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**Reflection on being observed by fellow UTA’s**

This semester, we had the opportunity to be observed by some of our fellow UTAs. I think this was a wonderful opportunity for UTAs to see how other classes are being taught in an online setting. I was observed by Kelsey and Nicholle for class observations and I found that even though we TA for the same class, it is taught in different ways by different professors. At first, I found it difficult for someone to observe an online course because there is no actual classroom setting, but just a webpage with links and modules. In order to help the process of Kelsey and Nicholle observing the class that I TA for, I sent them all the current updates of what was going on in the class each week so they would know what students were working on. When I was looking through some of the questions that were asked for the class observations, I thought it would be hard to answer because I thought many of the questions were related to an actual physical classroom setting than an online setting. However, Lyra allowed those UTA’s who teach online the opportunity to observe anything we wanted. I tried my best to include as much detail as I could about Professor Euw’s class, but I would have liked to conduct a class observation in a physical classroom as well. I think a good idea to use for future class observations could be to have students who UTA for online classroom settings to observe a student who teaches in the classroom and those who teach in person to conduct a class observation for a TA who teaches online. I think this way both UTA’s have the best of both worlds and to see how an online setting is different from a physical classroom setting.