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2020U Instructor Report for ECON 1020 02 - Principles of Microeconomics (Thu Tran)

Project Title: **Vanderbilt University Course and Teaching Evaluations**

Course Audience: **20**

Responses Received: **13**

Response Ratio: **65.00%**

Report Comments

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Prepared by: **Vanderbilt University Course and Teaching Evaluations**

Creation Date: **Tuesday, August 11, 2020**

Questions about the Instructor (Thu Tran):

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	Mean	Standard Deviation	Mean	Standard Deviation	Mean	Standard Deviation
The instructor helped me understand the core ideas and issues in this subject.	4.85	0.38	4.29	1.16	4.55	0.83
The instructor explained what was expected of me in the assignments and assessments for this course.	4.77	0.44	4.38	0.94	4.55	0.83
The instructor encouraged critical, original, or creative thinking.	4.85	0.55	4.12	1.13	4.50	0.86
The instructor demonstrated interest in students' learning.	4.92	0.28	4.43	0.96	4.61	0.80
The instructor used class time productively.	4.92	0.28	4.42	0.97	4.51	0.86
The instructor created a welcoming and inclusive classroom environment.	4.92	0.28	4.61	0.75	4.66	0.71
Overall, the instructor (Thu Tran) was:	4.77	0.44	4.15	1.16	4.45	0.91

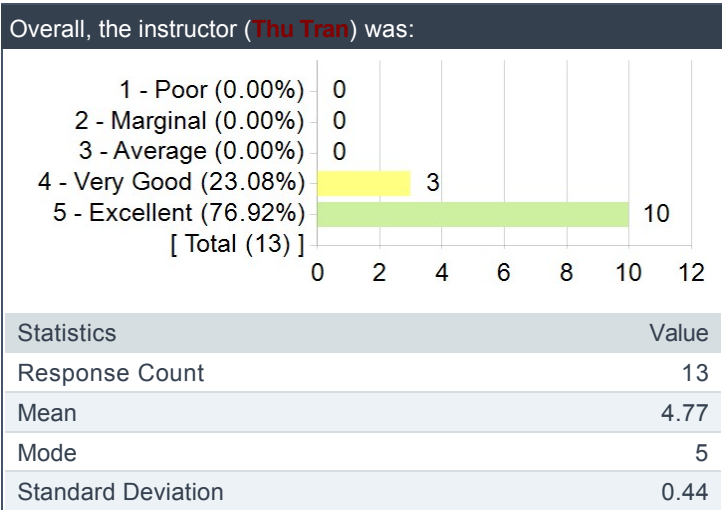
Questions about this Course (ECON 1020 02):

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This course helped me appreciate the significance of the subject matter.	4.62	0.65	4.02	1.21	4.38	0.92
The components of the course, such as class activities, assessments, and assignments, were consistent with the course goals.	4.92	0.28	4.30	1.07	4.49	0.83
The feedback I received during the course was helpful.	4.69	0.63	4.14	1.12	4.28	1.00
I felt comfortable asking questions in this course.	4.92	0.28	4.41	0.97	4.50	0.84
This course helped me consider connections between course material and other areas of my personal, academic, or professional life.	4.69	0.63	4.05	1.20	4.30	1.00
Overall, the course (ECON 1020 02) was:	4.46	0.66	3.85	1.14	4.11	0.99
Compared to other classes, the amount I learned in this course was:	3.92	0.64	3.54	1.01	3.79	0.96
Compared to requirements in other classes, the workload assigned in this class was:	2.92	0.64	3.19	0.83	3.44	0.89

