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Full Teaching Evaluations
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This document compiles full student evaluation reports for my MPhil teaching (core Macroeconomics classes), Michaelmas 2021–2025.

It includes all score distributions and all free-text student comments.

The content is unedited except for the redaction of direct phone numbers and the anonymisation of other instructors' names.

Professor Robert A Evans
Chairman, Degree Committee

Mr Charles Parry
Faculty of Economics



Degree Committee

Faculty of Economics

6th June 2022

Dear Charles

Prize for the Best Performance as a Teaching Assistant 2021-2022

The Degree Committee/Postgraduate Studies Committee has asked me to write to congratulate you on your teaching for the Faculty's graduate programmes.

The feedback we have received from students is outstanding and the Committee would like to take the opportunity of rewarding your fine performance over the past year with a prize for Best Teaching Assistant.

You may, of course, feel free to refer to this prize on your *curriculum vitae*, when applying for positions, as it signifies a high achievement in teaching.

The Prize is worth £300, and you will shortly receive a claim form, as well as a certificate. Your name will also appear on the Faculty's website as a prize winner for this year:

https://www.vle.cam.ac.uk/pluginfile.php/16007382/mod_resource/content/0/FACULTY%20OF%20ECONOMICS_PRIZES.pdf

Best wishes



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Teaching Prize 2022-23

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To Charles Parry <cp649@cam.ac.uk>
Cc [REDACTED]

Dear Charles

At the meeting of the Degree Committee this week you were awarded a Teaching Prize of £300 for your Teaching on R200. I would like to pass on my congratulations for achieving this award and huge gratitude for all your help this year with Teaching and Assessing.

Louise will be in touch with you in due course with the form for you to claim your prize.

Best wishes
Gerry

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MPhil Research Teaching Survey Michaelmas 2021-22

R200 - Advanced Macroeconomics Classes - Mr C Parry - Student Satisfaction Ratio: 100%

	Definitely Disagree					-->		Definitely Agree		Mean	S.D.	N
	1	2	3	4	5	3	4	5	5			
The Teaching Assistant is good at explaining things	0%	0%	0%	31%	69%	0%	31%	69%		4.69	0.46	29
The Teaching Assistant is enthusiastic about what they are teaching	0%	0%	0%	28%	72%	0%	28%	72%		4.72	0.45	29
The Classes are well organised and run smoothly	0%	0%	0%	28%	72%	0%	28%	72%		4.72	0.45	29
The amount of material covered is not excessive	0%	3%	3%	31%	62%	3%	31%	62%		4.52	0.72	29
I am satisfied with the quality of these classes as a whole	0%	0%	0%	31%	69%	0%	31%	69%		4.69	0.46	29

R200 - Advanced Macroeconomics Classes - Mr C Parry - Other Comments

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Really useful and well-explained solutions

Great classes! Really enjoyed the step by step solving of questions which gives you a feel for how you are expected to answer them and slows the pace down which makes it easy to follow. The classes sometimes ran close to the end which meant there wasn't much time for questions, but this was probably the fault of long problem sets.

Nothing to complain about; great classes

Good supervisor, reads and annotates on your work. Supervisions provide clear solutions and intuition. Good supervisor.

I enjoyed these classes

A really top supervisor/TA, things well explained and effort clearly put into prep and marking.

MPhil Research Teaching Survey Michaelmas 2022-23

R200 - Advanced Macroeconomics Classes - Mr C Parry - Student Satisfaction Ratio: 90%

	Definitely Disagree					-->		Definitely Agree		Mean	S.D.	N
	1	2	3	4	5			4	5			
The Teaching Assistant is good at explaining things	0%	5%	5%	10%	80%					4.65	0.79	20
The Teaching Assistant is enthusiastic about what they are teaching	0%	0%	5%	20%	75%					4.70	0.56	20
The Classes are well organised and run smoothly	0%	0%	10%	10%	80%					4.70	0.64	20
The amount of material covered is not excessive	0%	0%	20%	5%	75%					4.55	0.80	20
I am satisfied with the quality of these classes as a whole	0%	0%	10%	15%	75%					4.65	0.65	20

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Charles is an excellent teaching assistant. He is able to help students better understand difficult materials that are covered very quickly during lectures. After attending his classes, my understanding of the materials improves significantly.

Excellent TA.

