

## Selected Student Comments

**Semester:** 2017/2018 FA

**Instructor:** Sachin Vaidya

**Course:** PHYS250 - Intro Phys 1

**Instructor comment:** Please comment about the INSTRUCTOR. You may wish to consider knowledge of the subject matter, clearness of explanations, ability to maintain interest, or anything else you think is important. Suggestions for improvement are particularly welcome.

Mr. Vaidya is an exemplary instructor who made the subject matter approachable and understandable. Recitation with him was by far the most useful part of this course. I learned probably 85% of the material in recitation despite it being less than 25% of my time spent in class for this course. Mr. Vaidya has an obvious passion for good teaching and he'd make an excellent full-time instructor.

The instructor was exceptionally and consistently clear in his explanations. I feel like I learned more at the recitations than the other aspects of the physics course. He knows how to get individuals to really understand the material and was good at relating the information with simplified examples.

Mr. Vaidya is a great guy. I truly hope he becomes a professor one day because he was so good at explaining concepts in a way that would help you, not confuse you more. He always did his best to help everyone and was more than happy to do so.

One of the best TA's I've ever had. He was incredibly knowledgeable about the subject, loved to teach, and always encouraged us to ask questions if we were stuck. He took time to explain the main concepts and formulas we would need, which really helped clear up any confusion we might have. I would highly recommend him as a TA and want him to become a professor here.

Professor Vaidya is one of the most helpful GAs that I've had. His explanations are clear and concise and he takes time to overview key concepts in the beginning of class. He is also very nice and pleasant to be around.

The instructor couldnt have done his job better. He was so kind and absolutely engaged in every students questions. If a group had a question, he took the time to explain it and sometimes in depth which was so nice.

He was very helpful and cleared up most of the material that I didn't understand from lecture. His little lectures at the start of each recitation got me through this course. He really broke things down into ways that we could understand.

**Semester:** 2017/2018 SP

**Instructor:** Sachin Vaidya

**Course:** PHYS211 - Mechanics

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My Instructor was extremely helpful for this class overall. Explanations were very clear and instruction time, in the beginning, was very relevant the whole objective for that week. Individual questions were always answered thoroughly and clearly. Very knowledgeable on the subject matter and very effective at communicating the material.

Sachin Vaidya is an extremely patient and intelligent teacher who was the best TA I could have had. His pre-recitation lectures were very efficient well thought out, and the message came across loud and clear. The methods that he uses to describe fundamental principles in physics clarifies every concept with precise detail, and he eliminates any questions I could have in his fantastic explanation.

Sachin made understanding recitation topics and physics topics in general very easy to understand. He not only taught us the material but also showed us how this material can be applied to our various majors. This made studying physics much more enjoyable because very often (since a cmpsc major) I find myself not understanding why I need to take physics. Shortening the actual recitation topics also helped me spend more time on understanding the physics rather than rushing through lengthy paragraphs in the recitation packet.

Sachin was an extremely good teacher. He is clearly passionate and knowledgeable of the subject he is teaching. I was lucky to end up in his recitation section. He explains concepts very clearly and is always willing to answer questions.

I really got a lot out of the mini lectures he gave before class; it cleared up a lot of confusion I got from the readings. He knew exactly what to do to make everything seem simpler when I had questions on the recitation activity, readings, or Mastering Physics HW. He was easy to reach out of class and he responded very quickly. He would be a great instructor.

I thought Sachin was one of the best TA's I have had so far at Penn State. He is always very prepared for the recitation and gives very informative short lectures to better prepare us. He is very patient when a student is confused and makes sure that they are able to understand the concepts

He was very helpful throughout the course. His small lectures before recitations were the best. I've learned so much from listening to him for 5 minutes every week. He explained concepts that were troubling me very well. He cares about his students and wants to provide the best teaching experience.