



University of Connecticut

Student Evaluation of Teaching Fall 2018

Individual Report for ECON-2312-001-STORR- Empirical Methods in Econ II

Instructor: Rui Sun (SET Primary Instructor)

Response Table

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Raters	Students
Responded	9
Invited	17
Response Ratio	53%

What is your overall rating of Rui Sun's teaching?

Question	Course		Department (ECON-Course Level 2000-FEIN)		School (CLAS-Course Level 2000-FEIN)		University (Course Level 2000-FEIN)	
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
What is your overall rating of the instructor's teaching?	4.7	5.0	3.7	3.9	4.0	4.2	3.9	4.1

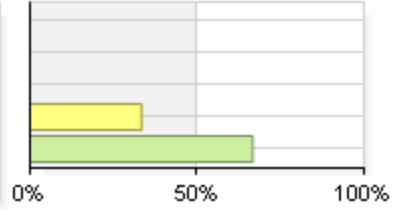
What is your overall rating of the course?

Question	Course		Department (ECON-Course Level 2000-FEIN)		School (CLAS-Course Level 2000-FEIN)		University (Course Level 2000-FEIN)	
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
What is your overall rating of the course?	4.1	4.0	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.8

Overall Rating

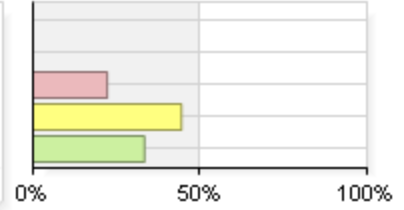
1. What is your overall rating of the instructor's teaching?

1 Poor	0	0%
2 Fair	0	0%
3 Good	0	0%
4 Very Good	3	33%
5 Excellent	6	67%
Total	9	



2. What is your overall rating of the course?

1 Poor	0	0%
2 Fair	0	0%
3 Good	2	22%
4 Very Good	4	44%
5 Excellent	3	33%
Total	9	



Section 1. Summary

Please respond to the following questions about instructor Rui Sun:

Question	Course		Department (ECON-Course Level 2000-FEIN)		School (CLAS-Course Level 2000-FEIN)		University (Course Level 2000-FEIN)	
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
The instructor presented the course material clearly.	4.7	5.0	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.4	4.2	4.4
The instructor was well prepared for class.	5.0	5.0	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.7	4.4	4.6
The instructor responded to questions adequately.	4.9	5.0	4.1	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.3	4.5
The instructor stimulated interest in the subject.	4.6	5.0	4.1	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.3	4.6
The instructor showed interest in helping students learn.	4.9	5.0	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.7	4.4	4.6
The instructor gave clear assignments.	4.8	5.0	4.2	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.5
The instructor was accessible to students.	4.9	5.0	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.6
The instructor gave useful feedback on my performance.	4.7	5.0	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.2	4.4
The instructor returned graded work in a reasonable amount of time.	4.8	5.0	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.5
The instructor used class time effectively.	4.9	5.0	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.3	4.5
The instructor treated all students with respect.	4.9	5.0	4.5	4.7	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.8
The instructor graded fairly.	4.9	5.0	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.6
The instructor's teaching methods promoted student learning.	4.8	5.0	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.2	4.4

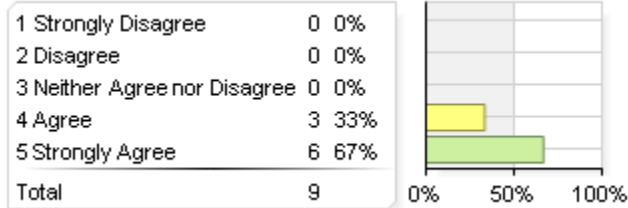
Please respond to the following questions about the course:

Question	Course		Department (ECON-Course Level 2000-FEIN)		School (CLAS-Course Level 2000-FEIN)		University (Course Level 2000-FEIN)	
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
The methods of evaluating student learning seemed appropriate.	4.7	5.0	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.4	4.2	4.4
The course content was well organized.	4.7	5.0	4.0	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.4
The course objectives were clear.	4.7	5.0	4.1	4.4	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.5
The course objectives were met.	4.7	5.0	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.4
The textbook made a valuable contribution.	3.3	3.0	3.7	3.8	3.9	4.1	3.9	4.1
The other course materials made a valuable contribution.	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.2	4.4
The pace of the course seemed appropriate.	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.3

