Course Evaluation - Instructor Interface

Instructors: List Stats for course

Course List

Course Name: ECON2105: Principles of Macroeconomics
Call Number: 13-250
Period: 09:05A-09:55A MWF
Semester: Fall 2019
Instructor: Scott Spitze
Evaluation Start Date: 19 Nov 2019
Evaluation End Date: 05 Dec 2019

University-wide standard question results:

1. **Was this course required for your degree?** [AVG: 1.78261 STDDEV: 0.42174]
    1. [5: 21.7%] No, not required
    2. [18: 78.3%] Yes, required
2. **On average, how many hours per week did you devote to this course outside of class?** [AVG: 3.69565 STDDEV: 1.89340]
3. **Assignments and activities were useful for helping me learn.** [AVG: 4.04348 STDDEV: 0.87792]
    1. [0: 0.0%] Strongly Disagree
    2. [1: 4.3%] Disagree
    3. [5: 21.7%] Neutral
    4. [9: 39.1%] Agree
    5. [8: 34.8%] Strongly Agree
4. **This course challenged me to think and learn.** [AVG: 4.21739 STDDEV: 0.85048]
    1. [0: 0.0%] Strongly Disagree
    2. [1: 4.3%] Disagree
    3. [3: 13.0%] Neutral
    4. [9: 39.1%] Agree
    5. [10: 43.5%] Strongly Agree

Student

1. **I came well prepared to class.**

   [AVG: 4.00000   STD DEV: 1.00000]

   8: 34.8% -- Strongly Agree
   10: 43.5% -- Somewhat Agree
   2: 8.7% -- Neither agree or disagree
   3: 13.0% -- Somewhat Disagree
   0: 0.0% -- Strongly Disagree

2. **I actively participated in class discussions.**

   [AVG: 3.82609   STD DEV: 0.93673]

   5: 21.7% -- Strongly Agree
   11: 47.8% -- Somewhat Agree
   6: 26.1% -- Neither agree or disagree
   0: 0.0% -- Somewhat Disagree
   1: 4.3% -- Strongly Disagree

Course

1. **The course was well organized.**

   [AVG: 4.26087   STD DEV: 0.81002]

   10: 43.5% -- Strongly Agree
   10: 43.5% -- Somewhat Agree
   2: 8.7% -- Neither agree or disagree
   1: 4.3% -- Somewhat Disagree
   0: 0.0% -- Strongly Disagree

2. **The course objectives were clearly stated.**

   [AVG: 4.39130   STD DEV: 0.83878]

   13: 56.5% -- Strongly Agree
   7: 30.4% -- Somewhat Agree
   2: 8.7% -- Neither agree or disagree
   1: 4.3% -- Somewhat Disagree
   0: 0.0% -- Strongly Disagree

3. **Overall, the course was excellent.**

[AVG: 3.82609   STD DEV: 1.23038]

   8: 34.8% -- Strongly Agree
   8: 34.8% -- Somewhat Agree
   4: 17.4% -- Neither agree or disagree
   1: 4.3% -- Somewhat Disagree
   2: 8.7% -- Strongly Disagree

Instructor

1. **The instructor was available outside of class (office hours, email, discussion boards, etc...) to answer questions.**

[AVG: 4.78261   STD DEV: 0.51843]

   19: 82.6% -- Strongly Agree
   3: 13.0% -- Somewhat Agree
   1: 4.3% -- Neither agree or disagree
   0: 0.0% -- Somewhat Disagree
   0: 0.0% -- Strongly Disagree

2. **The instructor stimulated student interest in the course material.**

[AVG: 4.30435   STD DEV: 0.70290]

   10: 43.5% -- Strongly Agree
   10: 43.5% -- Somewhat Agree
   3: 13.0% -- Neither agree or disagree
   0: 0.0% -- Somewhat Disagree
   0: 0.0% -- Strongly Disagree

3. **The instructor was enthusiastic about teaching this course.**

[AVG: 4.60870   STD DEV: 0.58303]

   15: 65.2% -- Strongly Agree
   7: 30.4% -- Somewhat Agree
   1: 4.3% -- Neither agree or disagree
   0: 0.0% -- Somewhat Disagree
   0: 0.0% -- Strongly Disagree

4. **The instructor was well prepared for class.**

   [AVG: 4.26087   STD DEV: 0.81002]

   10: 43.5% -- Strongly Agree
   10: 43.5% -- Somewhat Agree
   2: 8.7% -- Neither agree or disagree
   1: 4.3% -- Somewhat Disagree
   0: 0.0% -- Strongly Disagree

5. **The instructor used class time effectively.**

   [AVG: 4.39130   STD DEV: 0.94094]

   14: 60.9% -- Strongly Agree
   6: 26.1% -- Somewhat Agree
   1: 4.3% -- Neither agree or disagree
   2: 8.7% -- Somewhat Disagree
   0: 0.0% -- Strongly Disagree

6. **The instructor encouraged appropriate student participation in class.**

   [AVG: 4.65217   STD DEV: 0.57277]

