



ECON 13310 1 - Introduction to Macroeconomic Analysis: A Data Driven Approach - Instructor(s): Oscar Galvez-Soriano

Project Title: **College Course Feedback - Winter 2024**

Number Enrolled: **25**

Number of Responses: **11**

Report Comments

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

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What are the most important things that you learned in this course? Please reflect on the knowledge and skills you gained.

Comments
basically principles of macroeconomics + mathematical concepts
This course introduced me to the mathematics and analysis involved with macroeconomics and built upon my understanding of theory
Learned basic Macroeconomic Models, both theoretically and by working with data
The Solow model
The Solow Model, macroeconomic trends and working with FRED data
I loved working with data in this class
Macroeconomic analysis
I learnt how to apply Solow model to the real-world data, use different macroeconomic models to recommend fiscal and monetary policies and forecast macroeconomic variables.
Cobb–Douglas model, Solow model, Golden Rule, and gaining experience working with real data.
Macroeconomic models for important topics such as economic growth and consumption. Honestly stuff any bizcon major should learn

Describe how aspects of this course (lectures, discussions, labs, assignments, etc.) contributed to your learning.

Comments
very information lectures and very helpful prof
Have to attend lectures to understand information on slides.
Lectures were extremely helpful, and the office hours with the professor were incredible
Lectures were great. Professor Soriano is very engaging and is willing to adjust his pace to the class. He is also always willing to meet you outside of class, which is very helpful.
psets were very helpful in applying class work, I liked how we had to attend classes to understand the content because it helped build a relationship with the professor, highly recommend going to every class because slides are not very good
Lectures were very insightful.
Lectures and office hours helped the most!
Homeworks and lectures as well as readings that I did outside of class contributed the most to my learnings.
Lectures were necessary (in my opinion) to learn the material since he posts the slides, but the slides are sometimes pretty sparse. The psets were a chance for us to apply what we had learned and to work with real data. Discussion sessions were helpful, especially if you had any questions on the psets or the lectures.
the lectures were most helpful, professor soriano did a great job making sure everyone understood and being accomodating of different levels of previous background experience while staying true to the material and his appraoch of teaching it in a manner that would be relevant to the workplace

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.82	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	81.82%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	10.00%	0.00%	10.00%	80.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	18.18%	72.73%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.55	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	27.27%	63.64%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.55	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	45.45%	54.55%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	36.36%	63.64%
I felt respected in this class.	4.82	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	81.82%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.55	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	27.27%	63.64%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Difficulty was high in the beginning, but the professor adjusted difficulty and grading to make it more manageable for students.
10/10 course work, my only complaint would be that I think the TA could have provided more feedback on graded work
I loved this class. Professor Soriano is one of the most passionate and engaging professors I have had at this university. At the beginning of the quarter many students were struggling with the content, and instead of a sink-or-swim mentality, Professor Soriano adjusted the speed / grading of the course to meet students where they were at. This stood out to me, as I feel like not many professors are willing to do this. As a business-econ major, I found this class particularly cool in that it gave me a more traditional econ background than I typically get in the ultra-practical business-econ courses. Could not recommend this course (and Prof. Soriano) enough.
Professor Galvez is such a nice guy. He is one of the best professors I have had at this school and really really takes the time to understand where we are confused and helps to the best of this ability. I loved this class; I learned so much and so many complex topics but professor really made sure we understood it
It gets better after the first two weeks, the first two weeks were a bit overwhelming though, this might just be a product of it being a brand new class

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	9.09%	90.91%
Anyone interested in the topic	18.18%	81.82%

Thinking about your time in the class, what aspect of the instructor's teaching contributed most to your learning?