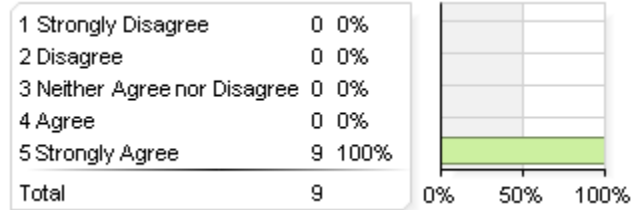
Section 2. Questions About the Instructor

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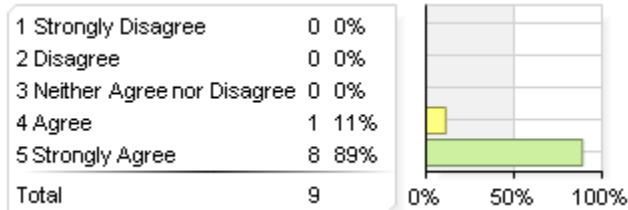
1. The instructor presented the course material clearly.



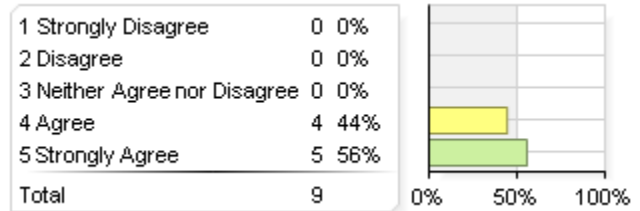
2. The instructor was well prepared for class.



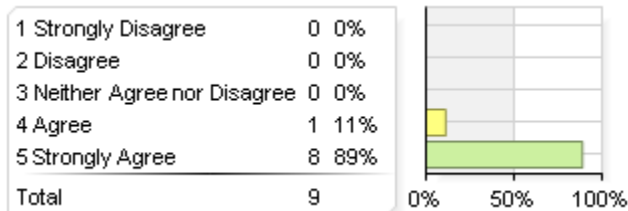
3. The instructor responded to questions adequately.



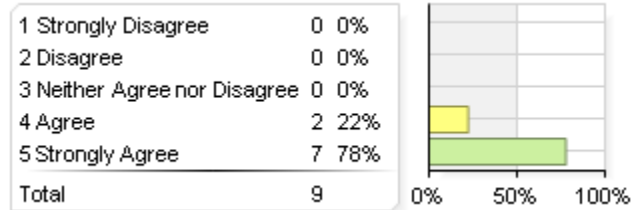
4. The instructor stimulated interest in the subject.



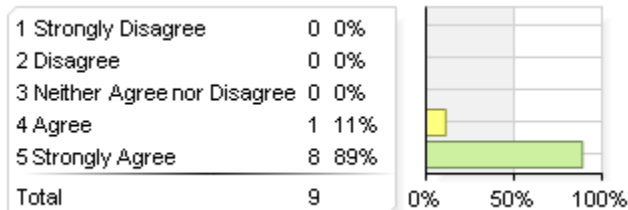
5. The instructor showed interest in helping students learn.



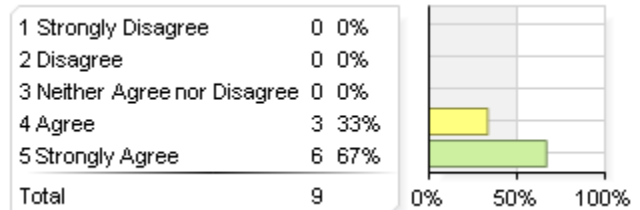
6. The instructor gave clear assignments.



