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Summary of Teaching Effectiveness

At both North Dakota State University and West Virginia University, I've had the privilege of teaching several classes with different instruction methods. My classes have ranged in size from 7 (Fall 2023) to 200 (Spring 2023). I've taught introductory classes, upper-level undergraduate classes, an MBA class, and a PhD class. I've also had success teaching in-person, online synchronous, and online asynchronous classes.

At the end of each semester, students are given the opportunity to complete student evaluations of instruction (SEI) to provide feedback on the instructor and course. Below are the mean scores for the overall quality, learning, and teaching effectiveness in each course I've taught. Each score for each course is above the department average. Ratings are based on a 1-5 scale, with 1 indicating "poor or strongly disagree" and 5 indicating "excellent or strongly agree." The SEI also includes open-response questions, where students respond to questions such as "what helped you learn in this course" or "what recommendations do you have for changes." The bottom of this page provides selected student quotes that are representative of the majority. Complete evaluations for all courses I've taught are attached to this document.

North Dakota State University

Semester	Class	Students	Quality	Learning	Effectiveness
Fall 2022	Econometric Theory I	7	5.00	5.00	5.00
	Principles of Macroeconomics (Asynch.)	150	4.41	4.24	4.44

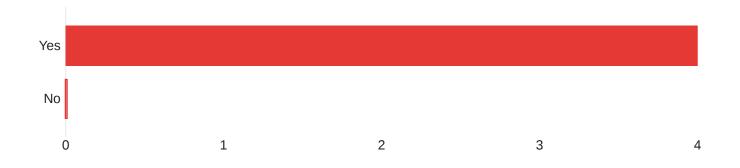
West Virginia University

Semester	Class	Students	Quality	Learning	Effectiveness
Summer 2022	Macro and Managerial Econ. (Asynch.)	88	4.69	4.27	4.64
Spring 2022	Money and Banking (Asynch.)	46	4.46	4.00	4.33
Fall 2021	Money and Banking	48	4.80	4.43	4.64
Spring 2021	Money and Banking (Online, Synch.)	41	4.76	4.27	4.76
Fall 2020	Money and Banking (Asynch.)	36	4.39	3.72	4.41
Spring 2020	Intermediate Macro Theory	37	4.76	4.43	4.82
Fall 2019	Intermediate Macro Theory	41	4.49	4.15	4.72
Summer 2019	Principles of Macroeconomics	12	4.63	4.25	4.57

- Everything was amazing! The homeworks and the way that the class was laid out was great! Professor Dean will be an extremely great candidate for the next job he takes after grad school.
- His classes were very informative and fun to watch. It really takes a special person to make econ fun and he did a very good job.
- Out of all economic classes I've taken I think that James is able to explain things better and more clearly than any other professor I've had. I liked seeing the graphs he would use and seeing how the concepts we were learning could be applied and seen through graphs and other countries economies.

- No changes, Professor Dean set up this course perfectly.
- Use of FRED data and real-world scenarios, through the questions and discussion boards, to explain broader economic concepts was fantastic and made abstractions not so abstract but tangible and easy to understand.
- (James) is good at explaining materials and related practical assignments. Great communicator, listener and motivating instructor.
- A good instructor and knowledge from prior courses. It is always easier to expand on previously learned topics, even if those topics were not fully understood the first time, seeing them a second time helps, and it helps to further learning on the topic. In addition to that, having a good instructor that takes the time to explain the material helps a lot too because economics has its own terminology that for a non-economics major does not come naturally and economic courses are often saturated with it, so having someone to explain what this curve actually represents or what this formula actually does is extremely helpful.
- Professor Dean did a great job in making the course material understanding to those who may not understand. (He) did a great job breaking down the course content in a relatively easy to understand way.
- Professor Dean was very helpful and showed fairness to his students. He made the lectures interesting and applicable to modern issues.

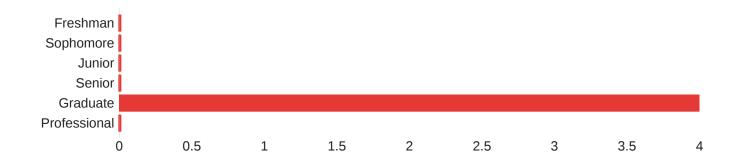
Q2 - This course is ECON810 sec 1: Econometrics I with class #17786 - Dean, J.



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This course is ECON810 sec 1: Econometrics I with class #17786 - Dean .1	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	4

Field	Choice Count
Yes	4
No	0
Total	4

Q3 - Level:



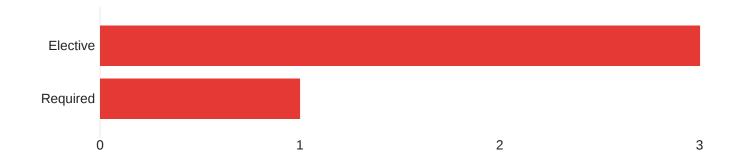
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Level:	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	4

Field	Choice Count
Freshman	0
Sophomore	0
Junior	0
Senior	0
Graduate	4
Professional	0
Total	4

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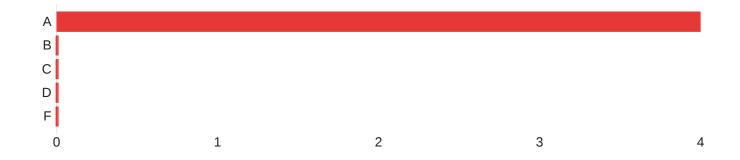
Q4 - Course is:

Total



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Course is:	1.00	2.00	1.25	1.00	0.43	0.19	4
Field							Choice Count
Elective							3
Required							1

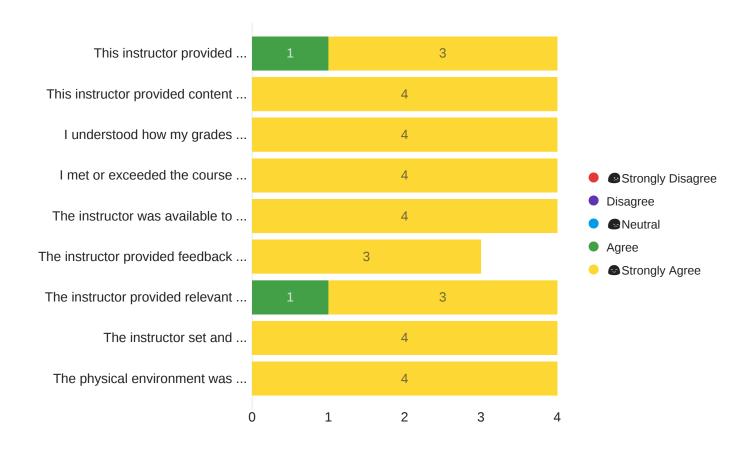
Q5 - Expected Grade:



