

To Whom it may Concern:

Ignacio Ojea was one of my teaching assistants this past term (fall 2015) for Methods and Problems of Philosophy - which is a course designed for undergraduates who have had no previous exposure to philosophical thinking.

He did a magnificent job.

His comments on student papers were invariably clear and detailed and critical without being in the least discouraging. He was wonderful at helping students see what it was they actually wanted to say, and how they actually wanted to say it. He was also extremely patient and helpful with students who came to his office hours - and consistent went out of his way to make himself welcoming and available to students who wanted his guidance. His evaluations were uniform raves.

Ignacio also taught a class in the course - on a famous and difficult paper by David Lewis about the possibility of time travel - and this was something of a tour de force. Students invariably have a hard time digesting Lewis's idea of time travel as a mis-match between two different ideas of time - but Ignacio managed to make it all wonderfully clear and careful and accessible. His openness to questions from students, and his patience with them, and his talent for slowly and deliberately building an understanding, were a genuine pleasure to watch.

He is a natural teacher - and I recommend him to you with our reservation.

If you have any further questions about Ignacio, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Sincerely,
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