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University of Arkansas

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ECON 2143 - 002 - BASIC ECON:THEORY & PRACTICE**Anupam Ghosh** Evaluated Individual

Department: Department of Economics

Responsible Faculty: Anupam Ghosh

Response Rate 60.6 %

Received 43

Expected 71

Demographics**UofA Student Demographics**

Q1	Your College:			Total: 43
	College of Education and Health Professions	8	18.6 %	<div><div></div></div>
	College of Engineering	14	32.6 %	<div><div></div></div>
	Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences	8	18.6 %	<div><div></div></div>
	Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design	1	2.3 %	<div><div></div></div>
	J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences	11	25.6 %	<div><div></div></div>
	Sam M. Walton College of Business	0	0 %	<div><div></div></div>
	School of Law	0	0 %	<div><div></div></div>

Graduate School	0	0 %	<div></div>
UNDECLARED	1	2.3 %	<div></div>

Q2	Expected grade			Total: 43
A/PASS	15	34.9 %	<div></div>	
B	7	16.3 %	<div></div>	
C	19	44.2 %	<div></div>	
D	2	4.7 %	<div></div>	
F/FAIL	0	0 %	<div></div>	

Q3	Your class			Total: 43
Freshman	9	20.9 %	<div></div>	
Sophomore	15	34.9 %	<div></div>	
Junior	12	27.9 %	<div></div>	
Senior	7	16.3 %	<div></div>	
Graduate	0	0 %	<div></div>	
Other	0	0 %	<div></div>	

Q4	Course required			Total: 42
Yes	34	81 %	<div></div>	
No	8	19 %	<div></div>	

WCOB College Core: Course Questions

Course Based Questions

		Strongly Agree (5)	Agree (4)	Undecided (3)	Disagree (2)	Strongly Disagree (1)	
Q5	When I have a question or comment I know it will be respected.					Total: 43	
Mean	3.09	4	13	11	13	2	
Median	3	9.3%	30.2%	25.6%	30.2%	4.7%	
Standard Deviation	1.07						
		Mean				Percent Rank	Total
ECON 2143 - 002		3.09	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>			----	43
Department of Economics		4.31	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>			1 st	1293
1 - 1199		4.48	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>			1 st	10177

WCOB ECON: Course Based Questions

Course Based Questions

		Strongly Agree (5)	Agree (4)	Undecided (3)	Disagree (2)	Strongly Disagree (1)		
Q6	My critical thinking skills improved because of this course.					Total: 43		
Mean	2.37	3	4	9	17	10		
Median	2	7%	9.3%	20.9%	39.5%	23.3%		
Standard Deviation	1.14							
		Mean				Percent Rank	Total	
ECON 2143 - 002		2.37	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>				----	43
Department of Economics		3.76	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>				3 rd	1293
1 - 1199		3.76	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>				3 rd	1293

University Core Course

Course Based Questions

		Excellent (5)	Good (4)	Fair (3)	Poor (2)	Very Poor (1)		
Q7	Overall, I would rate this course as:						Total:	43
Mean	2.47	2	4	14	15	8		
Median	2	4.7%	9.3%	32.6%	34.9%	18.6%		
Standard Deviation	1.04							
		Mean				Percent Rank	Total	
ECON 2143 - 002		2.47				----	43	
Department of Economics		3.83				3 rd	1291	
1 - 1199		4.21				1 st	65570	

WCOB College Core: Instructor Questions

Instructor Based Questions

		Strongly Agree (5)	Agree (4)	Undecided (3)	Disagree (2)	Strongly Disagree (1)			
Q8	My instructor displays a clear understanding of course topics.						Total: 43		
Mean	3.51	9	14	12	6	2			
Median	4	20.9%	32.6%	27.9%	14%	4.7%			
Standard Deviation	1.11								
		Mean				Percent Rank	Total		
Anupam Ghosh		3.51	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>				----	43	
Department of Economics		4.37	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>				5 th	1297	
1 - 1199		4.54	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>				2 nd	10236	
Q9	My instructor is actively helpful when students have problems.						Total: 43		
Mean	2.81	3	11	10	13	6			
Median	3	7%	25.6%	23.3%	30.2%	14%			

Standard Deviation	1.17					
	Mean				Percent Rank	Total
Anupam Ghosh	2.81	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	----	43
Department of Economics	4.09	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	5 th	1295
1 - 1199	4.38	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	1 st	10225

Q10	My instructor displays enthusiasm when teaching.					Total: 43
Mean	3.51	9	16	9	6	3
Median	4	20.9%	37.2%	20.9%	14%	7%
Standard Deviation	1.17					

	Mean				Percent Rank	Total
Anupam Ghosh	3.51	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	----	43
Department of Economics	4.19	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	11 th	1297
1 - 1199	4.43	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	4 th	10224

Q11	My instructor seems well-prepared for class.					Total: 43
Mean	2.86	2	13	10	13	5
Median	3	4.7%	30.2%	23.3%	30.2%	11.6%
Standard Deviation	1.11					

