Course Name: Economics-301-003 - Fall 2021

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.	19	0	0	0	3	16	4.84	4.91	0.37
Course content was thought-provoking.	19	0	0	0	1	18	4.95	4.97	0.23
The course materials were useful to course objectives.	19	0	0	0	5	14	4.74	4.82	0.45

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	19	0	1	1	5	12	4.47	4.71	0.84

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.	19	0	0	0	1	18	4.95	4.97	0.23
The instructor was well organized.	19	0	0	3	3	13	4.53	4.77	0.77
The instructor provided helpful feedback.	19	0	0	1	3	15	4.74	4.87	0.56

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General Comments

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

Comments
None currently.
I would like to see more feedback from you. Once or twice, you said that you were working on specific feedback for us on homework. I feel like this should be a given. BEsides, that, though, I was never able to find it. Maybe it's because I'm not that tech savy, or maybe its set to where only you can see it. I'm not sure. BUt it might be easier to add a personalized comment on eCampus itself, rather than a third party. Also, I have a hard time with the attendance questions. I don't always have a question to ask, but also I suppose this is accounted for with the extra points availabe.
None
Each week we need to turn in 2 questions about the course and course material for a grade. I understand the purpose of this but I feel it should be one question, and an optional second. When I turn in two questions I feel like the quality of my questions are a lot lower because I have to try and find something that I don't understand, and sometimes that may make my question irrelevant to current course material. That is my only improvement the course is overall great.
splitting up exam 2 into two separate exams so there are 3 exams through the semester. there is a lot of content to keep track of for the 2nd exam.
Shortening the length of exams.
More quantitative problems, discussion board for students to help each other with concepts, suggestions for outside reading
Maybe change the book cause I didn't find it helpful
Honestly no recommendations. At times I felt myself really reaching to think of two questions to ask every week, but I think that helped a lot with getting more familiar and engaged with the content of the class. Seems like the instructor is doing all the right things and going above and beyond. I have no recommendations or criticisms, honestly.
Maybe not as many questions needed to be submitted every week. 2 a week is kind of overkill, I ended up asking stupid questions just to get the points.
N/A. Course was perfect. I liked the heavier insight on the intuition behind microeconomics over the math portion of the class, but still the underlying math to be able to prove the intuitive thinking.
I would say make the exams a little more rounded by incorporating T/F and multiple choice questions instead of all open ended questions. I would also get rid of all fill in the blank questions.
I do not have any recommendations for changes. The class was super organized, and everything was very easy to follow.
Make homework more like what was gone over in class and help us more with book, as it is really confusing to go navigate and understand.
none
N/A. He is currently my favorite professor for this semester. Please do not a change anything about him!
Make hw non–participation grade. When it was graded on accuracy, it made me work a lot harder. Also frequently go over the hw more, sometimes it felt like i still had unanswered questions.

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

Comments
The Willingness of Mr. Marsella to help and ask questions that are meaningful thought provoking and relatable.
I appreciate the "different" real life examples from both you and Landsburg. Opening up with the demand for murder, and adding to it from there, was very thought provoking and reminded me about how the principles of economics are everywhere. Much better than how my other econ classes just keep it short and simple with talking about traditional markets in general.
My teachers willingness to go any lengths to help students understand the material, he is really good at applying the material to real world applications. As well as identifying where students are struggling
I think this course is great and Alex has made it even better. He really is committed to students learning and succeeding with the course material and spends the time to explain all concepts, even when we probably should already know them. He always gives weekly feedback outside of class to questions students have. I am grateful that he is my professor and I feel I have learned and retained much more knowledge because of his efforts.
the homework solutions helped grasp the main concepts of the course
Instructor going over important material multiple times.
The textbook, going to lectures, class discussions, example problems, relating topics to real events
The teacher being good and helpful
Instructor was EXCELLENT! Despite only being a grad–student, Professor Marsella, has been one of my favorite professors since attending WVU, and I am a junior. He showed thorough understanding of all the content, and was able to go in depth on any questions that were asked. The learning environment felt very comfortable. It was easy to ask questions. He made the content engaging and did a fantastic job of connecting all the concepts we learned about to real life. His enthusiasm for the content greatly helped foster learning and engagement in the course. It feels much better and easier to learn something when the person teaching it is excited about the content. The homeworks and exams were thought provoking but not too difficult. I felt very prepared for the exams just by attending and engaging in class. Marsella will make a top notch professor!
The instructor was extremely helpful. He also made changes halfway through that helped a ton by showing more slides and fewer graphs.
Everything, this was by far my favorite class and my favorite professor. He cared about the work he was teaching us and always provided us with a huge amount of feedback.
Professor Marsella was a very strong incentive to learn throughout this class. The material was thought provoking, however, was taught in a way that was inspirational to research throughout things that you see in everyday society. The professor always took time to answer any questions and set apart time after class to answer any detailed questions that I might have had.
The homework's and the slides
Alex always provided us with his worked out solutions to homework problems. This was super helpful when it came to catching up on certain topics and studying for exams. All of the problems that were worked out in class, as well as the examples of different graphs were incredibly helpful. This is a very little thing, but using different colored markers in the graphs helped me tremendously.
The homework was helpful in my learning
He broke down a lot of the theories into examples that could easily be understood
The course is very engaging! The way he teaches draws you in as he relates the content to things happening in the real world and always keeps the topics thought provoking and just interesting! He explains concepts very well too and the pace of the course is very comfortable!
The way the class was taught, it was very well explained and detailed.

