

# Columbia University: Arts & Sciences

## A&S Fall 2020 Standard Evaluation

**Course:** PSYCUN2630\_001\_2020\_3-SOCIALPSYCHOLOGY: Social Psychology (PSYC UN2630)-  
PSYCUN2630\_001\_2020\_3 - SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

**Instructor:** E. Tory Higgins

**TA:** Luisa Bridi Dacroce, Deborah Cesarini, Emily Nakkawita \* , Brian Silston

**Response Rate:** 83/111 (74.77 %)

### 1 - What are the strengths and weaknesses of Emily Nakkawita (discussion section leader, lab section leader, grader) as an instructor, and how might Emily Nakkawita's teaching be improved?

Response Rate	17/111 (15.32%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Criticizing her would be like criticizing beyonce. What a person to look up to. Again, those 8a office hours. Also major congrats on her last presentation in class. Postbacc legend turned into PhD in the making</li> <li>• Emily is very helpful and knowledgeable! She is willing to talk to students about applying social psychology or concepts we learn in class outside of psychology and into different fields.</li> <li>• She's very prepared, very clear and concise. Appreciated her competence immensely.</li> <li>• Super organized and efficient! Considering the online nature of the semester, I'm not sure how else her teaching could be improved.</li> <li>• Emily was wonderful - not just in her substantive knowledge and leadership of all the in-class experiments (which were always executed flawlessly!) but also in being physically present with the Professor to help him when (inevitable) technical difficulties arose with Zoom. She was available over email and extremely timely with feedback etc. I would say she was the perfect TA and has no room for improvement.</li> <li>• Emily was an excellent TA! Extremely helpful to both Professor Higgins and the students while the ZOOM lectures were occurring.</li> <li>• Whenever I send an email to Emily for questions, she replies me with all helpful information and recommendation.</li> <li>• She was incredibly engaging and answered any and all questions very clearly.</li> <li>• No complaints, Emily was very kind in giving me feedback and was clear in how I could improve.</li> <li>• Emily is amazing! She was always so knowledgeable, understanding, and helpful. Professor Higgins is already an amazing instructor, but having Emily in the class brought it to the next level. She conducted in class experiments so flawlessly, she was always responsive to emails and questions, and she was just overall a great TA to have in such a crazy semester.</li> <li>• Amazing TA! Very knowledgeable, patient, intelligent, and helpful.</li> <li>• She always responded to my emails and was very friendly.</li> <li>• Emily seemed to be the most involved TA, as she was always leading the in-class polls and experiments. Her explanations about those were always super clear, and she was also great at clearly communicating with the class via email about assignment and exam logistics, especially given the circumstances of everything having to be completed online. She also was very active in answering questions in the Zoom chat during class, and had a very pleasant and kind personality that made her seem very approachable!</li> <li>• Emily is a great TA and she also explains the material well and is responsive towards emails and questions. She is very helpful and very nice. Cannot think of immediate things to improve.</li> <li>• Great! Always great about answering questions, being a resource, and making sure class ran smoothly.</li> <li>• She seems very unapproachable. She conducts the class in the exact same manner every single lecture and often gives little to no time for students to ask questions or voice their concerns. Despite this, she has extensive knowledge about the subject. It was just a very trying time this semester with everything going on and it felt as if she did not care about students well being or getting to know us as students. Little care for our personal well being.</li> <li>• I feel very lucky to have had Emily as Emily deserves a lot of credit for the course running so smoothly. But beyond event her seriously impressive organizational skills she is not only a brilliant and talented researcher, but also a gifted and dedicated educator. Emily really goes out of her way to assist and encourage students - she distills complex information into more manageable and comprehensible chunks, and is extremely generous with her time, her insight and her near encyclopedic knowledge of relevant research. Feedback, availability and timeliness met or exceeded my expectations.</li> </ul>	

### 2 - What is the overall teaching effectiveness of Emily Nakkawita in the current modality?

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means		
Excellent	(5)	28	59.57%		4.40	Question	
Very Good	(4)	12	25.53%				
Good	(3)	5	10.64%				
Fair	(2)	2	4.26%				
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%				
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<b>Response Rate</b>				<b>Mean</b>	<b>STD</b>	<b>Median</b>	
47/111 (42.34%)				4.40	0.85	5.00	