	Mean				Percent Rank	Total
Anupam Ghosh	2.86	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	----	43
Department of Economics	4.24	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	3 rd	1293
1 - 1199	4.47	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	1 st	10212

WCOB ECON: Instructor Based Questions

Instructor Based Questions

		Strongly Agree (5)	Agree (4)	Undecided (3)	Disagree (2)	Strongly Disagree (1)
Q12	My instructor is friendly and accessible.					Total: 43
Mean	3.33	5	17	10	9	2
Median	4	11.6%	39.5%	23.3%	20.9%	4.7%
Standard Deviation	1.07					

	Mean					Percent Rank	Total
Anupam Ghosh	3.33	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	----	43
Department of Economics	4.26	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	5 th	1295
1 - 1199	4.26	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	5 th	1295

Q13	My instructor responds when I indicate that I fail to comprehend.					Total: 43	
Mean	3.12	5	12	14	7	5	
Median	3	11.6%	27.9%	32.6%	16.3%	11.6%	
Standard Deviation	1.17						
		Mean				Percent Rank	Total
Anupam Ghosh		3.12	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>			----	43
Department of Economics		4.09	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>			7 th	1297
1 - 1199		4.09	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>			7 th	1297

Q14	My instructor explains difficult material clearly.					Total: 43	
Mean	2.05	1	1	13	12	16	
Median	2	2.3%	2.3%	30.2%	27.9%	37.2%	
Standard Deviation	0.99						
		Mean				Percent Rank	Total
Anupam Ghosh		2.05	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>			----	43
Department of Economics		3.68	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>			3 rd	1295

	Mean		Percent Rank	Total
1 - 1199	3.68		3 rd	1295

Q15	I learned a great deal from my instructor.					Total: 43
Mean	2.21	1	5	13	7	17
Median	2	2.3%	11.6%	30.2%	16.3%	39.5%
Standard Deviation	1.15					

	Mean		Percent Rank	Total
Anupam Ghosh	2.21		----	43
Department of Economics	3.74		3 rd	1294
1 - 1199	3.74		3 rd	1294

University Core Instructor

Instructor Based Questions

		Strongly Agree (5)	Agree (4)	Undecided (3)	Disagree (2)	Strongly Disagree (1)
Q16	My Instructor is fluent in English					Total: 43
Mean	3.47	4	19	13	7	0
Median	4	9.3%	44.2%	30.2%	16.3%	0%
Standard Deviation	0.87					

	Mean		Percent Rank	Total
Anupam Ghosh	3.47		----	43
Department of Economics	4.32		11 th	1296
1 - 1199	4.79		2 nd	67850

Excellent (5)	Good (4)	Fair (3)	Poor (2)	Very Poor (1)
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Q17	Overall, I would rate this instructor as:					Total: 43
Mean	2.56	1	8	12	15	7
Median	2	2.3%	18.6%	27.9%	34.9%	16.3%
Standard Deviation	1.04					

	Mean		Percent Rank	Total
Anupam Ghosh	2.56		----	43
Department of Economics	3.96		5 th	1296
1 - 1199	4.38		1 st	67955

Faculty Comment Questions

Comments:

Q18	Comments:	Total: 22
<p>Clearly the professor is very smart and knows what he is talking about, but the material is very hard to understand in the way he teaches it. It doesn't help that our tests are so difficult and our workload is far more than other economics courses. Most of the classmates that I've talked to have said that they are doing terrible in the class too.</p>		
<p>It was a very interesting course!</p>		
<p>Professor Ghosh is a well-respected professor. It is his first time teaching ECON 2143 since he is a graduate student (if I'm correct on this information), but I don't blame him entirely for possibly having every student in the class do badly on exams. The material is tough and he does state when he wants us to write an important piece of information from what he's saying in lecture.</p>		
<p>Learned everything from SI</p>		
<p>I don't even know where to start. One of the worst experiences I have had at the U of A. When people raised their hands to answer questions, he would respond negatively like, 'no, not even close.' I think he knew a lot about Econ, but he didn't know how to relay it. His lectures were like word vomit. Not only that, but we would take notes off of PowerPoints, and occasionally he would pause and read the slide to himself quickly and then say something like, 'Well, the slide is wrong. Just listen to me instead.' The majority of the class failed (or almost failed) both midterms. I set up a meeting with him to discuss my grade, and as I walked down the hallway to his office, I saw him close the door and leave. I assumed he was just getting a drink or something, but after 20 minutes, he never showed up to our meeting. I never received an email from him explaining this incident. He also never learned how to use Blackboard, and for this reason, he did not release our grades to us</p>		

until the last day that we were allowed to withdraw from his class. I totally understand that this prof is a grad student, but I didn't learn much of anything in this class and I experienced much frustration and cluelessness the whole semester.

VERY disorganized, almost the entire class is failing, the tests are nothing like what we talk about in class, changes his mind on things constantly leading to confusion in students

Didn't have grades in until the last day to drop the class with a W. Doesn't give real study guides. Too many chapters to go through, we had 10-15 chapters to cover before the test. That is too many chapters to understand on one test.

