

Teaching Evaluations of Tiago Lima

Student Comments:

PY 211 F3
Spring 2011

- Strengths:** he is very helpful, explains concepts well and is nice. **Weaknesses:** course has a lot of work
- Strengths:** good at explaining concepts, helpful when asked questions about problems seen in homework or lecture, enthusiastic about subject. **Weaknesses:** slow progress in class often results in class being unable to cover all problems of discussion. English skills are good but sometimes it is hard to understand. **General comments:** would be nice to have more than 1 hour per week (besides discussion) to meet and ask questions (one office hour on Wednesday is hard to attend to every time). Tiago was very helpful for me in this semester.
- Strengths:** Tiago is a very vibrant instructor who is very good at describing concepts and working through problems. Involves the class, keeps things lively. **Weaknesses:** very minor but his handwriting is occasionally a bit rough and his accent can be a bit tough. **General comments:** overall, one of the best discussion instructors I've ever had.
- Strengths:** very helpful with problems and every time explains concepts effectively. **Weaknesses:** I believe its just me but I think the question solving is a little slow...I know some people have hard time understanding, but I think this could be a little faster. **General comments:** Tiago is very helpful and I am glad I had him. He helped me a lot whenever I had some trouble with problems. Thank you very much for one semester.
- Strengths:** Tiago Souza is the best in the dept. **Weaknesses:** Ami Katz. **General comments:** Tiago needs a PHD
- Strengths:** Tiago made the course understandable, without him I would be failing. **Weaknesses:** Raj Mohanty. **General comments:** Tiago is the best
- Strengths:** very thorough in explaining concepts and problems, the nicest guy! Very helpful and willing to respond to questions, good natured, makes material seem easier, always calm. **Weaknesses:** he's perfect. **General comments:** I love Tiago! What else is there to say?
- Strengths:** Tiago was a great TF that helped a lot. **Weaknesses:** too much of a workload
- Strengths:** he was very fun and good at explaining things. Discussion was useful and I was able to learn through his teaching. **Weaknesses:** he can be a little hard to understand at times, but this was not often. **General comments:** Tiago is the man
- Strengths:** ISH! Jowles viva Brasilia. **General comments:** no seriously this guy is an amazing TA. I didn't even realize until 2 weeks before the end of the semester he only had 2 fingers on his left hand. He's a boss, his accent's the shit and I enjoyed coming to physics discussion. Doing the problem on the board together was definitely more effective than doing them in groups.
- Strengths:** to explain every detail for problems, explain questions with a lot of detail. **Weaknesses:** none. **General comments:** very good TA
- Strengths:** great personality and explains concepts very well. **Weaknesses:** none. **General comments:** Tiago Souza is the best TF I've had at BU
- Strengths:** Great TA! Very happy to learn from Tiago, great at explaining concepts and going through problems

14. **Strengths:** he was very clear when teaching and explaining problems, fair grader.
Weaknesses: handwriting on chalkboard sometimes small
15. **Strengths:** Tiago makes the discussion interesting and is very informative. **Weaknesses:** can work on writing bigger. **General comments:** best TA!
16. **Strengths:** energetic and generally explains concepts well. **Weaknesses:** goes through material very quickly sometimes; slowing down occasionally would prove helpful.
17. **Strengths:** interesting material, great guy, engaging and effective. **General comments:** Tiago is awesome
18. **Strengths:** great TF
19. **Strengths:** great TF, very good at explaining problem sets, very willing to help students.
General comments: need more practice exams that are similar to the difficulty of the actual exam
20. **Strengths:** Tiago is a wonderful TF and I have no complaints about him. He is eager to explain to the class and provides wonderful examples and steps to follow. **Weaknesses:** why isn't this man a prof?!?
21. **Strengths:** supa dupa
22. **Strengths:** Tiago is the man. No improvements necessary. Other than letting him lecture. Tiago>Katz. **Weaknesses:** this course itself is set up poorly. Not Tiago's fault.
23. **Strengths:** really helped to solidify concepts by doing each problem out on the board. Tiago is very knowledgeable of the subject. **Weaknesses:** sometimes notes were hard to follow.
General comments: very helpful and a very useful part of the course.
24. **Strengths:** explained concepts thoroughly so everyone could understand, tried to set up class to benefit us the most, awesome
25. **Strengths:** very knowledgeable of course material, obvious enthusiasm for subject.
Weaknesses: sometimes late in explaining quiz problems. **General comments:** very friendly and relatable.

