

Teaching Evaluations*

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This is an unselected sample of all my teaching evaluations for classes at Princeton University for which I served as a Teaching Assistant. Please do not hesitate in reaching out if you have any comments or questions!

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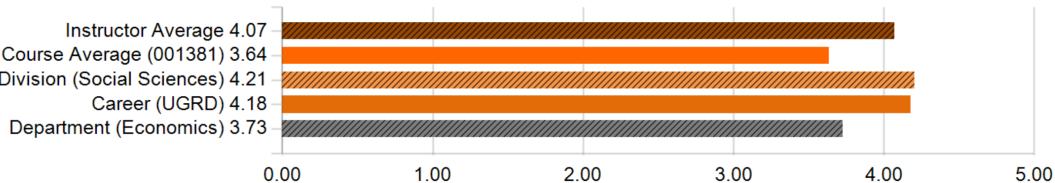
ECO 100: Introduction to Microeconomics

2020-2021 Fall; Lecturer: Kelly Noonan

Class P05A

Instructor Questions - Score Analysis

I think that the overall quality of the precepts was:



Instructor Questions - Frequency Analysis

I think that the overall quality of the precepts was:

I think that the overall quality of the precepts was:	Score	Count	Percentage
Options			
Excellent	5	6	43%
Very Good	4	4	29%
Good	3	3	21%
Fair	2	1	7%
Poor	1	0	0%

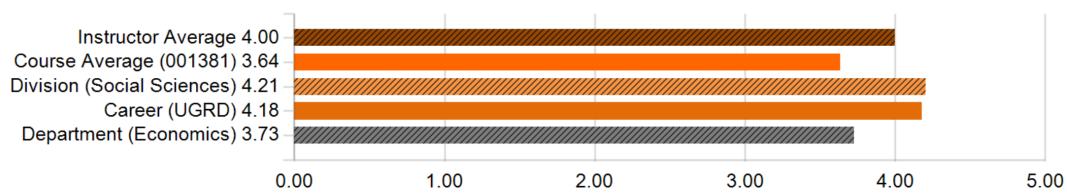
Precepts - Please comment on the quality of the precepts. How did they contribute to your learning in the course? To what extent did the preceptor raise challenging questions, help clarify course material, and encourage broad student participation? Was the preceptor responsive to students' questions, opinions, and criticism?

Comments
While I personally was less engaged in precepts than lectures, I think it was very clear that Rafael wants each student to understand the material and that he truly cares about our success in the course. I wish we focused less on the previous week's content and more on the current week's content because sometimes precepts felt unnecessary. Overall, I think Rafael was very responsive to questions and went out of his way to make sure we felt prepared for exams.
Once we switched to a different format (questions instead of recapping notes), I really appreciated precept
Rafael's grasp on the material was extremely evident and whenever anyone raised a question he would provide a very thorough answer.
Rafael explained concepts in a way that was intuitive and easy to grasp.
The precept provided a good overview, but needed more engagement.
Rafael was a really incredible preceptor. He was very engaging and clarified all of our questions with logic and proof. Considering the circumstances of being online, he really made it as enjoyable as possible for me and my peers.
generally difficult to get questions answered due to time constraints. Not a very personal experience. Did his best to help always, though.
The precepts were good! It was not as engaging as I would like but that is not the preceptor's fault but rather the issue with the virtual format!
He helped clarify material well
The precepts were helpful as we would solve similar problems to those we would find in the psets. In addition, the preceptor would always listen to which concepts we wanted to go over the most and would also stop to answer any questions along the way. At the end of each precept, we would also be sent an organized summary, including helpful graphs or other visuals, of that day's precept, which helped a lot in studying for exams. Lastly, the precepts were very engaging as we would be continually asked questions to make sure that we understood the material.

