

# Virginia Tech




## Fall 2023 VT Student Perceptions of Teaching (SPOT)

**Course:** ECON3254: Analysis of Economic Data-ECON\_3254\_84476\_202309  
**Instructor:** Brianna Nicole Felegi \*  
**Response Rate:** 17/19 (89.47 %)

**1 - Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:**

**1A - The instructor was well prepared.**



**Brianna Nicole Felegi**

Response Option				Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means						
Strongly disagree				(1)	0	0.00%		5.65	5.27	5.40				
Disagree				(2)	0	0.00%								
Somewhat disagree				(3)	0	0.00%								
Somewhat agree				(4)	0	0.00%								
Agree				(5)	6	35.29%								
Strongly agree				(6)	11	64.71%								
							0	25	50	100	Question	College	Department	
Response Rate		Mean	STD	Median	College		Mean	STD	Median	Department		Mean	STD	Median
17/19 (89.47%)		5.65	0.49	6.00	33298		5.27	1.01	6.00	1807		5.40	0.87	6.00

**1 - Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:**

**1B - The instructor presented the subject matter clearly.**




**Brianna Nicole Felegi**

Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means						
Strongly disagree		(1)	0	0.00%								
Disagree		(2)	0	0.00%								
Somewhat disagree		(3)	0	0.00%								
Somewhat agree		(4)	1	5.88%								
Agree		(5)	7	41.18%								
Strongly agree		(6)	9	52.94%								
					0	25	50	100	Question	College	Department	
Response Rate		Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median
17/19 (89.47%)		5.47	0.62	6.00	33070	5.01	1.25	5.00	1797	5.14	1.11	5.00

**1 - Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:**

**1C - The instructor provided feedback intended to improve my course performance.**

**Brianna Nicole Felegi**

Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means								
Strongly disagree		(1)	0	0.00%										
Disagree		(2)	0	0.00%										
Somewhat disagree		(3)	0	0.00%										
Somewhat agree		(4)	0	0.00%										
Agree		(5)	9	52.94%										
Strongly agree		(6)	8	47.06%										
					02550100	Question		College		Department				
Response Rate		Mean	STD	Median	College		Mean	STD	Median	Department		Mean	STD	Median
17/19 (89.47%)		5.47	0.51	5.00	33091		4.97	1.27	5.00	1800		5.04	1.23	5.00

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**1 - Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:**

**1D - The instructor fostered an atmosphere of mutual respect.**

**Brianna Nicole Felegi**

Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means						
Strongly disagree		(1)	0	0.00%								
Disagree		(2)	0	0.00%								
Somewhat disagree		(3)	0	0.00%								
Somewhat agree		(4)	0	0.00%								
Agree		(5)	6	35.29%								
Strongly agree		(6)	11	64.71%								
					0	25	50	100	Question	College	Department	
Response Rate		Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median
17/19 (89.47%)		5.65	0.49	6.00	33060	5.32	1.02	6.00	1794	5.43	0.88	6.00

**1 - Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:**

**1E - Overall, the instructor's teaching was effective.**

**Brianna Nicole Felegi**

Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means							
Strongly disagree		(1)	0	0.00%									
Disagree		(2)	0	0.00%									
Somewhat disagree		(3)	0	0.00%									
Somewhat agree		(4)	0	0.00%									
Agree		(5)	6	37.50%									
Strongly agree		(6)	10	62.50%									
					0	25	50	100	Question	College	Department		
Response Rate		Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median	
16/19 (84.21%)		5.63	0.50	6.00	32910	5.00	1.28	5.00	1793	5.14	1.12	5.00	

**2 - 2A - What did the instructor do that most helped in your learning?**

**Brianna Nicole Felegi**

**Response Rate** 13/19 (68.42%)

- She is a very good professor and did a great job teaching the course! I was able to learn a lot by the examples she used in class and the slideshows.
- Taught well.
- Giving step-by-step instructions on how to approach different problems
- Dr Felegi provided study guides and practice problem sets that helped me understand the material better and prepare for the midterms.
- She explained and was superkind when doing so.
- Dr. Felegi was incredibly helpful in office hours and over email and always explained things about assignments or topics I was unsure about. She gave very helpful feedback and was very well prepared and able to answer questions in a way that made sense. I believe she gave every opportunity to succeed in this class with how applicable to class material was and how the exams were exactly what we learned. Her posting of practice exam problems and practice problem sets was also a huge factor in my success in this class as it allowed for extra practice and enabled us to check our answers at the end.
- Held office hours regularly and reminded us that if we ever needed to meet outside of the expressed hours to just email her. She was good at that form of communication and was always available to help.
- Her comments on assignments were always designed to help actually improve understanding of material, not merely penalize you from a grade perspective.
- Office hours were extremely helpful.
- Hold review sessions and post exam practice similar to the actual exam
- Would create graphs on the board that would help visualize some of the concepts she was talking about. As a visual learner, that helped a lot.
- Dr. Felegi worked with me to ensure my needs as a student were met and that I would be able to succeed even in a relatively difficult class.
- explain the ideas clearly

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### 3 - Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

#### 3A - I have a deeper understanding of the subject matter as a result of this course.

Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means									
Strongly disagree		(1)	0	0.00%		5.35		5.05		5.13					
Disagree		(2)	0	0.00%											
Somewhat disagree		(3)	1	5.88%											
Somewhat agree		(4)	0	0.00%											
Agree		(5)	8	47.06%											
Strongly agree		(6)	8	47.06%											
					0	25	50	100	Question		College		Department		
Response Rate		Mean	STD	Median	College		Mean	STD	Median	Department		Mean	STD	Median	
17/19 (89.47%)		5.35	0.79	5.00	26955		5.05	1.15	5.00	1690		5.13	1.02	5.00	

