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Fall 2020	ASTR 110 01 - Planets and Stars	ASTR	Sciences	<b>Responded:</b>	32

**Instructors**  
Faison, Michael

Summarize the strengths and weaknesses of the Teaching Fellow. In what ways was their teaching effective and in what ways could their teaching be improved?

**Instructor:** Polzin, Ava

**Responses for Instructor:** 7  
**Declined to Answer Question:** 5

Respondent	Answer
1455435	Great TF, she was very knowledgeable on all the topics, she felt very easy to talk to, she seemed like she was always on top of her work, and she really wanted us to learn.
1457018	She was very helpful in explaining confusing concepts, but I did not receive much feedback on homework.
1464109	Good feedback
1470750	I went to other sections as well but I found myself in Ava's most frequently given the convenience of the time for me and my enjoyment of working through problems with Ava and just talking. She was very helpful with more difficult lecture questions and offered more information that related to but also extended beyond the class topic. Really friendly and I had a number of interesting conversations with her.
1470961	I cannot say enough good things about Ava! I genuinely would never have gotten through this class without the support of her discussion sections. I struggled to actually learn the material from class time, but Ava would explain things so well in section, and was beyond patient with us even when many of my and others' questions must have seemed unbelievably stupid to a grad student in astronomy. She went way above and beyond the job description of a TA and did far more than any ever TA I have ever had for any other class, or could ever hope to have, including emailing students like me back on FRIDAY NIGHTS when I was panicking about a problem set because I had missed her discussion section that day. I felt that she really cared about making sure we learned the material and did as well as possible in the class, and that made such a difference. Anyone who has Ava has a TA in the future will be so, so lucky!!!  I mean we did have several TF's put I did go to Ava's section the most and only had Positive experiences. One thing I will say is that there was a delay in the grading for the PSETs which was a lil annoying at the beginning cause a lot of the beginning PSETs seem to really build off each other and it Would've been

- 1472511 nice to correct my mistakes. I remember Ava saying it was one of the TF's because of how the grading system worked. I would've much rather preferred one TF to go through and correct the PSETs rather than having all the TF's grade a specific question.
- 1474113 Ava offered clear and direct feedback to students, even those who were not her student explicitly. She made it very clear that she was available to assist with any portion of the course.

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What is your overall assessment of the Teaching Fellow?

**Instructor:** Polzin, Ava

**Responses for Instructor:** 10  
**Declined to Answer Question:** 2

<b>Question Average</b>	<b>Dept</b>	<b>Div</b>	<b>School</b>
4.7 ±0.5	4.4 ±0.8	4.1 ±1.0	4.3 ±1.0