Comments
prof is very nice and understanding in and out of class and can obviously tell he cares about his students. please participate in his class!!!
Professor's office hours were the most helpful to understanding course materials and he was very available to discuss questions.
Lectures and office hours
Professor Soriano was very receptive to questions. His passion for the topic was evident and in turn made the course more engaging.
Lectures; professor is very good at explaining concepts and extremely easy to ask questions; I cant emphasize how great of a teacher he is
The instructor was fun in his lectures, so through those, I learned the most.
Well-prepared slides
Professor Galvez-Soriano explained the concepts clearly and he has been eager to help outside of class.
The professor clearly cares about our learning, adjusting the syllabus and class material to ensure that everyone in the class can follow. He often encouraged questions and even paused his lesson plan and dedicated the session to answering questions and clarifying concepts after he realized the class was struggling.
The lectures, his office hous availability

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
not much that could be thought of, perhaps save time somehow and add more material to the course
potentially more review material aside from my own class notes, but I also understand this is a new course so this may have been difficultly
Maybe put more information on the slides for studying outside of class? Other than that, I really loved everything about the way Professor Soriano taught the course.
1. reduce working with letters and more numbers. Given that this is a data-driven class, I felt like a lot of the topics we discussed were theoretical and then it stopped there. I really think we could grasp these topics better if there were examples of countries that follow the trends; even if these topics are theoretical, I would have liked to see some of the alphas and betas change into numbers so we can mathematically understand because topics like the Golden Ratio really dont make sense unless there are actual examples
2. I like the weighting of the class after the change was made, i would keep it fore future classes
3. TA sessions seemed pretty pointless, I would rather have open office hours and exam review sessions than weekly TA sessions that are not very helpful
3. I would like the work with data more in the PSETs; at least 1 data question per pset given that is the name of the class. I really enjoyed writing the final paper and applying all of the concepts we learned but want to see easier questions of the same manner in the psets
I think more examples in class might be helpful.
It would be great if professor could improve lecture slides and include there not only the graphs but also their interpretations. It seems like it would be very helpful for exam preparation.
I would have liked to work a little more with data in class, but everything else was good!

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.45	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	54.55%	45.45%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.55	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	27.27%	63.64%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	9.09%	63.64%	9.09%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	27.27%	63.64%	9.09%
Challenged you to learn.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	18.18%	72.73%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.55	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	27.27%	63.64%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.55	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	27.27%	63.64%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.73	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	27.27%	72.73%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	36.36%	63.64%	0.00%

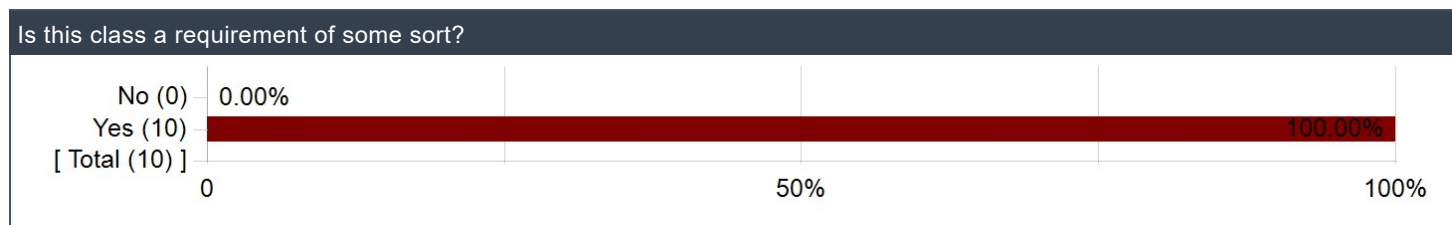
Please include the name of the TA/CA/Intern you are evaluating. What aspects of the TA's teaching contributed most to your learning? What could the TA modify to help you learn more? Please include any additional feedback for the TA/CA/Intern.

Comments
Sania Zeb
Sania Zeb, pretty brutal and discouraging after the midterm, I think if we consistently not understanding topics that means there is a learning gap, it is not our fault
Sania was very helpful outside of class and always responded to my emails and provided detailed answers to my questions.
Sania was helpful in guiding us and answering questions we had on the pssets/final project/exam. I think the feedback could be a little more specific/detailed.
Sania Zeb

