

Course: Spring2023ECON1629S02: ECON1629 Spring23 S02 Applied Research Methods for Economists-S02
Instructor: Daniel Bjorkegren
TA: Shane Hanson-Ashworth, Charles Holmes, Alessandro Sovera *, Imran Dharamsi
Response Rate: 67/78 (85.90%)

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

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means													
Strongly Agree	(5)	25	80.65%		4.77	4.60	4.61	4.66										
Agree	(4)	5	16.13%															
Neutral	(3)	1	3.23%															
Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%															
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%															
N/A	(0)	0	0.00%															
					0	25	50	100	Question	Brown University			Division			Department		
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	Brown University	Mean	STD	Median	Division	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median			
31/78 (39.74%)	4.77	0.50	5.00	12122	4.60	0.69	5.00	3428	4.61	0.68	5.00	1601	4.66	0.63	5.00			

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	76.67%		4.70	4.55	4.56	4.64										
Agree	(4)	6	20.00%															
Neutral	(3)	0	0.00%															
Disagree	(2)	1	3.33%															
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%															
N/A	(0)	0	0.00%															
					0	25	50	100	Question	Brown University			Division			Department		
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	Brown University	Mean	STD	Median	Division	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median			
30/78 (38.46%)	4.70	0.65	5.00	12038	4.55	0.75	5.00	3402	4.56	0.76	5.00	1590	4.64	0.68	5.00			

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	83.87%		4.77	4.61	4.63	4.69										
Agree	(4)	4	12.90%															
Neutral	(3)	0	0.00%															
Disagree	(2)	1	3.23%															
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%															
N/A	(0)	0	0.00%															
					0	25	50	100	Question	Brown University			Division			Department		
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	Brown University	Mean	STD	Median	Division	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median			
31/78 (39.74%)	4.77	0.62	5.00	12056	4.61	0.69	5.00	3411	4.63	0.67	5.00	1595	4.69	0.60	5.00			

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

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means													
Strongly Agree	(5)	23	79.31%		4.69	4.54	4.55	4.62										
Agree	(4)	4	13.79%															
Neutral	(3)	1	3.45%															
Disagree	(2)	1	3.45%															
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%															
N/A	(0)	0	0.00%															
					0	25	50	100	Question	Brown University			Division			Department		
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	Brown University	Mean	STD	Median	Division	Mean	STD	Median	Department	Mean	STD	Median			
29/78 (37.18%)	4.69	0.71	5.00	12052	4.54	0.77	5.00	3405	4.55	0.77	5.00	1596	4.62	0.70	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)	24	82.76%		4.69	4.51	4.51	4.60
Agree	(4)	2	6.90%					
Neutral	(3)	2	6.90%					
Disagree	(2)	1	3.45%					
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
29/78 (37.18%)	4.69	0.76	5.00	12035	4.51	0.81	5.00	3399	4.51	0.83	5.00	1585	4.60	0.73	5.00

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)	23	74.19%		4.68	4.57	4.57	4.65
Agree	(4)	7	22.58%					
Neutral	(3)	0	0.00%					
Disagree	(2)	1	3.23%					
Strongly Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%					
N/A	(0)	0	0.00%					

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31/78 (39.74%)	4.68	0.65	5.00	12000	4.57	0.74	5.00	3403	4.57	0.75	5.00	1590	4.65	0.66	5.00

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

Response Rate
12/78 (15.38%)

- Leads helpful sections.
- knowledgeable
- It was very clear that Alessandro was knowledgeable about the course material. He introduced various different examples which helped to make the material more concrete. I really appreciated his lecture style.
- very helpful
- He clearly knew what he was talking about.
- He has a lot of knowledge and was very helpful in office hours.
- Interesting, good at explaining things. I had less time with Alessandro than the other TAs but he was always an effective communicator, very nice, etc.
- Very professional, helpful
- The TAs in this class are fantastic. They explain the concepts clearly during sections and grade the assignments very promptly.
- Alessandro was very helpful during section in explaining the material. He did a great job.
- Available and smart
- He was always willing to stay longer in his office hours and made material very digestible to students.

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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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- N/A
- NA
- N/A
- n/a
- This is not specific advice for a single TA, but during review sessions and section it was a bit disrespectful when one of the TAs was trying to teach and the other three were laughing and talking really loudly. I also believe having one female TA would have been beneficial and perhaps made people a bit more comfortable when asking questions.
- Include more partial credit when grading
- n/a
- NA
- Slower teaching
- N/A