### 3 - Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

#### 3B - My interest in the subject matter was stimulated by this course.

Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means									
Strongly disagree		(1)	0	0.00%											
Disagree		(2)	0	0.00%											
Somewhat disagree		(3)	1	6.25%											
Somewhat agree		(4)	2	12.50%											
Agree		(5)	7	43.75%											
Strongly agree		(6)	6	37.50%											
					0	25	50	100	Question	College		Department			
Response Rate		Mean	STD	Median	College		Mean	STD	Median	Department		Mean	STD	Median	
16/19 (84.21%)		5.13	0.89	5.00	26799		4.72	1.41	5.00	1681		4.84	1.27	5.00	

### 4 - 4A - What could you have done to be a better learner?

**Response Rate** 12/19 (63.16%)

- I could have been a better learner if I had attended more office hours to ask or clarify any questions I had.
- Studied more.
- gone to more office hours
- I could have gone to office hours more often when I was confused about a topic.
- Pay more attention
- Go to all stata/midterm review sessions as possible. Ask more questions when I was confused (especially towards the start of the semester).
- There were some assignments I skipped on that I should not have, and I should have found more time to really engage with some of the readings outside of class.
- I could have done a better job coming to class. Additionally, I could have began studying for the exams earlier.
- Started working on problem sets earlier
- I feel as if I have done extremely well in this course because of my current note-taking and study habits so there's not much more I could've done.
- Better study habits, attending office hours consistently
- to review the practice problems and slides.

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### 5 - 5A - Please add any additional comments regarding the course and/or instructor here:

**Brianna Nicole Felegi**

**Response Rate** 9/19 (47.37%)

- Great professor!
- my only complaint would be that the powerpoint solutions are only presented in class. I get that it encourages attendance but if im sick i'm more or less stuck in the water
- Dr. Felegi hosted office hours and genuinely helped her students with whatever questions they had. She is also a very understanding professor and encourages you to ask for help and shows that she cares about her students success in the course.
- Nothing
- This is the most interesting class I've taken at Virginia Tech and Dr. Felegi is the only professor I've had who I felt truly wanted her students to succeed in this class.
- Thanks for a great semester. You were very kind and helpful. The beginning of the year I wish you worked a little bit slower but I'm sure you had a lot to cover so no big deal.
- I wish there were more instructions or more on the rubric for the final paper
- Experienced professor that easily engages with her classroom.
- Virginia Tech is lucky to have Dr. Felegi. She will be a great asset to the faculty.

### 6 - 6A - How would you rate the physical environment in which you took this class based upon your ability to see, hear, concentrate, and participate?

Response Option				Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means										
Very Bad				(1)	0	0.00%												
Bad				(2)	0	0.00%												
Poor				(3)	0	0.00%												
Fair				(4)	2	11.76%												
Good				(5)	9	52.94%												
Very Good				(6)	6	35.29%												
							0	25	50	100	Question		College		Department			
Response Rate		Mean	STD	Median	College		Mean	STD	Median	Department		Mean	STD	Median				
17/19 (89.47%)		5.24	0.66	5.00	26672		5.12	0.96	5.00	1670		5.17	0.94	5.00				

### 7 - 7A - Please add any comments about the physical environment here:

**Response Rate** 6/19 (31.58%)

- Good classroom.
- Everything was perfect about the environment! The door was kept closed to keep a peaceful classroom, Dr. Felegi made sure that everyone could see what she was writing on the board.
- I did like the blackboard but projector was inconveniently covering a majority of it. classroom was small but comfortable.
- sometimes the writing was not clear enough to read
- Another Pamplin classroom. Dingy, crowded, and a relic of the 80s.
- I don't have other comments about the physical environment

### 8 - I improved my ability to think independently about the course material.

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Strongly disagree				(1)	0	0.00%								
Disagree				(2)	0	0.00%								
Somewhat disagree				(3)	0	0.00%								
Somewhat agree				(4)	1	5.88%								
Agree				(5)	10	58.82%								
Strongly agree				(6)	6	35.29%								
							0	25	50	100	Question	College	Department	
Response Rate		Mean	STD	Median	College		Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median	
17/19 (89.47%)		5.29	0.59	5.00	26395		5.05	1.00	5.00	1679	5.13	0.91	5.00	

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9 - I learned to identify problems and explore different solutions.

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Strongly disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		5.29	5.03	5.10				
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%								
Somewhat disagree	(3)	0	0.00%								
Somewhat agree	(4)	2	11.76%								
Agree	(5)	8	47.06%								
Strongly agree	(6)	7	41.18%								
				0 25 50 100	Question	College	Department				
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median
17/19 (89.47%)	5.29	0.69	5.00	26227	5.03	1.02	5.00	1668	5.10	0.93	5.00

10 - The instructor used a scholarly approach in presenting content (referencing theory, research, and debates in the field).

Brianna Nicole Felegi

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Strongly disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		5.35	5.06	5.21				
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%								
Somewhat disagree	(3)	0	0.00%								
Somewhat agree	(4)	1	5.88%								
Agree	(5)	9	52.94%								
Strongly agree	(6)	7	41.18%								
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Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	College	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median
17/19 (89.47%)	5.35	0.61	5.00	32112	5.06	1.12	5.00	1787	5.21	0.93	5.00