

Summary of teaching evaluations

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I have spent one semester as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics at Elon University and eight semesters as a Graduate Teaching Assistant at the University of North Carolina Greensboro. As an instructor, I have had the privilege, opportunity, and pleasure to teach wonderful and eager students. Prior to being an instructor, I dearly enjoyed assisting professors in grading, conducting offline and online recitation sessions, and instructing a few courses independently, or jointly with my supervising professors. This has been a wonderful journey that only the fortunate and privileged receive.

In this document, I provide a summary of all the formal teaching evaluations I received from the courses where I was the instructor of record or was assisting a professor but was evaluated independently by the students.

I started as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics at Elon University in Fall 2023 and I have designed and taught three sections of Principles of Economics. Each class consists of 33 students who take a four-credit principles course. A midterm evaluation was recently conducted and is summarized in this document.

Prior to joining Elon University as a visiting faculty, I was a teaching assistant at UNC Greensboro. In every Fall and Spring semester, the Department of Economics conducts large in-person classes for undergraduate Microeconomics and Statistics each consisting of 400-500 students. This course is also repeated online consisting of approximately 200 students. The 400-500 in-person students are divided into two large sections and instructed separately in large lecture classes by two professors and are also divided into small groups of approximately 32 for recitation classes. Each TA is responsible for four groups of 32 students, which are called recitation sections. Their duties are to conduct the session, provide an overview of the unit, administer and grade worksheets, and answer questions. One TA is separately assigned for the online version of the course who only grades the 200 worksheets. In the Summer, the TAs independently conduct the entire course's online version of about 200 students. This summary contains the average score and number of students answering the survey I received for each semester and course. I also list a selection of statements from the students for each semester. The detailed course evaluations can be found on my website: satyaki4.github.io.

Fall 2023, ECO 1000 Principles of Economics, Elon University

Instructor of record

The following is an excerpt from a midterm student focus group done by Center for the Advancement of Teaching & Learning (CATL) at Elon University. Please click [here](#) for the full report or see the teaching page of my website.

The text below is a transcription of student writing from the small group portion of this exercise. Student comments are unedited, but have been sorted to emphasize common themes. Any comments in italics are based on notes or clarifications from the discussion. Numbers in parentheses indicate the number of groups giving a similar response.

What aspects of this course are most helping you learn?

- Homework in-class ($\times 5$)
- Smart Books ($\times 5$)
- Slide access, graphs ($\times 2$)
- Quick email response
- Passionate about subject - *students appreciate the passion you bring into the classroom!*
- Good at visual teaching
- He is very understanding and will do a lot to help us understand ($\times 5$) - *there was overwhelming agreement here- students recognize the effort you put into being available for them and appreciate the personalized help.*
- Office hours and explanation of deadlines - *Students really recognize and appreciate your enthusiasm for the material as well as your collective availability - they recognize that you care about their learning. Students appreciate your accessibility and appreciate the time and take into reaching out to students individually and how responsive you are to their questions and concerns on email.*

Summer 2021, ECO 250 Economic and Business Statistics, UNC Greensboro

Instructor of record

Course	Average score	N
ECO 250-01	4.13	31

“He was a wonderful TA and was very helpful and respectful to us students. He did a great job of explaining material and was always very attentive and helpful.”

“Always helped me in a timely manner when I had questions.”

“Great instructor. Very happy with their work”

“Great professor who looks out for his students and answers questions almost immediately.”

“Hands down one of the best professor that I have had the honor to be part of his class. No matter the time he always will reply and with a good explanation to the your question, more professor should be like him.”

“He is wonderful he helps out so much”

“I enjoyed the class.”

“Professor C was very helpful and resourceful, he took time to comment on each assignment and let me know what I should work on!”

“The emails were very helpful in keeping up with the fast passed class.”

“The instructor was very nice and accommodating, I needed to have survey and had an ER trip in the middle of my first exam weekend, he was so nice to stay in touch and make any changes needed to my testing times when I was home from the hospital. I felt very valued as a person.”

“Very organized, easy to follow along regardless of the high intense course, always willing to help and the notes are very straightforward helpful instructor”

“Handled greatly”

“I don’t like the course but professor Satyaki Chakravarty goodwill have make me like the course.”

“I really liked the excel activities!”

“I wish he would give 2 days for exams, only allowing one day to take the exam is challenging especially when they were often during the work week.”

Spring 2021, ECO 250R Economic and Business Statistics, UNC Greensboro

Supervisor: Dr. Martijn Van Hasselt
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Course	Average score	N
ECO 250R-01	4.13	17
ECO 250R-02	4.26	13
ECO 250R-03	4.61	16
ECO 250R-04	4.04	15

“He was a wonderful TA and was very helpful and respectful to us students. He did a great job of explaining material and was always very attentive and helpful.”

“Satyaki was a great instructor for ECO 250. He made sure that all the students had understood the course material and never hesitated to help and make sure that we understood. He always responded very quickly to emails and went above and beyond for me when I had a question on a piece of material and even followed up later on to make sure that I understood how he explained the concept.”

“The instructor for this course was well prepared and put effort into helping students during the class time. I appreciate the help he tried to give me and other students during this limited time.”

“He gave his best effort to teach well in a course that does not leave a ton of room for a great professor to actually teach.”

“He was a great instructor overall, gave good lectures and provided us with many resources. I really enjoyed his teaching!”

“Satyaki was very helpful and very willing to engage with his students and help them whenever needed.”

“This course was tricky, the issues spark from the “lecture” portion but Professor Chakravarty was fantastic, he did what he could given his 1 time meeting each week”

“He was very kind, helpful, and quick to respond any time I reached about about course work.

“Mr. S is a great teacher, wouldn’t recommend changing anything.”

“Only meeting once a week made classes fairly hectic, but Satyaki did his best to help us out.”

“The instructor was always helpful and understanding when we did not comprehend a certain part of our calculations and took his time explaining things and making sure we were on the same page.”

“Great instructor. This was a challenging course but Satyaki Chakravarty was extremely helpful.”

Fall 2021, ECO 250R Economic and Business Statistics, UNC Greensboro

Supervisor: Dr. Marie Hull
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Course	Average score	N
ECO 250R-17	4.19	45

“Always was willing to work with students to better understand the material.”

“He is an excellent educator. He facilitated the class efficiently. He ensured we understood the material, and encouraged communication. Thank you.”

“I just appreciated how much he reached out to me.”

“This professor was awesome!! He never once made me feel a question was stupid. He answered every email I sent. He offered late office hours since I work full time. The baby was actually crying one day on our zoom call and he said “Go ahead and take care of the baby, I will wait”! Class ACT this guy!!!!!!! He never rushed me off of a meeting even if it ran past the allotted time. Always told me if I couldn’t get it after trying again to set up another meeting. Please keep him around!!! Can’t speak highly enough about him!!”

Spring 2020, ECO 201R Principles of Microeconomics, UNC Greensboro

Supervisor: Dr. Jeffrey Sarbaum
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Course	Average score	N
ECO 201R-04	4.29	7
ECO 201R-05	4.07	7
ECO 201R-06	4.27	5
ECO 201R-07	4.5	6

“I really enjoyed having you as my recitation professor. I think you did a good job when we would meet in person too. You were nice and helpful when i didnt understand stuff and would always answer my emails quickly.”

“Mr. S was amazing”