# Brown University
# Fall 2021 Course Feedback

**Course:** Fall2021ECON1629S02: ECON1629 Fall21 S02 Applied Research Methods for Economists-S02
**Instructor:** Daniel Bjorkegren
**TA:** Talia Shakhnovsky,Charles Holmes,Alessandro Sovera *
**Response Rate:** 70/77 (90.91 %)

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### 1 - My teaching assistant (Alessandro Sovera):
**was consistently prepared.**

| Response Option | Weight | Frequency | Percent | Percent Responses | Means |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly Agree | (5) | 25 | 69.44% | | 4.64 / 4.62 / 4.60 / 4.57 |
| Agree | (4) | 10 | 27.78% | | |
| Neutral | (3) | 0 | 0.00% | | |
| Disagree | (2) | 1 | 2.78% | | |
| Strongly Disagree | (1) | 0 | 0.00% | | |
| N/A | (0) | 0 | 0.00% | | |

| Response Rate | Mean | STD | Median | Brown University | Mean | STD | Median | Division | Mean | STD | Median | Department | Mean | STD | Median |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 36/77 (46.75%) | 4.64 | 0.64 | 5.00 | 14231 | 4.62 | 0.67 | 5.00 | 3973 | 4.60 | 0.68 | 5.00 | 1651 | 4.57 | 0.69 | 5.00 |

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### 1 - My teaching assistant (Alessandro Sovera):
**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 | Percent Responses | Means |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly Agree | (5) | 23 | 63.89% | | 4.50 / 4.56 / 4.54 / 4.53 |
| Agree | (4) | 10 | 27.78% | | |
| Neutral | (3) | 1 | 2.78% | | |
| Disagree | (2) | 2 | 5.56% | | |
| Strongly Disagree | (1) | 0 | 0.00% | | |
| N/A | (0) | 0 | 0.00% | | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 36/77 (46.75%) | 4.50 | 0.81 | 5.00 | 14162 | 4.56 | 0.73 | 5.00 | 3949 | 4.54 | 0.74 | 5.00 | 1638 | 4.53 | 0.73 | 5.00 |

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### 1 - My teaching assistant (Alessandro Sovera):
**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 | Percent Responses | Means |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly Agree | (5) | 26 | 72.22% | | 4.71 / 4.63 / 4.61 / 4.61 |
| Agree | (4) | 8 | 22.22% | | |
| Neutral | (3) | 1 | 2.78% | | |
| Disagree | (2) | 0 | 0.00% | | |
| Strongly Disagree | (1) | 0 | 0.00% | | |
| N/A | (0) | 1 | 2.78% | | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 36/77 (46.75%) | 4.71 | 0.52 | 5.00 | 14211 | 4.63 | 0.67 | 5.00 | 3969 | 4.61 | 0.68 | 5.00 | 1648 | 4.61 | 0.66 | 5.00 |

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### 1 - My teaching assistant (Alessandro Sovera):
**made content clear and understandable.**

| Response Option | Weight | Frequency | Percent | Percent Responses | Means |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly Agree | (5) | 24 | 66.67% | | 4.53 / 4.53 / 4.51 / 4.48 |
| Agree | (4) | 9 | 25.00% | | |
| Neutral | (3) | 1 | 2.78% | | |
| Disagree | (2) | 2 | 5.56% | | |
| Strongly Disagree | (1) | 0 | 0.00% | | |
| N/A | (0) | 0 | 0.00% | | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 36/77 (46.75%) | 4.53 | 0.81 | 5.00 | 14190 | 4.53 | 0.77 | 5.00 | 3958 | 4.51 | 0.78 | 5.00 | 1644 | 4.48 | 0.81 | 5.00 |

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**1 - My teaching assistant (Alessandro Sovera):**

**provided clear feedback on assignments that improved my learning.**

| Response Option | Weight | Frequency | Percent | Percent Responses | Means | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly Agree | (5) | 22 | 61.11% | | 4.44 | 4.51 | 4.46 | 4.48 |
| Agree | (4) | 11 | 30.56% | | | | | |
| Neutral | (3) | 1 | 2.78% | | | | | |
| Disagree | (2) | 1 | 2.78% | | | | | |
| Strongly Disagree | (1) | 1 | 2.78% | | | | | |
| N/A | (0) | 0 | 0.00% | | | | | |
| | | | | 0  25  50  100 | Question | Brown University | Division | Department |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 36/77 (46.75%) | 4.44 | 0.91 | 5.00 | 14180 | 4.51 | 0.82 | 5.00 | 3964 | 4.46 | 0.84 | 5.00 | 1640 | 4.48 | 0.81 | 5.00 |

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**1 - My teaching assistant (Alessandro Sovera):**

**Overall, I rate this teaching assistant as effective.**

| Response Option | Weight | Frequency | Percent | Percent Responses | Means | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly Agree | (5) | 24 | 66.67% | | 4.58 | 4.58 | 4.55 | 4.55 |
| Agree | (4) | 10 | 27.78% | | | | | |
| Neutral | (3) | 1 | 2.78% | | | | | |
| Disagree | (2) | 1 | 2.78% | | | | | |
| Strongly Disagree | (1) | 0 | 0.00% | | | | | |
| N/A | (0) | 0 | 0.00% | | | | | |
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 36/77 (46.75%) | 4.58 | 0.69 | 5.00 | 14130 | 4.58 | 0.71 | 5.00 | 3947 | 4.55 | 0.72 | 5.00 | 1639 | 4.55 | 0.71 | 5.00 |

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**2 - What has been particularly effective about Alessandro Sovera's approach to teaching in this course?**

| Response Rate | 15/77 (19.48%) |
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• stimulated discussion in section

• Answered questions on Ed in a timely manner

• I think he really helped me throughout the course and made sure we understood the materials.

• He was very honest and if someone said something that wasn't exactly correct he did a good job of explaining to them exactly what aspect of their answer was inaccurate.

• Alessandro was very knowledgable on the subject and helpful.

• the best TA!!!!! thank you so much for answering all of our anxiety filled questions about the course, super funny and approachable and made this class much less stressful.

• Super patient and supportive. Eager to help students and answer questions

• Very helpful in section and great mustache

• Always willing to help with any misunderstandings and always available.

• He's always willing to take as much time as needed to explain something.

• Alessandro's sections were well prepared

• His understanding of the material made it easier to give help to the students that needed it.

• Knew material well

• Was always prepared and engaged with the material

• Everything! Always available and so enthusiastic.

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| 3 - What specific advice would you have for Alessandro Sovera about changes that would enhance your learning? | |
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| **Response Rate** | 13/77 (16.88%) |

• sometimes was a little unclear on content during section

• Appreciated that he wanted to help us understand the concepts without giving the answers away, but this sometimes made her explanations too vague and abstract

• I liked the way that section was run.

• I'm not sure if he had any say in whether or not his section was over Zoom but I would have preferred it if he taught in person. It would make it easier to pay attention and not get side tracked.

• More clear about homework recommendations and point deductions, seemed very random at times and unclear.

• N/A

• none

• Nothing, he was good.

• nothing

• N/A

• None

• N/A

• Nothing!