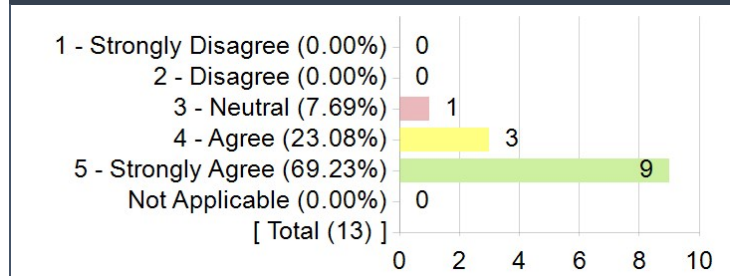
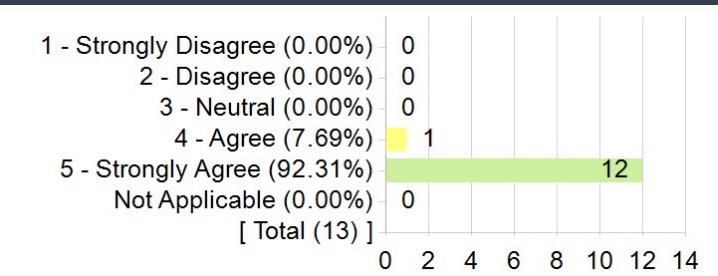
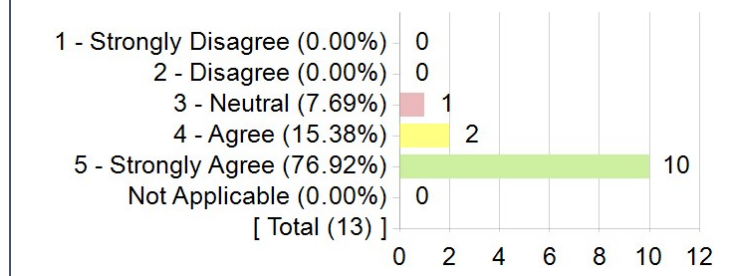
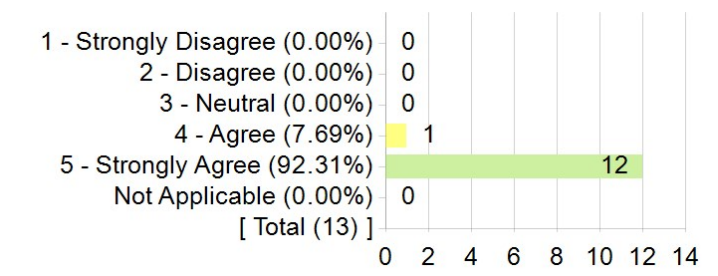
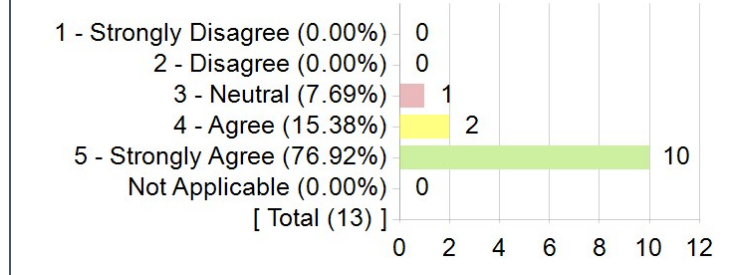
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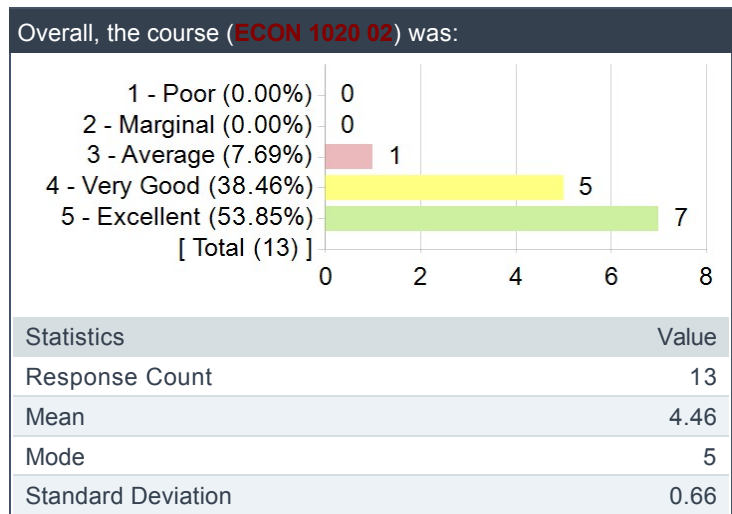
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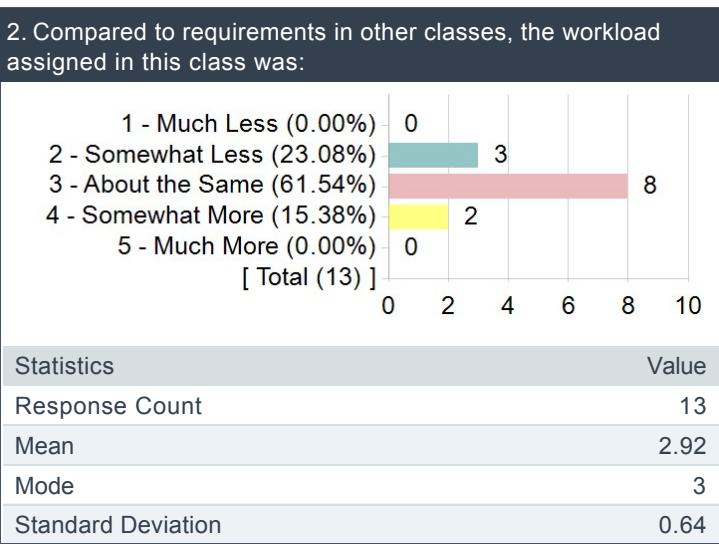
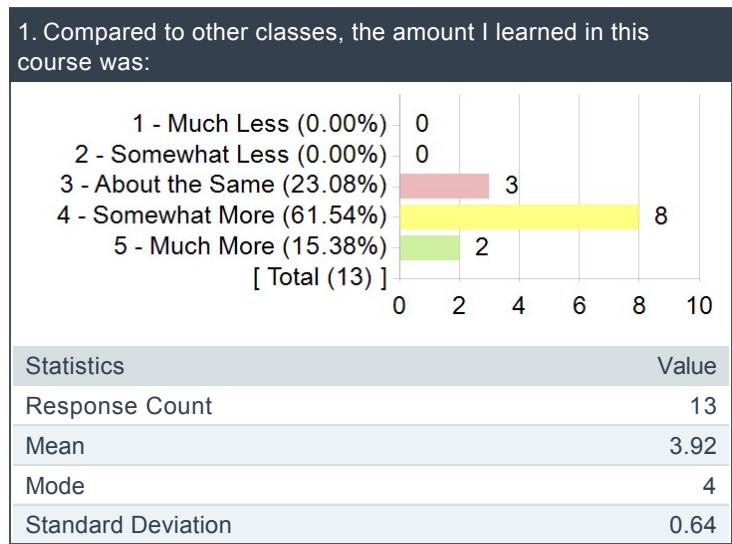
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Questions About This Course (**ECON 1020 02**):



