

Statistical Summary

Texas A&M University, College Station
Summer 2019
ECON 323 100
End-of-Term
Trent G. McNamara

Demographics

Total Number of Evaluations Submitted: 45

Total Number of Students Enrolled in the Class: 64

Percentage of students who submitted an evaluation: 70.31%

	Response	No. of Responses	Percentage
College:	AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES	17	37.78
	Engineering	1	2.22
	Geosciences	1	2.22
	Liberal Arts	16	35.56
	MAYS BUSINESS SCHOOL	10	22.22
Classification:	SOPHOMORE	2	4.44
	JUNIOR	19	42.22
	SENIOR	24	53.33
Campus:	COLLEGE STATION	45	100.00
Is This Course Required?	Yes	44	97.78
	No	1	2.22
Expected Grade in Course:	A	19	42.22
	B	23	51.11
	C	3	6.67
Sex:	FEMALE	21	46.67
	MALE	24	53.33

Items

The following items were used in the appraisal for this section. Mean scores are calculated on a 5 point basis: A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2, E=1.

A = Strongly Agree
 B = Agree
 C = Undecided
 D = Disagree
 E = Strongly Disagree

Items	Resp		A	B	C	D	E	Mean StDev	*View Comments
The instructor seemed well prepared for each class.	45	N	35	10	0	0	0	4.78	View
		%	77.78	22.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.416	
The instructor seemed to care whether the students learned.	45	N	40	5	0	0	0	4.89	View
		%	88.89	11.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.314	
The instructor seemed enthusiastic about the material that was presented.	45	N	42	3	0	0	0	4.93	View
		%	93.33	6.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.249	
The instructor stimulated my interest in the subject.	45	N	31	11	2	1	0	4.6	View
		%	68.89	24.44	4.44	2.22	0.00	0.680	
The instructor's presentations added to my understanding of the material.	45	N	35	8	2	0	0	4.73	View
		%	77.78	17.78	4.44	0.00	0.00	0.533	
The instructor adequately answered questions from students.	45	N	33	10	2	0	0	4.69	View
		%	73.33	22.22	4.44	0.00	0.00	0.551	
I believe this instructor was an effective teacher.	45	N	34	10	1	0	0	4.73	View
		%	75.56	22.22	2.22	0.00	0.00	0.490	
The exams/projects were presented and graded fairly.	45	N	38	7	0	0	0	4.84	View
		%	84.44	15.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.362	
Help was readily available for questions and/or homework outside of class.	45	N	35	10	0	0	0	4.78	View
		%	77.78	22.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.416	
On the whole, this is a good instructor.	44	N	38	4	2	0	0	4.82	View
		%	86.36	9.09	4.55	0.00	0.00	0.490	
I would take another course from this professor.	45	N	36	6	2	1	0	4.71	View
		%	80.00	13.33	4.44	2.22	0.00	0.654	

The course was well-organized.	45	N	38	7	0	0	0	4.84	View
		%	84.44	15.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.362	
The course requirements were clear.	45	N	36	9	0	0	0	4.8	View
		%	80.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.400	
The amount of work and/or reading was reasonable for the credit hours received in the course.	45	N	36	9	0	0	0	4.8	View
		%	80.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.400	
On the whole, this was a good course.	45	N	37	6	1	1	0	4.76	View
		%	82.22	13.33	2.22	2.22	0.00	0.602	
Overall Mean *Overall Mean score does not include instructor selected items.								4.78	

*** If a link is not active, this represents that no comments were given by students for that item.**

Item Comments

Items on the Appraisal

The instructor seemed well prepared for each class.

Comments from Students

1. [A] The lecture is always well thought out and Trent is very knowledgeable in the subject.
2. [A] He always has lectures posted on time and could thoroughly explain everything.
3. [B] There were some days he got a bit confused and didn't seem prepared. But overall I felt he was prepared
4. [A] Came to class on time every day and was excited about what he was teaching us.
5. [A] Very caring and all around pleasure
6. [A] Clear knowledge of the material taught, as he gave a lot of real world examples that helped further understanding.
7. [A] Always had notes for lecture on campus before class
8. [A] Understood the material and broke it down so everyone in the class could understand the material
9. [A] He was always in class on time and would always stay after class to help us with any questions that we had.
10. [A] Absolutely, he was very well prepared. He was answering all questions with clear ideas and examples.

The instructor seemed to care whether the students learned.

