

Instructor Matthew Curtis

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA - DAVIS

Spring Quarter 2021
Selected Evaluations* (8)

Student Evaluation of Teaching



Enrollment 149
% responding 38%

	Excellent	Very Good	Satisfactory	Fair	Poor				
	5 %	4 %	3 %	2 %	1 %	\bar{X}	SD	M	N
Please indicate the overall educational value of the course. (excellent very good satisfactory fair poor)	25 45%	23 41%	8 14%	0 0%	0 0%	4.3	0.7	4.0	56
Please indicate the overall teaching effectiveness of the instructor. (excellent very good satisfactory fair poor)	23 41%	22 39%	10 18%	1 2%	0 0%	4.2	0.8	4.0	56
The examinations were a fairly chosen sample of the course material	27 50%	19 35%	7 13%	1 2%	0 0%	4.3	0.8	4.5	54
The grading was fair and timely	26 46%	22 39%	6 11%	2 4%	0 0%	4.3	0.8	4.0	56
The amount and difficulty of the work for this course is appropriate to the number of units	31 55%	19 34%	4 7%	2 4%	0 0%	4.4	0.8	5.0	56
This course is intellectually challenging	24 43%	23 41%	8 14%	1 2%	0 0%	4.3	0.8	4.0	56
This course has stimulated my interest in the subject matter	29 53%	14 25%	11 20%	1 2%	0 0%	4.3	0.8	5.0	55
The instructor presents material in a clear and organized manner	23 41%	16 29%	11 20%	5 9%	1 2%	4.0	1.1	4.0	56
Assignments, such as problem sets, term papers and reading (textbook, reading packets or handouts) are useful to the student	23 41%	18 32%	10 18%	4 7%	1 2%	4.0	1.0	4.0	56
The instructor is available and helpful to student during office hours	28 62%	11 24%	5 11%	1 2%	0 0%	4.5	0.8	5.0	45
The instructor is responsive to difficulties students have in understanding the material	35 64%	14 25%	5 9%	1 2%	0 0%	4.5	0.7	5.0	55

Please provide additional information and/or elaborate on any aspect of your evaluation. These comments are often the most valuable part of your evaluation. Every comment will be read!

He was very helpful & was willing to challenge us

Professor Curtis did a great job with this class, and made it interesting and formatted it well for an online class. Assignments and quizzes were not too challenging but absolutely incentivized learning and reading.

Very engaging and not overly challenging class, I appreciated the structure of it!

Please take your pen off the paper you're writing on so people can have time to write down the notes (that is hidden beneath the pen) before you move to the next blank sheet of paper.

The Professor was very approachable and his explanations were easy to follow along. He was also willing to help students explore beyond about topics in development economics. Please continue to have him teach ARE115B.

none

I think the lectures can be more structured, sometimes I would feel a little lost by the end. Maybe a slideshow would be helpful with the addition of annotations

I liked the discussion aspect of the course.

nope

The way this class was set up enabled me to focus on new material and learn continuously. I would take this class again

Professor Curtis is really patient explaining every question in the class. He is super mindful to help students.

I truly loved the teaching style of professor Curtis and really enjoyed the class as a whole. His lectures convinced me to buy some books on the subject and learn more. Sometimes he would go over class time, but that is the only thing that I would criticize. As a whole I would most definitely take another class with Curtis.

Instructor taught material tha was required and very organized in the aspect of what material should be covered, time management was very poor most of the lectures went over time.

His lecture sometimes were confusing but I know that the professor tried his best. Also, I wish I could know my final grade during the quarter.

Thank you for being so flexible and accommodating to students while teaching virtually. The class has a clearly-outlined syllabus and organized layout on Canvas. Handwritten notes in lecture are also great because it helps students absorb information more easily than on Powerpoint slides. Financial policy and the balance of payments could have been taught in a more clear and cohesive manner, but otherwise this class was extremely valuable and interesting.

The lectures were a bit hard to follow because of the writing as you teach versus having pre-made slides. I understand it might be helpful when drawing graphs, but with large chunks of text, it would've been more clear and easier to read/learn if it was in the form of a presentation slide. The practice quizzes were really helpful and the workload for this course was really manageable. I enjoyed learning about the content and I feel like I learned a lot about economic development, as I never really studied this side of economics before. Overall, I enjoyed this class but I would have liked to seen better-prepared lectures!

I really enjoyed Professor Curtis' structure of the class. It was great to spending the quarter researching and writing papers on a specific country to apply the material we were learning to a current example. Our grades are based on participation, 3 quizzes, and 7 papers. Because of this, I feel that our grades are a good representation of the hard work that we put into the class all throughout the quarter, instead of having most of our grades being concentrated into two or three exams. The quizzes were also a short 30 minutes, and they had around 10 questions, which made it not strenuous, unlike most exams I take, so I really appreciated that. As for lectures, Professor Curtis did a good job of not packing in an overwhelming amount of information in each lecture, so I was able to digest most of what he discussed in lectures. Thank you Professor Curtis!

Good used of internet, practical during online schedule.

Term	Eval Opened	CRN	Subject	Course	Section	Enrollment	% Response
Spring Quarter 2021	5/27/2021 12:00 AM	32573	ARE	115B	A01	15	33
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