7. The instructor was accessible to students.

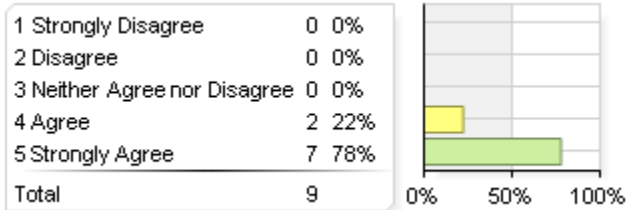


8. The instructor gave useful feedback on my performance.

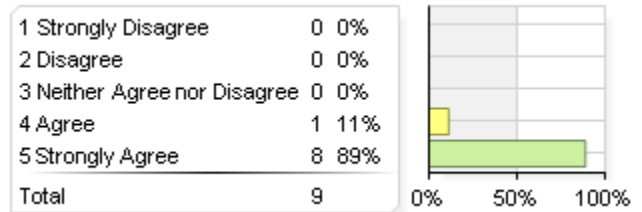


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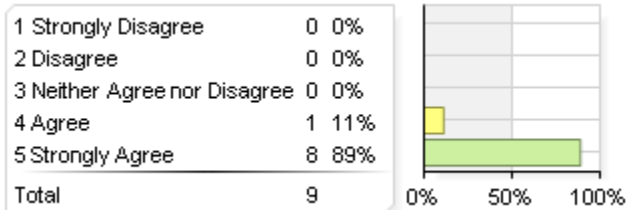
9. The instructor returned graded work in a reasonable amount of time.



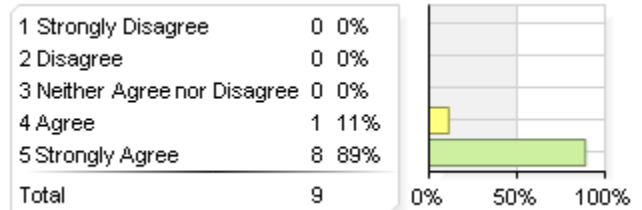
10. The instructor used class time effectively.



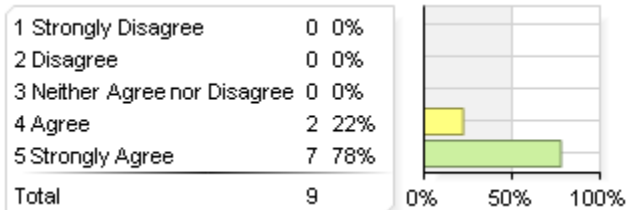
11. The instructor treated all students with respect.



12. The instructor graded fairly.



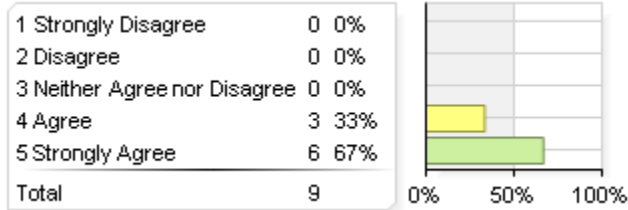
13. The instructor's teaching methods promoted student learning.



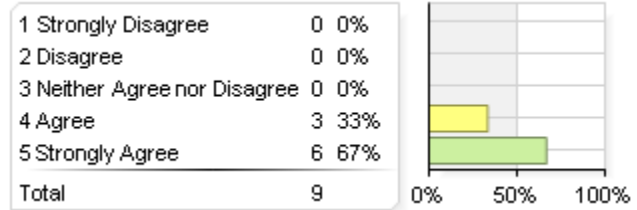
Section 3. Questions About the Course

Please respond to the following questions about the course:

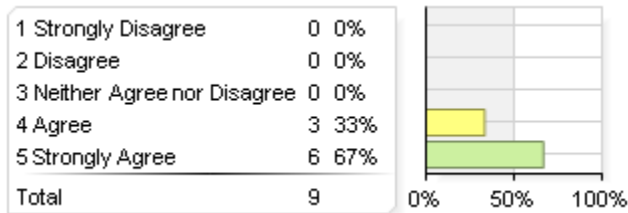
1. The methods of evaluating student learning seemed appropriate.