Only positive feedback here! As a class, we used to discuss after the sessions and everyone agreed that Charles was so so so helpful. The fact that he took the pen and wrote every step on the board to ensure that we knew what and why we were doing things made a whole difference for me. His enthusiasm and skills both radiated throughout the sessions and I want to say thanks to him here for making things click for me!

Excellent

Perfect!

Charles is the best TA I have had at Cambridge. I really like how he goes through the problems on the whiteboard rather than relying on slides – it makes it much easier to understand.

Charles was a great teacher. I really liked how he wrote things out on the board, it meant the classes were much more interesting and easier to follow.

MPhil Research Teaching Survey Michaelmas 2023-24

R200 - Advanced Macroeconomics Classes - Mr C Parry - Student Satisfaction Ratio: 80%

	Definitely Disagree					-->		Definitely Agree		Mean	S.D.	N
	1	2	3	4	5			4	5			
The Teaching Assistant is good at explaining things	0%	7%	13%	13%	67%			13%	67%	4.40	0.95	15
The Teaching Assistant is enthusiastic about what they are teaching	0%	0%	7%	27%	67%			27%	67%	4.60	0.61	15
The Classes are well organised and run smoothly	0%	0%	7%	20%	73%			20%	73%	4.67	0.60	15
The amount of material covered is not excessive	0%	0%	7%	20%	73%			20%	73%	4.67	0.60	15
I am satisfied with the quality of these classes as a whole	0%	0%	20%	13%	67%			13%	67%	4.47	0.81	15

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I really liked that the solutions and notes from the seminars were shared with students. These are very helpful.

Absolutely brilliant TA. Very helpful and effective.

Brilliant TA - really made concepts easier to understand.

MPHil Research Teaching Survey Michaelmas 2024-25

R200 - Advanced Macroeconomics Classes - Mr C Parry - Student Satisfaction Ratio: 90%

	Definitely Disagree					-->		Definitely Agree		Mean	S.D.	N
	1	2	3	4	5			4	5			
The Teaching Assistant is good at explaining things	0%	0%	11%	32%	58%					4.47	0.68	19
The Teaching Assistant is enthusiastic about what they are teaching	0%	0%	11%	32%	58%					4.47	0.68	19
The Classes are well organised and run smoothly	0%	0%	11%	26%	63%					4.53	0.68	19
The amount of material covered is not excessive	0%	5%	21%	21%	53%					4.21	0.95	19
I am satisfied with the quality of these classes as a whole	0%	5%	5%	32%	58%					4.42	0.82	19

R200 - Advanced Macroeconomics Classes - Mr C Parry - Other Comments

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Charles has been brilliant - seriously helpful.

one of the best TAs I have ever had

My favorite TA

Mr Parry delivered thorough feedback and was incredibly supportive. His classes were engaging and enlightening.

Without his classes, no chance of passing macro.

Very good- clear, confident and filled in the (many) gaps left by [REDACTED]

MPhil Teaching Survey Michaelmas 2021-22

E200 - Macroeconomics Classes - Mr C Parry - Student Satisfaction Ratio: 85%

The Teaching Assistant is good at explaining things
The Teaching Assistant is enthusiastic about what they are teaching
The Classes are well organised and run smoothly
The amount of material covered is not excessive
I am satisfied with the quality of these classes as a whole

Definitely Disagree		-->		Definitely Agree		Mean	S.D.	N
1	2	3	4	5				
2%	2%	15%	34%	47%	4.23	0.90	53	
4%	0%	19%	32%	45%	4.15	0.98	53	
2%	2%	13%	34%	49%	4.26	0.89	53	
2%	6%	19%	34%	40%	4.04	0.99	53	
2%	4%	9%	43%	42%	4.19	0.89	53	

E200 - Macroeconomics Classes - Mr C Parry - Other Comments

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I think some mathematical derivations are easier/more widely understood than others. Although I feel Mr Parry does this to some extent already, I feel he could structure classes such that we spend slightly less time on content the class feels comfortable with and more time on content the class has struggled with.

The classes were really well done, and definitely enhanced the content from lectures. I also liked how we were given a "pass", "distinction" or "fail" as it gave a good indication of where our answers stood, and where we could improve. Sometimes we didn't get to cover all the questions from the problem set in detail (due to time constraints) which was a shame, but what we did cover was always really helpful and clear.

I have not attended any of these classes yet

Very helpful classes, organised and explained well

Both the macro TA's have been fabulous this term, providing clear sessions that were very useful. Charles explained the material well, gave clear guidance on what was expected from us, was happy to answer questions and held enjoyable classes.

