



University of Connecticut

Student Evaluation of Teaching Spring 2019

Individual Report for ECON-3313-001-STORR-Elem Econ Forecasting

Instructor: Rui Sun (SET Primary Instructor)

Response Table

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Raters	Students
Responded	20
Invited	36
Response Ratio	56%

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

Question	Course		Department (ECON-Course Level 3000-FEIN)		School (CLAS-Course Level 3000-FEIN)		University (Course Level 3000-FEIN)	
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
What is your overall rating of the instructor's teaching?	4.6	5.0	4.1	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.1	4.2

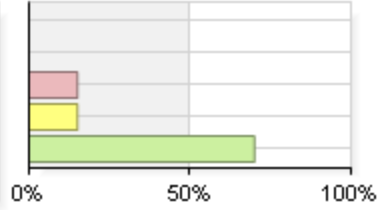
What is your overall rating of the course?

Question	Course		Department (ECON-Course Level 3000-FEIN)		School (CLAS-Course Level 3000-FEIN)		University (Course Level 3000-FEIN)	
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What is your overall rating of the course?	4.3	5.0	3.9	4.1	4.0	4.1	3.9	4.0

Overall Rating

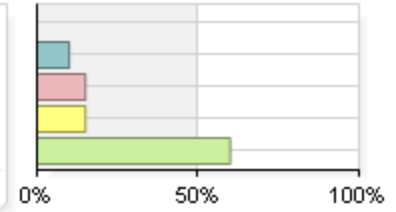
1. What is your overall rating of the instructor's teaching?

1 Poor	0	0%
2 Fair	0	0%
3 Good	3	15%
4 Very Good	3	15%
5 Excellent	14	70%
Total	20	



2. What is your overall rating of the course?

1 Poor	0	0%
2 Fair	2	10%
3 Good	3	15%
4 Very Good	3	15%
5 Excellent	12	60%
Total	20	



Section 1. Summary

Please respond to the following questions about instructor Rui Sun:

Question	Course		Department (ECON-Course Level 3000-FEIN)		School (CLAS-Course Level 3000-FEIN)		University (Course Level 3000-FEIN)	
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
The instructor presented the course material clearly.	4.6	5.0	4.3	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.3	4.5
The instructor was well prepared for class.	4.9	5.0	4.5	4.8	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.7
The instructor responded to questions adequately.	4.8	5.0	4.5	4.8	4.5	4.7	4.4	4.6
The instructor stimulated interest in the subject.	4.7	5.0	4.4	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.4	4.6
The instructor showed interest in helping students learn.	4.9	5.0	4.6	4.9	4.6	4.8	4.5	4.7
The instructor gave clear assignments.	4.6	5.0	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.6	4.3	4.5
The instructor was accessible to students.	4.9	5.0	4.7	4.9	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.6
The instructor gave useful feedback on my performance.	4.8	5.0	4.4	4.6	4.3	4.6	4.3	4.5
The instructor returned graded work in a reasonable amount of time.	4.9	5.0	4.6	4.8	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.5
The instructor used class time effectively.	4.9	5.0	4.5	4.8	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.6
The instructor treated all students with respect.	4.9	5.0	4.7	5.0	4.7	4.8	4.6	4.8
The instructor graded fairly.	4.9	5.0	4.6	4.9	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.7
The instructor's teaching methods promoted student learning.	4.9	5.0	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.3	4.5

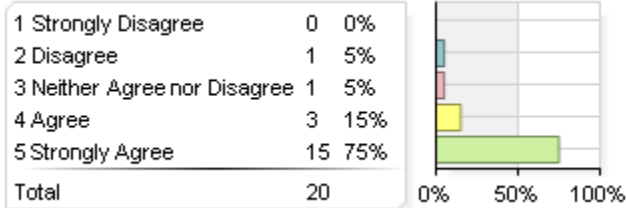
Please respond to the following questions about the course:

Question	Course		Department (ECON-Course Level 3000-FEIN)		School (CLAS-Course Level 3000-FEIN)		University (Course Level 3000-FEIN)	
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
The methods of evaluating student learning seemed appropriate.	4.7	5.0	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.5
The course content was well organized.	4.6	5.0	4.3	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.3	4.5
The course objectives were clear.	4.5	5.0	4.3	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.5
The course objectives were met.	4.7	5.0	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.5
The course materials made a valuable contribution.	4.6	5.0	4.2	4.6	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.5
The pace of the course seemed appropriate.	4.6	5.0	4.3	4.6	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.5

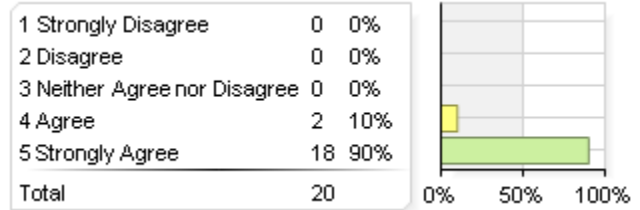
Section 2. Questions About the Instructor

