Brown University
Spring 2020 Course Feedback

Course: Spring2020ECON2060S01: ECON2060 Spring20 S01 Microeconomics II-S01
Instructor: Glenn Loury,Kareen Rozen
TA: Sara Spaziani *
Response Rate: 14/16 (87.50 %)

---

1 - My Teaching Assistant (Sara Spaziani):

Was consistently prepared.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Agree	(5)	11	78.57%
Agree	(4)	3	21.43%
Neutral	(3)	0	0.00%
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%
N/A	(0)	0	0.00%

Means: Question 4.79 | Brown University 4.64 | Division 4.61 | Department 4.60

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	Brown University	Mean	STD	Median	Division	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median
14/16 (87.50%)	4.79	0.43	5.00	12711	4.64	0.63	5.00	4064	4.61	0.65	5.00	2078	4.60	0.67	5.00

---

1 - My Teaching Assistant (Sara Spaziani):

Effectively engaged students (e.g. encouraged student participation; was responsive to questions; offered opportunities for discussion in pairs or small groups).

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Agree	(5)	12	85.71%
Agree	(4)	2	14.29%
Neutral	(3)	0	0.00%
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%
N/A	(0)	0	0.00%

Means: Question 4.86 | Brown University 4.58 | Division 4.54 | Department 4.54

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	Brown University	Mean	STD	Median	Division	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median
14/16 (87.50%)	4.86	0.36	5.00	12653	4.58	0.70	5.00	4040	4.54	0.74	5.00	2065	4.54	0.75	5.00

---

1 - My Teaching Assistant (Sara Spaziani):

Was responsive to students (e.g. was available during office hours; was responsive to questions; was responsive to requests to meet).

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Agree	(5)	13	92.86%
Agree	(4)	1	7.14%
Neutral	(3)	0	0.00%
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%
N/A	(0)	0	0.00%

Means: Question 4.93 | Brown University 4.66 | Division 4.62 | Department 4.62

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	Brown University	Mean	STD	Median	Division	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median
14/16 (87.50%)	4.93	0.27	5.00	12681	4.66	0.63	5.00	4046	4.62	0.66	5.00	2070	4.62	0.67	5.00

Course: Spring2020ECON2060S01: ECON2060 Spring20 S01 Microeconomics II-S01
Instructor: Glenn Loury,Kareen Rozen
TA: Sara Spaziani *
Response Rate: 14/16 (87.50 %)

1 - My Teaching Assistant (Sara Spaziani):
Made content clear and understandable.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Strongly Agree	(5)	9	64.29%		4.64 / 4.58 / 4.54 / 4.55
Agree	(4)	5	35.71%		
Neutral	(3)	0	0.00%		
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%		
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		
N/A	(0)	0	0.00%		Question / Brown University / Division / Department

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	Brown University	Mean	STD	Median	Division	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median
14/16 (87.50%)	4.64	0.50	5.00	12679	4.58	0.71	5.00	4049	4.54	0.74	5.00	2070	4.55	0.74	5.00

1 - My Teaching Assistant (Sara Spaziani):
Provided clear feedback on assignments that improved my learning.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Strongly Agree	(5)	10	71.43%		4.64 / 4.54 / 4.47 / 4.48
Agree	(4)	3	21.43%		
Neutral	(3)	1	7.14%		
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%		
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		
N/A	(0)	0	0.00%		Question / Brown University / Division / Department

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	Brown University	Mean	STD	Median	Division	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median
14/16 (87.50%)	4.64	0.63	5.00	12647	4.54	0.77	5.00	4045	4.47	0.83	5.00	2066	4.48	0.82	5.00

1 - My Teaching Assistant (Sara Spaziani):
Overall, I rate this teaching assistant as effective.

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Strongly Agree	(5)	11	78.57%		4.79 / 4.62 / 4.57 / 4.58
Agree	(4)	3	21.43%		
Neutral	(3)	0	0.00%		
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%		
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%		
N/A	(0)	0	0.00%		Question / Brown University / Division / Department

Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	Brown University	Mean	STD	Median	Division	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median
14/16 (87.50%)	4.79	0.43	5.00	12615	4.62	0.66	5.00	4020	4.57	0.70	5.00	2054	4.58	0.69	5.00

BROWN

Course:	Spring2020ECON2060S01: ECON2060 Spring20 S01 Microeconomics II-S01
Instructor:	Glenn Loury,Kareen Rozen
TA:	Sara Spaziani *
Response Rate:	14/16 (87.50 %)

---

2 - What has been particularly effective about Sara Spaziani's approach to teaching in this course? How did this TA contribute to your learning after the course transitioned to remote learning?

Response Rate	11/16 (68.75%)

• She provided very thorough notes and suggestions. She was very empathetic to our needs/wants and was very accessible, even with her extremely busy schedule.

• Was super helpful in explaining the more complex topics we covered in the course. Went through problems in a very clear and organized way which I found very helpful.

• Sara was very patient with us and she always tried to give clear answers to our questions.

• Sara is an amazing TA who went above and beyond the call of duty to make sure we understood the material and all of our questions were answered. Sara was integral in helping to explain our very challenging problem sets, which was crucial in understanding the material. After the transition to remote learning, Sara consistently held office hours and TA sessions, and quickly answered all of our questions.

• She explained extremely clearly, even concepts that were of a complicated nature. She was also always very available

• Share with us her self-written suggested solutions. Hold TA sessions online and reply emails

• Incredibly available and she tried to explain the same thing many times until you understand.

• Good approach to explaining the problem sets - I'm glad you focused on one or two particular problems when you went over the problem sets instead of trying to cram everything into one hour

• Sara was crucial during the entire course. She is super reasonable, for example she always focused int he exercises that we had more trouble with. She was always available during OH, and she always answered emails even during the weekend (we had due dates on Mondays XD).

• Everything Sara did was amazing. Honestly, one of the best TAs I've had. Blessed to have had her! Her TA sessions were very, very helpful and the problem set solutions were GREAT!

• Sara was extremely responsive to any questions, and always went above and beyond to ensure she had a complete answer for us.

---

3 - What specific advice would you have for Sara Spaziani about changes that might enhance your learning? Do you have any advice specific to this teaching assistant regarding teaching in the remote learning context?

Response Rate	8/16 (50%)

• Nothing in particular. I found that Sara was not always very responsive but I know she has classes and assignments herself, so I understand why this is.

• None

• Add more comments at the beginning of the TA sessions on the intuitions and steps to solve one problem, and if possible, maybe briefly talk about other concise alternative methods.

• Perfect this way

• You were a great TA - you can be more confident about that! No need to ask us if you are doing things correctly - you are!

• I only have one suggestion regarding the period of remote learning. Sara managed to help us learn without using a tablet. Although her teaching strategy worked, I think writing on live has its advantage. Hence, I would suggest that if remote learning continues, she can do a better job using technology like a tablet.

• I honestly can't think of many...perhaps more practice problems?

• Excellent TA.