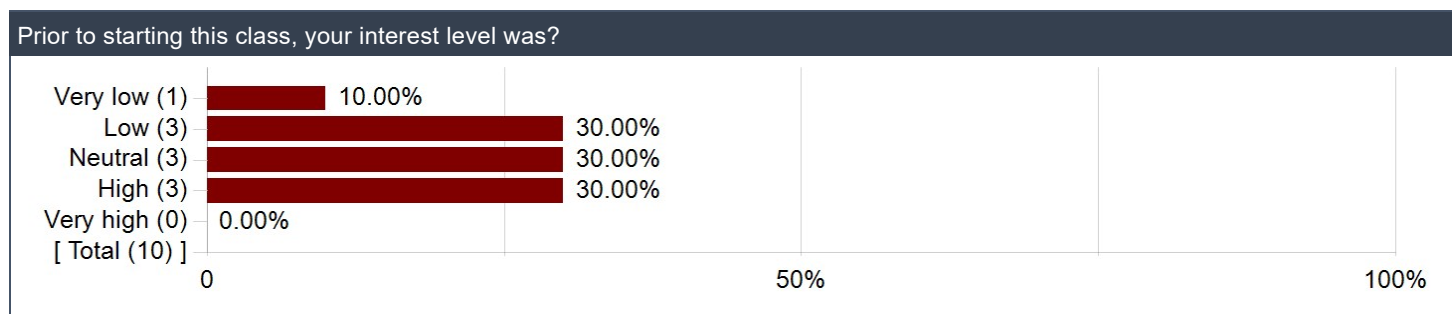
The TA/CA or Intern. . .

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Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	3.86	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	28.57%	28.57%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	3.43	3.00	0.00%	28.57%	28.57%	14.29%	28.57%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	3.71	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	57.14%	14.29%	28.57%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	42.86%	28.57%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	42.86%	28.57%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.29	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	42.86%	42.86%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	3.86	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	28.57%	28.57%	0.00%

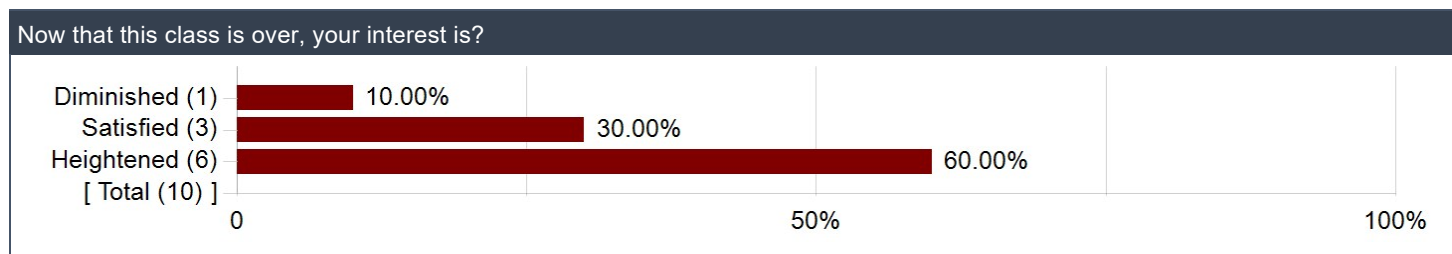
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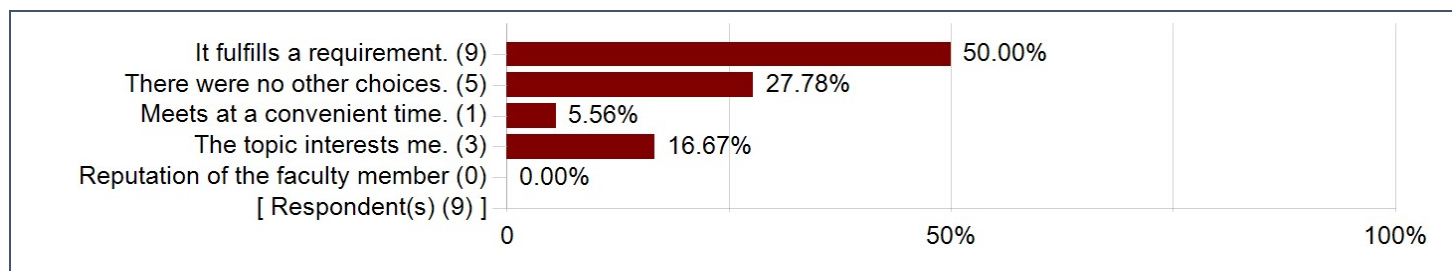
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



