

To Whom It May Concern:

I had the opportunity to have Alisa as a VTA for my Anatomy class at UCF in Fall of 2023. Thanks to her leadership and dedication to her students, I and my classmates gained confidence in our understanding of the material and test taking abilities. Alisa's role as a VTA for the class was to teach part of the class each week, as well as lead library study sessions once per week. While I am someone who often struggles to focus in class, and would often end up studying on my own instead of paying attention during class, during Alisa's segments I rarely struggled to engage. She brought excitement into the lectures and shared helpful acronyms for remembering difficult concepts. In her library sessions, she ensured that everyone had a good understanding of each topic before moving on to the next, and was always happy to answer any questions students have.

In addition to Alisa's teaching abilities, she also maintained excellent peer connections. She would learn every student who came to her sessions' names and always referred to each person as such. She also brought treats to the session to help boost engagement and fun. I was very impressed with the way that she was able to make each student feel seen and involved in her sessions, even when the couches in the small area that we were in were overfilled. My peers and I agreed that although we had been to other VTA/TA library sessions, Alisa's sessions were the most engaging and helpful. Even though she would go straight from a two-hour session to a three-hour lecture, I never heard her complain or saw her without a smile.

I believe that Alisa is an outstanding leader, and I have confidence that she will continue to excel in her future endeavors in leadership roles. I am honored to have been a student of hers and wish her the best of luck.

Best regards,

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