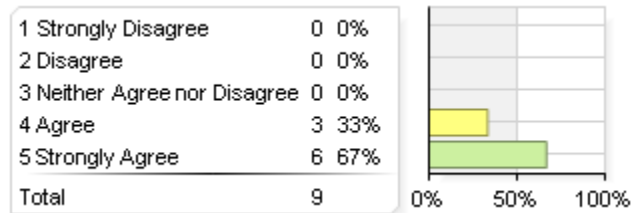
2. The course content was well organized.



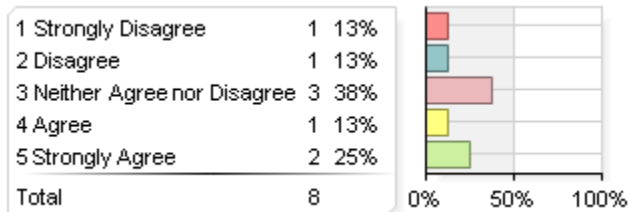
3. The course objectives were clear.



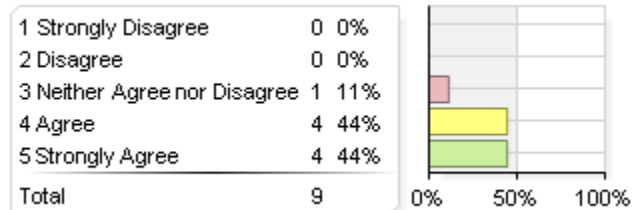
4. The course objectives were met.



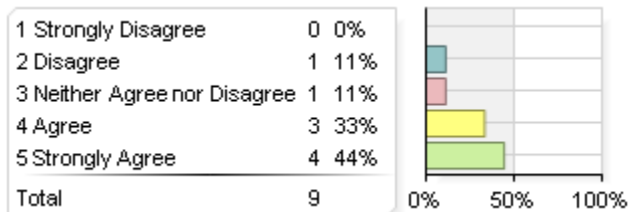
5. The textbook made a valuable contribution.



6. The other course materials made a valuable contribution.



7. The pace of the course seemed appropriate.



Section 4. Student Information

What is your Academic Level?

Options	Count	Percentage
Freshman	0	0%
Sophomore	0	0%
Junior	3	33%
Senior	6	67%
Graduate	0	0%
Other	0	0%

What is your expected grade in this course?

Options	Count	Percentage
A	6	67%
B	3	33%
C	0	0%
D	0	0%
F	0	0%
Pass	0	0%
Fail	0	0%
Other	0	0%

What is your cumulative average (GPA)?

Options	Count	Percentage
3.5 and above	4	44%
3.0-3.4	3	33%
2.5-2.9	2	22%
2.0-2.4	0	0%
< 2.0	0	0%

How many times did you miss this class?

Options	Count	Percentage
0-2	6	67%
3-4	3	33%
5-6	0	0%
> 6	0	0%

Section 4. Student Information (continued)

On average, how many hours a week did you spend outside of class preparing for this course?

Options	Count	Percentage
0	0	0%
1-3	4	44%
4-6	3	33%
7-9	2	22%
10-14	0	0%
15+	0	0%

Which best describes this course for you?

Options	Count	Percentage
Requirement for my major	8	89%
General Education Requirement	0	0%
Other Requirement	1	11%
Elective	0	0%
Elective for my major	0	0%

My desire to take this course was:

Options	Count	Percentage
Much more than most courses	5	56%
More than most courses	2	22%
About the same as most courses	2	22%
Less than most courses	0	0%
Much less than most courses	0	0%

For me, the level of difficulty of the course content was:

Options	Count	Percentage
Much more than most courses	1	11%
More than most courses	4	44%
About the same as most courses	4	44%
Less than most courses	0	0%
Much less than most courses	0	0%

Section 4. Student Information (continued)

Overall, how much do you feel you've learned in this course?

Options	Count	Percentage
Much more than most courses	6	67%
More than most courses	2	22%
About the same as most courses	1	11%
Less than most courses	0	0%
Much less than most courses	0	0%

Section 5. Comments

What was the most positive aspect of the way in which this instructor taught this course?

