

Project Title: College Course Evaluation - Spring 2020

Number Enrolled: **12** Number of Responses: **9**

Report Comments

Opinions expressed in these evaluations are those of students enrolled in the specif course and do not represent the University.



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What aspects of the TA's teaching contributed most to your learning?

Comments Very timely grading

Very prompt grading and thorough feedback.

Francesco is an incredible TA. He taught extra concepts very clearly during discussion sections. His office hours were extremely helpful. Also, he returned our problem sets and exams on the day they were due almost without fail.

Francesco's TA sessions and homework feedback were great. His lectures notes were very thorough and explained things very well.

Honestly the GOAT TA. He made the class what it was by constantly working so hard and being so prepared. Discussion sections were always useful, assignments were returned promptly with detailed feedback, always quick to respond to messages or e-mails. He was also lowkey a really good teacher. I ended up interacting with Francesco more than with Peter, especially given that lectures were recorded.

It should be noted, however, that all of these traits were probably amplified by our small class size.

All aspects.

In my two years in the College, Francesco has been by leaps and bounds the best TA that I have had, and I know this is a common opinion in the class. All aspects of his performance as a TA were exmplary: 1) TA Sessions: exceptionally simple and effective explanations, with openness and great responses to questions; 2) TA Session Notes: exceptional 10–20 page LaTeXed notes on each TA session topic; 3) Office Hours: always available and willing to help, and very respectful and patient when students are struggling to understand; 4) Grading: exceptional grading, both fast (every assignment and exam was returned within 24 hours after it was due), fair, and with detailed comments on every question, the student's specific mistake, and the reason why point were cut off; 5) General Professionalism and Enthusiasm: always attended every lecture in the course, although he is in no way obliged to do so; always enthusiastic about the subject matter, and did extra work for a TA Session as a tribute to Italian economist Alberto Alesina, who passed always during the quarter. Overall, Francesco's performance went above and beyond what was expected of him, and he immensely helped the students succeed in the course.

AWESOME comments and grading; super helpful so good :))))

Francesco is probably the best TA I've had. His notes were great, the discussions seemed like an extra lecture and they were very helpful in settling the concepts we'd learned. Explains things very clearly, gives thorough feedback and always returns assignments either on the same day or in the next one. His feedback also does not make you feel bad about the work (even if you screw it up) – it is always uplifting. One thing that struck me was him grading each midterm twice in order not to have double standards in grading, as this is easy to do when grading psets. I would gladly take a class from him.

What could the TA modify to help you learn more?

Comments

TA all my other classes please

Nothing, he's perfect

I have absolutely no criticism for Francesco. He was always extremely knowledgeable, precise, available and willing to help.

Honestly, a group of more than five students in the class was considering nominating him for some sort of teaching award (although sadly we are not aware of any awards for TAs in undergraduate economics classes), which says a lot about how much he has helped us.

Nothing. He's awesome.

N/A

Nothing.

Additional feedback to the TA/CA/Intern:

Comments

Having Francesco as a TA is probably enough reason to take a class in of itself.

No actually, Francesco is probably the best TA I've had at uChicago, certainly he is by far the best I've had in the Economics Department. I know he will make an excellent professor one day.

Francesco is the best TA I've ever had.

For the sake of the students and the future of the economics department at UChicago, once Francesco gets his PhD, before some other economics department poaches him, ***please give this man a job at this school***! I am certain he will be an amazing professor that he will keep true to the tradition of economics at this school and will make future generations of UChicago students passionate about economics.

So good, very strong TA we all loved him