Class P04A

Instructor Questions - Score Analysis

I think that the overall quality of the precepts was:



Instructor Questions - Frequency Analysis

I think that the overall quality of the precepts was:

I think that the overall quality of the precepts was:			
Options	Score	Count	Percentage
Excellent	5	5	28%
Very Good	4	9	50%
Good	3	3	17%
Fair	2	1	6%
Poor	1	0	0%

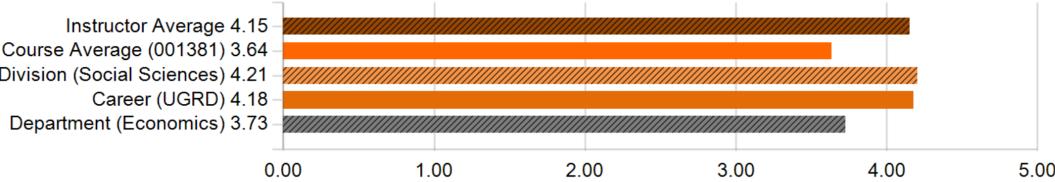
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Comments
Rafael was very engaging and passionate about the subject.
Rafael was a great preceptor; I found it very helpful how the order of the precept was changed in the second half of the semester so that we did practice problems during precept.
Rafael is fantastic! Precepts were a bit difficult because of the online situation. Most students never had their videos turned on which probably made it difficult for Rafael to feel any interaction. Still he was always very prepared and gave us great tips.
The precepts were probably the least helpful part of this course. I did not like how we would often go over last week's lectures instead of the ones that applied to the problem set that week. They often felt disorganized. My preceptor was very knowledgeable, but people were not very engaged.
Raphael was the best preceptor for this class. He went above and beyond to make sure we had everything to succeed. He was always open to our input and did everything he could to make sure we were in the best position possible to do well.
I thought the precepts were good, the example problems were very helpful. The preceptor always was responsive to students questions and was able to answer them quickly and in an understandable manner.
very high. Rafael is awesome.
This preceptor did a good job explaining the information and made it easy to understand
The precepts were very good, teaching the material again and allowing us to understand things better. However, I didn't like when we started with the problems instead of reviewing the lectures.
Mr. Parente was very good at explaining concepts that were unclear and he seems to really want to help us understand.
Precepts are good. I think there should be more interactive of a component because it felt like a little bit of a lecture part 2 (and it was easy to zone out relatively).
I found my precept to be fairly helpful. My preceptor was a first-time preceptor for this course, so sometimes I did not feel confident that he had a great idea of what we should expect on assignments from a content perspective.
Rafael was very good at explaining the concepts both mathematically and visually. He also was very helpful in providing tips/guidelines on how to approach problems on the psets and precept questions.
The precepts helped clarify questions I had about the lecture topics. Students participated a good amount and the preceptor encouraged that.
I thought my preceptor did a good job explaining the material, and was very responsive to student's questions.
Good. Preceptor comes to class prepared and tries to engage students.

Class P03A

Instructor Questions - Score Analysis

I think that the overall quality of the precepts was:



Instructor Questions - Frequency Analysis

I think that the overall quality of the precepts was:

I think that the overall quality of the precepts was:			
Options	Score	Count	Percentage
Excellent	5	6	46%
Very Good	4	4	31%
Good	3	2	15%
Fair	2	1	8%
Poor	1	0	0%

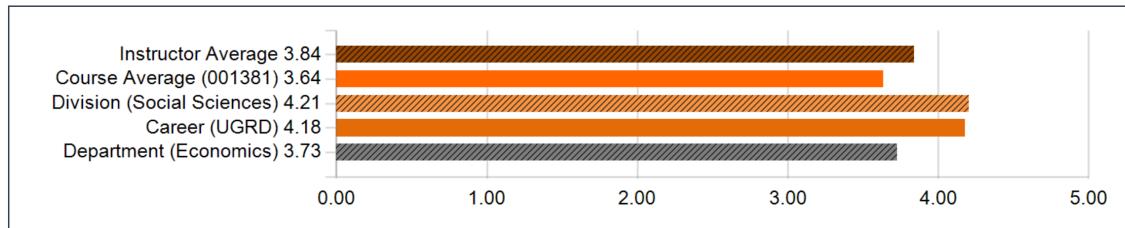
Precepts - Please comment on the quality of the precepts. How did they contribute to your learning in the course? To what extent did the preceptor raise challenging questions, help clarify course material, and encourage broad student participation? Was the preceptor responsive to students' questions, opinions, and criticism?

