University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, College of Arts & Sciences

Student Evaluation of Teaching, Fall 2019
Siddhartha Biswas, ECON 480-001 LABOR ECONOMICS

Raters	Students
Responded	10
Invited	39
Response Ratio	25.6%

Overall

	Mean	Median	SD	N	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
1. Overall, this course was excellent.	4.00	4.00	0.82	10	0.0%	0.0%	30.0%	40.0%	30.0%
2. Overall, I learned a great deal from this course.	4.30	4.00	0.48	10	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	70.0%	30.0%
3. Overall, this instructor was an effective teacher.	4.44	4.00	0.53	9	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	55.6%	44.4%
4. The instructor was one of the best I have had at Carolina, fully deserving of a teaching award.	3.80	4.00	0.79	10	0.0%	0.0%	40.0%	40.0%	20.0%

Instructor

	Mean	Median	SD	N	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
1. The instructor clearly communicated what was expected of me in this class.	4.50	4.50	0.53	10	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%
2. I was able to get individual help when I needed it.	4.67	5.00	0.50	9	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	66.7%
3. The instructor evaluated my work fairly.	4.60	5.00	0.52	10	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	40.0%	60.0%
4. The instructor showed concern about whether students learned the material.	4.50	4.50	0.53	10	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%
5. The instructor expressed ideas clearly.	4.50	4.50	0.53	10	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%
6. The instructor showed enthusiasm for the subject matter.	4.50	5.00	0.71	10	0.0%	0.0%	10.0%	30.0%	60.0%
7. The instructor showed enthusiasm for teaching the class.	4.40	4.50	0.70	10	0.0%	0.0%	10.0%	40.0%	50.0%
8. The instructor treated all students with respect.	4.70	5.00	0.48	10	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	30.0%	70.0%
9. The instructional techniques engaged me with the subject matter.	4.22	4.00	0.67	9	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%	55.6%	33.3%
10. The instructor provided me with helpful feedback on my performance.	4.30	4.00	0.67	10	0.0%	0.0%	10.0%	50.0%	40.0%
11. The instructor handled questions well.	4.40	4.00	0.52	10	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	60.0%	40.0%
12. The instructor used examples that had relevance for me.	4.60	5.00	0.52	10	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	40.0%	60.0%
13. The instructor used class time well.	4.40	4.00	0.52	10	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	60.0%	40.0%
14. The instructor encouraged students to participate in this class.	4.10	4.00	0.57	10	0.0%	0.0%	10.0%	70.0%	20.0%

	N	Yes
1. The instructor provided regular assessment of my work throughout the semester.	10	100.0%
2. The instructor held class meetings consistent with the course syllabus and the official schedule published for this course.	10	100.0%
3. Is this a required course for you?	10	30.0%

Course

	Mean	Median	SD	N	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
1. The course challenged me to think deeply about the subject matter.	4.56	5.00	0.53	9	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	44.4%	55.6%
2. The course material (e.g., coursepack, website, texts) helped me better understand the subject matter.	3.78	4.00	0.67	9	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	55.6%	11.1%
3. The course assignments helped me better understand the subject matter.	4.60	5.00	0.52	10	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	40.0%	60.0%
4. This course was very exciting to me intellectually.	4.10	4.00	0.57	10	0.0%	0.0%	10.0%	70.0%	20.0%
5. This course was designed to keep me engaged in learning.	4.00	4.00	0.67	10	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	60.0%	20.0%
6. The workload was appropriate for what I gained from this class.	4.40	4.00	0.52	10	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	60.0%	40.0%

	Mean	Median	SD	N	Very Easy	Easy	Average	More Rigorous	Most Rigorous
1. Rate the grading standards of this course compared with others you have taken at UNC.	3.50	3.50	0.53	10	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%
2. Rate the workload required in this course compared with others you have taken at UNC.	3.40	3.00	0.52	10	0.0%	0.0%	60.0%	40.0%	0.0%

Reported Engagement

	N	0	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-12	12+
1. Please estimate the average number of hours per week that you spent outside of class on work related to this course.	10	0.0%	20.0%	70.0%	10.0%	0.0%	0.0%
2. About how many times this semester have you met with the instructor outside of class?	10	10.0%	70.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Expected Grade

	N	A- or A	B or B+	C+ or B-	C- or C	F or D	Pass	Fail	H	P	L
1. What grade do you think you will get in this course?	9	22.2%	55.6%	22.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Diversity and Inclusion

	Mean	Median	SD	N	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
1. The diversity of my classmates enriched my learning in this course.	3.43	4.00	0.79	7	0.0%	14.3%	28.6%	57.1%	0.0%
2. I increased my ability to work on a team with students from different backgrounds and perspectives.	3.78	4.00	0.83	9	0.0%	11.1%	11.1%	66.7%	11.1%
3. This course exposed me to points of view different from my own.	3.89	4.00	0.78	9	0.0%	11.1%	0.0%	77.8%	11.1%
4. I became more aware of multiple perspectives on issues of diversity.	3.50	3.50	0.93	8	0.0%	12.5%	37.5%	37.5%	12.5%
5. The instructor, Siddhartha Biswas, valued the diversity of life experiences among students.	4.00	4.00	0.87	9	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	33.3%	33.3%
6. The instructor, Siddhartha Biswas, saw cultural and personal differences as assets.	4.13	4.00	0.83	8	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	37.5%	37.5%
7. In-class activities were organized to value the diversity of life experiences among students.	3.38	3.50	1.06	8	0.0%	25.0%	25.0%	37.5%	12.5%

Open-Ended Responses

Comments on Overall Assessment of This Course.

Comments
This was a great class, would love to take Econ 580 because of it.
I enjoyed this course. Although the material was challenging, I found the workload rewarding. Yet, there were times that I felt that the questions on the homework were not discussed in class. I found these moments very frustrating.
Good class.
Very interesting topics learned in class but sometimes lectures were a bit dry and many students were not paying attention, a lot of students skipped almost every lecture
Interesting course with fair assignments and grading. I enjoyed taking ti and would recommend it to others.
This class was challenging but the instructor did a very good job of teaching the material.
The class was great. The quizzes were not the most necessary/helpful ways to study for the exams. The problem sets were a little confusing at times (I would've prefered if they were more math–based than word problems) but it's good that not all problems were graded for accuracy.

Comments on Overall Assessment of This Instructor.

Comments
I love professor Biswas! He is a great teacher and you can tell he has a passion for the material. He is really one of the best economics professors – or really any professor – that I have had during my time at UNC, and I've been here for 4 years now. Cannot say enough good things about him!!
Professor Biswas was a very caring instructor and he was very willing to help me when I was confused. Overall, Biswas made this course very enjoyable.
Good guy.
Good person, tried to engage class with material as much as possible
Very friendly, knowledgeable, and enthusiastic about teaching the class.
Great professor and answered questions well and demonstrating expertise. The powerpoints included a lot of information from the textbook that was there just for fun/further information which is nice to know but was confusing because it was so in depth. Further information that won't be tested on should be presented more simply. However, overall, it was an organized and effective course and Sid is super relatable and easy to understand!

How Did the Diversity of Your Classmates Contribute to Your Learning in This Course?

Comments
NA
It did not.
We worked on a group project that allowed me to collaborate and work with others that I probably would not have had the opportunity to work with if it weren't for this class
There was not a huge amount of diversity among my class, but I enjoyed working with partners I did not previously know on a group presentation.
The diversity of my classmates was irrelevant to this course

How Might the Class Climate Be Made More Inclusive of Diverse Students?

Comments
NA
The class had no room for improvement.
N/A
I did not see anything to improve on.
It's fine as is