Field	Min	Max	Mean	Median	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses
Expected Grade:	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	4

Field	Choice Count
A	4
В	0
С	0
D	0
F	0
Total	4

Q6#1 - Please rate the following - Q6#1



Field	Min	Max	Mean	Median	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses
This instructor provided well-defined course objectives	4.00	5.00	4.75	5.00	0.43	0.19	4
This instructor provided content and materials that were clear and well organized	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	4
I understood how my grades were assigned in this course	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	4
I met or exceeded the course objectives given for this course	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	4
The instructor was available to assist students outside of class	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	4

	The instructor provided feedback to me in a timely manner	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	C	0.00	3
	The instructor provided relevant feedback that helped me learn	4.00	5.00	4.75	5.00	0.43	C).19	4
	The instructor set and maintained high standards that students must meet	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	C	0.00	4
	The physical environment was conducive to learning	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	C	0.00	4
	Field		Stro Disa	ongly	Disagree	• Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total
	This instructor provided well-defined course objectives			0	0	0	1	3	4
	This instructor provided content and materials were clear and well organized	that		0	0	0	0	4	4
	I understood how my grades were assigned in course	this		0	0	0	0	4	4
	I met or exceeded the course objectives given this course	for		0	0	0	0	4	4
	The instructor was available to assist students outside of class			0	0	0	0	4	4
	The instructor provided feedback to me in a time	nely		0	0	0	0	3	3
	The instructor provided relevant feedback that helped me learn			0	0	0	1	3	4
The instructor set and maintained high standards that students must meet				0	0	0	0	4	4

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The physical environment was conducive to

learning

Q7 - Comments:

Comments:

More practical than I expected

Q8 - What in the course was of particular benefit?

What in the course was of particular benefit?

The use of statistical software

How to do economic modeling

Application of the models and practical illustrations in class

Q9 - What were the strong attributes of the instructor (i.e., presentation, teaching methods, etc.)?

What were the strong attributes of the instructor (i.e., presentation, teaching methods, etc.)?

His teaching method

Teaching method using practical applications

Q10 - Indicate which areas of the course and/or instruction could be improved.

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Speak a little slowly

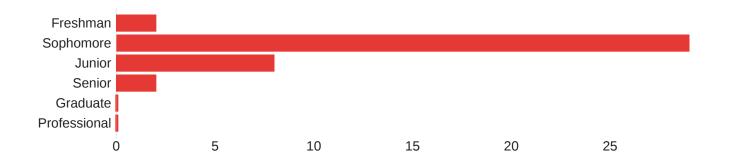
Q2 - This course is ECON202 sec 2: Principles of Macroeconomics-Online with class #12886 - Dean, J.



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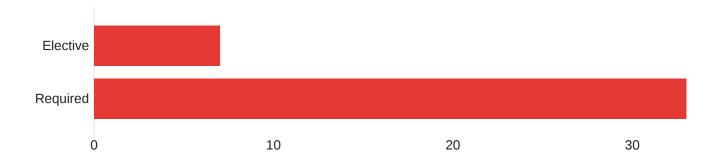
Q3 - Level:

Total



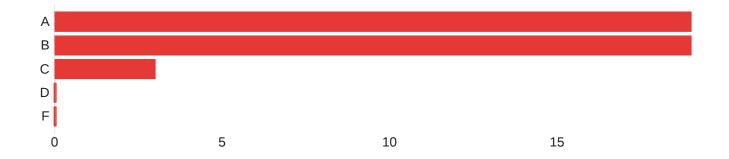
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Level:	1.00	4.00	2.24	2.00	0.62	0.38	41
Field							Choice Count
Freshman	l						2
Sophomo	re						29
Junior							8
Senior							2
Graduate							0
Profession	nal						0

Q4 - Course is:



Field	Min	Max	Mean	Median	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses
Course is:	1.00	2.00	1.83	2.00	0.38	0.14	40
Field							Choice Count
Elective							7
Required							33
Total							40

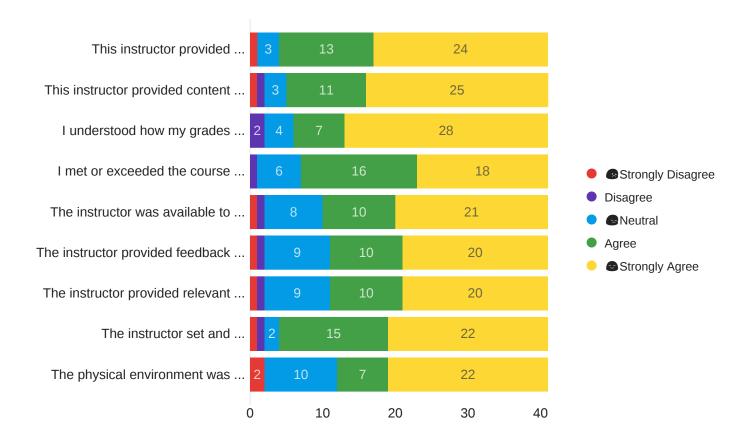
Q5 - Expected Grade:



Field	Min	Max	Mean	Median	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses
Expected Grade:	1.00	3.00	1.61	2.00	0.62	0.38	41
Field							Choice Count

Field	Choice Count
A	19
В	19
С	3
D	0
F	0
Total	41

Q6#1 - Please rate the following - Q6#1



Field	Min	Max	Mean	Median	Standard Deviation	Variance	Responses
This instructor provided well-defined course objectives	1.00	5.00	4.44	5.00	0.83	0.69	41
This instructor provided content and materials that were clear and well organized	1.00	5.00	4.41	5.00	0.91	0.83	41
I understood how my grades were assigned in this course	2.00	5.00	4.49	5.00	0.86	0.74	41
I met or exceeded the course objectives given for this course	2.00	5.00	4.24	4.00	0.79	0.62	41
The instructor was available to assist students outside of class	1.00	5.00	4.20	5.00	0.99	0.99	41

The instructor provided feedback to me in a timely manner	1.00	5.00	4.15	4.00	1.00	1	.00	41
The instructor provided relevant feedback that helped me learn	1.00	5.00	4.15	4.00	1.00	1	.00	41
The instructor set and maintained high standards that students must meet	1.00	5.00	4.37	5.00	0.88	0	.77	41
The physical environment was conducive to learning	1.00	5.00	4.15	5.00	1.09	1	.20	41
Field		⊗ Str Disa	ongly agree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total
This instructor provided well-defined course objectives			1	0	3	13	24	41
This instructor provided content and materials were clear and well organized	that		1	1	3	11	25	41
I understood how my grades were assigned in course	this		0	2	4	7	28	41
I met or exceeded the course objectives given this course	for		0	1	6	16	18	41
The instructor was available to assist students outside of class			1	1	8	10	21	41
The instructor provided feedback to me in a tin manner	nely		1	1	9	10	20	41
The instructor provided relevant feedback that helped me learn			1	1	9	10	20	41
The instructor set and maintained high standar that students must meet	ds		1	1	2	15	22	41
The physical environment was conducive to learning			2	0	10	7	22	41

Q7 - Comments:

Comments:

Very well organized with set due dates, would think some students would benifit from a video lecture once a week from professor as a bit of a recap and what to really look for each week when we do our reading. Thank for the effort put into the course and responding timely to my emails.

