

# Evidence of Teaching Effectiveness

Rachel Ameen

Student evaluation highlights, 2021-2025 | Syracuse University and University of Washington

Course	Role	Term	Overall Rating
GEO 171: Human Geographies	TA, Syracuse	Spring 2025	4.9 / 5.0
GEO 103: Environment and Society	TA, Syracuse	Fall 2024	4.7 / 5.0
GEO 155: The Natural Environment	TA, Syracuse	Spring 2024	4.8 / 5.0
GEO 171: Human Geographies	TA, Syracuse	Fall 2023	4.9 / 5.0
ENV 100: Intro to Environmental Studies	TA, UW	AY 2021-22	4.2-5.0 / 5.0

Overall rating reflects the item "I would recommend the TA, as an instructor, to others" (Syracuse) and combined summative medians (UW). Perfect 5.0 scores for enthusiasm and discussion environment in Spring 2025. Recipient of the Syracuse University Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award (2026).

## In Students' Words

*"She was the best TA I've had in my 4 years here."*

GEO 171: Human Geographies, Fall 2023

*"She did the impossible by making a class of students engaged and happy on a 9:30 section on a Friday."*

GEO 171: Human Geographies, Spring 2025

*"Rachel is animated and radiates good energy even on the dreariest days. She is approachable, kind, and considerate."*

GEO 171: Human Geographies, Fall 2023

*"You are a large part of the reason that I am choosing to pursue environmental science in some form as a career. Thank you for everything you've taught me."*

GEO 103: Environment and Society, Fall 2024

*"I found that a lot of TAs simply just did the coursework, but Rachel seemed to genuinely care, which was a breath of fresh air for me."*

GEO 171: Human Geographies, Spring 2025

## Faculty Observation

*"In general, Rachel is a comfortable, engaged, and energetic instructor. She gives the clear sense that she wants to be in the classroom with students, which I think makes students more willing to be there with her... These are small tweaks to what is a polished and comfortable teaching style."*

Prof. Timur Hammond, Department of Geography and the Environment, Syracuse University (teaching observation, January 2025)