## GPCO 453 - Quantitative Methods 1 (Fall 2017)
### (Taught with Professor Teevrat Garg)

In Fall 2017, I taught Quantitative Methods I in the Graduate School of Global Policy and Strategy at UC San Diego. The course provides students with quantitative methods that are used for optimization and decision making. Statistical theory and regression analysis are also introduced. Here is a summary of selected teaching evaluations and student comments for this class. The percentage is converted from a survey in which students answer each question anonymously using a scale of 1–5. Missing data are dropped.

Table 1: Teaching Evaluation, Fall 2017

| Question | Mean |
|---|---|
| Shane is well organized and prepared for class. | 94.05% |
| Shane is genuinely interested in and enthusiastic about teaching. | 91.62% |
| Shane is accessible to students outside of class. | 91.39 % |
| I would recommend Shane to other students. | 91.62% |

**Selected Student Comments**

- Mr. Xuan has enough patience and kindness, never letting any student step out of his office without the problem being solved.

- Shane loves his subject and his passion is contagious. He is a great communicator and his emails and website were helpful and effective resources.

- He really cares for the students and our understanding of the subject. Took any and all questions very graciously. Slides are always very thorough and practice problems were helpful.

- Most prepared and thorough TA I've ever experienced.

- Excellent expression and logic, outstanding math and quantitative background.

- Emails were always replied quickly and timely. Shane may be the TA that could be reached most easily by email. Questions are replied clearly and helpfully through email.

- Shane is very well prepared and very responsible. He sent out 3 emails per week and tried to interact with students as much as possible. I could see his passion in terms of teaching and helping students.

- He is the TA that I am hoping to see in my future classes.