

# Summary of Teaching Evaluations

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## 1 Government, Business, and Labor (Ec377)

Instructor in Summer 2009.

Number of students enrolled: 11

Number of students responding: 9 (81.82%)

	Mean Grade (out of 5)	S.D.
Course Evaluation		
The extent to which you found the class intellectually challenging	4.11	0.60
The extent that assignments furthered your understanding of course content	4.22	0.67
The extent that the class normally met the required number of hours	4.44	0.53
I found the textbook/course materials	3.63	1.30
The extent to which I would recommend this course to others	3.89	1.16
I would rate the course overall as	3.89	0.93
Instructor Evaluation		
The instructor's ability to present material is	3.89	1.36
I would rate the instructor's enthusiasm as	4.33	0.50
The instructor's ability to encourage questions/discussion is	4.11	0.93
The instructor's mastery of the course material is	4.67	0.71
The extent to which the instructor's grading criteria are clear and fair	4.56	0.73
The extent to which the instructor returned assignments in a timely manner	4.67	0.50
<b>The instructor's overall rating is</b>	<b>4.11</b>	<b>1.05</b>

Some comments:

"Extremely prepared every day. Promptly returns emails. Does an excellent job at presenting all material and answering questions"

"He is knowledgeable and enthusiastic about the material"

"Had a through understanding of the topics he presented in class. Checked to make sure that students were grasping the concepts presented in class [...]"

## 2 Introductory Microeconomic Analysis (Ec101)

Teaching Fellow in Fall 2008 (Professor M. Manove), Fall 2009 (Professor S. Abdullah), and Fall 2010 (Professor M. Manove).

Overall number of students enrolled: 223

Overall number of students responding: 164 (73.62%)

	Mean Grade (out of 5)	S.D.
Effectiveness in explaining concepts	4.29	0.71
Ability to stimulate interest	3.65	0.95
Encouragement of class participation	3.90	0.96
Fairness in grading	4.37	0.69
Promptness in returning assignments	4.48	0.66
Quality of feedback to students	4.10	0.80
Availability outside of class	4.35	0.68
<b>Overall rating of instructor</b>	<b>4.37</b>	<b>0.69</b>

Some comments from 2008:

“I felt that my TF strongly wanted us all to learn the material and showed a passion for class and an approachable attitude”

“Availability outside of class (his office hours are very helpful!). Clear explanations, clear examples, additional feedback through email. Always on time.”

“Made economic principles much easier to understand. Clear, concise. Made discussion worth going to. Always there to answer questions. No questions left unanswered.”

Some comments from 2009:

“Throughout the semester, economics has become my favorite class, greatly due to discussion with Martino”

“Good at explaining concepts. Makes sure everyone in the class understands them before moving on.”

“Well spoken and informal. Always available, and responds to emails. Keeps discussions interesting.”

“This is the most helpful TF session I have.”

Some comments from 2010:

“I really enjoyed Martino as an instructor. Not only did I learn a lot, he engaged the class and made everything enjoyable.”

“Martino was a very good TA. He went over the course material in great thoroughness, and he tried very hard to get the class to participate. He made himself available if anyone needed help during his office hours. He showed that he cared about his role as our teacher and I really appreciate him

for that. A lot of effort on his part.”

“Was always enthusiastic and extremely knowledgeable about the subject. Good use of practical examples to explain concepts.”

### 3 Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis (Ec102)

Teaching Fellow in Spring 2009 and Spring 2010 (Professor J. Zagorsky).

Unfortunately the teaching evaluations for the Spring 2011 semester are not available yet.

Overall number of students enrolled: 122

Overall number of students responding: 47 (38.52%)

	Mean Grade (out of 5)	S.D.
Effectiveness in explaining concepts	4.51	0.61
Ability to stimulate interest	4.04	0.74
Encouragement of class participation	4.30	0.71
Quality of feedback to students	4.22	0.62
Availability outside of class	4.38	0.74
<b>Overall rating of instructor</b>	<b>4.50</b>	<b>0.58</b>

Some comments from 2009:

“Martino was a great TF. Understands the students and teaches relevant material.”

“Good at explaining topics. Organized. Always available.”

“Martino is an excellent instructor who makes concepts very easy to understand and explains everything really well. I never once got bored in his discussion section.”

Some comments from 2010:

”Martino is a great TF, the best one that I had so far for all economic classes. He is patient with students and takes the time to explain a difficult topic no matter how long it takes. His explanations are clear, easy to understand, and he gives good relevant examples”

”Martino should be a professor. I am not even joking”

”He does a great job trying to stimulate interest in students and explains concepts very well”