

# Columbia University: Arts & Sciences

## A&S Fall 2023 Standard Evaluation

**Course:** EEEBGR6110\_001\_2023\_3 - FUNDAMENTALS OF EVOLUTION: EEEBG6110\_001\_2023\_3\_172000  
**Instructor:** Deren Eaton  
**TA:** Vicens Vila-Coury \*  
**Response Rate:** 18/20 (90.00 %)

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

Response Rate 12/20 (60%)

- Vicens was an excellent TA! He held review sessions that explained all the confusing topics very well and he was always happy to answer questions outside of class (which he did enthusiastically). It would have been great to have Vicens hold more lectures/review sessions as this is where I learnt the most.
- Very helpful, easily approachable and has the most style.
- Vicens Vila-Coury is very helpful in providing additional assistance with understanding course material, going so far as to offer review sessions outside of normal class hours if we ran out of time to review in class. In the second half of class, I think he started including better reading quiz questions that helped us think more deeply about the material and prepare for exams (and would recommend he continue doing so in other classes!).
- Vicens is the absolute guy. His ability to explain concepts that Daniel and Deren struggled to explain to us was unparalleled. Lowkey he should've taught the class.
- Vicens was a perfect TA. He was great at explaining things, answering questions, and hosting review sessions. Sometimes he was able to explain concepts more clearly than the instructors. He even hosted an impromptu review session in his own free time when he saw we were struggling before an exam.
- Vicens was always clear and concise explaining challenging concepts. He went above and beyond to help students, especially in preparation for exams.
- Vicens was a great TA. Really knew the material that was being covered in the course and was always available to help.
- Excellent discussion leader, and grader. Always willing to help and make time for students in the class, and very good at breaking down complex topics into understandable chunks. Vicens teaching could be improved if only by giving us even more of his teaching!
- Vicens is knowledgeable and explains complex topics to learning students effectively.
- Vicens is very good at being a TA he is very helpful at explaining things that are complex and he is very gracious with his time.
- Before the exam, he will summarize and summarize the key points of knowledge and help us absorb them in a more popular and easy-to-understand way.
- Vicens is an exceptionally talented educator in the making, who made valuable contributions to the learning progression of the class as a group and as individuals. He was responsible for creating course module quizzes which consisted of excellent questions pertaining to textbook and article readings. Additionally, he performed much of the grading of assignments, and provided insightful feedback.

### 2 - What is the overall teaching effectiveness of Vicens Vila-Coury?

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means		
Excellent	(5)	14	77.78%		4.78		
Very Good	(4)	4	22.22%				
Good	(3)	0	0.00%				
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%				
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%				
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Response Rate				Mean		STD	Median
18/20 (90.00%)				4.78		0.43	5.00