Didn't teach anything. Just assigned homework.

NA

The tests were only available from 9 am to 9 pm, so I missed the first one because I thought we had all week. The time frame was a bit difficult given that I have other classes and work 35 hours a week. The averaging on the questions for Homework made me upset for a couple of weeks because I would get a 3.3/4 and try to get a 4 and then do worse and that drops the grade. I do not think a student should get a lower score for trying another attempt to get the question right.

None

Good teacher

Great class!

Never had to email but always seemed helpful in the weekly emails.

no

He laid out the course well

Q8 - What in the course was of particular benefit?

What in the course was of particular benefit?

The flexibility of online learning.

The well Organization.

Course layout

Learning tools about economics

nothing

I liked seeing the differences between micro and macro economics to see how they affect people differently

Cengage

The online portion makes it flexible.

The knowledge of how the economy works was good to have for perspective

The multiple chances on homework really helped me gain an understanding of the material.

Sending out emails with things to review for the test and having the extra test and homework assignment to be dropped at the end of the semester.

having the time to do it whenever I wanted. Also the communication the teacher provided when the assignments where due.

It being online allowed for it to be more flexible/

The online website to learn

I think the information I gained from taking this course will help me be successful in future economic classes.

Learning about Economics for my major

Getting to know more about economics even though it can be hard its still great to try and understand it!

I enjoyed the video walkthrough problems with Cengage.

The homework assignments

clear layout on blackboard of what the assignment each week were.

Course material

The emails of what to expect before a exam and knowing that he was available if needed.

tests were open all day so you could do them on your own time

The time flexibility with the assignments.

Materials were available a week in advance

The set structure

Q9 - What were the strong attributes of the instructor (i.e., presentation, teaching methods, etc.)?

What were the strong attributes of the instructor (i.e., presentation, teaching methods, etc.)?

He consistently gave update emails every Wednesday to remind students what was due and what the next week would look like.

Organization.

Communication

clear layout

didn't do anything

I would say the teaching methods and the emails being sent out were very helpful as well

It was online

The book and videos attached were nice for examples.

Very clear coursework as well as communication of what was expected

Sending out emails with things to review for the test.

He always communicated and sent emails and kept us informed.

Response to students in regards to email was very helpful

I took this course online, so most of these areas were done through an online platform.

Helping you if you were in need of help

Everything on Cengage provides what you need to know and learn and it's all in one area.

I liked the weekly emails letting us know what we needed to complete that week.

Consistency, equally spaced assignments and tests

Consist emails each week to remind students of what their homework is.

Teaching methods

Everything was straight forward and was able to understand how everything worked fairly fast.

Teaching methods

I liked his emails every week. They always laid out everything we needed to do.

Q10 - Indicate which areas of the course and/or instruction could be improved.

Indicate which	areas	of the	course	and/or	instruction	could	be improve	ed.

The online nature of the course made it slightly difficult to understand the content at times.

Having a video lecture once a week to either recap or indroduce the reading material, like highlights or things to look for focus on.

Nothing

another resource then Mindtap to understand each chapter

Do some actual teaching

I personally don't think much could be improved but if I was being picky I didn't love how to homework was based off an average if you chose to try more attempts.

NA

See comment for initial reference, but the time frame of tests and the average on the homework problems.

Instead of just having students read the chapter and do the work from the book, maybe have note slides to go along with it.

nothing

Nothing honestly

Everything was great!

Overall good course and professor.

N/A

N/A

None

Was good

I'd rather have every week end on Saturday at 11:59 PM than on a Wednesday. This makes it easier to plan one week at a time.

Na

Course Name: Business Administration (BADM)-618-701 - Summer 2022

Mandatory Questions

The overall quality of the course was:

		Str.				Str.			Std
	Count	Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree	Mean	Median*	Dev
Course content was related to graded assignments.	14	0	0	1	2	11	4.71	4.86	0.61
Course content was thought-provoking.	13	0	0	0	3	10	4.77	4.85	0.44
The course materials were useful to course objectives.	14	0	0	1	1	12	4.79	4.92	0.58

Overall my learning in the course was:

	Count	Poor	Fair	Satis.	Good	Excellent	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
I would rate my learning in this course as	14	0	0	1	6	7	4.43	4.50	0.65

The instructors overall teaching effectiveness was:

		Str.				Str.			Std
	Count	Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree	Mean	Median	Dev
The instructor fostered a positive learning environment.	14	0	0	0	5	9	4.64	4.72	0.50
The instructor was well organized.	14	0	0	0	2	12	4.86	4.92	0.36
The instructor provided helpful feedback.	14	0	1	0	2	11	4.64	4.86	0.84

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Online Course Questions Macro & Managerial Economics

		Str.				Str.			Std
	Count	Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree	Mean	Median*	Dev
Course content was easy to navigate.	14	0	0	0	5	9	4.64	4.72	0.50
The instructor communicated with students regularly.	14	0	0	0	1	13	4.93	4.96	0.27
The instructor provided clear information on how to successfully complete assignments.	14	0	1	1	1	11	4.57	4.86	0.94

General Comments

What recommendations do you have for changes? Macro & Managerial Economics

Comments

A few video lectures would be helpful. Particularly around the formulas and charts. It can be difficult to navigate with only reading and practice assignments.

Midterm week would be less difficult without a module and quiz due.

Keep doing what you're doing.

Perhaps two separate courses, one on microeconomics and one on macroeconomics would be more advantageous in this program given the vast amount of information in each subject.

I am not strong with math – limited to Algebra 1 in high school and Math for Meds in college. I did use the mba preps course which was helpful and checked out the resources in the book and listed with the course, but I would of benefitted from knowing in advance what the math requirements were (i.e., recommended not pre–requisite to better prepare – learn how to use a scientific calculator, precalc/more advanced algebra, etc.) The kaplan and math links – didn't exactly translate/help me.

I don't feel like the course is quantitative enough. It drives me crazy that quantitative oriented individuals are required to read, write, and present information at a graduate level, including reading hundreds of pages a week and writing at times multiple papers a week, but there is no perfectly reasonable expectation in quantitative courses that anyone be able to take the derivative or integral of a basic function. I feel like a calculus approach clarifies the relationships between concepts that you just don't get from plugging into derived formulas.

Better feedback for homework assignments instead of just a sentence of what part you got wrong. While it's helpful that the answers are posted after the due to date, it doesn't explain anything.

