

Quantitative evaluation in Fall 2021 (out of 5):

- Instructor rating: 4.5
- Encouragement of class participation: 4.38
- Effectiveness in explaining concepts: 4.63

Student comments (unedited):

- One of the best metrics TAs I have. Explain concepts very clearly and give a lot of useful references.
- Rubaiyat is a bit of legend in the sense that, in the first half of the course, when the fundamentals of each model was pretty much void in the main lectures, he filled in the main parts and actually helped make sense of the models during the discussion sessions. He kind of took on the role of the main lectures. When the second half of the course had well structured content and contained fundamental materials, he went above and beyond to share how those concepts are applied in practice. He does all this in the clearest and most efficient manner possible + understands and answers each question by students very clearly.
- Professor Alam is great. He knows a lot and devoted a lot of his energy to this course. I am grateful. I just regret not being able to read all discussion assignments before class.
- Rubaiyat clearly put in a lot of effort to provide a quality discussion section. His slides were excellent resources.
- For the discussion sections where you actually explained the material on/related to the problem sets (e.g. most of Kevin's part) I found your explanations and slides to be very helpful although you do go a bit fast. Similarly the intro to R sessions were helpful as well (although probably not for most people who, unlike me, already know R)
- He is very helpful in discussions and through email. He is organized and concise. This has been my favorite metrics TA session.
- Good problem sets, slides were a great reference.