Comments
Rafael was extremely helpful and responded to all questions asked during precept. He went out of his way to make sure each of his students understand the concepts.
The precepts were super helpful and informative. The preceptor clarified the course material very well and often encouraged student participation.
Precepts expanded and solidified my knowledge of the math behind the content. Participating and camera on were encouraged. Rafael answered questions well and encouraged people to seek clarity. I really enjoyed his teaching style. It was easy to follow.
Great precept. They were good
Rafael did an excellent job as a preceptor. He made sure to go over complicated materials and explained difficult concepts very well.
They were well organized and reviewed the material. Could be difficult to follow at times because examples were more advanced, but were nice too supplement lecture. Rafael was very responsive to questions, guided us through questions without giving away answers, and was positive. Could be difficult to stay engaged though.
Precept with Rafael was really good! He was helpful and asked us questions to get us thinking. If you didn't understand something in precept it was really easy to just ask because he was so nice about it.
Rafael was good at explaining the material and walking us through some problems, and his review session for the midterm was very helpful.
I really liked Rafael's precepts, he explained concepts in a way that definitely clarified my comprehension. He was understanding and responsive to questions.
Precepts are so short that it is hard to go over lots of material, so doing the problems first I find to be more helpful because they are similar to the problem sets.
I think the examples that we did in precept were very helpful in clarifying any confusion from the lectures.

Class P02A

Instructor Questions - Score Analysis

I think that the overall quality of the precepts was:



Instructor Questions - Frequency Analysis

I think that the overall quality of the precepts was:

Options	Score	Count	Percentage
Excellent	5	9	47%
Very Good	4	3	16%
Good	3	3	16%
Fair	2	3	16%
Poor	1	1	5%

Precepts - Please comment on the quality of the precepts. How did they contribute to your learning in the course? To what extent did the preceptor raise challenging questions, help clarify course material, and encourage broad student participation? Was the preceptor responsive to students' questions, opinions, and criticism?

Comments
I struggled during the precept and although I went very week I found them both confusing and quite unhelpful. As the weeks went on fewer people participated in the precept discussion and by the end almost every student had their camera off and wouldn't answer questions.
Could be really helpful but also confuse at times
Helped with graphs
I honestly was not a big fan of the precepts. For the most part it was the preceptor working through problems and one or two students asking a lot of questions. I feel like a learning consultation or office hours are a much more effective way to learn than the precepts in this course. My preceptor was very knowledgeable and always available to answer questions. I also believe the precept would've just been way better if it were in person.
In the beginning they were useless because concepts were very basic and I did not need to review them, but as the course progressed I found the exercises proposed very useful.
Rafael explained concepts thoroughly. Precepts mostly aligned with what we learned in lectures. However, we mostly went over the precept worksheets without really getting the chance to ask questions and engage in discussions. Sometimes the pace was almost too fast to follow through while taking notes.
precepts were very helpful in teaching how to apply knowledge learned in lectures
Rafael did a great job adjusting his precepts to our needs and he always explained very clearly. Review sessions were also excellent.
Rafael was extremely helpful and kind in our learning to the course. He was always happy to clarify material, and I really appreciated how he always gave us weekly review notes.
The precepts contributed greatly to my learning in the course; the preceptor often covered existing material to clarify any questions and then presented sample problems which showed the utilization of the material most recently presented. The preceptor on all occasions tried to ensure student participation as much as possible over a zoom call, and was always ready for student questions or criticisms. Overall, the precepts in general were phenomenal.
Precepts were instructive in learning the same topics as the lectures, but participation felt unnecessary and unengaging, again likely a problem with zoom as the vast majority of class had cameras off
Precepts were very good. Helped supplement my understanding of the material.
In precept it felt like it was just a review of the lectures and they didn't really stimulate me as much as I had hoped.
The precepts were very helpful because they ensured that you fully understood the material.
The precepts were really well done and the notes that came from them were really helpful.
Well structured and run. Almost always clarified any questions I had from the lecture, and Rafael went through things very comprehensively.
Rafael was such an amazing preceptor! I thought the precepts were great in reviewing the material for the week and having a chance to do some problem solving. I also really appreciated the notes of the week sent after! Rafael was really good at explaining things and highlighting what we had to know. He also answered questions well.
Great! Open to emails and overall enjoyed the precepts.