Charles is a great TA, his explanations are clear. However, sometimes there is a lot of material to cover meaning that we can't go through it all in detail. Charles is enthusiastic and makes the sessions engaging. I can imagine in more usual times it would be even better with more in person sessions.

Haven't spoken

He seemed not to be happy to run classes with students at 9am.

Writing this following just one class, but this class was well-organised and covered the necessary content + extensions. TA has also been responsive to questions via email and in office hour.

MPhil Teaching Survey Michaelmas 2022-23

E200 - Macroeconomics Classes - Mr C Parry - Student Satisfaction Ratio: 96%

The Teaching Assistant is good at explaining things
The Teaching Assistant is enthusiastic about what they are teaching
The Classes are well organised and run smoothly
The amount of material covered is not excessive
I am satisfied with the quality of these classes as a whole

Definitely Disagree		-->		Definitely Agree		Mean	S.D.	N
1	2	3	4	5				
0%	0%	0%	29%	71%		4.71	0.45	24
0%	0%	0%	29%	71%		4.71	0.45	24
0%	0%	4%	25%	71%		4.67	0.55	24
0%	13%	0%	21%	67%		4.42	1.00	24
0%	0%	4%	29%	67%		4.63	0.56	24

E200 - Macroeconomics Classes - Mr C Parry - Other Comments

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Really solid classes.

Really clear - sometimes not necessary to go through all the maths

MPhil Teaching Survey Michaelmas 2023-24

E200 - Macroeconomics Classes - Mr C Parry - Student Satisfaction Ratio: 92%

The Teaching Assistant is good at explaining things
The Teaching Assistant is enthusiastic about what they are teaching
The Classes are well organised and run smoothly
The amount of material covered is not excessive
I am satisfied with the quality of these classes as a whole

Definitely Disagree		-->		Definitely Agree		Mean	S.D.	N
1	2	3	4	5				
0%	0%	11%	26%	63%		4.53	0.68	38
0%	3%	13%	21%	63%		4.45	0.82	38
0%	3%	11%	21%	66%		4.50	0.79	38
3%	3%	13%	26%	55%		4.29	0.97	38
0%	3%	5%	29%	63%		4.53	0.72	38

E200 - Macroeconomics Classes - Mr C Parry - Other Comments

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Didn't always have time to run through the entirety of the problem sheets.

MPhil Teaching Survey Michaelmas 2024-25
E200 - Macroeconomics Classes - Mr C Parry - Student Satisfaction Ratio: 91%

The Teaching Assistant is good at explaining things
The Teaching Assistant is enthusiastic about what they are teaching
The Classes are well organised and run smoothly
The amount of material covered is not excessive
I am satisfied with the quality of these classes as a whole

Definitely Disagree		-->		Definitely Agree		Mean	S.D.	N
1	2	3	4	5				
0%	3%	9%	12%	76%	4.62	0.77	34	
0%	0%	12%	24%	65%	4.53	0.70	34	
0%	3%	9%	21%	68%	4.53	0.78	34	
6%	3%	21%	21%	50%	4.06	1.16	34	
0%	3%	6%	35%	56%	4.44	0.74	34	

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Fantastic explanations, really great structure to the classes. Always walked out of class having understood the problem set and answers in much greater detail. The classes where the TA explained the models covered in the lectures from a different perspective (particularly the Dornbusch model) were incredibly useful.

Charles is superb. He makes complicated material seem easy, and explains everything in intuitive terms. He can go quite fast at times.

The problem sets are sometimes difficult to cover in their entirety within the 2 hour class period

thought the classes in general for macroeconomics where great for both teaching assistants

Charles is the best teacher/supervisor I have had in my time in Cambridge (undergrad or postgrad) by a significant margin (closely followed by Mr [REDACTED] who has also been outstanding). He is an excellent teacher, and goes above and beyond just teaching us the answers to problem sets. He helps us understand concepts, gives advice on how to tackle unfamiliar problems, and gives practical advice for exam technique, timing etc. Not one of the TAs on the MPhil has given any practical exam advice, other than Charles. If the quality of TA teaching in E100 and E300 were at a similar level to that of Charles (and [REDACTED] see his evaluation for further details), I would have been much more satisfied by the course.

Charles was a great TA, and helped explained concepts really clearly. Also provided great and helpful feedback on each of our problem sets.