College of Arts and Sciences

Course: ECON 4523-001

Section Title: Economics of Education

Instructor: Tyler Ransom

Course Level: Upper 3000 - 4000 Section Size: Medium 26-59

Total Enrollment: 29

Question	Level	Mean Response	Median Response	Standard Deviation	ZScore	Responses	Percent #1	Percent #2	Percent #3	Percent #4	Percent #5	Dept Rank	College Rank
Extent to which the instructor contributed to your learning	INDIVIDUAL	4.76923	5	0.43853		13	0.00	0.00	0.00	23.08	76.92	100.00	96.19
	DEPARTMENT	4.23529	4	0.82343		170	0.00	2.35	17.65	34.12	45.88		
	SIMILAR_COL	4.14208	4	0.93515	0.67	3,695	1.43	3.60	18.21	32.83	43.92		
	COLLEGE	3.97981	4	1.00236	0.79	35,112	2.29	5.29	21.66	33.67	37.09		
2. Ability of the instructor to respond to a wide range of questions about	INDIVIDUAL	4.84615	5	0.37553		13	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.38	84.62	100.00	88.98
the material in this course	DEPARTMENT	4.50292	5	0.76215		171	0.58	1.75	7.60	26.90	63.16		
	SIMILAR_COL	4.38174	5	0.92791	0.50	3,691	1.41	3.68	11.73	21.67	61.50		
	COLLEGE	4.21266	5	1.03966	0.61	35,079	2.53	5.54	13.89	24.22	53.82		
3. Instructor's promptness in returning exams and assignments so they	INDIVIDUAL	4.61538	5	0.65044		13	0.00	0.00	7.69	23.08	69.23	69.23	82.20
could be useful for learning	DEPARTMENT	4.37278	5	0.84344		169	0.00	2.37	16.57	22.49	58.58		
	SIMILAR_COL	4.12985	5	1.07738	0.45	3,689	3.09	5.91	16.10	24.72	50.18		
	COLLEGE	4.04719	4	1.11653	0.51	35,052	3.52	6.98	18.02	24.22	47.26		
 Instructor's ability to encourage critical and independent thinking 	INDIVIDUAL	4.38462	5	0.76795		13	0.00	0.00	15.38	30.77	53.85	46.15	57.63
	DEPARTMENT	4.26901	5	0.88659		171	0.58	3.51	15.20	29.82	50.88		
	SIMILAR_COL	4.23521	5	0.99566	0.15	3,686	2.01	4.42	15.25	24.69	53.64		
	COLLEGE	4.08408	4	1.05981	0.28	35,039	2.54	6.33	18.07	26.30	46.76		
5. Instructor's ability to stimulate continuing interest in the subject matter	INDIVIDUAL	4.53846	5	0.66023		13	0.00	0.00	7.69	30.77	61.54	92.31	75.85
	DEPARTMENT	4.20588	5	0.99643		170	2.35	4.12	14.71	28.24	50.59		
	SIMILAR_COL	4.12116	5	1.11316	0.37	3,681	3.83	5.98	15.70	23.23	51.26		
	COLLEGE	3.93599	4	1.19276	0.51	35,039	5.25	7.98	19.08	23.29	44.40		
Overall instructor's teaching effectiveness was	INDIVIDUAL	4.69231	5	0.48038		13	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.77	69.23	100.00	88.56
·	DEPARTMENT	4.22222	4	0.93794		171	0.58	7.02	10.53	33.33	48.54		
	SIMILAR_COL	4.17078	5	1.05751	0.49	3,689	2.68	5.96	14.83	24.64	51.88		
	COLLEGE	3.99572	4	1.15726	0.60	35,050	4.45	7.73	17.28	24.88	45.66		
7. Instructor's management of the course was	INDIVIDUAL	4.92308	5	0.27735		13	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.69	92.31	100.00	96.61
	DEPARTMENT	4.34706	5	0.83745		170	0.00	3.53	12.94	28.82	54.71		
	SIMILAR COL	4.20657	5	1.03428	0.69	3,684	2.12	6.11	14.25	24.05	53.47		
	COLLEGE	4.08447	4	1.09710	0.76	35,020	3.31	6.51	16.90	24.97	48.31		
8. Amount you learned in this class	INDIVIDUAL	4.53846	5	0.51887		13	0.00	0.00	0.00	46.15	53.85	92.31	88.05
	DEPARTMENT	4.11176	4	0.85269		170	0.00	4.12		38.82	38.24		
	SIMILAR_COL	4.05818	4	0.93700	0.51	3,541	1.44	4.18	19.97	35.95	38.46		
	COLLEGE	3.84890	4	0.98428	0.70	33,037	2.14	6.11	25.96	36.29	29.49		
9. Workload of this course compared to others a similar level	INDIVIDUAL	3.53846	3	0.77625		13	0.00	0.00	61.54	23.08	15.38	69.23	68.14
or recinious or time equipe compares to entire a circular term	DEPARTMENT	3.43275	3	0.84706		171	0.58	7.02		22.22	14.62	00.20	33.11
	SIMILAR COL	3.39233	3	0.86986	0.17	3,548	1.27	7.36	56.99	19.64	14.74		
	COLLEGE	3.44104	3	0.86985	0.11	33,065	1.29	6.70	53.59	23.47	14.95		
10. Quality of readings and/or assigned course materials	INDIVIDUAL	4.23077	4	0.72501	0.11	13	0.00	0.00	15.38	46.15	38.46	69.23	70.80
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	SIMILAR COL	3.91636	4	1.03681	0.30	3,539	2.20	7.18	23.51	31.00	36.11		
	COLLEGE	3.67588	4	1.05001	0.52	33,016	2.86	9.87	30.77	29.82	26.67		
11. Overall, this course was	INDIVIDUAL	4.76923	5	0.43853	0.52	13	0.00	0.00	0.00	23.08	76.92	100.00	92.48
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	SIMILAR COL	4.10715	4	1.02948	0.62	3,546	2.23	5.92		28.00	47.57		
	COLLEGE	3.87972	4		0.62		3.89	8.13		28.27	37.81		
12. This course was graded fairly	INDIVIDUAL	3.87972 4.84615	5	1.12166 0.37553	0.79	33,032 13	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.38		76.92	72.57
12. This course was graded fairly	DEPARTMENT		5			171				15.38	84.62	70.92	12.51
		4.70760		0.56036	0.00		0.00	1.17	1.75		74.85		
	SIMILAR_COL	4.63336	5	0.72246	0.29	3,543	0.73	1.95	4.23	19.42	73.67		
	COLLEGE	4.56058	5	0.76970	0.37	33,021	0.82	2.24	5.64	22.65	68.65		

