

Tiago Souza TF Evaluations

Fall 2011
PY 211 L5

1. **Strengths:** very funny and clear. Knowledgeable in lab procedures and helpful when things go wrong. Grading is very clear and fair. **Weaknesses:** can't think of any. **General comments:** if I grow up and work in a lab, I want my boss to be like Tiago!
2. **Strengths:** Tiago is very enthusiastic and makes me not dread going to this lab. He is always walking around and ready to help. He is able to describe things so we can understand. **Weaknesses:** some of the labs were a little long.
3. **Strengths:** he is very thorough in his explanations and is clear and concise. Lots of enthusiasm. **Weaknesses:** Tiago has no weaknesses. Superman has no weaknesses. **General comments:** Tiago, come TF PY 313 next semester please!
4. **Strengths:** Tiago is very enthusiastic and helpful. He always takes the time to thoroughly explain concepts before and during the lab. He is always willingly and kindly answers questions and helps students. **Weaknesses:** I don't see any weaknesses
5. **Strengths:** he explains every concept well and is always patient. He is never just sitting in a corner but instead is always helping people.
6. **Strengths:** funny, awesome, and helpful. **Weaknesses:** not always sure what the write-up should look like.
7. **Strengths:** Tiago is great at helping us out when we have questions. He allows us to figure out the answer but gives us hints along the way. **Weaknesses:** I didn't see many weaknesses. **General comments:** overall, Tiago was great. He made lab enjoyable and allowed us to really learn!
8. **Strengths:** taught me some awesome concepts and related it to real life
9. **Strengths:** you really know what you're talking about well. **Weaknesses:** talk a lot in the beginning, most of which is necessary but I like to just get into it. **General comments:** good energy and enthusiasm.
10. **Strengths:** he's fun and AWESOME! Very helpful when answering our questions. **Weaknesses:** can't think of any. **General comments:** Tiago rocks!
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11. **Strengths:** when you give lectures before lab and talk to individual students during lab, you do a great job explaining concepts and relative importance of those concepts. **General comments:** definitely make sure you continue doing what you're doing, maybe even lengthen your opening lectures because they are very, very helpful
12. **Strengths:** Tiago is really good at explaining concepts and making lab run smoothly. He really does things in everybody's best interest. He's very enthusiastic and helpful as a TF. **Weaknesses:** sometimes Tiago skips a step when explaining something, which might cause confusion. This is rare though.
13. **Strengths:** Tiago is awesome! He would always help us if we had trouble but not just tell us the answer. He made sure we actually understood the reasoning behind things. He was extremely patient and made the lab section very enjoyable!

14. **Strengths:** Tiago is very patient and helpful- this is great for students new to physics. **Weaknesses:** some of the labs seem a little vague. In particular, the torque/moment of inertia lab is still confusing. **General comments:** Tiago's great- definitely a great lab TF who is more than willing to help teach physics
15. **Strengths:** labs really help, Tiago is very nice and approachable and he definitely helps us. **Weaknesses:** he sometimes talks a while to explain things like he kind of responds in a complicated way. **General comments:** I'll miss this lab and Tiago.
16. **Strengths:** the course gave a lot of opportunities to understand the material, very thorough and incorporated student participation. **Weaknesses:** relied heavily on the book. **General comments:** Tiago was an excellent lab TF, very thorough informative and helpful
17. **Strengths:** can always answer my questions in lab, which is helpful. He makes a good connection between class and lab concepts. **Weaknesses:** not many he was always well prepared for lab
18. **Strengths:** Tiago is a great TF. He is funny and approachable and incredibly helpful. He knows what he is talking about and can convey his knowledge effectively. **Weaknesses:** a few of the labs seemed more tedious than need be. I felt like I needed to get answers down quickly and didn't really have the chance to think about the results.

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1. **S:** good at explaining concepts that are confusing
2. **S:** if you had any questions, Tiago was very helpful and answered questions fully. He explained what to do in lab very clearly. **W:** it took a while to get back lab reports. **GC:** lab was very helpful in explaining concepts learned in class
3. **S:** Tiago is one of the best lab TAs I have ever had. He explains concepts well and is always willing to help when you have questions. I had him for discussion for one week and that was also a good experience because he explained any questions anyone had
4. **S:** helpful in answering questions in lab
5. **S:** good instructor, explained things concisely and well, very helpful. **GC:** great lab instructor, just sometimes slow in handing labs back but not big deal at all
6. **S:** Tiago is very helpful in lab and really tries to explain everything. His pre-lab explanations help a lot and he's always willing to assist when needed. His explanations make sense and connect the lab activity to the physics behind it. **W:** sometimes his accent can be difficult to understand but it is not a huge issue
7. **S:** very helpful, very happy and enthusiastic. **GC:** great TF
8. **S:** Tiago was funny and nice. He really helped with any questions we had. Really good at explaining concepts. **W:** not real comments on lab reports, don't really know why points were lost. **GC:** Tiago was a great lab instructor, made lab fun
9. **S:** instructor is very helpful when explaining concepts. He will make sure the material is understood, especially if it is asked for. **W:** the instructor does not provide much feedback on lab reports, which would be helpful.

10. **S:** lab is helpful. Office hours are really helpful. **W:** discussion is generally not helpful, since the problems we prepare are not the same as the ones gone over in discussion and preparing the problems means, to me at least, solving the problem
11. **S:** this course is very difficult, but challenging **W:** great. **GC:** labs need to be more
12. **S:** I personally didn't enjoy the course and it is the main reason why I'm leaving engineering, but Jariwala was the man. He tried so hard to help and I'm impressed with how much he cares. **W:** relies too much on this online homework called masterphysics.com which I was not impressed with
13. **S:** great teacher, smart
14. **S:** very enthusiastic and helpful. Knows the material well and presents it to the students in a very thorough and helpful manner. Good at attending to students concerns. **W:** no major weaknesses in my mind, sometimes grading could be a bit more prompt. **GC:** great job, Tiago
15. **GC:** Tiago is very helpful when explaining things but sometimes can do it in a long winded way. To the point is good!
16. **S:** very enthusiastic and informed on topic. **W:** none that I have seen. **GC:** very good instructor.
17. **S:** the labs were short while still being able to teach the material. TF was quite helpful when asked for advice or clarification. **W:** expectations regarding assignments were sometimes vague
18. **S:** the format of office hours is probably the best it can be, I just wish there were TFs or some sort of assistance more often because sometimes I only get brief help, and office hours is the only thing keeping me from failing. **W:** I wish we had more time in a one-on-one or small group setting so that I have time to actually focus on my own weaknesses with a knowledgeable person. I would feel much more confident and encouraged.
19. **S:** Tiago really made physics lab fun and easy to understand. He goes above expectations and applies real world examples to concepts we learn. I remember for the lab with 6 stations he also showed us a soccer video that utilized the same concept. That got me very interested and encouraged me to look up more on this concept. **W:** I wish there were more of Taigo so he could help more people at the same time. **GC:** He is a great TA! I hope I get him again in other classes