I do not have any changes. I was expecting this class to be impossibly difficult. However, while it was certainly challenging, I felt the content, homework and quizzes all meshed together perfectly and really cemented concepts.

I have had other classes in this program where the quiz questions seem to be coming from a textbook that you have no idea exists. That was not the case here. Everything was very clearly explained, content in the slides matched content in the textbook, and quizzes and homework were challenging but supported each other.

I never thought I would say this but... I loved economics!!

N/A

None

What helped you learn in this course? Macro & Managerial Economics

Comments

Clear step by step solutions to ungraded textbook problems

The textbook readings were helpful.

The notes and weekly homeworks helped me the most in this course. Breaking down each section into pieces helped me to more effective learn the material and therefore be more successful in the course.

The homework was great for applying what I learned. I actually found it kind of fun.

The clarity of what was expected in the class and follow through with regular overall support from the instructor.

Professor Dean was incredibly responsive and provided resources and helpful feedback throughout the course. One of the best asynchronous educational experiences.

The micro economic text book especially was really good. For macro I felt the text was a little basic and the course notes added something of value.

I learn better when something is explained to me, so I tend to search for videos to help me see and understand how something is done.

The biggest things that helped me in this course were outside videos—mostly from Kahn academy that I could view while reading the slides to get a better understanding of the topics.

I learn best by seeing and hearing, so the videos were of tremendous value. The videos provided by the professor were also very helpful.

All of the resources provided by Professor Dean, such as the textbook solutions, homework feedback, study guides, etc.

The module materials and the books were very helpful and thorough.

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Course Name: Business Administration (BADM)-618-702 - Summer 2022

Mandatory Questions

The overall quality of the course was:

		Str.				Str.			Std
	Count	Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree	Mean	Median*	Dev
Course content was related to graded assignments.	10	0	0	0	4	6	4.60	4.67	0.52
Course content was thought-provoking.	10	0	0	0	5	5	4.50	4.50	0.53
The course materials were useful to course objectives.	10	0	0	0	3	7	4.70	4.79	0.48

Overall my learning in the course was:

	Count	Poor	Fair	Satis.	Good	Excellent	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
I would rate my learning in this course as	10	0	0	2	5	3	4.10	4.10	0.74

The instructors overall teaching effectiveness was:

	Str.					Str.		Std		
	Count	Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree	Mean	Median	Dev	
The instructor fostered a positive learning environment.	10	0	0	0	3	7	4.70	4.79	0.48	
The instructor was well organized.	10	0	0	0	4	6	4.60	4.67	0.52	
The instructor provided helpful feedback.	10	0	0	1	4	5	4.40	4.50	0.70	

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Online Course Questions Macro & Managerial Economics

		Str.			Str.		Std		
	Count	Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree	Mean	Median*	Dev
Course content was easy to navigate.	10	0	0	1	5	4	4.30	4.30	0.67
The instructor communicated with students regularly.	10	0	0	0	3	7	4.70	4.79	0.48
The instructor provided clear information on how to successfully complete assignments.	10	0	0	0	4	6	4.60	4.67	0.52

General Comments

What recommendations do you have for changes? Macro & Managerial Economics

Comments

Please update homework due dates to the proper year. Every homework assignment was dated for 2021. This was a Summer 2022 course. Small details matter. It just showed the instructor didn't take the time to update these homework assignments for his next course.

I would recommend including more sample videos where you walk through how to solve various problems step by step. As a student whose strong suit isn't math, this has helped me in other courses grasp the material much faster!

None

The technology needs to be improved. Most of the coursework seemed like a copy/paste from another professor's work. The dates were wrong and I felt like I could have learned all of this information by doing a google search.

Maybe make some videos about the graphs to show the actual change. I'm a visual learner so I need to see someone actually change the graph before I fully understand it.

a lot of reading. 2 texts were a lot. class materials were from previous years and teachers, moreover it was outdated. appreciated the older versions of text to save money, but info was outdated. video lectures or presentations would have helped. lot of youtubing for this course to self teach.

Online method of learning is difficult for me to get used too. Method that helped me more that wasn't really broadcasted as much was the use of the end of textbook problems and the solutions to them. These helped me work through some of the questions I had to help me prepare for the guizzes.

What helped you learn in this course? Macro & Managerial Economics

Comments

I thought the course layout was nice. The online modules were directly related to what was asked on the homework and quizzes. The homework also helped you prepare for the guiz.

The module content was helpful in enabling me to understand the materials and course concepts. Thanks for the valuable feedback on the HW assignments.

Online video lecture

Continuous communication from the professor.

The Module PDF notes.

the quizzes and homework.

I won't lie as this class seemed to be pretty difficult for me. Tons of information to digest and learn. That being said you did well with providing plenty of information via multiple avenues. Modules, modules via pdf, homework solutions, chapter problem solutions, etc. Using these resources to check my answers on examples questions increased my confidence on the material. I can't say I can repeat all of the information learned but I can say I learned far more than I every knew and learned before from my undergraduate.

Course Name: Economics-331-701 - Spring 2022

Mandatory Questions

The overall quality of the course was:

				Str.	Std				
	Count	Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree	Mean	Median*	Dev
Course content was related to graded assignments.	16	0	1	1	3	11	4.50	4.77	0.89
Course content was thought-provoking.	16	0	1	0	6	9	4.44	4.61	0.81
The course materials were useful to course objectives.	16	0	1	1	4	10	4.44	4.70	0.89

Overall my learning in the course was:

	Count	Very Poor	Poor	Avg or Fair	Good	Excellent	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
I would rate my learning in this course as	15	0	1	3	6	5	4.00	4.08	0.93

The instructors overall teaching effectiveness was:

	Str.					Str.			Std
	Count	Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree	Mean	Median	Dev
The instructor fostered a positive learning environment.	16	0	1	2	5	8	4.25	4.50	0.93
The instructor was well organized.	16	0	1	0	5	10	4.50	4.70	0.82
The instructor provided helpful feedback.	16	0	1	1	7	7	4.25	4.36	0.86

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Online Course Questions Money and Banking

	Str.					Str.		Std		
	Count	Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree	Mean	Median*	Dev	
Course content was easy to navigate.	16	0	1	1	4	10	4.44	4.70	0.89	
The instructor communicated with students regularly.	16	0	1	0	7	8	4.38	4.50	0.81	
The instructor provided clear information on how to successfully complete assignments.	16	0	1	1	6	8	4.31	4.50	0.87	

General Comments

What recommendations do you have for changes? Money and Banking

Comments

N/A

None I enjoyed the course.

No paper!!

N/A

I would have liked to see the exams match more closely with the HW's. I also feel like 12 short answer questions are a lot to answer in the given time. I feel like it should either be 10 questions or there should be parameters as to what you want (Ex. no more than 50–100 word)

None.