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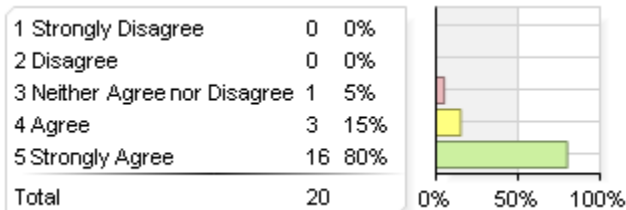
1. The instructor presented the course material clearly.



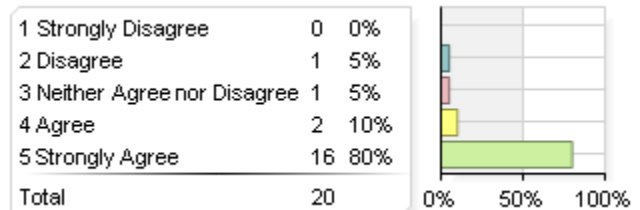
2. The instructor was well prepared for class.



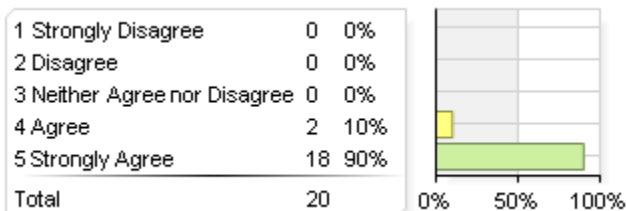
3. The instructor responded to questions adequately.



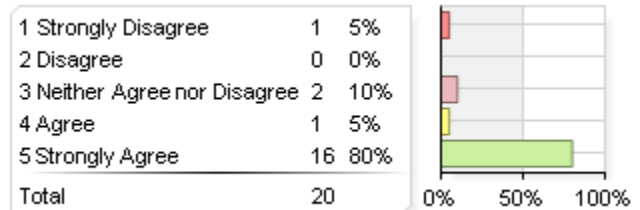
4. The instructor stimulated interest in the subject.



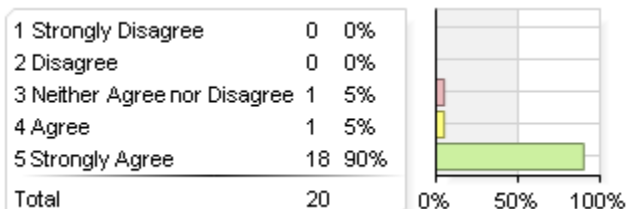
5. The instructor showed interest in helping students learn.



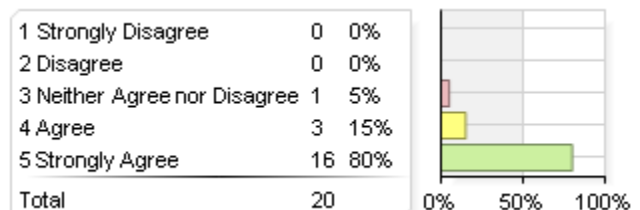
6. The instructor gave clear assignments.



7. The instructor was accessible to students.

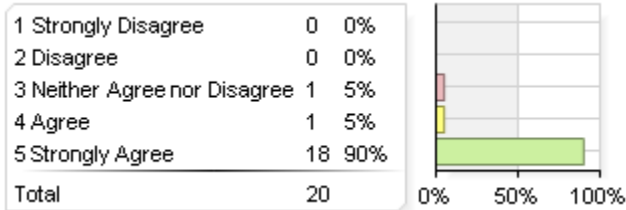


8. The instructor gave useful feedback on my performance.

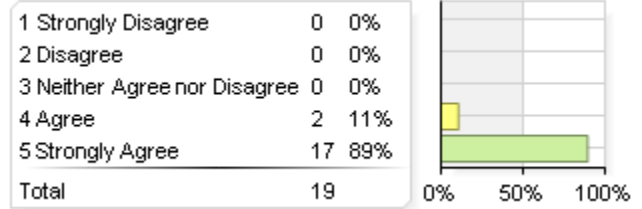


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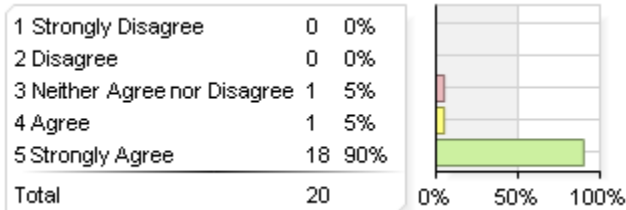
9. The instructor returned graded work in a reasonable amount of time.



