



Fall 2016 - Individual Comment Report for Giovanni Giuntella

ECON 2160 - EMPIRICAL METHODS - 1020 - Lecture

2171 - Teaching Survey

Total Enrollment 20

Responses Received 18

Response Rate 90.0%

Subject Details

CAMPUS_CD	PIT
SCHOOL_CD	ARTSC
DEPARTMENT_CD	ECON
CLASS_NBR	29995
COURSE_NUMBER	2160
SECTION_NUMBER	1020

Report Comments

Responses to open-ended questions

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What were the instructor's major strengths?

Comments
Clear and detailed explanation
Knowledge of applied research and management of software package to help with this
Very accessible outside of class and gives thorough feedback
knowledge of methods, hands-on approach
He was very organized and the resources (powerpoints) he provided will be useful resources in the future.
He was really interested in our work outside the class and always willing to help.
very clear presentation of the material; interesting and motivating slides
An excellent professor and a great mentor. Very knowledgeable, and cares a lot about the progress and success of his students. He is an excellent addition to the economics faculty at the University of Pittsburgh.
Clarity
Osea was a tremendous professor. Very good.
He is very organized, gives assignments that promote learning, and maintains an effective learning environment.

What were the instructor's major weaknesses?

Comments
No weakness
did not identify
None
sometimes he speaks too fast.
None that I know of.
He may ask more questions during class to facilitate thinking and promote more discussions.

What aspects of this course were most beneficial to you?

Comments
Assignment and detailed explanation about empirical work in reality
Lectures and one-on-one meetings
learning new methods and then having a chance to practise those with a homework. Presenting a paper. Learning of the conventions to submit dataset to journals
I thought I learned a lot from working on the homework. I also liked that we presented a paper similar to our specific interests.
The homeworks were good practice for the stuff we needed to learn.
the empirical exercises
empirical application
The reading and homework assignments and project.

What suggestions do you have to improve the course?

Comments

- More in class interaction
- More focus on applications of concepts less focus on theory - we already get the theory being taught from other courses. This course was supposed to focus more on applications of the concepts in a hands-on setting.
- Maybe better to have this class in a lab with more hands-on components.

Perhaps, if the lectures were more engaging, instead of one-way slide presentations

maybe, provide Mandatory hw for Matlab, and one for Python to learn webscraping. Although professor provided voluntary hws on these issues, which already exceeded expectations of the course.

Aspects of this course were similar to other applied labor courses that I have taken. Maybe making this course have a more empirical component in class. I really liked the arcgis/matlab/python lectures so more of that would have been useful to me.

I think in the beginning it was too theoretical and not practical enough. The goal of the class was supposed to be "empirical methods for dummies" and I think it took a while for the class to get to that. I think the class should be designed more as a toolbox: if your data looks like this, this is the tool you should use, etc

The topics after Quantile Regression should be removed.