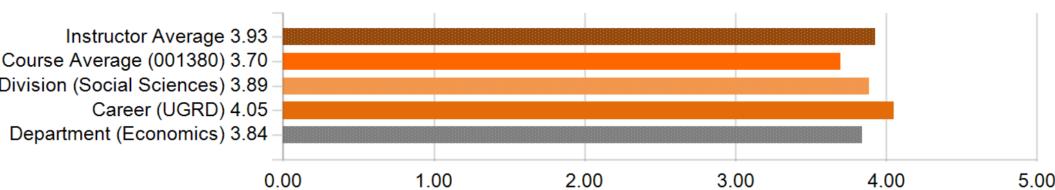
ECO 101: Introduction to Macroeconomics

2019-2020 Spring; Lecturer: Elizabeth Bogan

Class C10

Instructor Questions - Score Analysis

I think that the overall quality of the classes was:



Instructor Questions - Frequency Analysis

I think that the overall quality of the classes was:

I think that the overall quality of the classes was:		Score	Count	Percentage
Options				
Excellent		5	6	43%
Very Good		4	3	21%
Good		3	3	21%
Fair		2	2	14%
Poor		1	0	0%

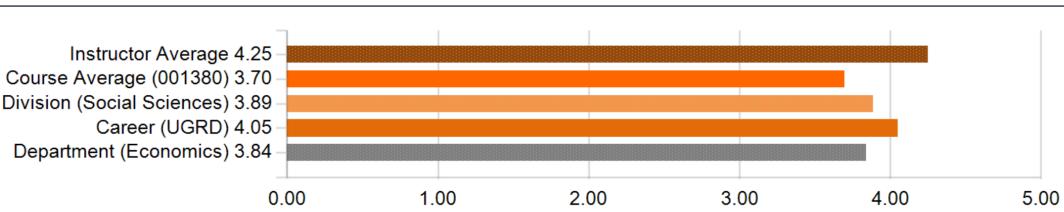
Classes - Please comment on the quality of the classes. How did they contribute to your learning in the course? To what extent did the instructor raise challenging questions, help clarify course material, and encourage broad student participation? Was the instructor responsive to students' questions, opinions, and criticism?

Comments
I thoroughly enjoyed precept because of how engaging Mr. Parente was.
The classes were significantly better than precept. We contemplated decent questions about general macroeconomic principles and explored more compelling ideas than we did in lecture.
His engagement with the class was very good.
Really put in a lot of effort, spent lots of time outside precept helping, cared a lot that we knew the info. Was instrumental in helping me learn the info. I started in Peng's precept and switched and was very glad I did.
Class was purposeful if rushed, but we had a lot to cover in each precept with some topics being more difficult than others and a healthy discourse being discussed often.
I loved Rafa's class. He is an amazing preceptor and genuinely cares about the kids in his precept. He talk to Professor Bogan on behalf of his students plenty of times because he really values mankind sure everything is completely transparent. He also has an amazing brain for econ and a great teaching style.
Rafael is an absolute legend. Precepts were extremely well run, and the classroom environment was very positive. He was great at breaking down complex concepts and explaining them in a clear, engaging manner, along with great examples and supplementary info. He also made sure to include everyone, and was very flexible and responsive to feedback. I would literally be willing to take any econ class in the future if rafael were my preceptor for it
Rafael is an amazing preceptor. I don't think I would have succeeded in the course without him.
Useful!
Honestly Rafael lost me every precept. There wasn't much discussion and I found it kind of hard to understand where he was going with his lectures, which were very different from Bogan's
The class was very challenging and I was mentally stimulated by the lectures

Class C09

Instructor Questions - Score Analysis

I think that the overall quality of the classes was:



Instructor Questions - Frequency Analysis

I think that the overall quality of the classes was:

I think that the overall quality of the classes was:			
Options	Score	Count	Percentage
Excellent	5	3	75%
Very Good	4	0	0%
Good	3	0	0%
Fair	2	1	25%
Poor	1	0	0%