Comments from Students

1. [A] I went to office hours and gained further instruction that helped benefit my learning.
2. [A] Always took the time to elaborate and answer any questions
3. [A] If we did not understand a topic he would pause lecture to explain it and once we still didn't get it and he sent out an email better explaining it and followed up the next day.
4. [A] He wanted his students to succeed, unlike a majority of other professors. This made the class a lot more enjoyable.
5. [A] He made it clear that he cared whether students learned or not, doing so by letting us know office hours and staying after class to answer questions
6. [A] Would always go back over example problems if somebody was confused
7. [A] Would go back to past material in case someone didn't understand the material
8. [A] He would always offer extra help before and after class, and he made sure to explain things twice whenever we were confused.
9. [A] He asked to the group about how they feel about the test and the class en general. That demonstrated he cared about our understanding and learning.

The instructor seemed enthusiastic about the material that was presented.

Comments from Students

1. [A] Everyday Trent was excited and happy to be in the classroom. Unlike some professors at TAMU who lack the excitement Trent brings to the classroom.
2. [A] He brought real life videos and examples into class
3. [A] He enjoyed his job and didn't look like he wanted to be somewhere else.
4. [A] Yes. He even has research papers on many topics from the class.

The instructor stimulated my interest in the subject.

Comments from Students

1. [C] I chose undecided because I have no interest in Economics and it does not appeal to me at ALL. However, if I was an Economics major I would most likely be very stimulated from this course.
2. [B] Liked that he used video clips (outside sources) for his lectures

3. [A] He brought real life research, examples and Hollywood references into class
4. [A] He was able to use real world applications that made the topic much more interesting
5. [B] Material was a little boring but the videos were interesting and fun economic things throughout powerpoints.
6. [A] I actually began to care about ECON - Blake Clark
7. [B] Economics in general can be boring, but he made it interesting with real world examples
8. [A] During the spring semester I didn't understand the material but Professor McNamara is definitely one of the best I've had
9. [A] Yes. He linked the class concepts to the real world.

The instructor's presentations added to my understanding of the material.

Comments from Students
1. [A] If I was just given the power points and was told to learn I would be completely lost. Trent explains the material somewhat well.
2. [A] Very thorough presentations and explanations.
3. [A] The skeleton lectures really helped me follow along.
4. [A] Great presentations, all the writing on the board helped so much!
5. [B] Added onto material and didn't just read off the slide.
6. [A] Took this class in the spring semester and had to drop it. The way you teach is a lot more effective and I enjoy coming to class.
7. [A] I liked the fun videos
8. [A] The videos shown helped understand real world examples of topics
9. [A] He gave examples, made graphs, and answered any question anyone had.
10. [A] He made sure to explain everything in the best possible way.
11. [A] Absolutely, he used the board all the time to explain concepts and that helped a lot my understanding.

The instructor adequately answered questions from students.

Comments from Students
1. [B] He makes sure the student understands before moving on to a new topic.
2. [A] He definitely tried to help all students and answer any questions they might have.
3. [A] He would answer questions until the student(s) understood the material
4. [A] He would always explain the questions we had about the material during class
5. [A] All the time. He would even stay after class to answer questions. That was a good thing from him besides class.

I believe this instructor was an effective teacher.

Comments from Students
1. [A] Great Teacher= Good Student
2. [A] I know you probably don't want to be a teacher but you have an amazing knack for it. One of my top 3 fav teachers of all time. You should teach when you retire from industry. Honestly, thank you for being such a nice guy. - Blake Clark
3. [A] I have learned more from the five-week course than the five-month course I took over the spring semester
4. [A] He explained effectively all theory concepts and mathematical concepts

The exams/projects were presented and graded fairly.

Comments from Students
1. [A] He made the test really fair, no exams were easy As but he made sure that they were possible to do well with an understanding of the material.
2. [A] Students understood the exam prerequisites and material

3. [A] The exams were an appropriate length.

Help was readily available for questions and/or homework outside of class.

Comments from Students

1. [A] He gave multiple ways to succeed in the course. Very helpful
2. [A] Provided tutor contact and office hours.
3. [A] He was available after class and had long office hours
4. [A] Stayed after class, and offered office hours
5. [A] Would stay after class was dismissed to answer any final questions for the day.
6. [A] He was always willing to help us with homework questions
7. [A] Yes. He always was available to answer my questions once the class was dismissed.

On the whole, this is a good instructor.

Comments from Students

1. [A] Great professor, one of my favorites
2. [A] Great guy super friendly and helpful.
3. [A] Did a good job of making the tests similar to lectures and homework.
4. [A] For this being our instructors first course, he was incredibly prepared and gave many different ways to understand and analyze lessons. This improved the understanding of the material and gave real world connections.
5. [A] Wish I had him for more classes.
6. [A] Excellent prof!!!
7. [A] I would recommend anyone to take him and I would take him again if he offered another course.
8. [A] Absolutely.

I would take another course from this professor.