N/A

Give more guidance on literature review. Also, make the exam questions more geared towards what the book teaches.

more individualizad feedback on assignments

Possibly have a zoom review for the exam beforehand but overall class was good and straightforward.

n/a

The literature review assignment is pretty confusing. I think it would be more beneficial if we had just analyzed a relevant economic event instead of reading other people's papers about an event.

What helped you learn in this course? Money and Banking

Comments

Honestly, the fact that is was a synchronous course. I feel I do much better in online courses than in class ones

Watching the lecture videos and reading the textbook.

The smartbook assignments.

SmartBook assignments

The HW's and review videos

The overall structure was clean and straightforward. This was my ideal course setup.

The smart book assignments helped me to learn the course content and being able to go back and review each one helped me retain the information from weeks prior.

Review sessions

Reading the book and doing the book lessons/hw

The SmartBooks and the homework's helped to understand the course material.

n/a

Since this was an asynchronous class, the textbook helped me learn the most.

Course Name: Economics-331-001 - Fall 2021

Mandatory Questions

The overall quality of the course was:

		Str.			Str.		Sto		
	Count	Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree	Mean	Median*	Dev
Course content was related to graded assignments.	15	0	0	0	3	12	4.80	4.88	0.41
Course content was thought-provoking.	15	0	0	0	3	12	4.80	4.88	0.41
The course materials were useful to course objectives.	15	0	0	0	3	12	4.80	4.88	0.41

Overall my learning in the course was:

	Count	Poor	Fair	Satis.	Good	Excellent	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
I would rate my learning in this course as	14	0	0	3	2	9	4.43	4.72	0.85

The instructors overall teaching effectiveness was:

		Str.				Str.		Std		
	Count	Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree	Mean	Median	Dev	
The instructor fostered a positive learning environment.	15	0	1	0	1	13	4.73	4.92	0.80	
The instructor was well organized.	15	0	2	0	1	12	4.53	4.88	1.06	
The instructor provided helpful feedback.	15	1	0	0	1	13	4.67	4.92	1.05	

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General Comments

What recommendations do you have for changes? Money and Banking

Comments

No changes.

no changes

Post videos going over the study guide for the exams more often, it helped me to get a good understanding of what you expected to see on the exam.

N/A

I do not have any recommendations. Thank you for the great class

The textbook is very expensive, and I never used it. Get rid of the textbook and keep the homework

I think it's pretty solid already but I also think having some links to external resources about these difficult topics would really help. I think that people end up at some point having to use extra content to really understand a concept so having optional videos that you know for sure are showing you the right information could be great.

The only recommendation I have is to adjust your lecture slides to be more organized. It felt almost like it would jump around in the manner of here's one point, oh and here's another, going back to this one point, and so on. Other than that, I have no other suggestions.

Have a more in depth study session.

What helped you learn in this course? Money and Banking

Comments

The teacher did a very good job of accommodating to students needs throughout the semester.

weekly smartbook assignments

The homework's and smartbook assignments.

Lectures, SmartBook assignments

The lectures and textbook

Going to class and the reviews before the test

I benefitted a ton from the smartbooks.

The smart book assignments helped me learn the most. If it didn't get a question right, then it would repeat it for me until it was set in my memory. It also helped knowing that it was only for completion, so I wasn't distracted by the stress of a graded assignment.

Study sessions held before the exam.

Homeworks were great reviews and exam reviews were great

Course Name: Economics-331-002 - Spring 2021

Mandatory Questions

The overall quality of the course was:

	Str.					Str.			Std
	Count	Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree	Mean	Median*	Dev
Course content was related to graded assignments.	33	0	0	1	2	30	4.88	4.95	0.42
Course content was thought-provoking.	33	0	0	2	9	22	4.61	4.75	0.61
The course materials were useful to course objectives.	33	0	0	1	5	27	4.79	4.89	0.48

Overall my learning in the course was:

	Count	Poor	Fair	Satis.	Good	Excellent	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
I would rate my learning in this course as	33	0	2	2	14	15	4.27	4.39	0.84

The instructors overall teaching effectiveness was:

		Str.				Str.			Std
	Count	Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree	Mean	Median	Dev
The instructor fostered a positive learning environment.	33	0	1	2	6	24	4.61	4.81	0.75
The instructor was well organized.	33	0	0	0	4	29	4.88	4.93	0.33
The instructor provided helpful feedback.	32	0	0	1	4	27	4.81	4.91	0.47

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Online Course Questions Money and Banking

		Str.				Str.			Std
	Count	Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree	Mean	Median*	Dev
Course content was easy to navigate.	33	0	0	1	7	25	4.73	4.84	0.52
The instructor communicated with students regularly.	33	0	0	1	4	28	4.82	4.91	0.46
The instructor provided clear information on how to successfully complete assignments.	33	0	0	2	5	26	4.73	4.87	0.57

Instructor Related and Selectable Questions

The instructor explained concepts and materials clearly and at an appropriate pace.

Count	Str. Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str. Agree	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
33	0	3	1	9	20	4.39	4.68	0.93

The instructor related course topics to one another.

Count	Str. Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str. Agree	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
33	0	0	1	4	28	4.82	4.91	0.46

The instructor was available outside of class.

Count	Str. Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str. Agree	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
32	0	0	1	7	24	4.72	4.83	0.52

The instructor provided constructive feedback on student work.

Count	Str. Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str. Agree	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
33	0	0	1	9	23	4.67	4.78	0.54

The instructor helped demonstrate applications of the course material.

Count	Str. Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str. Agree	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
33	0	0	2	6	25	4.70	4.84	0.59

The instructor facilitated understanding of difficult concepts.

Count	Str. Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str. Agree	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
33	0	0	1	10	22	4.64	4.75	0.55

General Comments

What recommendations do you have for changes? Money and Banking

Comments

Great course can not complain

You need to make people turn on their cameras because it helps me pay attention to class. Also, I did not enjoy the structure of the lectures. I felt like you were just reading off of the slides, and that doesn't help me learn. Include videos or activities to change up the style.

Perhaps more discussion on the book report earlier in the course rather than later. I wish that the outline was due sooner than it was.

Everything was fine besides the structure of the the first exam on lockdown browser.

This is a difficult course to teach online I think. I often found myself drifting off easily during the Zoom lectures. There was never really any interaction with the students during lectures (prof asking questions, having students fill out a poll, etc). To keep this class interesting, there needs to be more student/teacher interaction and not just straight up lectures.

I really disliked the Smartbook assignments. The homeworks were usually fine except sometimes they did not align with exam materials. For example, one homework included many calculation questions that were never tested on. Generally, I despise McGraw Hill programs and wish Professor Dean wrote his own unique homeworks. The exams were unique and I liked how they were open ended critical thinking questions. If the homeworks were more like the tests, I would have gotten much more value from this class.

I also wish Professor Dean conducted a more interactive class. Class was a constant lecture and barrage of information at a pretty quick pace. I wish there were some in class exercises or discussions or just a one off question during class to keep everyone engaged.