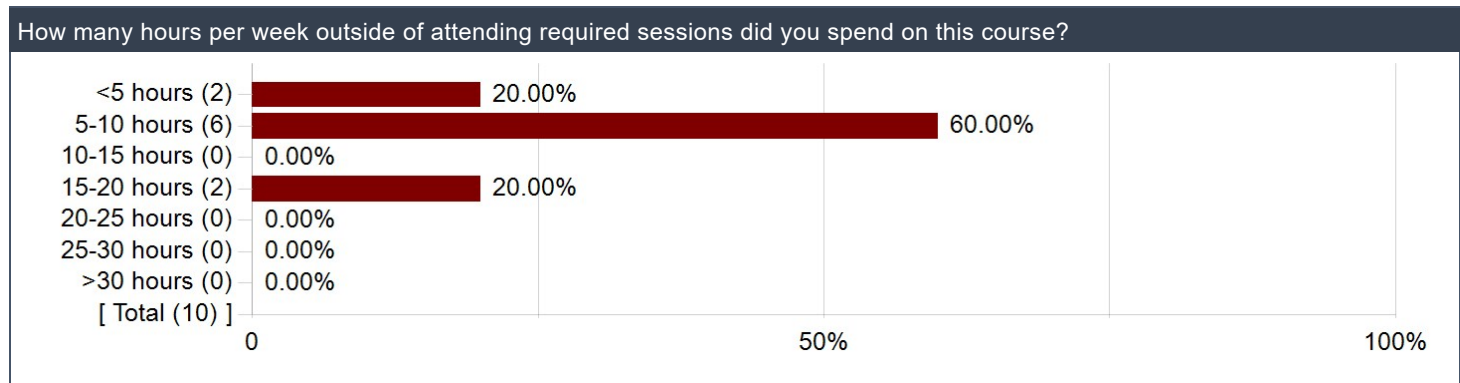
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



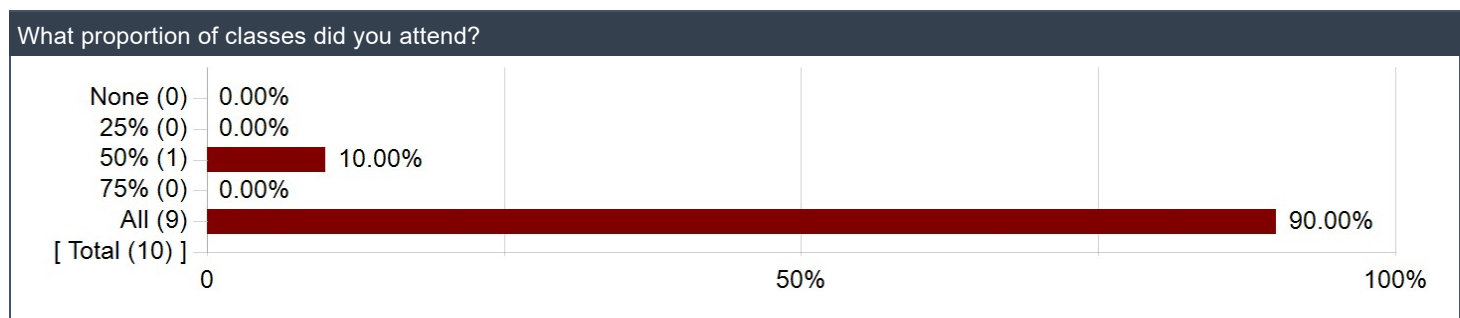
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



How many hours per week outside of attending required sessions did you spend on this course?



What proportion of classes did you attend?



Please comment on the level of difficulty of the course relative to your background and experience.

Comments
very difficult
very challenging but doable with the instruction given
Professor Soriano does a great job in bringing the course to your level.
Was nervous to take his class at first given lack of metrics background, but dont worry at all
Very manageable.
It wasn't too bad, especially after the adjustments, but I have taken the Econ 200s series
manageable after the first two weeks