What elements of the course (ECON 1020 02) most contributed to your learning?

Comments
The homework and practice example questions were the most helpful to me to put what I learned into practice and really solidify it.
Regular class time, real-world examples
The lectures.
Professor Thu did an excellent job at teaching this course through zoom. By including a participation aspect and asking that students turn on their cameras if possible, she created a classroom environment and community. She explained concepts in great detail with many examples to make sure the content was digestible. Additionally, she recalled previously learned concepts before introducing new ones so we could understand how the topics played into each other and so we didn't forget old material. She split up the lessons into an appropriate amount of material so we didn't lose interest. I also really appreciated her practice materials and how she stayed after class to answer any questions. She was also very understanding and kind when I did not understand something.
Thu was super kind, and it was easy to follow along with her class because she took the time to explain subject matter thoroughly
The lectures were both engaging and informational every day.
The very clear slideshows and relatable examples used throughout the class time.
I liked how the homework assignments were set up – I think they were comprehensive enough to review all the material but also assigned with enough time to spread out the work, have time to ask questions in class, and fully absorb the material they were covering.
Office hours and the article summaries. She's really sweet and patient, and it's clear she really wants you to grasp the material she presents. The article summaries are enjoyable, because it helps me connect different concepts that we learn to the real world and quite literally makes me as a student see principles of economics take place in life. Also, her presentations are smooth and she makes great use of the whiteboard feature on Zoom.
assignments and feedback
Lectures were thorough

What improvements to the course (ECON 1020 02) would you recommend?

Comments
It might be helpful to have more visuals, since a lot of the slides were mostly words and sometimes it can be difficult to visualize something. It was still very helpful though and that's just a minor recommendation, not something necessary to learning the content well.
It is hard to make improvements when the platform is online. Perhaps more activities in collaboration with classmates.
Nothing! This was the best summer course.
The only thing I'd recommend has to do more with the online course than the instructor. Just being able to have questions more asked easily would be nice
Probably more conversations, but that was hard due to the online format.
N/A
I would have liked to have some sort of project or individual contributions to the class. I think it could have been interesting if each day a different class member presented for 5 minutes or so on an article or something related to the class material. I think this would have been a good way to increase class engagement and to give the opportunity for each student to expand on the material in their own way.
maybe a bit more material on the slides to look back to when studying/a study guide?
clearer grade updates
N/A

Do you have any other comments?

Comments
This professor was significantly better than most other academic professors I have had at Vanderbilt, even those with tenure and years of teaching experience. She really cares about helping us and it shows.
None
Professor Thu is amazing at teaching Econ 1020.
Thu was awesome
N/A
Overall, I really enjoyed the format of the class and I thought everything was explained well. Thank you!
I hope she becomes a full-time professor!!
Professor Tran was attentive and dedicated, I learned a lot.