Two tries on the homework assignments.

maybe more interactive

N/A

No changes, Professor Dean set up this course perfectly.

I hope this class may be taught in person, because I feel awful that Professor Dean was forced to speak with a class who never showed their face the entire semester. He only heard from his students if they met him in private, or asked a question or two at the end of class. And this isn't what college is about. He did a great job I feel, and I wouldn't recommend too much different about the course as a whole except to possibly foster more discussion among the students in a face to face environment.

No recommendations. I thought the class was organized and straightforward and it continued to interest me on money and banking.

I personally believe the pace was a little fast, I am the type of person that needs to actually read the textbook and it seemed to often be a lot of information at once

NA

Keep up the good work.

None

Go slightly slower through the Powerpoint

the grading was extremely difficult

I've taken 5 Econ courses now and 2 1/2 have been online and I think the quality of the course suffers a lot when being taught online. I feel like I learn a lot less when not in person specifically for Econ.

I would make class optional because of the current circumstances.

None.

I would recommend to make lectures more interactive and more applied to real life.

none

This class would be much better in person. I had a horrible time trying to stay engaged in class, but the online format causes me to struggle in class. It doesn't have much to do with Dean's teaching style.

N/a

I would incorporate more homework assignments so that the final report isn't worth as much of your grade.

What helped you learn in this course? Money and Banking

Comments

the class sessions and homework, along with helpful study guides

To be honest, I feel like I only did well in this class because my major is Finance. The learnsmarts were very helpful, but it was very hard for me to focus in class.

The fact that professor Dean did a great job in making the course material understanding to those who may not understand. Professor Dean did a great job breaking down the course content in a relatively easy to understand way.

The home works helped me learn a lot.

The slides and the homeworks.

Professor Dean was very helpful and showed fairness to his students. He made the lectures interesting and applicable to modern issues

The Smartbook assignments were tedious but helped solidify the material. I think they could've been shorter and less time consuming and have the same effectiveness though. The exam review sheet and class before the exam going over the material was extremely helpful. The extra office hours the evening before exams were also thoughtful and useful.

The PowerPoint slides and lectures.

reading the material before class and following along with the professors slides

I learned by doing the homework.

Everything, the professor made a genuine effort to teach the course. It was interesting and challenging. The notes he gave were easy to follow and he posted the notes to ecampus which made it easy for me to catch up when I had a surgery over the semester. I highly recommend this professor.

I learned in this course by attending lecture and completing the smartbook assignments, as these forced me to go over the book pages which reinforced what Professor Dean spoke about during lecture.

Classes and online assignments via connect were very helpful and aided my learning throughout this course. Furthermore, the book review allowed to me learn some more topics based on this material which further engaged my learning.

I really think that the Homework assignments helped me learn the most in this course. Most ECON courses only give Mary book assignments or assignments that give you the answer after getting it wrong twice. The fact that these were graded after submission and forced to read the text or slides helped a lot.

Study guides

Using FRED data helped me understand certain concepts better by helping me visualize the data.

Studying and going to class

Powerpoint presentations

everything was amazing! the homeworks and the way that the class was laid out was great! Professor Dean will be an extremely great candidate for the next job he takes after grad school.

The PowerPoint lecture notes being available was very useful

The homework was helpful to prepare for the exams which improved my overall performance in the class.

The slides and lectures helped me the most

The lectures and the homework.

Professor Dean's simplified explanations helped me learn most.

His classes were very informative and fun to watch. It really takes a special person to make econ fun and he did a very good job.

James Dean made time to meet with me and spent hours helping me with homework and discussing class material.

The bi-weekly lectures and textbook helped the most.

The classes really helped me learn and also the homeworks.

Course Name: Economics-331-001 - Fall 2020

Mandatory Questions

The overall quality of the course was:

				Str.			Std		
	Count	Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree	Mean	Median*	Dev
Course content was related to graded assignments.	31	0	0	2	13	16	4.45	4.53	0.62
Course content was thought-provoking.	31	0	2	1	13	15	4.32	4.46	0.83
The course materials were useful to course objectives.	31	0	1	2	12	16	4.39	4.53	0.76

Overall my learning in the course was:

	Count	Poor	Fair	Satis.	Good	Excellent	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
I would rate my learning in this course as	32	1	4	6	13	8	3.72	3.88	1.08

The instructors overall teaching effectiveness was:

	Str.					Str.			Std
	Count	Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree	Mean	Median	Dev
The instructor fostered a positive learning environment.	32	1	0	3	10	18	4.38	4.61	0.91
The instructor was well organized.	30	0	1	0	11	18	4.53	4.67	0.68
The instructor provided helpful feedback.	32	1	1	2	11	17	4.31	4.56	0.97

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Online Course Questions Money and Banking

	Str.					Str.		Std		
	Count	Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree	Mean	Median*	Dev	
Course content was easy to navigate.	32	0	1	3	14	14	4.28	4.36	0.77	
The instructor communicated with students regularly.	32	0	0	1	12	19	4.56	4.66	0.56	
The instructor provided clear information on how to successfully complete assignments.	30	0	0	1	13	16	4.50	4.56	0.57	

Instructor Related and Selectable Questions

The instructor emphasized conceptual understanding and critical thinking.

Count	Str. Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str. Agree	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
32	0	0	1	14	17	4.50	4.56	0.57

Grading procedures were fair.

Count	Str. Disagree	Disagree	Freq(3)	Agree	Str. Agree	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
32	0	0	3	12	17	4.44	4.56	0.67

The instructor provided constructive feedback on student work.

Сог	ınt Str. Disa	gree Disagree	e Neutral	Agree	Str. Agree	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
	31	1	1 2	12	15	4.26	4.46	0.96

The instructor was available to provide individual attention.

Count	Str. Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str. Agree	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
30	0	1	2	12	15	4.37	4.50	0.76

The instructor's use of technology supported the goals of the course.

Count	Str. Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str. Agree	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
32	0	1	3	11	17	4.38	4.56	0.79

General Comments

What recommendations do you have for changes? Money and Banking

Comments

I found the homeworks to be wayyyyyy too hard.

The tests were very stressful since they were only short answer questions. A mix of multiple choice and short answer would be better because it decreases the stress of running out of time.

Stop using the journals and maybe have the students research themselves

More in depth lectures and homework that will pertain to the sort of subjects on the exam

Class was way too hard.

None. Great class

More feedback

Possibly, more interaction with students besides pre made videos. The occasional synchronous meeting could be beneficial, but the interactions and attention I received this semester was more than satisfactory.

I was hoping to do mare calculations in the exams. As writing can be challeginging for all the test questions.

Maybe offer more multiple-choice questions on exams.

The reading. My book basically said the same thing over and over, and I had to write so much about it. Very Hard.