**PY 211 F4
Spring 2011**

1. **Strengths:** course: problems are relevant to what learn in lecture. Instructor: very helpful and able to explain concepts really well. **General comments:** awesome!!!!!!
2. **Strengths:** Tiago clearly explains all the concepts, problems, and equations. He also gives tips about both physics and academics in general. He has held review sessions, which were helpful and appreciated. **Weaknesses:** his only weakness comes from being too thorough that we sometimes don't get to the last problem and the quizzes go right to the hour. **General comments:** awesome guy, awesome TA
3. **Strengths:** he can have his own lectures! Explains concepts, easy to follow, enjoys teaching, what more can we ask for? **General comments:** PLEASE come back next semester!! ☺
4. **Strengths:** the discussion leader was excellent, but we often ran out of time. **Weaknesses:** time management
5. **Strengths:** Tiago's ability to sustain interest while also getting the concepts across to the students as amazing. He helped me a lot this semester. **Weaknesses:** was so careful to make sure we all understood that at times he didn't finish everything. **General comments:** Tiago rocks
6. **Strengths:** nice, very good at explaining concepts. **Weaknesses:** kinda weak English. **General comments:** great discussion leader!!!
7. **Strengths:** really good at explaining difficult concepts, makes subject very real world and easier to grasp, very knowledgeable about subject.

8. **Strengths:** T. Souza was great in discussion, really helpful in explaining everything. **Weaknesses:** lots of work. **General comments:** good but challenging course.
9. **Strengths:** great teacher, course was normal. **Weaknesses:** difficult to study for exams... **General comments:** Tiago is an awesome TF!
10. **Strengths:** Tiago is a great TF. He is so good at explaining concepts, he should really be one of the lecturers. I get more out of discussion than I do out of lecture. Tiago is the best. **Weaknesses:** none. **General comments:** Tiago Souza loves to teach physics and it shows because he actually cares. Its nice for a change.
11. **Strengths:** Tiago is awesome and helped me to excel in this course. **Weaknesses:** class too short.
12. **Strengths:** Tiago is by far the best instructor I've ever had! He's very good at explaining concepts and giving tips. I learn the material in his class, the lecture professor can't teach at all. Humorous and easy to follow, he's great! **General comments:** he makes me wish discussion was way longer than 50 minutes, or several times a week. He'd be great as a full-time professor
13. **Strengths:** Tiago's discussion classes helped a lot to understand how to solve problems practically as well as to understand physics theoretically. He really cares about students and wants us to understand everything clearly. Also his extra problem sets are super helpful. **General comments:** Tiago is one of the best physics TA I've known!
14. **Strengths:** learned a lot, explained concepts and how to do problems very well. **General comments:** Tiago is a good TA
15. **Strengths:** Tiago was really great at explaining concepts and really stressed that we ask questions if we didn't get the ideas. He was really helpful and kind and did all the work efficiently, allowing us students to understand things better.
16. **Strengths:** very friendly and is able to clearly explain concepts. **Weaknesses:** ...I can think of none!
17. **Strengths:** explains concepts well
18. **Strengths:** good at explaining units. **Weaknesses:** none
19. **Strengths:** Tiago is the best, should be a prof, Mohanty is terrible in comparison. **Weaknesses:** none
20. **Strengths:** better than lecture by 100% **Weaknesses:** lecture is awful. **General comments:** not a good way to enter college physics by lecture, discussion saved the year.
21. **Strengths:** Souza is really positive and does his best to explain
22. **Strengths:** He is really good at explaining concepts and I learned a lot more from him than my actual professor.
23. **Strengths:** very helpful, explains well. **Weaknesses:** late at grading, always runs out of time so we have to rush on finishing our quizzes every discussion
24. **Strengths:** Tiago is awesome! Should teach physics! Great at explaining concepts! **Weaknesses:** nothing. **General comments:** become a professor ☺
25. **Strengths:** he was very nice and willing to help us understand. He really cared about our understanding of the course. He's BOMB! ☺ **Weaknesses:** the only weakness is that he would let us out AT the hour every week so that I was always late to my next class
26. **Strengths:** he was really personable, easy to understand and effective overall. He knew how to best explain concepts to students and went through problems slowly and completely. He was so awesome! Loved getting to know the students, it made him easy to like. **Weaknesses:** went overtime and rushed quizzes. Also, passed out graded assignments while instructing, made listening and paying attention difficult.