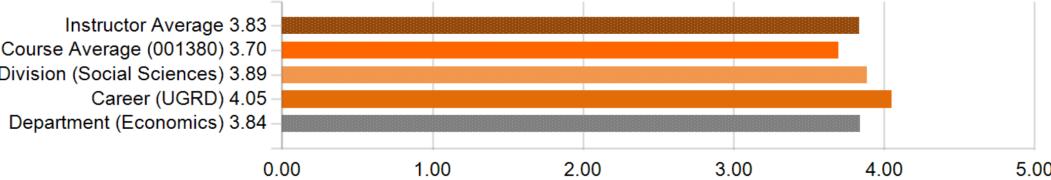
Classes - Please comment on the quality of the classes. How did they contribute to your learning in the course? To what extent did the instructor raise challenging questions, help clarify course material, and encourage broad student participation? Was the instructor responsive to students' questions, opinions, and criticism?

Comments
The precepts were really helpful in clarifying some of the deeper points of class that were glossed over. I liked Rafael's balance between encouraging student answers and lecturing, and I thought he was engaging and approachable.
Rafael is an amazing preceptor. His teaching of the content is excellent, and the questions he poses are thought-provoking and very clarifying. He was very responsive to students' questions and opinions!
My preceptor was amazing. He explained everything clearly and was very approachable. He enjoyed helping students sincerely.

Class C07

Instructor Questions - Score Analysis

I think that the overall quality of the classes was:



Instructor Questions - Frequency Analysis

I think that the overall quality of the classes was:

Options	Score	Count	Percentage
Excellent	5	0	0%
Very Good	4	5	83%
Good	3	1	17%
Fair	2	0	0%
Poor	1	0	0%

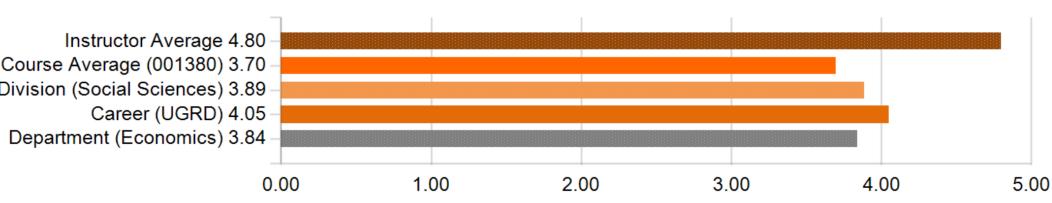
Classes - Please comment on the quality of the classes. How did they contribute to your learning in the course? To what extent did the instructor raise challenging questions, help clarify course material, and encourage broad student participation? Was the instructor responsive to students' questions, opinions, and criticism?

Comments
very engaging material
Rafael was a great preceptor! He was very helpful and open to answering questions. Precept was very engaging and it was incredibly helpful for my learning in the course. He explained the material in interesting ways and helped us understand why the material was useful/applicable to real situations. I wish that precepts had not been cancelled for the second half of the semester. Office hours are helpful, but precept is much more helpful if you do not have any specific questions at that point in time (or don't yet know what your questions are).
High quality precepts.
Rafael was good at getting to the smaller details of the material we had covered in lecture and pressed us to ask questions and further our understanding.

Class C06A

Instructor Questions - Score Analysis

I think that the overall quality of the classes was:



Instructor Questions - Frequency Analysis

I think that the overall quality of the classes was:

I think that the overall quality of the classes was:			
Options	Score	Count	Percentage
Excellent	5	4	80%
Very Good	4	1	20%
Good	3	0	0%
Fair	2	0	0%
Poor	1	0	0%

Classes - Please comment on the quality of the classes. How did they contribute to your learning in the course? To what extent did the instructor raise challenging questions, help clarify course material, and encourage broad student participation? Was the instructor responsive to students' questions, opinions, and criticism?

Comments
Raphael does a good job as a preceptor in helping us know what we should know and what we probably shouldn't worry about, which in a class like this, is greatly appreciated.
Rafael was the best. He was so kind and such a great teacher who really cared.
Rafael clarified material and facilitated student participation excellently. When classes moved online, he offered a lot of office hours to help students make the transition.
My precept was very helpful and I learned a lot every class.
The classes were very helpful in clarifying lecture topics.