Please post lectures and do your job for the full semester. I worked the entire time, and you did not, however, I am the one to face punishment for not doing work at 100% in the beginning, but you are not.

can we please just go back to normal classes on campus yet this sucks. Mr. Dean was great but this whole way of learning sucks

I don't really have much to recommend other than maybe some additional assignments to boost grade and hopefully the resuming of the in–class element when things get better. I think this was an excellent course that was absolutely organized and flexible especially when we needed it most and things changed so rapidly.

The exams could have benefited by varying the question type, instead of being entirely short answer.

Have in-person classes like normal. Online classes are not the move.

The only recommendation I have is to maybe leave off the book review assignment. The course load for this class was a little heavy, consisting of weekly modules, hw, exams, and discussion board posts. This was quite the load to shoulder considering other classes had multiple components for grades like this class.

I have none.

make the homework worth less

I think if this course is to remain online, the only thing I would change is adding more help for the math and FRED part of this course. There were a couple vague videos on how to use FRED, but it always felt like the homework questions were far more complicated and I don't think I ever got one completely correct. I think more videos to explain how to use it, as well as practice problems would have been awesome. Same with the math, the math in the text only really appeared in the homework assignments. I am a visual learner and I need to see someone working the equation and what everything means. Reading the equation and description in the text did not help me to my full potential. But overall, it was a great class and I learned a lot.

The Connects are very annoying

What helped you learn in this course? Money and Banking

Comments

The Smartbook exercises and the discussion boards helped me learn the best. The weekly recap emails helped me stay on top of my work and James was always helpful when I went to office hours.

Use of FRED data and real—world scenarios, through the questions and DBs, to explain broader economic concepts was fantastic and made abstractions not so abstract – but tangible and easy to understand.

The homework assignments were the most helpful.

The lecture video and course overview assignments

balanced grading scale

A book

videos on ecampus and learnsmart activities

He was very nice and created a learning environment where I was not stressed or cramming everything in. All homework and graded assignments were consistent.

The accompanied videos that started halfway through the semester, were a huge help along with the weekly emails for due dates and assignments.

The video lectures as well as the article reviews

All the homework and weekly journal discussions.

Smart Book assignments

The discussion articles were a great resource and gave relevant insight into the financial world, in addition to the course work. The lectures helped significantly.

Reading the textbook since lectures were not posted until halfway through the class.

Mr. Dean's youtube lectures were very informative and interesting and easy to watch

The use of playlist and video lectures to support the review portions set aside and the online textbook allowed me to achieve the most learning throughout this course.

The discussion posts were always relevant and thought–provoking, and I was always interested by the chosen articles. The book review was a fresh assignment, since most classes simply don't require reading books, so I thought that was a nice addition to the class.

Being able to read and work through the smartbook assignments. Going through each of those helped the material sink in. especially if I was struggling since it required me to get the correct answer before being completed.

The homework.

the homework

Reading the textbook helped, but it can be content overload. Especially when the assignment is for more than 1 chapter. I liked the chapter videos, though I felt they were too brief and did not exactly discuss exam content. Our book project also really helped me to learn independently. James is a really nice guy, super smart, responds to all emails and questions. I would have loved to take him in person. I think he did a great job given the circumstances of this semester.

Professor Dean was very helpful in this course, no matter the hour he would always answer his email and his feedback was very helpful

The video lectures

Course Name: Economics-302-002 - Spring 2020

Mandatory Questions

The overall quality of the course was:

		Str.				Std			
	Count	Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree	Mean	Median*	Dev
Course content was related to graded assignments.	14	0	0	0	3	11	4.79	4.86	0.43
Course content was thought-provoking.	14	0	0	0	4	10	4.71	4.80	0.47
The course materials were useful to course objectives.	13	0	0	0	3	10	4.77	4.85	0.44

Overall my learning in the course was:

	Count	Poor	Fair	Satis.	Good	Excellent	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
I would rate my learning in this course as	14	0	0	2	4	8	4.43	4.63	0.76

The instructors overall teaching effectiveness was:

	Str.					Str.			
	Count	Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree	Mean	Median	Dev
The instructor fostered a positive learning environment.	14	0	0	0	2	12	4.86	4.92	0.36
The instructor was well organized.	13	0	0	0	1	12	4.92	4.96	0.28
The instructor provided helpful feedback.	13	0	0	0	4	9	4.69	4.78	0.48

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Instructor Related and Selectable Questions

The instructor explained concepts and materials clearly and at an appropriate pace.

Count	Str. Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str. Agree	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
14	0	0	0	3	11	4.79	4.86	0.43

The instructor related course topics to one another.

Count	Str. Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str. Agree	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
14	0	0	0	5	9	4.64	4.72	0.50

The instructor was available outside of class.

Count	Str. Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str. Agree	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
13	0	0	0	2	11	4.85	4.91	0.38

The instructor provided constructive feedback on student work.

Count	Str. Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str. Agree	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
14	0	0	0	4	10	4.71	4.80	0.47

The instructor helped me apply theory to solving practical problems.

Count	Str. Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str. Agree	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
14	0	0	0	3	11	4.79	4.86	0.43

The instructor facilitated understanding of difficult concepts.

Count	Str. Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str. Agree	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
14	0	0	0	4	10	4.71	4.80	0.47

General Comments

What recommendations do you have for changes? Intermed Macro-Economic Theory

Comments
No changes. This course was just how I imagined an economic theory course to go.
Good class great class 100%
Great class!
I have no recommendations.
No recommendations, all is good
I would recommend going over homework in class more.
More notes.

What helped you learn in this course? Intermed Macro-Economic Theory

Comments

The biggest thing that helped me learn in this course was the previous economics courses I already had to take. If it were not for that background understanding, I do not think I would have succeeded in this course due to the complex and sometimes difficult topics. Additionally, I feel that the instructor taught at a good pace and allowed for enough time after the lecture material was over to answer any questions we may have had on the topics covered that day.

The instructer study guides helped tremendously paired with the slides.

Good class!

What helped me learn was professor dean organization of the class and how he explained concepts in an easy way to understand. Also the professors availability was helpful when needing extra help understanding concepts.

The instructors method of teaching was excellent and examples were good to explain the concept.

The instructor is good at explaining materials and related practical assignments. Great communicator, listener and motivating instructor.

Lectures helped me to get an initial understanding of the material, and the homeworks helped me learn how to apply the material.

The notes.

