THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

ECON 21030 1 - Econometrics - Honors - Instructor(s) Alex Torgovitsky

Project Title: **College Course Evaluation - Winter 2021**

Number Enrolled: **20**
Number of Responses: **11**

Report Comments

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TA/CA/Intern Questions

Please include the name of the TA/CA/Intern you are evaluating. What aspects of the TA's teaching contributed most to your learning? What could the TA modify to help you learn more? Please include any additional feedback for the TA/CA/Intern.

Comments
Francesco Ruggieri. among the best TAs in any undergraduate econ class. Francesco leads extraordinarily productive and interesting discussion sections, provides incredibly fast and detailed feedback on assignments, and always strives to be helpful and fair.
Francesco – very good with feedback, caring TA, knows everything in this course and is very able to help students! Love Francesco :)
Francesco Ruggieri
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Francesco Ruggieri was the best TA I have ever had. He spent time exploring the nuances of the week's material, as well as alternative approaches and extensions. His patience with us mere mortals was extraordinary.
Francesco Ruggieri. Best TA I've ever had, as I previously said. Never change Francesco, hope you teach your own class some day I'd love to take it
Francesco He is my role model. He gave immediate feedback on all the assignments and questions. Cannot be better.
Francesco is hands down the best TA I've ever had. He is very knowledgable and patient. His discussion sections complemented the lectures well. He graded everything extremely quickly yet still gave detailed and helpful comments.
Francesco Ruggieri was the TA for this class. He is the best TA I've had in this school, and this is the second time I have had him. His TA notes are great, his discussion sections are great, and his feedback on homeworks or exams is very detailed and timely (24–48hr turnaround). I only have two minor complaints: 1. regarding office hours – 90% of the time he is a good listener, but there are times when, in a rush to get to everyone's questions, he dismisses students' questions instead of listening to them. I advise him to be a bit more patient and try to help the student see why the student's reasoning is wrong instead of pushing the student towards the correct answer or showing them why the correct answer is correct. As a student, it is often more helpful to see why your approach is wrong before you try to understand the correct answer (otherwise the student's mind often lingers on its egoistic question `why was I wrong???' and refuses to listen). 2. Regarding his sensitivity to similar answers on problem sets. It is great that he actually reads them and scans for possible cheating. But if people who simply discussed a question collaboratively and ended up making the same mistake are accused of cheating (did not happen to me, but another person in this class), you start being scared to even reasonably collaborate. This is not good in a class of this difficulty level.
Francesco was amazing; very responsive on email, feedback on work was very extensive, very willing to help out. Discussions were sometimes a little too much information so I wasn't able to absorb as much of it as I should have
Francesco Ruggieri. Our TA was amazing in providing awesome lecture notes, getting assignments back on time, and explaining the core concepts.