   16: 69.6% -- Strongly Agree
   6: 26.1% -- Somewhat Agree
   1: 4.3% -- Neither agree or disagree
   0: 0.0% -- Somewhat Disagree
   0: 0.0% -- Strongly Disagree

7. **The instructor presented ideas and concepts clearly.**

   [AVG: 3.73913   STD DEV: 1.28691]

   9: 39.1% -- Strongly Agree
   5: 21.7% -- Somewhat Agree
   4: 17.4% -- Neither agree or disagree
   4: 17.4% -- Somewhat Disagree
   1: 4.3% -- Strongly Disagree

8. **Overall, the instructor was effective at teaching the subject matter.**

   [AVG: 3.91304   STD DEV: 1.12464]

   8: 34.8% -- Strongly Agree
   9: 39.1% -- Somewhat Agree
   3: 13.0% -- Neither agree or disagree
   2: 8.7% -- Somewhat Disagree
   1: 4.3% -- Strongly Disagree

Grading, Course Assignments, Text, and Reading Materials

1. **The textbook, readings, and other materials were useful.**

   [AVG: 3.86957   STD DEV: 1.01374]

   - 7: 30.4% -- Strongly Agree
   - 9: 39.1% -- Somewhat Agree
   - 4: 17.4% -- Neither agree or disagree
   - 3: 13.0% -- Somewhat Disagree
   - 0: 0.0% -- Strongly Disagree

2. **Assignments and activities were useful for helping me learn.**

   [AVG: 4.04348   STD DEV: 0.87792]

   - 8: 34.8% -- Strongly Agree
   - 9: 39.1% -- Agree
   - 5: 21.7% -- Neutral
   - 1: 4.3% -- Disagree
   - 0: 0.0% -- Strongly Disagree

3. **Homework, papers, and exams were returned within a reasonable period.**

   [AVG: 4.82609   STD DEV: 0.49103]

   - 20: 87.0% -- Strongly Agree
   - 2: 8.7% -- Somewhat Agree
   - 1: 4.3% -- Neither agree or disagree
   - 0: 0.0% -- Somewhat Disagree
   - 0: 0.0% -- Strongly Disagree

4. **The exams were fair.**

   [AVG: 4.39130   STD DEV: 0.98807]

   - 14: 60.9% -- Strongly Agree
   - 6: 26.1% -- Somewhat Agree
   - 2: 8.7% -- Neither agree or disagree
   - 0: 0.0% -- Somewhat Disagree
   - 1: 4.3% -- Strongly Disagree

5. **Feedback on graded homework and exams was valuable.**

[AVG: 4.30435   STD DEV: 0.82212]

12: 52.2% -- Strongly Agree
6: 26.1% -- Somewhat Agree
5: 21.7% -- Neither agree or disagree
0: 0.0% -- Somewhat Disagree
0: 0.0% -- Strongly Disagree

Outcomes

1. **The course will be (or has been) of value to me.**

[AVG: 4.04348   STD DEV: 1.10693]

10: 43.5% -- Strongly Agree
7: 30.4% -- Somewhat Agree
4: 17.4% -- Neither agree or disagree
1: 4.3% -- Somewhat Disagree
1: 4.3% -- Strongly Disagree

2. **I learned a lot in this course.**

[AVG: 4.34783   STD DEV: 0.93462]

14: 60.9% -- Strongly Agree
4: 17.4% -- Somewhat Agree
4: 17.4% -- Neither agree or disagree
1: 4.3% -- Somewhat Disagree
0: 0.0% -- Strongly Disagree

3. **The course challenged me to think and learn.**

[AVG: 4.21739   STD DEV: 0.85048]

10: 43.5% -- Strongly Agree
9: 39.1% -- Agree
3: 13.0% -- Neutral
1: 4.3% -- Disagree
0: 0.0% -- Strongly Disagree

4. **I would take another course with this instructor if I had the chance.**

[AVG: 3.69565   STD DEV: 1.39593]

11: 47.8% -- Strongly Agree

1: 4.3% -- Somewhat Agree

5: 21.7% -- Neither agree or disagree

5: 21.7% -- Somewhat Disagree

1: 4.3% -- Strongly Disagree

Background

1. **On average, how many hours per week did you devote to this course?**

[AVG: 3.69565   STD DEV: 1.89340]

2. **Is this course in your major?**

[AVG: 1.60870   STD DEV: 0.49901]

9: 39.1% -- No, not in my major

14: 60.9% -- Yes, in my major

3. **Was the course required for your degree?**

[AVG: 1.78261   STD DEV: 0.42174]

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Written Comments

There are 20 comments for this course:

Course as a whole: What was done well? How could it be improved?	Instructor: What was done well? How could the instructor improve?
All the chapters and topics were interesting to learn about. The practice problems and practice exams helped students to get enough practice before the tests. The homework was fun and helped to better understand the topics taught in class. The exams included things covered in class and not random questions. There were multiple opportunities to do better and earn bonus points. Personally, I would have liked it if there were not so many attendance quizzes.	I think that every topic was explained very clearly and the instructor made sure to clear any doubts the students have. I loved the powerpoints because they were very concise, yet thorough. The instructor maintained a friendly environment in the classroom and made sure to ask the students if they had any questions. He would also do a recap every class of the content covered in the previous class, which I think was very useful in remembering the topics. He also used multiple examples, which helped students understand the chapters better. My only suggestion would be that the instructor can sometimes lecture really fast and it can become difficult to keep up, so maybe he can slow down a bit while lecturing.