1. **Strengths:** I can honestly say that Tiago made the course for me. I was able to understand more after 1 hr recitation than I was able to get from 3 hrs (or more) of lecture. I attribute this to Tiago's willingness (and ability) to break problems down into a more general method that he continues to prefer to throughout the semester. With Tiago's instruction it is very clear that each method/topic is a logical progression from those coming earlier. He entertains all questions without belittling students for their inexperience. I literally looked forward to his office hours every week and put extra energy into being organized with questions because his explanations and energy he gives his students motivated me and made me feel physics was accessible. I was also impressed with his decision to change the format of our discussion and that he asked for our feedback before and after. He looked for a way to make discussion more effective and he found it. His initiative and thoughtfulness/care for his students impressed me. If Tiago invests as much in his research as in his teaching I expect him to be a dynamo someday. Give Tiago a raise, preference for research or teaching positions-anything that will help him proceed. The university is already benefiting from his work here. **Weaknesses:** I think an unrealistically high number of problems assigned for each section. I say this because Tiago, who moved through questions at a pretty good clip, was only once or twice able to cover all of them. I know this was not just a problem in our section because other students said their TFs had the same problem even when they seemed rushed. I would much rather TFs feel they could take the time to cover fewer problems thoroughly, as Tiago did, than to rush throughout. Tiago always made time for questions and made it clear questions were welcome. Many students asked as well and I felt comfortable doing so. I always left discussion able to work the problems we had reviewed instead of being rushed through all three. I was very pleased with this and suggest fewer problems so all students have this experience. **General comments:** Tiago TF for PY 212 next year!
2. **Strengths:** great accent and smile/anecdote, multiples for problems. **Weaknesses:** time efficiency, but that's ok. **General comments:** he taught us well, I wish we had more time to discuss more questions
3. **Strengths:** Tiago was an absolutely amazing discussion instructor! He explained concepts so much better than my professor and made problems seem easy. **Weaknesses:** I disliked working in groups before he explained the problems. We made better use of the time when we just went through the problems and how to do them.
4. **Strengths:** great at explaining concepts, better than lecture. **Weaknesses:** none. **General comments:** I had a great year!
5. **Strengths:** always enthusiastic, helpful. **Weaknesses:** ends class late
6. **Strengths:** really funny, which makes the subject interesting. Has the ability to motivate students to do much better in class.
7. **Strengths:** great TF who saved you from the awful lecture
8. **Strengths:** really good TF, knew what he was talking about and could explain concepts very well. Great atmosphere in the room because of him. **Weaknesses:** accent took a little bit of getting used to, didn't give quiz out until the class was almost over, need to give it earlier
9. **Strengths:** very enthusiastic about teaching, always happy to answer questions, very clear in explaining concepts, doesn't go too fast or slow. **Weaknesses:** slow in returning assignments.
10. **Strengths:** Tiago was awesome, I learned much more from him than from my lectures
11. **Strengths:** great in explaining concepts, shows interest in the subject and students, available for extra help. **Weaknesses:** has trouble with time management, we rarely finished on time. **General comments:** Tiago is awesome

12. **Strengths:** Tiago is great. He teaches concepts very well and I learn a lot from discussion (a lot more than I do in lecture) **Weaknesses:** starts quizzes in the last 10 minutes of class. **General comments:** Tiago is a boss
13. **Strengths:** entertaining, did a good job of clarifying information. **Weaknesses:** didn't always finish the problems. **General comments:** good class, only problem was getting out late. I was always late to my next class.
14. **Strengths:** he explains the problem sets clearly, his handwriting was clear, he talked about some concepts. **Weaknesses:** he talks about many details. I don't think it's helpful. We don't have time to move on, time is too tight, wordy! **General comments:** good, clearly explanation, except for talking too much!
15. **Weaknesses:** quiz usually starts at 11:50, which means class supposed to be done at that time. Should begin earlier.
16. **Strengths:** enthusiastic about teaching, engages class while working on explaining concepts. **Weaknesses:** not a lot of time for quizzes. **General comments:** a good instructor
17. **Strengths:** explained concepts effectively, teaching on the board was extremely helpful, much more effective than group work. **General comments:** Tiago was friendly and made discussion interesting.
18. **Strengths:** Tiago explained concepts better than my lecturerer, friendly and helpful, took time to make sure we understood the material. **Weaknesses:** time efficiency, don't always get through all 3 problems. **General comments:** Tiago is the bomb
19. **Strengths:** incredibly thorough explanations, genuinely interested in students' performance/learning, very knowledgeable of the material, always willing to help. **Weaknesses:** none. **General comments:** Tiago is the ideal TF; he's intelligent, personable, and extremely helpful. Overall, Tiago is the best TF I've ever had here at BU