Comment

Very good at keeping students interested in difficult material. Continually checked to make sure students were understanding and asked if we had questions.

he summarized and post his lecture note online every time.

Was very well organized and presented the material in a clear and concise way.

Rui Sun presented notes to the class clearly and thoroughly went over every aspect of the material. He gave clear, real world examples that demonstrated how the material was useful in the real world. When presenting information he stated clearly if we would see it on an exam. He was always available for help outside of class and it wasn't unlikely to see the entire class in his office the night before an exam. His response to questions was always prompt and he graded exams and other assignments very quickly (sometimes even the same day). Rui Sun made learning a really tough subject much easier and engaged students on a daily basis.

Rui is a great teacher and mentor to many students. He is open and available to everyone before, during, and after class during his office hours. His teaching style is easy to understand but challenging and interesting to listen to. He always asks the right questions at the right times to make sure you are thinking critically during class. Rui makes the material jump off the white board with neatly drawn graphs, charts, and deeply integrated real world examples. An excellent teacher and a great friend.

Rui took a very difficult subject to understand and did his best to teach it. I still found it to move fast and be very difficult but I'm sure others had an easier time. I could tell he really wanted us to learn and would go back over difficult material. Very accessible in terms of office hours, and allowed me to make up a participation grade I missed. Rui is head and shoulders a better instructor than who I had for empirical 1, and I would highly recommend this class (taught by him) to other econ majors.

Rui was one of if the best instructors I've had at the university. He came to class everyday clearly with the desire to teach us the material in a way that is best for us. He clearly thought through and prepared for each class so he can explain, and re-explain any material we had trouble with. He was incredibly forward and direct about the course, there were no surprises, homework was helpful and fair. Review sessions always made me confident for the exam, and I was never worried about the course, and that's because of Rui. Rui was highly approachable and friendly, I believe that everyone in the class respected him and enjoyed there time in his class/ The topics covered in this course are not simple and compared to other teachers and graduate student teachers Rui is the cream of the crop, truly. He made a difficult course very palatable and more importantly learn-able. I can't express enough that I'm glad I had the chance to be in his class.

Rui was a great professor, the material he taught was very difficult and tough to grasp. He put in a lot of effort to making sure his students understood the material and welcomed questions. He was also very timely in grading and helping out students when he was not physically available.

What can this instructor do to improve teaching effectiveness in the classroom?

Comment

in-class quizzes occasionally. Sometimes the material can be difficult to wrap your head around and an occasional checkpoint for understanding through in-class quizzes would keep attendance high and force students to look at the material throughout the week instead of cramming right before the exam

it's already very effective.

N/A

N/A

My favorite part of Rui's lectures is when he makes a mistake, which does not happen often. He will go back, look at what he did and explain why it was incorrect and show the class how to correct it. Often times these are simple errors such as switching two definitions around or a negative sign that is out of place. One thing I will say is I wish Rui would ask more questions to the class and wait for a proper response. His questions are always thought provoking and point

us towards a deeper understanding of the material.

Just a bit slower, I like to take notes and couldn't keep up with long equations sometimes. I understand there's a lot of material, which makes this difficult.

Being honest, there is nothing I can think of. The only caution is to continue to bring the same tone and desire to teach as you have. It's what I as a student value the most in an instructor.

one thing that I would have liked was more real world examples for some of the topics we covered in class. some of the backstory for examples was glanced over a bit too quick for my preference.

I think he could write the material slower and explain it more often. I think that would help student better understand.

Please write any comments you have about the course or course materials.

Comment

It is a very hard course, but I'm glad I've done well.

Enjoyed using STATA for the homework.

It would help if some class time was spent learning more about STATA

Excellent course, would take again if it would further my understanding of econometrics.

The text book was not very relevant at all (possibly do to having a great instructor for the course). The topics covered are very informative.

tough class, but worth taking

For courses with laboratory and/or discussion sections: were the laboratory/discussion sections helpful to your learning?

Comment

none

N/A

Class was basically like a discussion section, informal and interactive.

N/a

n/a