Course Name: Economics-201-006 - Spring 2021

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.	46	0	1	2	12	31	4.59	4.76	0.69
Course content was thought-provoking.	44	0	0	2	13	29	4.61	4.74	0.58
The course materials were useful to course objectives.	45	0	0	1	14	30	4.64	4.75	0.53

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	44	1	1	4	19	19	4.23	4.34	0.89

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.	46	0	0	1	7	38	4.80	4.89	0.45
The instructor was well organized.	46	0	0	1	8	37	4.78	4.88	0.47
The instructor provided helpful feedback.	46	0	1	3	10	32	4.59	4.78	0.72

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Custom Likert Scale Questions

How well did the professor connect course content to its relevance to everyday life and the world beyond the classroom?

Count	Not well at all	Slightly well	Moderately well	Very well	Extremely well	Mean	Median*	Std Dev
45	0	0	3	15	27	4.53	4.67	0.63

General Comments

What recommendations do you have for changes? Principles of Microeconomics

Comments
If I had to change the course, I think having more review time from quizzes would be helpful. Study–guides are awesome, but as somewhat of an auditory learner, it is better for me to hear it from the professor.
Nothing
I know that the instructor doesn't have much control over this but if you fail like one quiz you have to do pretty well on the others to get an A on the course because I feel like the only grades in this course are the quizzes.
I suggest nothing more Alex! You were one of the best professors I had this semester! Keep up the good teaching!!
Nothing
Maybe not as many questions for the top hat homework. 50 questions felt like a lot, if the total number of questions could be shortened that would be nice.

Comments
I did not enjoy the packback feature in this course. Not sure why we couldn't use the ecampus discussion post option for free, instead of paying for packback. I also didn't think that packback did a whole lot in terms of teaching course material.
make it more enjoyable.
Nothing. This was the best class and professor by far I had this semester.
I don't have anything that I would change I liked the course.
N/A
keep it the way it is
Nothing really Alex did a great job.
I have no recommendations. It was a great class.
Maybe the study guides could be multiple–choice so that it is like a quiz.
NA
None, Alex is an excellent instructor.
n/a
Maybe have a little more workload. The class did not have too many assignments outside of Tophat and Packback which was nice, but from an educational standpoint, should probably eventually be changed.
When going over topics in class, slowing down and making sure students are understanding topics is helpful.
none
No changes
Include professors like Alex more in the loop and not him be dependant on someone for his own class.
No changes needed.
This class was really well taught and the professor did a great job by keeping his lectures interesting, I personally don't think he needs to make any changes.
None, Alex is a great professor and did an excellent job teaching this course.
None.
I cannot think of any more recommendations for this class. I think Dr. Marsella did a great job conveying the class material to us and provided a fair and positive learning environment.
Explain some of the math parts in more detail.
Im not sure
I have no recommendations, Professor Marsella could not have done better with this course.
I wouldn't give any changes to this class overall he is very understanding and will work with you if you don't understand any of the course material.Gives good real world examples and is very thorough when he teaches.
Packback questions/responses need more incentive for higher quality posts.
The class lessons and what was taught on tophat didn't really correlate, so I stopped coming to class, and that seemed to help my grade.
the class was good in general
More projects.
I think that everything was good for an introductory economics class and the professor made the information easy to understand and gave good examples on each of the topics. I wouldn't change very much to how you approach the course in the future.
Easier quizzes and test!
I would recommend that the TA review sessions and his review sessions not be on the same day. More so that one of them be a halfway review and the other be the night before the test.