Every time we have a question in class or answer one of his questions wrong, he treats us like we're stupid and should know it. Also, he seems very unprepared for class. It seems like he walks in and looks at the slides and it's his first time seeing them. There have been multiple times where he has revisited a topic and told us to forget what he taught us last time because it was wrong. He is very confusing and jumps all over the place in class. His grading system is very unorganized so nobody knows if we are doing good or bad in his class and he changes his grading policy almost every week.

It didn't seem like you had a solid understanding of how to lead the class effectively. Everything changed around so much that it was hard to know what was going on in the class part of the time. I think you also expected a lot more from us and made the class a lot harder than what is required for a Principles of Economics class.

Unfortunately, I had many issues with this course throughout the semester. It is apparent that Professor Ghosh has an understanding of the topics that he teaches, however, he does not explain them in a way that is accessible to the average student. The PowerPoints are hard to understand and he over complicates topics that should be simple. I don't feel as though our tests are reflective of the lectures, and I know that many students struggled with them. I believe that he realized this as the semester progressed, because we were offered several curves and bonus opportunities. He assigned us an absurd amount of homework that didn't reflect what we learned in class. Many assignments were dropped due to low scores. Another issue throughout the semester has been that we have not been able to view our grades at all. The points are all wrong and I have noticed that homework grades and bonus are not right. He encourages students to ask questions in class, however, talks down to them when they do. I think that Professor Ghosh is a knowledgeable person, however, is not cut out for teaching.

This course was made too difficult for a basic economics class. I am taking pre-med classes and this was by far my most difficult course this semester.

Sometimes during class lecture when he is explaining topics, he makes them harder than it seems or explains it in a way that is difficult to understand.

This class was more difficult than I thought it was going to be. I did good on the homework, but there was so much that I kind of got overwhelmed. For the tests they were difficult for me at sometimes. It as well didn't

help that I had another test on the same days for one of my main courses. Overall, I did appreciate that you try to help us in the end.

Not very prepared for class and does not explain the material well. Grading is all over the place and never updated right in blackboard so you never know what your grade is. Was really excited to take this class but by the third week in I couldn't keep up and no longer wanted to take it because of the professor. Nice guy, just not a great teacher.

He shows a lot of enthusiasm towards the subject, but fails to comprehend that most of the students are not economics majors. This lead to a great majority of the class involving him explaining fairly advanced economic principles and concepts, and left little room for introduction level economics based concepts. The grading was difficult to follow all the way through the class due to a lack of clarity.

Mr. Ghosh, thank you for everything this semester. Though economics is out of my interest area, I still enjoyed learning about principles of economics. My suggestions would be to provide more questions to answer. I learn best from answering practice questions. Cengage was helpful for this, but these questions were not typically consistent with what we cover in class. Many of the questions were 'trivial' on cengage, and this was frustrating when trying to get a grasp of the concepts. I appreciate how you engage the class by asking us questions that require us to think and reason. I also appreciated that you used real-world examples from your own experiences. I also noticed that you complained about the powerpoints quite a bit (too many animations, poor explanations, etc). Though these powerpoints were made by other instructors, you are still responsible for the content in them by virtue of presenting them in class. The attendance quizzes did not require that you be in the room to answer. Many students got attendance points who were not in the classes or the review session. Another thing that would help is to provide a quick recap of the previous day's lectures at the beginning of every class. Thank you everything this semester. I know this was your first time teaching a course, and you did an excellent job.

For the future students, I hope that he is more engaging and enthusiastic while teaching economics.

This instructor was very difficult to follow. The material of this course was not difficult in itself, but his manner of teaching did not prove successful. If it was not for my supplemental instruction sessions I would not have been able to comprehend the material sufficiently enough to succeed in this class.

I think Professor Ghosh was a good professor. You could tell he knew the subject and was passionate about it. However, I feel like the course was unnecessarily difficult for a basic economics class. I felt like the course was taught as if we had taken some economics class beforehand. The tests seemed odd in wording (made in difficult), the homework was too difficult at times (seemed way too advanced for this course), and the explanations in lecture at times seemed confusing also. Another problem happened to be grading. I didn't know what my grade in the class was until the withdraw deadline, and he still is changing the grade distributions so I again don't know my grade going into finals week. Lastly, it seems like the logistics of the class were changing constantly. To say again, I think he was a good professor and with more practice, I think he will be very good once he finds a good way to challenge his students.

I think it was his first time teaching because Mr. Ghosh is a graduate student. He did a good job and I think he'll be able to improve over time and experience. My big complaint is Cengage, when answering homework,

it would average the attempts, which makes the homework grade drop significantly, because even if you know it, it averages the score of all attempts which was extremely frustrating.

It felt like the concepts could be presented in a simpler way. Most of the time I failed to understand what the professor was talking about because the things that he was saying did not connect with me.

Anupam Ghosh is not a good instructor. He is very knowledgeable in economics, but is not good teacher. His lectures are hard to follow at times, his tests do not reflect the lectures well, he doesn't always seem prepared for class, and at it took him several weeks to grade our exams. He always has seemed rather unorganized, especially with grades.

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