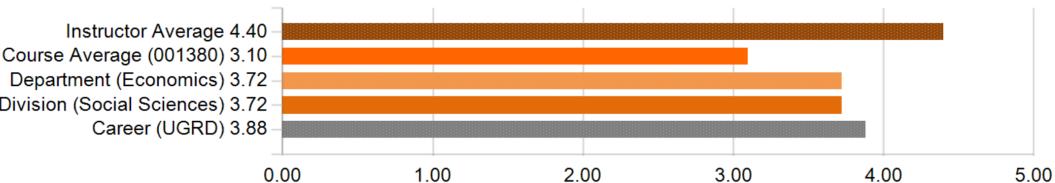
ECO 101: Introduction to Macroeconomics

2018-2019 Fall; Lecturer: Elizabeth Bogan

Class C07

Instructor Questions - Score Analysis

I think that the overall quality of the classes was:



Instructor Questions - Frequency Analysis

I think that the overall quality of the classes was:

1. I think that the overall quality of the classes was:

Options	Score	Count	Percentage
Excellent	5	8	53%
Very Good	4	5	33%
Good	3	2	13%
Fair	2	0	0%
Poor	1	0	0%

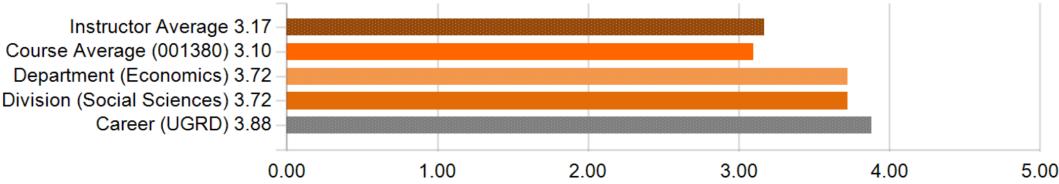
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Comments
The preceptor was very educated about the topic and so was very good at clearing up topics that were confusing in lectures. He made sure everyone participated. He was very engaging.
Rafael was a great preceptor. He did his best to make sure that everyone was on the same page and was keeping up with the class, and would send us extremely detailed notes if he was ever not able to cover something during precept.
Best Preceptor I've had so far. Actually explained the concepts instead of scribbling equations on the board
Good
Not well paced, often ran out of time.
Rafael was excellent. I would highly recommend. If we didn't cover everything in his great precepts, he would send a email summarizing any remaining information and was always super receptive to questions.
Rafael is great he clarifies much of what was misunderstood from lecture
Rafael was a fantastic preceptor. His explanations were thorough and he engaged me every precept.
Rafael was really good at clarifying hard concepts through explanations and visuals on the chalkboard. He constantly checked in with questions and has a fun demeanor that helped to keep the class engaged.
Rafael clarified a lot of the packet articles and was able to show how all the topics connect.
good, helps explain what professor was trying to tell us
Preceptor Parente did a good job of going over course material; however, he often ran out of time during precept and would send us notes instead of going over concepts in class. He did offer opportunities for students to ask questions and give their opinions.

Class C06

Instructor Questions - Score Analysis

I think that the overall quality of the classes was:



Instructor Questions - Frequency Analysis

I think that the overall quality of the classes was:

1. I think that the overall quality of the classes was:			
Options	Score	Count	Percentage
Excellent	5	0	0%
Very Good	4	2	33%
Good	3	3	50%
Fair	2	1	17%
Poor	1	0	0%

Classes - Please comment on the quality of the classes. How did they contribute to your learning in the course? To what extent did the instructor raise challenging questions, help clarify course material, and encourage broad student participation? Was the instructor responsive to students' questions, opinions, and criticism?

Comments
Rafael was new to this so he started off kinda bad. However, he has definitely improved in teaching and explaining things we need to know. He is a very solid teach now.
There were issues with timing. But, he tried very hard to explain what we needed to know and answer all of our questions. He asked challenging questions and engaged us.
I think Rafael helped a lot in clarifying the details of each main idea that was presented in the lectures. He was very knowledgeable on the topics.