What helped you learn in this course? Principles of Microeconomics

Comments
Going to class in person was a game changer in this class. Simply doing the TopHat assignments and expecting to completely understand is not the best idea. By going to class, the material becomes less "boring" and is tied to real life examples that are easier to comprehend and remember.
The professor was engaging and understanding

Comments
Alexander Did an awesome job and i can't recommend him enough as a teacher. He deserves a raise and should get one because he's so good
Requiring us to write packback responses helped me so that we could relate economics principles and whatever to real world situations.
Lectures and tophats were extremely helpful. I feel like this class was the one I genuinely learned the most in! I didn't really know what economics was before this class, now I feel like I have a very clear understanding. This class was very fun, yet challenging! Alex related course content to real life situations so that the students could easily understand!
The use of topcoat
The top hat homework helped me after learning the lessons in class.
The tophat quizzes helped me a lot. They were always similar to the quiz questions, which I loved. Alex did a great job teaching relevant lecture material for quizzes as well.
nothing.
The real life problems that were taught during class. As well as the active participation during class with the PearDeck. I enjoyed being able to ask questions with informative answers that taught me what I didn't understand.
Doing the tophats and writing down the notes from the lectures.
The top hat modules and packback.
learning all of it in high school and going to class
Alex especially as a Grad Student understands that content that he is delivering extremely well, this allows us to learn easier then it would be for most. Also he tries to make the class as interactive as possible, using different presentation methods. The programs that we use within class to learn such as TopHat and Packback are outstanding and make things much easier to understand.
The tophat lessons every week.
Mr.Marsella was an extremely engaging professor. He used relevant examples and had energy when he taught. The thing that stood out to me the most was they he stayed away from expressing his political opinion and because of that, I feel like my peers kept their political opinions to themselves as well. I feel like almost all of my other professors want to say political things in class and it just makes the atmosphere very tense. But Mr.Marsella stayed away from that and even when it seemed like someone was backing him into a corner trying to get him to say his political beliefs on a topic he expertly got out of it and moved on with the lesson. He knew the subject extremely well and was able to answer questions fluidly. He was a great professor.
The TopHat and Packback are good platforms to study and get better with the content.
Tophat helped a lot, packback helped me put what we learned into a real life perspective.
The everyday examples that were used in teaching lessons.
Just having him as my teacher helped me learn. He is an engaging speaker and helps explain things in different ways until you understand. So, showing up to class was super helpful. Also, the videos on Tophat were also amazing.
Going through the TopHat questions helped a lot for when studying. Doing the Packback questions helped me as a student, use every day life to connect to what we are learning in class.
Studying and reviewing course content.
My professor went above to help his students by incorporating many interactive activities with the class and new ways of learning. the extra help sessions and tutoring sessions are also helpful.
Professor Marsella was overall decent. It seemed like he was not put in the loop for a lot of things. He was not even the one to make the tests, how is he supposed to lecture to us and then have someone completely different make a test...? Makes no sense to me. He was very enthusiastic about Econ and you can tell he really enjoys what he does, but it seems like he was set up for failure from the department.
The instructor used good programs like peardeck which I thought were very useful.
During the lectures the professor used PearDeck which allowed us students to interact during class. This tool really helped me learn and ask questions in a large classroom. Also, he did a really good job of relating the lectures to topics we would be interested in, which allowed me to better remember the information.
The tophat assignments did a very good job at helping solidfy my understanding of the topics learned in class, and combined with studying to prepare me for the tests.
The videos on tophat gave me a clear understanding of the information.
Dr. Marsella was a great professor and made the learning environment fun. He related course materials to outside current events and allowed us to learn why things work like they do. I always felt as if I could approach him to ask any questions or concerns and it allowed me to be successful.
Good, and entertaining lectures.