**PY 211 E6
Spring 2011**

1. **Strengths:** clarity and experience. **Weaknesses:** pacing the discussions sessions (overtime sometimes). **General comments:** I am genuinely satisfied.
2. **Strengths:** learned a lot from the discussion problems and the instructor went over problems in detail. **Weaknesses:** usually took the quizzes pretty late in the class, so I usually wasn't on time to my next class. **General comments:** instructor did a good job overall
3. **Strengths:** Tiago was great at explaining concepts and making sure everyone understands. **Weaknesses:** the workload of the course was a little much.
4. **Strengths:** funny, active, explains well. **Weaknesses:** needs to return things sooner.
5. **Weaknesses:** nothing. **General comments:** great job!
6. **Strengths:** he is very good at taking the time to explain the concepts. He does what will help the students best, not what he wants to
7. **Strengths:** Tiago is great. He explains the concepts and problems well. I really liked the newer discussion format, going over all of the problems as a class as opposed to being in groups.
8. **Strengths:** Tiago is very good at teaching discussions and explaining concepts. He is helpful, friendly, and available. **Weaknesses:** none. **General comments:** Tiago is a great TF!
9. **Strengths:** very good at explaining problems and always stays to answer questions
10. **Strengths:** explains concepts well, very thorough. **Weaknesses:** none. **General comments:** try to give more time for quizzes
11. **Strengths:** Tiago is good
12. **Strengths:** explains concepts well, encourages class participation

13. **Strengths:** he is really cool and personable. I liked him a lot. Very smart and informative, learned well from him, great guy! **Weaknesses:** sometimes we didn't get through all the problems. **General comments:** AWESOME
14. **Strengths:** explains things extremely well, best physics teacher I've ever had. **Weaknesses:** sometimes we wouldn't have enough time to finish all the problems. However, I believe there's just too much material to cover, it's not our teacher's fault.
15. **Strengths:** Tiago is good at being awesome and explaining concepts in a clear manner.
16. **Strengths:** he was excellent at explaining topics, obviously interested in the material, always peppy and cared about what students thought. **General comments:** I truly enjoyed having Tiago as a TF. He made physics slightly more bearable for me. Also, he was always available for help.
17. **Strengths:** very enthusiastic and helpful and clear. He's AWESOME! **Weaknesses:** a lot of times the discussion and HW problems were considerably ahead of lecture material and were completely useless and stressful
18. **Strengths:** great instructor. **Weaknesses:** weakness of the course: terrible teacher
19. **Strengths:** available most often when I need to ask questions, semi-interesting. **Weaknesses:** didn't learn much in discussion

PY211 D2
Fall 2010

1. [S] Very approachable, cares about giving good useful feedback, a genuinely nice guy. Also, a very fair grader. [W] At a few times, his accent is slightly hard to understand, but once you hear it a few times, you get used to it. [GC] A great discussion section. I'm glad I had Tiago to help me in Physics.
2. [S] Very passionate and explains well.
3. [S] Thorough explanations, in command of explanations. [W] Accent, hard to understand at points.
4. [W] English was difficult to understand. [GC] Good.
5. [S] If you needed help, he was only an email away.
6. [S] Interesting course material. Very organized. [W] Too theoretical in lecture. Not enough examples.
7. [GC] Very engaging, makes the material exciting, great instructor!
8. [S] Tiago is very informative and helpful. Explains everything well. [W] Can't go over everything. [GC] Class doesn't suit me but Tiago is very helpful.
9. [S] You are good at solving problems with us. Good diagrams. Good explanations. Relevant problems. [W] Too much homework ☹
10. [S] Clearly loves physics and enjoys what he does. [GC] Good instructor.
11. [S] Very good at explaining where certain equations and formulas are derived from and making sure students understand the equations.