helped me visualize them, which in turn helped me greatly on the midterm.
- The TA's were very helpful, especially Vince. His explanations in class were very thorough and he was particularly approachable to ask questions.
- TAs are awesome
- Good
- Vincent -Clear in his explanations of the questions. -Helpful
- The lead TA for the tutorial section was amazing, he was able to clear up confusion for much of the material and was able to provide valuable examples for the course. Most of the time I was going to tutorials for the learning material as it was a quick recap and I got more out of the Tutorial sections. The marking for the assignments for the course could have been improved. We received assignments after the next assignment was due, making it difficult to determine if that was the format that the Ta's wanted for a marking scheme.
- Vincent was an excellent TA for this course; i was able to learn the necessary material in a more straightforward manner and complete any notes that i missed out on during lecture, as well as gain a firmer grasp of the concepts due to his way of explaining them.
- Vincent was great. 10/10
- Tutorial TA is excellent
- Tutorial instructor was phenomenal, need more like him

- Vince was one of the best TA's I have ever had. Very thorough. Great job explaining concepts. I wish I had him as my FA3 TA.
- Good
- Vincent is an amazing TA. Vincent is very helpful and really explains the content very well in an organized way. The only recommendation I would give to Vincent that he should look over his topics more (before thursday class) so that there are no errors.
- Vincent was the best Ta I had this semester. Very good tutorials, many times the concepts clicked after Vincent explained them.
- TA's were better than the instructor
- Vincent was an excellent TA. However, he mentioned a few times how he was not aware of content of the midterm which seemed surprising as his job was to explain concepts that would be tested. Please keep the TAs updated so they can best prepare students, especially since a lot of the class relied solely on the TAs and not the lectures.
- TA was awesome, great at explaining difficult concepts.
- Vincent was an amazing TA. He took everything we learned in class and analyzed it in an effective way. He definitely, knows his content and is able to express it to the students. A very good TA, that deserves the recognition
- Pretty good
- The TA's were very helpful and informative.
- Vince was, hands-down, the best teaching assistance that I've ever had at McMaster. TA's like him are tough to find. Side note: he has a godly beard!
- Had Vince He was great
- TA's were overall pretty good, as the one TA that teaches the tutorials was very helpful.
- The teaching TA, Vince I think, was fantastic! Probably one of the best TA's I've ever had at McMaster! Very approachable, very helpful when answering questions. No complaints!
- The one amazing thing about this course was Vincent, he took a complicated course and made it so much easier to understand. Tutorial was valued a lot more than going to lecture as I would absorb a significant amount of information from one hour of tutorial than 2 weeks worth of lecture. Vince kept things simple and straight to the point without trying to make things too complicated. He answered questions to the best of his ability and gave clear and concise responses. There were very few times where he didn't know the answer to something, and if he didn't, he would acknowledge that and take a minute to think about things for a second. There were times where he wouldn't know something and next tutorial he would have a full explanation as well

as other examples leading to different questions which I thought was amazing. His commitment really paid off and it helped me enjoy the course. Thanks a ton Vince!

- TA Vince was extremely helpful and effective, and his tutorial was the main thing which made this course passable.
- The TA was effective and were well qualified to teach the tutorials. He made them topics easy to understand in depth.
- My TA was Vince, He was excellent! Every tutorial was well prepared, he was able to answer questions beyond the material with ease, and encouraged participation, well done!
- good
- The professor is not approachable at all, probably the least approachable instructor that I have had at this institution.
- TA was amazing, can connect easily. Understood what eh was doing, and what to teach us
- Vincent was great, easy to follow and very thorough.
- The TA that was responsible for the tutorials was a great TA. The TA's responsible for marking our assignments were below average.
- Okay
- Vincent was very helpful when teaching in tutorials, explained concepts clearly.
- The teaching TA did a very good job this semester. However, I never interacted with the marking TAs.
- Vincent Maccio is an excellent lecture TA, never had a problem with any of the marking TAs.
- Great
- vince was very good