

Note of Gratitude

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Hi Sirus,

I'd just like to express my appreciation for your work as a teaching assistant for MFE1. It's not always easy to engage a class in discussion, but your fun personality and expertise in mathematics fostered active participants in every recitation. They say one learns best when they actively partake in a task, and I think your recitations were a clear demonstration of this. In fact, your recitation sections were undoubtedly my favorite part of this course. I am glad I didn't hurriedly take the MFE1 placement exam to skip this course. Once again, it has been a pleasure having you as TA, and I wish you happy holidays!

Sincerely,

David Wu

Sirus Baladi	Course: UA211-008 Math for Economics	RCT
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A total of 8 students replied to this questionnaire.

Q1: Instructor ability to present material clearly:	4.75
Q2: Instructor ability to respond to questions	4.75
Q3: Instructor availability during office hours	4.75
Q4: Instructor level of preparation for each class	4.88
Q5: How would you rate the course?	4.50
Q6: How would you rate the text?	4.63

Overall Evaluation

1. Would you recommend this instructor to a friend?
(Yes, No, Maybe)

Yes: 100.00%

No: 0.00%

Maybe: 0.00%

2. How would you rate the general overall teaching ability of this instructor? 4.63
5) Excellent 4) Very Good 3) Good 2) Fair 1) Poor

Comments were also requested and any comments are listed below.

Sirus Baladi	Course: UA211-007 Math for Economics	RCT
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A total of 10 students replied to this questionnaire.

Q1: Instructor ability to present material clearly:	4.70
Q2: Instructor ability to respond to questions	4.60
Q3: Instructor availability during office hours	4.50
Q4: Instructor level of preparation for each class	4.60
Q5: How would you rate the course?	4.60
Q6: How would you rate the text?	4.40

Overall Evaluation

1. Would you recommend this instructor to a friend?
(Yes, No, Maybe)

Yes: 90.00% No: 10.00% Maybe: 0.00%

2. How would you rate the general overall teaching ability of this instructor? 4.60
5) Excellent 4) Very Good 3) Good 2) Fair 1) Poor

Comments were also requested and any comments are listed below.

Q1:Better than the Professor

Q3:changed his office hours in the middle of his semester. when i asked to meet a different day, he was not accommodating

Q5:His recitation in specific was great, not the class as a whole.

Section Leader:	Term:	Evaluation Type:	Class Description:
Baladi,Sirus	Spring 2022	Final	ECON-UA 266-110 (20206) - Intro to Econometrics (Lecture)

Lab Questions

Score range is 1 - 5

Question	Average	# of Students Who Answered the Question	# of Responses to the Answer		
			Answer	Answer %	
Overall, the lab instructor was effective at helping me learn.	4.4	11	5 - Strongly Agree	5	45.5%
			4 - Agree	5	45.5%
			3 - Neutral	1	9.1%
			2 - Disagree	0	0.0%
			1 - Strongly Disagree	0	0.0%
The lab was useful for achieving the goals of the course.	4.4	11	5 - Strongly Agree	5	45.5%
			4 - Agree	5	45.5%
			3 - Neutral	1	9.1%
			2 - Disagree	0	0.0%
			1 - Strongly Disagree	0	0.0%
The lab instructor provided helpful feedback on assignments.	4.4	11	5 - Strongly Agree	5	45.5%
			4 - Agree	5	45.5%
			3 - Neutral	1	9.1%
			2 - Disagree	0	0.0%
			1 - Strongly Disagree	0	0.0%
The lab instructor was accessible to students (e.g., via e-mail and office hours).	4.4	11	5 - Strongly Agree	6	54.5%
			4 - Agree	4	36.4%
			3 - Neutral	0	0.0%
			2 - Disagree	1	9.1%
			1 - Strongly Disagree	0	0.0%
The lab instructor created an environment that promoted the success of students with diverse backgrounds and experiences.	4.4	11	5 - Strongly Agree	5	45.5%
			4 - Agree	5	45.5%
			3 - Neutral	1	9.1%
			2 - Disagree	0	0.0%
			1 - Strongly Disagree	0	0.0%

Section Leader Comments

Describe the one best thing about the lab section or the instructor that was effective in helping you learn. If you could suggest one thing to improve the section, what would it be?

- The R in this course was hard to come by and harder still to grasp. I think if the TA had more time to

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go over the R code, the labs would be easier to do.

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- There was already a box for me to write about Sirus, but to repeat myself he is great
- I really appreciated the TA?s R code in the R notebook format as it was very useful and much more helpful than the R code given in the homework assignments.
- Same thing I addressed before-- instructor very accessible over email and in office hours was very useful
- I think that Sirus tries very hard to help us with this material and is fair in all aspects. He always knows the answer to any questions we have and explains them in a simpler way that sometimes the professor fails to do.
- Really enjoyed the structure of and interaction in the recitations, in addition to the instructor being very accessible and open to questions

Instructor Name:	Term:	Evaluation Type:	Class Description:
Baladi,Sirus	Fall 2022	Final	MA-UY 1324-C (15994) - Integrated Calculus I for Engineers (Lecture)

18 out of 45 students completed the survey.

Survey Response Rate: 40.0%

Instructor Comments

Use this space to provide additional feedback to your instructor. The comments will be used by faculty for potential improvement.

- There isn't much feedback since the instructor did his job.
- N
- N/A
- I like that you taught us skills for Calculus and skills to pass the exam.
- N/A
- He was nice and considerate
- He was very nice and knew what he was talking about. I don't think he went over topics that were directly relevant to the chapter but he was useful.
- This instructor also showed a good knowledge of the subject, but I wish that we could have focused on more questions and practice of the lessons so that we can have more practice.
- None
- Sirius knows math inside out and broke down topics to a conceptual level using tactics like intuition and critical thinking. He was very approachable and easy to talk to. He used basic math knowledge to lead into more complicated topics and definitely helped me understand the material. There's the surface level math where you just have some understanding and spit back what you learned, but Sirius gave us a rounded and satisfying view of the subject and I'm very grateful for him.
- Sirius helped me gain a deeper understanding of what we learned in class.
- Sirius was a great TA but sometimes the material didn't seem of equivalent difficulty to what we are doing in lecture.
- The class was not extremely challenging but it was challenging enough that it made me learn something and improve my many lacking skills.
- Good TA. Answered a few of my questions outside of class.
- N/A
- N/A
- N/A
- Sirius Baladi encouraged an important aspect of Calculus; logic and understanding beyond simple theorems and formulas that had to be remembered. His instruction complemented Professor Amakoe G.E.D. Gbedemah's lecture very well in a way that promoted learning.
- I really liked how near the end of the semester there were PowerPoints of reviewing the specific topic. It would be better if there were also Slideshows/PowerPoints near the beginning of the semester to review the topics.
- N/A