

Summary of Teaching Evaluations – Washington and Lee University

Sakshi Upadhyay

5 – “Strongly agree”/ “Extremely effective”; 0– “Strongly disagree”/ “Not at all effective”

Question Summary	Fall 2021 Econ 295B- section 1	Fall 2021 Econ 295B- section 2	Fall 2021 Econ 395B	Spring 2022 Econ 395B	Spring 2022 Econ 100- section 1	Spring 2022 Econ 100- section 2
Presentation ability/Organization						
The course was well organized.	4.2	4.5	3.8	4.1	4.3	3.9
The professor held office hours, appointment times, and/or was available for student meetings about the course.	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.5
The professor evaluated my work in a clear, constructive manner.	4.2	4	4.1	4	4.5	4.2
The professor returned assignments in a timely manner.	4	4.2	4.4	4	4	4.5
The professor treated different points of view with respect.	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.2	4.2
Teaching /Scholarly						
The main points of lectures/seminars were clearly communicated.	4.3	4.5	3.3	4.2	4.5	3.8
Student participation						
The professor encouraged student participation.	4	4	4.1	3.4	3.8	3
Student motivation						
The professor motivated interest in the subject matter.	4	4.5	3.4	3.5	3.5	3
Overall, I believe the professor's teaching was effective in developing my knowledge, skills, and/or abilities in the subject.	3.6	4	3.6	4	4	3.3

ECON 395B is the course code for Advanced Experimental Economics. ECON 295B is the course code for Introduction to Behavioral and Experimental Economics. ECON 100 is the course code for Principles of Economics (Micro and Macro). Means are rounded upto first place of decimal. Full evaluations are available upon request

Comments from Students

Fall 2021 Econ 295B (Section 1 and 2)

1. My professor is really helpful and provides a lot of chances in class for discussion and participation. As the only first year student in class, I was a little bit intimidated at the beginning of the semester. But she is so nice, and I feel encouraged to opt in for participation in class. I'm enjoying and confident about this course.
2. Professor Upadhyay was awesome! She helped break down many complex topics into very simple ones. Would love to take her 300 level after I have completed econometrics!
3. Professor Upadhyay was very nice and helpful throughout the course of the semester. She taught a very interesting class and pulled readings from different material that were "outside of the box" for an Economics course. I particularly enjoyed this class, and it has taught me to look at Economics from the lens of human behavior rather than just through models and diagrams.
4. Professor is really helpful during the office hours where she helped me go through the mid-term paper and explained to me clearly on how the answer can be corrected. Also, the class is organized. where PowerPoints uploaded to the Canvas timely. Also, about homework, I really like handwritten annotations given by the professor. Besides, we are largely encouraged to participate during the class. Love the class.

Fall 2021 Econ 395B

1. Prof. Upadhyay is super nice. We learned a lot of interesting stuff about human behavior. The course was very organized, and the expectations were very clear.
2. I appreciated that exams were open-note and open-book because there was a lot of material that we covered. When I did read the book, though, I found the material difficult to process and Professor Upadhyay made it much clearer in lectures.

Spring 2022 Econ 395 B

1. I think the in class experiments, through Vecon, were very helpful in terms of understanding the payoff matrices or other more technical concepts. The only real suggestion I would have would be doing more of the application/ practice problems in class.
2. I really enjoyed Professor Upadhyay. I think this was a really course that I found quite interesting. We certainly need an expert in the subject like Behavioral/Experimental Economics, as I feel like these classes have been essentially nonexistent in the Economics department until now. This was a good class to close out my final semester at W&L.
3. Always willing to be flexible with office hours and very helpful with any questions, wanted to see us succeed and become more familiar/comfortable with the material

Spring 2022 Econ 100(section 1 and 2)

1. Professor Upadhyay was very helpful, especially outside of class. She also was good about answering conceptual questions
2. Professor Sakshi has been a wonderful person to study Econ from and has always been understanding of any situation or difficulties students might be having. She has an amazing structure to the class and is very dedicated to teaching us the material in a amazing format. The best part is she is ready to answer any questions in her office hours and really wants the students to be successful.
3. I appreciated the use of the chalkboard in class; she clearly graphed and wrote examples up on the board to elaborate on many topics.
4. The professor was very clear and helpful in learning economics but one suggestion for the class structure could be more problem based activities in class and group/peer discussion on reviewing topics.

Summary of Teaching Evaluations (Microeconomic Theory)-Virginia Tech

Sakshi Upadhyay

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Question Summary	Summer 2019 Econ 3104	Fall 2020 Econ 3104	Summer 2020 Econ 3104	Spring 2021 Econ 3104
Presentation ability/Organization				
Instructor well prepared	5	4.91	4.5	4.2
Instructor presented the subject matter clearly	4	3.74	3.4	3.4
Instructor fostered an atmosphere of mutual interest	6	5.17	4.6	4.7
Teaching /Scholarly				
The instructor used a scholarly approach in presenting content (referencing theory, research, and debates in the field)	3	3.61	3.8	3.7
Instructor's teaching was effective	5	3.74	3.8	3.4
Student interaction				
The instructor provided feedback intended to improve my course performance	5	4.4	4.1	3.8
Student motivation				
I have a deeper understanding of the subject matter as a result of this course.	5	4.4	4.3	4.3
My interest in the subject matter was stimulated by this course.	3	4	4	3.8
I improved my ability to think independently about the course material.	5	4.7	4.4	4.7
I learned to identify problems and explore different solutions	4	4.7	4.5	4.4

ECON 3104 is the course code for Intermediate Microeconomic Theory. Means are rounded upto first place of decimal. Full evaluations are available upon request.

Comments from Students

Summer 2019 Econ 3104 (In-person)

1. She welcome questions at any time with nice attitude
2. Thanks for being so nice!

Spring 2020 Econ 3104 (In person and Online after Spring break)

1. She took an immense amount of time to ensure that her students understood the material through review sessions and office hours. I felt as though she provided me the opportunity to succeed through the amount of effort she exerted, especially after switching to online.
2. She had a lot of opportunities for review sessions/help when I didn't understand how to do things in the class. She was very approachable and nice so i was never afraid to ask for help.
3. Her understanding of the topic was really helpful when it came to asking questions about material that was confusing. She was always respectful when it came to answering repetitive questions if we didn't understand it the first time she explained it and I found that to be very helpful and fostering.
4. Professor Upadhyay is quite talented in presenting complex mathematical/economical material clearly. The all white board approach for notes is a bit old school, however Professor Upadhyay was able to utilize the board in instructing her students quite well in my opinion.
5. Professor Upadhyay was very encouraging when it came to learning the material and always offered additional support if we asked for it. A bunch of students complained about how her teaching method wasn't helpful or would comment about how we were only expected to memorize equations and I disagree with these comments. Her teaching style is appropriate for the material she taught. Reading through the textbook, the derivation of each equation is rarely provided and slowly going through and understanding her derivation of equations really helps me understand how to solve problems and apply them as well.

Summer 2020 Econ 3104 (Online)

1. The thoroughness of her slides was extremely helpful in the online learning format. I appreciated her willingness to address specific concerns and answer questions every single class.
2. Flexible about scheduling exam times and providing the answer keys to homeworks that made me a better learner on fixing my mistakes.
3. Provided relevant homework examples and lots of review if needed
4. Answered all questions without fail

Spring 2021 Econ 3104 (Online)

1. Her feedback on my assignments showed me how I could improve.
2. She did a lot of example problems that helped me to better understand the course material.
3. The professor was willing to open up office hours regularly and schedule new ones if students requested