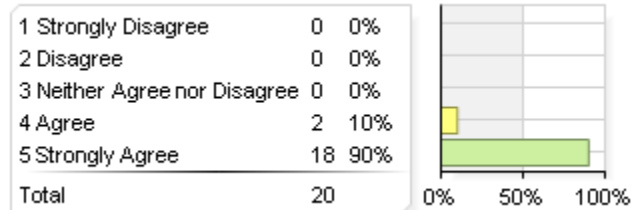
10. The instructor used class time effectively.



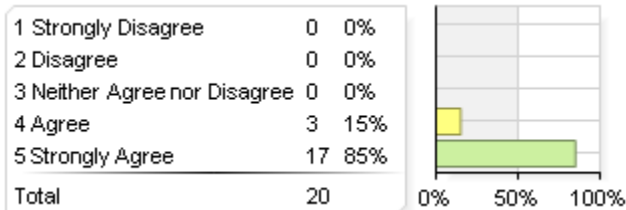
11. The instructor treated all students with respect.



12. The instructor graded fairly.



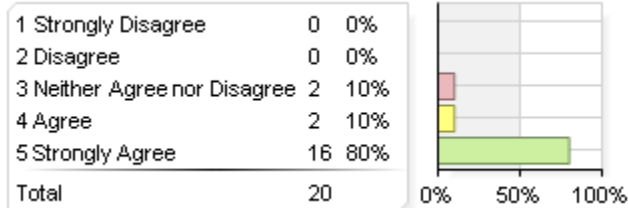
13. The instructor's teaching methods promoted student learning.



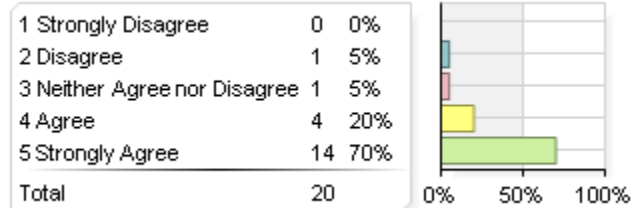
Section 3. Questions About the Course

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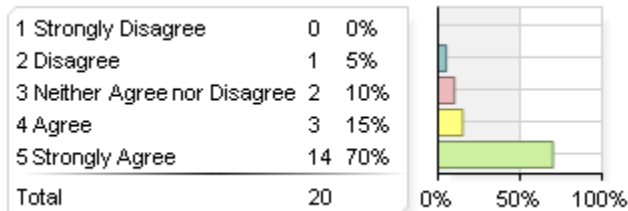
1. The methods of evaluating student learning seemed appropriate.



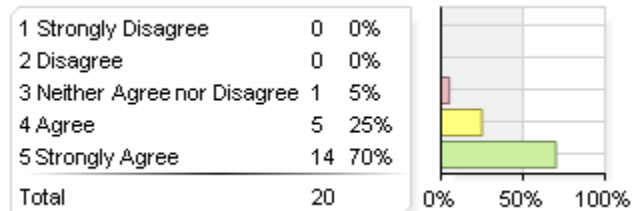
2. The course content was well organized.



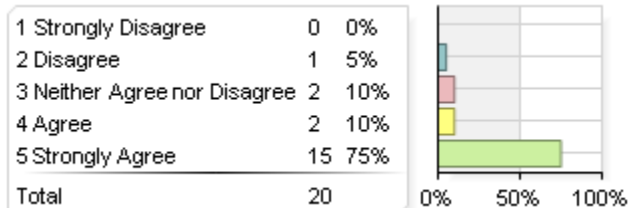
3. The course objectives were clear.



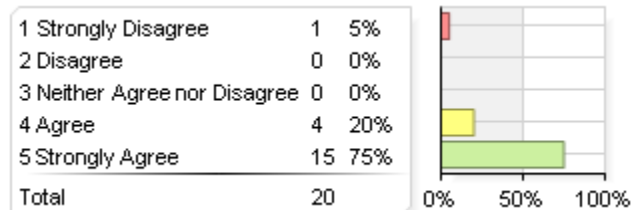
4. The course objectives were met.



5. The course materials made a valuable contribution.



6. 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	6	30%
Senior	14	70%
Graduate	0	0%
Other	0	0%

What is your expected grade in this course?

Options	Count	Percentage
A	13	65%
B	5	25%
C	1	5%
D	1	5%
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	7	35%
3.0-3.4	9	45%
2.5-2.9	4	20%
2.0-2.4	0	0%
< 2.0	0	0%

How many times did you miss this class?

Options	Count	Percentage
0-2	11	58%
3-4	6	32%
5-6	2	11%
> 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	1	5%
1-3	9	45%
4-6	8	40%
7-9	2	10%
10-14	0	0%
15+	0	0%

Which best describes this course for you?