Comments
There was a large effort by the professor to engage the class. There was always easy ways to participate and lectures were directly related to the content on the quizzes.
What really helped me throughout this course was Professor Marsella's excellent examples in class. He would successfully relate the course content to our everyday lives in a way that made sense. Another thing that helped me was the exam reviews the night before the exam.
The power points he gave in class he was very good and connecting the things we see everyday into economics.
Notes taken during lectures prepared me for exams. Tophat questions provided a good basis of practicing my knowledge about course topics. Graphing assignments served as a decent evaluation of my understanding, very practical learning tool.
I felt prepared for every quiz. Professor Marsella is a fantastic teacher and was very understanding and quick to respond.
Tophat.
ho well the teaher was there to help at all times
The top hat assignments and real life connections in class.
I think Packback was useful for understanding the course material easier and the videos on Tophat helped me learn the graphs better. Using peardeck helped me interact easier in the class and fostered a more productive learning environment.
The top hat learning schedule!
His interactive lectures and review sessions were very helpful to understand the course.

Course Name: Economics-201-004 - Spring 2021

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.	32	0	0	0	9	23	4.72	4.80	0.46
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General Comments

What recommendations do you have for changes? Principles of Microeconomics

Comments
nothing
none
N/a
Nothing.
N/A
I liked this course overall. No changes necessary.
I am not too sure what recommendations I can provide to help improve the course. I would recommend maybe spending more time explaining the graphs
None
Nothing
None
No
I would recommend having a quiz after each chapter/module to help spread out points better and solidify course material. I would also include one or two questions from previous chapters on the quizzes so the information does not fade.
None, Professor Marsella did a wonderful job this semester and he is on the road to success
i really liked the way he taught and i dont have any problems with it but i think the best thing to do as a teacher is make the things your learning relevant to the real world and make it interesting and fun
The fact that students cannot "backtrack" on the quizzes is one of the dumbest things I have ever experienced as a student. The fact that students cannot use test–taking strategies during a test is ridiculous and pathetic.
Maybe shorten assignments and not just get information from slides
Although Packback is a good way to get students to interact with each other through asking questions, and responding to others. I do not feel this benefitted me in understanding/benefiting as much as expected
N/A
I have no changes to recommend.
Nothing really.
More repetitive work.
I would find a way to help students feel more motivated to come to class because attendance was not mandatory.
none that I can think of.
None
I personally do not have any recommendations, if anything, for personal reasoning, I would have not chosen an 8:30am economics class, maybe a 12:30.
I can't say there are many changes I make, Mr. Marsella did an excellent job all around in the class. More graphing assignments may help but that's all I can think of.
I was not a fan of using Packback. I did not feel like it helped my understanding of the course material, and sometimes it felt as though it was not relating to the course material at all.
Peardeck is very helpful in class
None very good class.

What helped you learn in this course? Principles of Microeconomics

Comments
How each lecture related to day to day life
the online resources and classwork were very informative.
I enjoyed using pear deck for lectures. Alex is a great professor that relates to his students well and makes me want to come to class and learn.
Alex was a very nice guy that was very understanding which helped him to see the students perspective which made it easier for us to connect with him and learn from him. He also always made class relate to the real world which added a little bit of fun and made me more interested in what was going on in the class. He also had very good organized slides and you could tell he was passionate and really liked what he was teaching which made me feel more involved in class.
The use of Packback to discuss topics
The readings and participation on Tophat helped me learn in this course.
The in class note taking helped me learn decently well, however I still had issues with actually learning the information
Professor was able to explain things clearly, and provided many resources to help us learn.
Going to in person classes.
Going to class and retaining the information. Or listening to the audio recordings and doing the same.
How organized it was
Alex was always available to answer any questions as well as providing supplemental material and real–world examples.
Alex Was always looking for new ways to engage his students in his class which goes a very long way, he is great
i actually really liked my teacher, he kept things very interesting and kept me engaged in the topics we were learning
The study sessions and the study resources provided. But the lectures and assignments were so engaging and informative that little studying was required.
The tophat activities
The instructor is phenomenal in teaching this course, and many of my professors need to come and sit in on a lecture and take notes because half of them do not even teach.
Studying
the Tophat weekly homework helped greatly, it applied to what we were learning and was a good thing to use while preparing for a quiz.
He was upbeat and was very good at keeping it interesting during class and the assignments.
Tophat questions.
The tophat really helped me learn and study for the course.
The top hat lessons really helped me.
Open dialogue in class
What helped me learn in this course was Alex. He is very helpful with course material, and there are plenty of review sessions provided throughout the semester, especially before quizzes, which is very nice.
The assignments on Tophat really helped to reinforce the principles that we learned in class and online.
The Tophat readings and videos helped me greatly in understanding and retaining the information presented in class
Watching and learning tophat topics before I go into class so I already have a base learning about subject.
The instructor