

CHEM 17
Principles of Organic Chemistry

Comments

PLEASE COMMENT ON YOUR SECTION LEADER'S TEACHING.**Schiffman, Edward**

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

really stellar. he is nice and dedicated to teaching orgo. he wants students to succeed which makes us want to do better. he is committed to the work and always stays up late to get us back our psets asap. hes really fantastic and defined my chem 17 experience.

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Eddie is without a doubt the best teacher/instructor I have ever had, and I do not say that lightly. I am not even quite sure where to begin. His teaching is marvelous, and he always provides us with deep insights and tips that reflect his absolute mastery of the material. He was always more than prepared for section, and throughout the course of the semester, he seamlessly tailored his teaching style to try to suit as many students as possible. More important than the technicalities of his teaching, however, was the passion that he had for making sure that each one of us had the best learning experience possible. I believe he succeeded on that front, a sentiment that is shared by many of my classmates, through his ability to demonstrate to us that he was a teaching as a TF solely because he wanted us to succeed. Eddie would periodically send us long, carefully drafted emails with insights into our problem sets, awarenesses for specific lectures or concepts, clarifications of commonly misunderstood material, suggestions for preparation, and words of encouragement. In addition, he would return our assignments astonishingly quickly, stay after section was over to answer questions, and provide two-hour office hours instead of the usual hour-long session, and he would even stay longer than the allotted time to make sure that everyone was given as much attention as possible. In fact, his office hours were in such high demand that he had anywhere from 20-50 people attend every week. Sometimes, he would send us individual emails to check up on us and ask us about our progress, and if we ever needed extra help, he was always accessible through email, which truly made it feel like we were going through the course together, and that he only had our best interests in mind. Eddie was absolutely amazing.

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

I am confident that I wouldn't have done as well if I didn't have Eddie as my TF. I attended all of his sections and office hours and his understanding of the concepts and ability to explain them in an understandable fashion can not be overstated. Also, Eddie always graded the assignments quickly and efficiently so that he could return them prior to the exam even if he had to stay up all night grading them. His commitment to the course and to his students was remarkable as well as inspiring causing me to work harder to do better on the exam than I probably otherwise would have done. Also, his feedback on assignments was outstanding. His knowledge about the material, his many years of experience, and his swift response to any conceptual questions I emailed him made him the most valuable resource to me throughout the semester, and without him I definitely would not have done as well.

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Eddie was seriously the most amazing TF I could have asked for. He cared SO much about all of us. He checked up on us frequently throughout the semester, making sure that we were understanding the material. He corrected all of our problem sets so fast, and he made himself available whenever we needed him outside of section. He explained the topics in ways that made sense, and he was so enthusiastic about organic chemistry. Eddie made this course 10x easier and at least 100x more enjoyable. I seriously could not have done as well without him. I have nothing but good things to say.

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

I have never had a section leader work harder than Eddie. By far the most excited about the course, the most passionate about helping the students, and goes a tremendous length to grade things quickly and accurately, and help the students learn from assignments. Simply amazing

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Eddie is a wonderful teacher. His feedback and care for helping students understand is fantastic. His passion for the subject is admiring. He again is so carrying and puts such a focus on doing everything he can to help us learn and goes out of his to teach us. Sometimes I wished he would be more direct and quicker in his lectures and teachings, but overall and wonderful teacher.

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Eddie is the BEST section leader I have ever had during my time here at Harvard. His enthusiasm for the subject, care for the students, and limitless knowledge of organic chemistry really impressed me throughout the whole semester.

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Eddie was perhaps the BEST instructor I've had in my three semesters at Harvard. He's so committed and patient and puts in more than is required of him. He does more than any other TF I've had and any other TF that I know on the Chem 17 team. He's got years of experience teaching organic chemistry. His office hours are SO helpful -- I go after attempting every question my problem set and leave with a deep, nuanced understanding of the entire week of material. His section, review sessions, and extra office hours before the exams were the secret behind my scores on my exams this semester. I can't rave enough about Eddie!!

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

An absolutely incredible TF. Works extremely hard for the class. Is ridiculously helpful and accessible outside of class. Office hours are insanely helpful. One of the best all-time TF's I've had at Harvard.

Evaluate the course overall.: **1 (unsatisfactory)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

He is amazing! I have never had such a great TF. He is so enthusiastic and loves the material and loves to share that passion with us. He is always ready to answer our questions and be there for us. He will tell us the things he himself what he has learned from the lecture. He is the kind of the TF I wish I had for all my classes. He put so much thought an effort into his sections and he just cares so much about his students.