Professor dean was helpful and did a good job making lectures clear

Course Name: Economics-302-002 - Fall 2019

Mandatory Questions

The overall quality of the course was:

	Str.					Str.		Std	
	Count	Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree	Mean	Median*	Dev
Course content was related to graded assignments.	26	1	1	0	2	22	4.65	4.91	0.98
Course content was thought-provoking.	26	2	0	2	8	14	4.23	4.57	1.14
The course materials were useful to course objectives.	26	2	0	0	3	21	4.58	4.88	1.10

Overall my learning in the course was:

	Count	Poor	Fair	Satis.	Good	Excellent	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
I would rate my learning in this course as	26	1	0	4	10	11	4.15	4.30	0.97

The instructors overall teaching effectiveness was:

	Str.					Str.			
	Count	Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree	Mean	Median	Dev
The instructor fostered a positive learning environment.	26	0	0	1	3	22	4.81	4.91	0.49
The instructor was well organized.	26	1	0	1	4	20	4.62	4.85	0.90
The instructor provided helpful feedback.	26	0	1	0	4	21	4.73	4.88	0.67

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Instructor Related and Selectable Questions

The instructor explained concepts and materials clearly and at an appropriate pace.

Count	Str. Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str. Agree	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
26	0	0	0	10	16	4.62	4.69	0.50

The instructor emphasized conceptual understanding and critical thinking.

Count	Str. Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str. Agree	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
26	0	1	0	10	15	4.50	4.63	0.71

The instructor related course topics to one another.

Cour	t Str. Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str. Agree	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
2	6 0	1	2	5	18	4.54	4.78	0.81

The instructor inspired and motivated student interest in the course content.

Count	Str. Disagree	Str. Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str. Agree	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
26	1	0	2	9	14	4.35	4.57	0.94

The assignments solidified my understanding.

Count	Str. Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str. Agree	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
26	1	0	0	13	12	4.35	4.42	0.85

General Comments

What helped you learn in this course? Intermed Macro-Economic Theory

Comments

A good instructor and knowledge from prior courses. It is always easier to expand on previously learned topics, even if those topics were not fully understood the first time, seeing them a second time helps, and it helps to further learning on the topic. In addition to that, having a good instructor that takes the time to explain the material helps a lot too because economics has its own terminology that for a non–economics major does not come naturally and economic courses are often saturated with it, so having someone to explain what this curve actually represents or what this formula actually does is extremely helpful.

Graphs and examples for sure.

Going back over the slides that were posted on ecampus

The examples given by our instructor were really easy to understand and made every aspect of the course make sense

Out of all economic classes I've taken I think that James is able to explain things better and more clearly than any other professor I've had. I liked seeing the graphs he would use and seeing how the concepts we were learning could be applied and seen through graphs and other countries economies.

Answered any questions we had and paced the class well

The in-class notes

Everything the instructor provided

The reviews

real world example

Paying close attention in lecture and doing the homework assignments—they really helped to solidify understanding before exams

The review sessions and homework problems were really helpful.

I think the notes in class were really helpful and James was good at explaining the concepts in class.

Visiting my professor's office hours, as well as studying the slides and taking good notes.

James' feedback and explanation of practice problems.

What recommendations do you have for changes? Intermed Macro-Economic Theory

Comments

None, really. Maybe having written explanations from the instructor of key concepts because sometimes, in class, its difficult to handle so many inputs at once, from what is on the slide, to what is being written on the board, to what is being said. Maybe something as simple as making the slides available before they are covered in class rather than after we are finished with a chapter, that would remove one of the inputs and allow students to easily follow along in class and not feel rushed to copy down everything from the slides and miss out on the explanations given by the instructor.

No.

I thought everything was good

I noticed that he wrote down all of his notes for the class and I wish that with some of the graphs he would have wrote explanations from his notes with them as well. It also would be helpful to do in class examples of homework problems before the homeoworks due date.

NA

Different ways of teaching the content instead of solely notes and homework. Ex: using a short video, doing a group activity

Make the exams easier a bit

None

tests that are more related to what we talk about in class

Felt like the Powerpoints were more distracting than helpful in lecture, and things were easier to follow and understand conceptually when it was just things drawn/explained on the board with the only use of the Powerpoint being data over time. Because of this I would look to limit the use of Powerpoint in the future and use writing out on the board to explain items/topics instead.

Having all the notes posted online would be helpful for reviewing.

No changes, I really enjoyed how this class is structured and thought.

None, James was a solid professor

I felt as though the tests did not relate to what we were studying. We'd have 40 minute lectures on how graphs behave; then we'd be tested on the vernacular of economics. Rather than anything previously discussed in class.

Course Name: Economics-202-003 - Summer 2019

Mandatory Questions

The overall quality of the course was:

	Count	Str. Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str. Agree	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
Course content was related to graded assignments.	8	0	0	0	2	6	4.75	4.83	0.46
Course content was thought-provoking.	8	0	0	1	2	5	4.50	4.70	0.76
The course materials were useful to course objectives.	8	0	0	1	1	6	4.63	4.83	0.74

Overall my learning in the course was:

	Count	Poor	Fair	Satis.	Good	Excellent	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
I would rate my learning in this course as	8	0	0	1	4	3	4.25	4.25	0.71

The instructors overall teaching effectiveness was:

	Count	Str. Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str. Agree	Mean	Median	Std Dev
The instructor fostered a positive learning environment.	8	0	0	0	4	4	4.50	4.50	0.53
The instructor was well organized.	8	0	0	1	1	6	4.63	4.83	0.74
The instructor provided helpful feedback.	7	0	0	1	1	5	4.57	4.80	0.79

^{*} For an explanation of the interpolated median, please see http://spu.edu/depts/insdev/interpolated_median_explanation.pdf

Instructor Related and Selectable Questions

The instructor explained concepts and materials clearly and at an appropriate pace.

Count	Str. Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str. Agree	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
8	0	1	0	2	5	4.38	4.70	1.06

The instructor emphasized conceptual understanding and critical thinking.

Count	Str. Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str. Agree	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
8	0	0	1	2	5	4.50	4.70	0.76

The instructor related course topics to one another.

Count	Str. Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str. Agree	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
8	0	1	0	0	7	4.63	4.93	1.06

The instructor inspired and motivated student interest in the course content.

Count	Str. Disagree	Str. Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str. Agree	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
8	0	0	0	4	4	4.50	4.50	0.53

The instructor facilitated understanding of difficult concepts.

Count	Str. Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Str. Agree	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
8	0	0	1	3	4	4.38	4.50	0.74

General Comments

What helped you learn in this course? Principles of Macroeconomics

Comments

The slides that are provided on ecampus are very useful because they are very organized and strait to the point.

Gives me abroad understandings on how the world works.

powerpoints were useful

I like how the instructor would give examples to what he was teaching, he would correlate a hard topic to something easier to understand.

The power points and the free access to the Openstax text book. Professor was very helpful when it came to questions, and was extremely knowledgeable on the entire curriculum

What recommendations do you have for changes? Principles of Macroeconomics

Comments

uploading the slides a day or two before the lecture to make us prepare for the class.

Push the students to read the textbooks. Don't rely much on the power point slide as it gives me confusions on trying to catch up with the sentences.

If you gave us Homework that could help us to practices and improve our grades

not extremely focussing on the powerpoint, even if it effective, it get boring

Maybe just slow down what you are teaching slightly other then that he is a great instructor.

None