Columbia University: Arts & Sciences
A&S Fall 2023 Standard Evaluation

Course: ECONUN3213_001_2023_3 - INTERMEDIATE MACROECONOMICS: ECONW3213_001_2023_3_171397

Instructor: Xavier Sala-I-Martin

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Response Rate: 194/272 (71.32 %)

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1 - What are the strengths and weaknesses of Ariana Gamero (discussion section leader, lab section leader, grader) as an instructor, and how might Ariana Gamero's teaching be improved?

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• Great and super helpful!

• The TA I went to most often (due to availability). She was great.

• She was very informative during recitations and did her best to engage the class during these sessions.

• Ariana was amazing, extremely helpful and patient. Also quite generous with scheduling extra office hours and really want students to succeed in this class.

• Fantastic! Approachable style, very prepared, strongly respected and recommended by students. Great at explaining intuition for concepts and exams. By far the most attended recitation section out of all TA's. Could not recommend more.

• Amazing TA! Very helpful, caring, and intelligent. She always explains each theory in an understandable way, and helps us to understand its applications.

• This evaluation goes for all the other TAs except Pablo. The TAs in this class are so lazy, and many have completely stopped osting any resources for our studying purposes. The TAs takes soooo much time grading the psets, often 3-4 weeks, and their grading is very subjective. When you talk to them about the grade you received, they effectively tell you to f off. It is very clear that the undergrad TAs feel as if us students are competition for them in the real world in the job market, as most of us want to get into finance. They use this opportunity to give students bad grades as to almost give them a leg up in the world.

• best

• Amazing, great teacher and communicator, passion for subject comes through for engaging teaching.

• She was good at explaining concepts in her recitation.

• one of the best TA I have ever had, always willing to explain everything clearly to us.

• Ariana was one of the most helpful tas I have had, she always helped us understand new topics and answered every question, she is a big factor in my thoroughly understanding the material

• Amazing at teaching and explaining and so sweet

• Very approachable and knowledgable, very helpful explanations, will take extra time to explain concepts to students, easily reached via email

• She is really conscientious and she provides a lot of useful notes and recitations for us to review.

• Very caring and puts in a lot of effort into her recitations.

• Very dynmaic and provided lots of explanations and prepartion matierals Good for preping exams

• I loved Ariana's office hours and recitations. She always took time to prepare additional examples and problems before exams, and seemed to really care about student success.

• Ariana is the best TA I have had so far. She explains very effectively and makes sure everyone understands. She is very patient and is always looking for ways to help the students. If she was the instructor for the whole course, I think she would be able to pull it off well!

• Can tell she truly cares about us doing well in the class. Her notes for the first half of the semester were quite helpful for the psets, encourages participation in her recitation.

• Ariana is so wonderful. She is personable, knowledgable, kind, etc. All the best qualities you'd wish for in someone you'd interact with, and even more so in a teaching assistant. Her office hours were always super full because everyone knew that she would really help them to understand the concept. Going to her made me recognize the importance of a recitation apart from lecture to help learn the materials.

• Ariana Gamero was an amazing TA, always available, committed. Her course notes were very clear and helpful for both the midterm/final and the PSET. The only recommandation would be to upload the notes before the weekend, because the notes are very useful for the PSET and usually we worked during the weekend on the PSET so having access to them earlier would have been useful. Otherwise no comments to make.

• Great Teaching Assistant, nothing to declare.

• She was a very kind teaching assistant. She was always willing to help and the way she led the recitations was very helpful and easy to understand. Her review sessions were extremely helpful.

• Great teacher. Makes points very clear and stays with people who are not understanding until they do. She is very patient.

• Ariana is a very strong TA and has truly helped me throughout the semester by holding recitations and OHs. She speaks clearly, answers all questions, review the important parts of the lectures, provides notes, training exercises etc...

• Absolutely excellent, she is a phenomenal educator and she demonstrates a thorough understanding of course material.

• good

• She is an awesome TA. She designs practice final for students and her review sessions are very helpful.

• Great TA! She really manages to explain the content and helps you solve problems yourself. Her recitations were an excellent preparation for both the PS and the exams. She is very friendly and manages to keep the topics engaging. It is also great that her content always focuses on the most relevant aspects of Prof Xavier's class.

• Ariana and Pablo helped me greatly in understanding the details of the material. While Professor Xavier provided engaging lectures, the T.A.'s excelled in helping with the technical parts o the material that sometimes were not extensively covered in lectures.

• Brutally effective. Clear and concise. Straightforward. Excellent in teaching you conceptual ideas behind complex macroeconomic principles. Most importantly, she's brilliant herself but she excels in explaining concepts.

• Excellent, excellent TA; explained all topics and math well and thoroughly, answered questions well, managed time-per-topic based on importance very well

• Ariana possesses excellent qualities that make her approachable and supportive TA. Her passion and patience are very valuable in settings where people may be seeking to understand complex Macro material. She always would create an environment where students feel comfortable asking questions, regardless of their level of understanding. This kind of positive and non-judgmental attitude significantly help to learn and understand material more effectively, highlighting her dedication to student success.

• Ariana Gamero is a living legend. She will stay with you 3 hours going through problems if the situation calls for it. I actually spent around 3 hours with her on one occasion in order to make sense of a problem that turned out to be broken. The work Ariana puts into her role as a TA is the bedrock for student's success in this course. Her status as a TA can only be rivaled by the comparatively legendary Pablo. Again, Ariana Gamero is an absolute beast of a TA and person!

• Very nice and approachable. Explains concepts very well.

• Ariana Gamero is an incredible TA, probably the best TA at Columbia. She is so understanding, passionate about the subject material, and willing to help anyone. She is very good at explaining complicated macroeconomic concepts in a seemingly simple manner. Her notes are also very very helpful in understanding the course material. Anyone who has Ariana as their TA should know that they are in good hands.

• She presents information that is important and isn't ambiguous about what we need to focus on. It was sometimes difficult to hear her or other students when they answered questions, so maybe make sure that information is being said loud enough to hear

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2 - What is the overall teaching effectiveness of Ariana Gamero?					
Response Option	**Weight**	**Frequency**	**Percent**	**Percent Responses**	**Means**
Excellent	(5)	61	72.62%		4.62
Very Good	(4)	18	21.43%		
Good	(3)	3	3.57%		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%		
Poor	(1)	2	2.38%		

Response Rate	**Mean**	**STD**	**Median**
84/272 (30.88%)	4.62	0.77	5.00