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Very good at teaching course material and problem-solving methods in clear, concise ways. I think I learned the bulk of the course in section and through Eddie.

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Eddie's dedication to teaching and his love for chemistry is unlike anyone that I've seen. The effort he puts towards helping students and working to explain concepts in depth beyond just what the answer key says has definitely helped me to become a sharper understanding of organic chemistry.

Evaluate the course overall.: **2 (fair)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **4 (very good)**

The only thing anyone could say about Eddie is maybe that he tried too hard. He went far beyond the call of duty to ensure that his students had everything they needed to learn well. **I hope future TFs emulate him.**

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Eddie has been the best section leader I have had during my two and a half years at Harvard. He is extremely knowledgeable and passionate about the material, which made me feel the same way. Organic chemistry became more than just another class, but one that I felt personally invested in due to Eddie's commitment to it. He is a phenomenal teacher, and all TF's from Harvard could learn from his example.

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Eddie is the best. I have literally never had a TF as great as him. He is super passionate about organic chemistry and teaching organic chemistry. His sections were always very informative and helped to solidify a lot of the concepts that I had learned in lecture. In addition, he consistently sent updates after lecture and section to ensure that we understood the concepts, which were incredibly helpful. Finally, if I ever mentioned to him that I was confused or needed help, he would always be very willing to meet up and help me out. **What I really appreciated about Eddie, though was that his deepest commitment was to learning.** It didn't matter if you were in his section or not, Eddie dedicated all of his time and his efforts to making sure that all Chem 17 students understood the concepts that were being taught to them.

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Eddie is probably the best TF; he makes sure that we have all of our pssets before an exam, and he really tries to do as much as he can as a TF. He also has a strong understanding of the material.

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Eddie is an amazing TF!! Very dedicated to the class and helping us succeed.

Evaluate the course overall.: **2 (fair)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Amazing TF who went above and beyond the call of duty, and always made himself available for extra help to anyone who needed it, whether or not they were in his section. **Has a great understanding of chemistry and explains it in such a way that it becomes less intimidating and perhaps even enjoyable at times. His passion for the material is very obvious, and so is his dedication to his students, including all the students in chemistry 17 and not just his sections. I have heard multiple people tell me I lucked out by being placed in his section,** and I hope that he will be given the opportunity to be involved with the chemistry program at Harvard in the future as well, as he is an incredible asset and resource for all students.

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **4 (very good)**

Eddie is a knowledgeable and sharp section leader. Sometimes he can be a bit strong in his teaching manner, but I have enjoyed his sections.

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Great office hours. Clear, thoughtful explanations of pset related questions.

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Absolutely wonderful TF who is truly passionate about the material that he teaches. **The most experienced TF by far on any subject matter in the class.**

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Eddie is the best TF I have had at Harvard and most likely the most dedicated TF I will ever have. He is so passionate and thorough in covering concepts that section was often more helpful for me than lecture itself. He was incredibly dedicated and extremely good at answering questions. He was an exemplary TF and helped me gain confidence in the subject.

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Eddie was amazing! He regularly gauges for understanding of the material. He also writes in different color chalk which can be really helpful in seeing things sometimes. He also could answer any questions. **One thing that I really liked about Eddie was that if he asked where you would go from here for some mechanism and you said the wrong thing, he would say he understands where you are coming from, draw the mechanism, and show you why it is not as favorable as the right way. This helped to foster an understanding of what isn't favorable and what is more favorable and why. He also has a bubbly and energetic personality that reflects a passion for organic chemistry, which is contagious and makes you want to learn more.**

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

People who got Eddie as a TF were so incredibly lucky. I was not one of those people (although I had an equally great TF) but I went to Eddie's office hours often. **He just explained concepts / made things so much more clear.** His radiating enthusiasm is so inspiring as a student and so reassuring. **He really knew his stuff and he really knows how to teach students.** I just remember him explaining how to do retro-analyses of specific mechanisms (particularly those with ring structures) and this just changing the way I approached the most difficult mechanisms in Chem17. The cream of the crop, really.

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

I went to Eddie's office hours every week, and he made the material so easy to understand! He was fabulous even though he wasn't my TF.

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

By far THE best TF I have ever had at Harvard. They'd better keep him around for next year or else I'll be ticked.

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Eddie pulled us through this course. He's incredibly dedicated to the subject and its instruction. So accessible outside of class, always has great ways to think about problems, very friendly. Probably the bests TF I've had at Harvard thus far.