

GRADING POLICY FOR ECON 491

Grading for undergraduate TAs will be based on two criteria:

Dependability

Effectiveness

Dependability this requirement is spelled out in the TA appointment letter, and listed again below. In addition, another dimension of dependability is maintaining regular communication with the instructor, including prompt responses to e-mail messages.

Effectiveness This requirement is viewed as distinctly secondary to the dependability requirement. It will not be determined by grades received by students in your sections. It will be measured largely by effort put into teaching and only in small part by the responses to the questionnaire administered to students about one-third of the way through the course. Most TAs receive very good evaluations. If student responses do indicate areas where improvement would be helpful, the TA will not be penalized if, working with the instructor, the TA makes a good-faith effort to improve.

After meeting with the TA to discuss the student feedback on the questionnaires, the