Comments from Students

1. [A] ABSOLUTELY! I wish Trent was my professor for every ECON class I have ever had to take.
2. [B] He was very enthusiastic of the materials and very helpful to the students
3. [A] He's one of the best professors I've had.
4. [A] He was really helpful and his lectures were entertaining.
5. [A] Of course! No doubt about it!

The course was well-organized.

Comments from Students

1. [A] Everything went smoothly.
2. [A] We did everything according to the syllabus and if we had any changes, he would always notify us in class or through email.
3. [A] Yes, the professor was planning a head every class and he never was behind.

The course requirements were clear.

Comments from Students

1. [A] Everyone understood what was required of them.

The amount of work and/or reading was reasonable for the credit hours received in the course.

Comments from Students

1. [A] Not too much, but just enough to reenforce what we learned in class

2. [A] The material wasn't overbearing

On the whole, this was a good course.

Comments from Students

1. [A] This course definitely helped my understanding of the material

2. [A] Yes. It definitely helped that then Professor was using the board to explain all concepts and solve questions from the class.

Essay Question Comments

Essay Questions on the Appraisal

Please add your overall thoughts on the course and instructor.

1. I was dreading taking this course over the summer because I thought it was going to be miserable. Though it isn't a "fun" class, Mr. Mcnamara made it as fun as it could be. He truly cares whether we understand the material or not, and is ALWAYS willing to spend the extra time teaching and explaining things to us. I think he is a wonderful professor and I am thankful to have had such a good first summer class experience because of him..

2. Made subjects very approachable; really appreciated the math review before starting the actual content of the course. Made expectations clear; I enjoyed both the content of the course and Trent as an instructor

3. This professor covered material extremely fast and would write way too small on the board and in areas the people in the back could not physically see.

4. Awesome, genuine and caring professor. 100% recommend to other students. Only thing I would suggest is that he is a little more confident in the classroom. Do not be afraid to be stern. It will not hurt a student's feeling. It will make you more respected as an educator.

5. Great professor

6. Really cool and fun

7. Great professor, difficult course

8. please use better exam reviews. the tests were hard because it was such broad material to study.

9. Reviews before test were extremely helpful

Overall a great professor really helped answer questions through class

10. For the most part, McNamara was a good instructor. He taught things in a simple way where I can understand and was more than willing to assist me outside of the classroom with any questions I had.

11. My professor related the lofty information to the real world in a way I would understand it. Great Professor!

12. Trent organized the course very well. I've always struggled with microeconomics, but he helped to better my understanding of the subject and made it more interesting than I have found it in the past. With this being a fast paced course, I'm glad he was my instructor and I am very happy with the way my grade is turning out.

13. Great class. Was ran very well for being a grad student. He explained the material in a way that I could retain it very quickly. Was also flexible with what the class wanted.

14. I thoroughly enjoyed Professor McNamara's teaching style and presentations. Made things very clear.

15. The homework and skeleton outlines were extremely helpful. As well as the review powerpoints and reviewing at the beginning of class.

16. I was intimidated to take this class but the professor made the difficult material manageable. I liked how PowerPoints we're posted before class and the notes were available in that form. My only suggestion would maybe be to make a coursepack available for the powerpoints because it is expensive to print everything. Overall I learned a lot in this course and I'm happy I took it with this professor.

17. Very great teacher, helpful, and lectures were intuitive with lots of notes.

18. I was expecting this class to be something impossible to understand but he made it possible to understand these concepts and help me like my major a little bit more.

19. This was a very well taught course. The professor seemed very interested and prepared for each class. I would definitely recommend this professor to other students if they really want to learn and appreciate this class.

20. Great professor! He really cared for the success of the students.
21. Course wasn't as bad as I was expecting I think how the course was laid out by the instructor helped a lot. Fill in the blank slides were helpful.
22. I really liked that he would add extra problems and do reviews for the exams. I also appreciate that he would listen to students suggestions and try to implement their feedback
23. I highly suggest making past exams available for individuals to study. The same format as what the Math department has with its math common exams. It will truly prepare individuals to better ace the course. Also I love the intuitive way of understanding the concepts.
24. I had to retake this course and this professor was tremendously better than the first one I had
25. Prof McNamara was an excellent prof and definitely stimulated my interest into economics, would definitely take a class with him again!
26. Instructor was well prepared and made a boring subject interesting. Classwork was enough to gain a good understanding of the subject without being tedious
27. The instructor and course were well done and I can't stress that enough. I have no complaints.
28. Overall, the profesor was really helpful and he helped me get through this course successfully. I would definitely take another course with the professor. He is one of the best professors I have had since I have been a student here at Texas A&M .
29. Good professor. He was doing his best in this class and he was focused on the class's learning. He was always on time, and ready for teach or answer any question. I'm satisfied with his work! Once of the best professor I had in my entire career.