

Division: SOCIAL SCIENCES **Department:** ECON

ECON 24410-01 Advanced Microeconomic Theory in a Mathematical Mode

Quarter: Autumn 2012

Instructor: Sonnenschein Hugo F

Number of Responses: 7

Number Enrolled: 12

COURSE EVALUATION COMMENTS

What were the instructor's strengths? Weaknesses?

Very kind and a good lecturer, but this was the first time this course was taught and there was a disconnect between his original plans and what we ended up doing, and it times this resulted in the expectations for us students being pretty unclear.

Very kind, knowledgeable, lectures supplemented the book nicely

Always available to students. Very enthusiastic about the material.

What were the teaching assistant's or writing intern's strengths? Weaknesses?

What, if anything, what would you change about this course and why?

Reading the papers was more engaging than the textbook. Perhaps assign more papers to read!

Weekly assignments/more assignments (even assigned problems from mwg would be fine).

Is there any topic in this course that you wished you had had previous background in?

Analysis required

Which texts were most useful?

Core limit theorem

Which least?

How productive was class discussion?

How has this course contributed to your education?

It was the first rigorous course in economics that I had taken, and it felt refreshing to see economics from this perspective

I felt that the ECON200 treatment of Microeconomics was hand wavy and taught more as skills than concepts. I think that the Honors/Turbo sequences have fixed that problem, but this course helped me become comfortable with the results from Intermediate Micro and gave me exposure to how problems are addressed at the graduate level.

QUANTITATIVE RESULTS

Why did you take this course? (circle all that apply):

Core requirement	0 (0%)
Instructor reputation	2 (67%)
Faculty member recommended it	2 (67%)
Concentration requirement	0 (0%)
Meets at a convenient time	1 (33%)
A student recommended it	0 (0%)
Topic interests me	3 (100%)
Concentration elective	3 (100%)

In summary, I had a strong desire to take this course. (circle one)

Strongly Disagree					Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5	
0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (20%)	4 (80%)	

How many hours per week did you spend on this course?

Low Answer: 3 Average Answer: 7.8333333333333 High Answer: 15

What proportion of classes did you attend?

None: 0 (0%) 25%: 0 (0%) 50%: 0 (0%) 75%: 1 (17%) All: 5 (83%)

Were the time demands of this course reasonable?

Yes: 6 (100%) No: 0 (0%)

THE INSTRUCTOR

		Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree
	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Organized the course clearly.	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (20%)	3 (60%)	1 (20%)
Presented clear lectures.	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (100%)	0 (0%)
Held my attention and made this course interesting.	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (60%)	2 (40%)
Stimulated and facilitated questions and discussions.	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (20%)	4 (80%)
Responded well to student questions.	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (100%)
Was available outside of class.	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (100%)
Was helpful during office hours.	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (100%)
Motivated independent thinking.	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (20%)	4 (80%)

THE READINGS

	Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree
N/A	1	2	3	4	5

Fulfilled the objective of the course.	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (60%)	2 (40%)
Were reasonable in number.	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (40%)	3 (60%)
Were appropriately difficult.	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (40%)	3 (60%)
	N/A	None	25%	50%	75%	100%
Approximately how much of the reading did you do?	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (100%)

THE ASSIGNMENTS

		Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree
	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
How helpful were the lectures and discussions in preparing for exams and completing assignments?	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (20%)	4 (80%)	0 (0%)
How appropriately were the requirements of the course proportioned to course goals?	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (20%)	4 (80%)	0 (0%)
How well did the requirements contribute to the goals of the course?	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (40%)	3 (60%)
How timely and useful was feedback on assignments and exams?	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (20%)	2 (40%)	2 (40%)
How fairly were the assignments graded?	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (40%)	3 (60%)

OVERALL

		Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree
	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
This course met my expectations.	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (20%)	4 (80%)
This course provided me with new insight and knowledge.	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (100%)
This course provided me with useful skills.	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (20%)	4 (80%)
The content of this course was presented at an appropriate level.	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (100%)
I put my best effort into this course.	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (60%)	2 (40%)
The class had a high level of morale/enthusiasm.	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (40%)	1 (20%)	2 (40%)

THE TEACHING ASSISTANT(S)

Strongly Disagree

Strongly Agree

	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Were available outside of class.	2 (40%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (20%)	2 (40%)
Were helpful with assignments.	2 (40%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (20%)	0 (0%)	2 (40%)

DISCUSSION SECTIONS,
PROBLEM SESSIONS,
WRITING TUTORIALS

		Strongly Disagree			Strongly Agree	
	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Were well coordinated with this course and contributed to it.	3 (75%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (25%)
Provided well-designed materials.	3 (75%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (25%)

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