Concepts were presented in a good order, more time should have been spent on most of them.	The instructor could take more time to explain concepts, it was extremely fast paced and difficult to keep up. Also, some explanations of concepts were unclear.
good course material	go slower and explain in more depth
I enjoyed how he tied real world aspects into what we were learning through the podcasts, and I thought that the practice problems and exams that he posted were very helpful in preparing myself for the actual exams.	He was very well organized in both the time he spent teaching each day and in grading our assignments. He was also eager to receive feedback and to answer any questions, which made for more effective learning. The only aspect that I think he could improve would be to slow down his speaking a little, as that made it harder to understand what he was saying at times and also made the pace too fast sometimes.
I enjoyed this course, I thought he explained the material well - maybe sometimes went to fast, but would slow down if you asked him. I liked our homework assignments - the podcasts - they were interesting to listen to and helped put the material into a real world perspective. The attendance quizzes helped me remember the material // they motivated me to study.	He is super helpful and loves for you to ask questions. He has a flexible schedule and can always find a time to meet. He knows his material very well and is always excited to teach it, making the course interactive and fun to listen // write notes
I feel most of my struggles were due to instructor problems, not necessarily the course.	Communicating with the class and making sure what he is teaching is correct.
I think the course could integrate more homework that revolve around the math that we have to do in class, even if the homework was optional. I think the course was very concise and informative.	Mr. Spitze is very enthusiastic about his material which made it easier for me to be more enthusiastic about the material. I also think he was willing to put in full effort to help students understand the topics of the course. I think the way he could improve would be to slow down and relax sometimes.

I thought the material presented was interesting. There was really nothing that needed to be improved upon.	Scott did a great job of comping prepared for class and presenting us with the material. The only improvement could be possibly harping on the fact that the textbook for the course is unnecessary.
Lectures were organized and helpful. Exams were fair, and practice exams helped greatly. Attendance quizzes and homework were great grade-boosters.	The instructor always showed up to class prepared with detailed lecture slides. He provided examples, worked out practice problems, and would repeat anything if needed. He even provided us with practice problems for each unit and practice exams before each exam. The instructor graded extremely quickly and returned every test, quiz, and assignment back to us promptly. He succeeded in making the course interesting. I was dreading taking this course, but I actually really enjoyed it. He sparked an interest in economics for me.
Our teacher explained everything very well. The only thing that could make it better would be extra paper assignments that would could practice on class.	He explained everything very well and would make sure everyone participated. He could slow down while teaching the material.
Overall, the course was well organized and followed the syllabus immaculately. I knew what was going to be covered everyday and review over previous lessons was ample. The only gripe I had with the course were the pop quizzes because I'm scared of the unknown. I feel knowing when we would have quizzes would incentivise me to study more so than if they are surprises. But again, minor issue, wonderful course.	The instructor made the course for me honestly. Scott is such a sweet dude and you can tell he is super passionate about what he teaches. He makes himself very available for questions through office hours and during class and he grades assignments and exams at light speed. He stumbles over material slightly but he recovers well and he can get a bit cheeky with quiz and exam questions which can be slightly annoying, but his genuine and passionate demeanor makes it so that I can't even get mad when he tries to trick you.

Quizzes and attendance quizzes were very helpful. More group activities would have helped	[No answer given by student]
The course as a whole was done very well. It could be improved with better explanation of certain topics, but for the time that we had in class, the instructor did a very good job.	The instructor did an excellent job with completing the lecture slides, incorporating the podcasts, and offering the homework and attendance quiz grades to help us on exams. The additional practice problems were another great way to help us study that many instructors do not offer. The instructor could improve his explanations of certain topics because some of the problems at the beginning of the semester were answered incorrectly in class, and it is still confusing for me to grasp some of those topics today.
The course was well organized, and the content was laid out in a very clear way	The instructor was passionate, but he often was a bit nervous when it came time to teach, and whenever he had an error in his slides, he berated himself
The course was well paced and never felt like there was too much at one time. More examples for workout problems would be helpful to students	The instructor did a good job engaging students to learn the material. The podcast for homework was a great way to give supplemental material to the topic we were learning that week. There were sometimes the instructor would second guess himself sometimes and it made things a little confusing. He needs to be more confident in himself because he knows what he is talking about
The delivery of the material was done well. I could be improved by letting the class know the topic before hand.	He did a good job being available to students. I could be improved by spacing out the lecture in order to have more time to understand the information.
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The powerpoints and lectures were very effective	instructor was always wanting to help students
The power pointss	Knew the material. Needed to explain things better
The slides and structure of the class was very clear and predictable. The in class quizzes could be confusing.	The instructor did a good job in being prepared for class. They could improve on how some topics are explained.

Number of students in this course: 43
Number of evaluations for this course: 23