Options	Count	Percentage
Requirement for my major	12	60%
General Education Requirement	0	0%
Other Requirement	0	0%
Elective	1	5%
Elective for my major	7	35%

My desire to take this course was:

Options	Count	Percentage
Much more than most courses	9	45%
More than most courses	6	30%
About the same as most courses	4	20%
Less than most courses	1	5%
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	6	30%
More than most courses	7	35%
About the same as most courses	7	35%
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	30%
More than most courses	10	50%
About the same as most courses	1	5%
Less than most courses	3	15%
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
The class notes and office hours
RUI IS THE MAN!!!! He goes out of his way to make sure he is available to all his students and helps out so much! I've never had a professor go out of his way so much to help all of us out. Whether it was holding additional office hours, curving exams due to a difficult question, responding to emails IMMEDIATELY, helping with homework, etc, he was SO GREAT!!!
Grading that wanted to you to succeed and learn. Concise notes that were available online via HuskyCT.
If every grad student taught at the level Rui Sun taught, I would look forward to those classes. He is among the best graduate instructors I have ever had at UConn. He cares about the success of his students. He is competent, professional, and clear. I would regret the days I skipped class. He will make a fantastic professor.
When working with them 1 on 1 they were able to explain and help me understand any issues I had very clearly no matter how long it took.
accessibility to students, he was very eager to help students with any questions that they may have
Posting complete lecture notes online helped. Also, instructor seemed to genuinely care about his students.
Introduced the material in a very clear and concise way.
Writing all the material down on the board so as to be able to make sure everyone got the notes and Rui could fully explain every concept.
How much he clearly cares about the students learning. Rui is incredibly passionate and dedicated to being a adept instructor and guide to everyone in class. He's incredibly friendly and approachable because of that, and very fair to everyone.
Loved this class, though it was a little challenging, Rui made it interesting and engaging.
By going over each aspect in as much detail as time allowed
Presented course material in an extremely clear and concise manner, gave adequate time for assignments, and showed a constant interest in helping students learn
Wrote everything down on the board, and uploaded everything online after. Really excited to teach the material and knows his stuff. Office hours were really helpful, fair grader.

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

Comment
Less use of R
N/A
NOTHING
More in-class R-example. I felt the R-stuff was really glossed over and needed more work in class. The homeworks were not really hard but were just confusing to someone new to R. If we got familiar in class or had some decent videos that could be accessible via HuskyCT, that would be great for getting used to the basics. I think more of those quizzes were do problems in class would help make it easier to understand the material and be used as a guide for the homework material.
Maybe more R work? I really enjoyed working through those homework problem sets.
Simplifying the notes on different operations as to remove any "clutter" from what is necessary
Slow down with the math in class. Sometimes instructor delivers fast instructions on board and it is hard to write down keeping up with him WHILE listening to new material. I like to listen to the lecture but I feel i find myself copying notes more often.

Use more examples during class that would be seen on exams.

Ask more questions of the class, out loud, in person. Try to actively engage those students who seem to be struggling or don't seem to have an interest in the subject

Outlining the important concepts before diving into very intricate parts of it

Be more interactive, lectures were loooonnnng and straight from the book.

instead of writing everything on the board, use powerpoint because it saves time

I really wish we would've spent more time with R

I honestly cannot think of anything that needs improving.

as a student that did not take the recommended course before this one, i got lost immediately and am still lost so if you could go over stuff from the recommended course or some sort of background review before the real material i think that would do a lot of good for students.

should have more applied work. I dont know how to apply anything i learned in this class or how anyone would use the material in real life.

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

Comment
It was really helpful
NA
Would definitely benefit from some online aid like videos or practice examples for the R stuff.
Extremely interesting and relevant to my career
Rui needs to be hired by UCONN. His work ethic is amazing. We received both midterm grades the same day that we took it. He grades extremely timely. In addition, he is always open in his graduate office to ask questions. The coolest thing for me about Rui is his availability 24/7. I emailed him on a Friday night because I had a problem with a code in my R homework. Rui responded within 15 minutes. In addition, on spring break he answered back to me within an hour while I was trying to debug my homework. Rui is the kind of guy that you want in the University of Connecticut community....hardworking, respectful, caring, and brilliant.
Loved the class!
I wish it had been more challenging in terms of proofs and derivations, it should be a requirement to have taken econometrics 1 and 2 before taking this class.
R should be the center piece of the course, even more so then it is
Would definitely take another course with you if I was given the chance!
Excellent course, spoke about it extensively in interviews.
R studio seems like a good program to use so i think we should have used it more

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

Comment
N/A
NA
n/a
Rui actually did extra lab time, out of class, to help us out. I respect Rui he was always trying to help our learning.
NA
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