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Question

- 1. What were the strong points of the course?
- 2. What were the weak points of the course?
- 3. What should the instructor do to improve their teaching?
- 4. What is your overall opinion of this course?

Comment

- 1. I appreciated how structured the lectures were, as well as the regularity/consistency of the assignments.
- 2. The packback discussions became pretty stale over the course of the semester. It felt like I was scraping the barrel to answer a decent question that hadn't already been asked.
- 3. It was always a pleasant surprise when the professor tied in a funny youtube video or comic in to what we were going to learn about that day. It helps keep things interesting in an hour long lecture.
- 4. Two thumbs up
- 1. Ransom does a great job of engaging with students, making class fun to attend.
- 2. none that I can think of besides use formulas we cover more
- 3. n/a
- 4. I enjoyed it, great course.
- 1. Instructor, Quality of Material
- 2. Lots of work. Lots if information & formulas
- 3. Nothing
- 4. Very good course, engaging & challenging
- 1. The problem sets and in class quizzes helped a lot when it came to studying for tests.
- 2. I wouldn't call it a weak point, but the packback didn't really contribute to my learning. However, I thought it was interesting and a good exercise and I would keep it as part of the course curriculum.
- 3. I think Dr. Ransom is a great professor and don't see much room for improvement. He knows what he's talking about and is able to "dumb down" the subject material to make it as least confusing as possible, which is really important. He's timely with grading and does a good job answering all our questions.
- 4. I really enjoyed this course.
- 1. I like the method of lecture that Dr. Ransom uses in this class.
- 2. Packback questions every weekend was too often. Many students including myself found ourselves responding to questions at 11 on Sunday night just to get the participation grade. It doesn't contribute to the learning.
- 3. Nothing, maybe have more interactive activities for students to take part in.
- 4. I really enjoyed it. It was a unique economics course to take and I learned a lot.
- 1. Dr. Ransom is generally very good at explaining things, and if something isn't clear in class he's always willing to work with you to figure it out. He's also understanding of mistakes, and will work with you to make sure you succeed.
- 2. Packback. It felt tacked on, cost \$25, and didn't really contribute to my learning. It felt like Canvas disucssions with random "AI" features tacked on, which was disappointing because again it cost \$25 which is a significant amount for someone with my levels of income at the moment. Normally I don't mind, but it felt like busy work, and didn't interest me in learning more about the course subjects.
- 3.
- 4. Very good, just the one complaint
- 1. Professor Ransom is easily one of the best professors I have ever had. Engaging, kind, and interesting to listen to. He asks thought provoking questions and make a class that doesn't seem all that useful post college, not only useful but interesting.
- 2. I don't love the packback posts, especially due on Sunday nights where is it easy to forget about them.
- 3.
- 4. One of my favorite classes in college thus far, almost entirely due to how great Professor Ransom is.
- 1. Relevant information and teachings (kept us up to date on what was going on in the world of education)
- Lectures were laid out very nicely
- Exam preparation
- 2. Packback was a little bit useless towards the end of the semester when everyone ran out of content to talk about
- 3. n/a
- 4. Great course. Material was very interesting. As usual, Professor Ransom did a great job and is one of my favorite profs in the econ department.

- 1. The course gave a very comprehensive understanding of the nature of education and its practical applications across the United States. The course was also very clear about its expectations and the content that students needed to know.
- 2. The course could have done more to make the expectations of the research paper more clear or to have checked in more regularly throughout the year.
- 3. The instructor could do more to engage students with the application of concepts in the classroom in a hands-on matter.
- 4. The course was very good and went through a very comprehensive amount of information about the topic.
- 1. The course made me really relook at life and incentives.
- 2. None.
- 3. Keep on being awesome
- 4. loved it!

Response Key

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