

Selected Student Comments from Introduction to Econometrics (ECON 418-518)

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SCS Response Statistics: 16 of 24 (66.67%) students responded

Term	Class	Instructor	Delivery
Fall 2024	0013 ECON 418/518 001 ECON-418-001-47908-LEC ECON-518-001-41080-LEC	Brasic, Will	In Person

1) I was treated with respect in this course.

Response Text	Response Value	Frequency	Response Percent
strongly agree	5	15	93.75%
agree	4	1	6.25%
uncertain	3	0	0.00%
disagree	2	0	0.00%
strongly disagree	1	0	0.00%
No Response	0	0	0.00%

2) In this course, I was encouraged to participate through class activities, projects, and/or assignments.

Response Text	Response Value	Frequency	Response Percent
strongly agree	5	12	75.00%
agree	4	4	25.00%
uncertain	3	0	0.00%
disagree	2	0	0.00%
strongly disagree	1	0	0.00%
No Response	0	0	0.00%

3) This course expanded my knowledge and skills in this subject matter.

Response Text	Response Value	Frequency	Response Percent
strongly agree	5	14	87.50%
agree	4	2	12.50%
uncertain	3	0	0.00%
disagree	2	0	0.00%
strongly disagree	1	0	0.00%
No Response	0	0	0.00%



4) I was encouraged to analyze and/or apply the concepts and skills taught in this course.

Response Text	Response Value	Frequency	Response Percent
strongly agree	5	13	81.25%
agree	4	3	18.75%
uncertain	3	0	0.00%
disagree	2	0	0.00%
strongly disagree	1	0	0.00%
No Response	0	0	0.00%

5) The learning goals for this course were clear to me.

Response Text	Response Value	Frequency	Response Percent
strongly agree	5	12	75.00%
agree	4	4	25.00%
uncertain	3	0	0.00%
disagree	2	0	0.00%
strongly disagree	1	0	0.00%
No Response	0	0	0.00%

6) This course helped me to connect the concepts and skills we learned to the world around me.

Response Text	Response Value	Frequency	Response Percent
strongly agree	5	10	62.50%
agree	4	6	37.50%
uncertain	3	0	0.00%
disagree	2	0	0.00%
strongly disagree	1	0	0.00%
No Response	0	0	0.00%

7) I feel I learned the subject matter well enough to help another student in this course.

Response Text	Response Value	Frequency	Response Percent
strongly agree	5	8	50.00%
agree	4	5	31.25%
uncertain	3	3	18.75%
disagree	2	0	0.00%
strongly disagree	1	0	0.00%
No Response	0	0	0.00%



8) The course presentations, materials, procedures, and deadlines were clearly organized.

Response Text	Response Value	Frequency	Response Percent
strongly agree	5	10	62.50%
agree	4	6	37.50%
uncertain	3	0	0.00%
disagree	2	0	0.00%
strongly disagree	1	0	0.00%
No Response	0	0	0.00%

9) I regularly/frequently had the opportunity to ask questions about concepts and skills in this course.

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strongly agree	5	14	87.50%
agree	4	2	12.50%
uncertain	3	0	0.00%
disagree	2	0	0.00%
strongly disagree	1	0	0.00%
No Response	0	0	0.00%

10) I received feedback on my course work/assignments throughout the semester.

Response Text	Response Value	Frequency	Response Percent
strongly agree	5	11	68.75%
agree	4	5	31.25%
uncertain	3	0	0.00%
disagree	2	0	0.00%
strongly disagree	1	0	0.00%
No Response	0	0	0.00%

11) I received feedback on course work/assignments that helped me learn.

Response Text	Response Value	Frequency	Response Percent
strongly agree	5	13	81.25%
agree	4	3	18.75%
uncertain	3	0	0.00%
disagree	2	0	0.00%
strongly disagree	1	0	0.00%
No Response	0	0	0.00%



12) The course material and activities (D2L site, assigned readings, presentations, etc.) helped me learn in this course.

Response Text	Response Value	Frequency	Response Percent
strongly agree	5	9	56.25%
agree	4	7	43.75%
uncertain	3	0	0.00%
disagree	2	0	0.00%
strongly disagree	1	0	0.00%
No Response	0	0	0.00%



13) What did you especially like about this course?

Response Text	Frequency	Response Percent
He was a very nice grader and truly tried to get you to understand the content	1	6.25%
I have never had an instructor grade as quickly or have as much availability to assist students outside of class. Will replied via Slack incredibly fast and always addressed concerns/questions in-class, via D2L announcements, and slack. All the materials were super well organized, and the syllabus and class schedule was actually true to the class. Deadlines and expectations were very clear.	1	6.25%
I like the MindTap system, it is very easy to use.	1	6.25%
I liked how there were so many practical aspects to this course. It is definitely something I brag about to recruiters.	1	6.25%
I liked the difficulty of the class. This was the hardest class I have taken, but the most interesting and relevant to the industry in which I want to pursue a career. The professor was also very understanding and flexible and helped us learn the content in the best way possible.	1	6.25%
I really enjoyed how much practice and engagement with the material I was given in the course. I was acclimatized to course content and a lot of the learning.	1	6.25%
I thought that it was a very challenging course that is very applicable to the real world and that was appreciated.	1	6.25%
interesting subjects	1	6.25%
Learn to use R to make models	1	6.25%
N/A	1	6.25%
the opportunity to learn a hard skill	1	6.25%
The professor had a very helpful nature and kind attitude that helped foster a fantastic learning environment.	1	6.25%
The professor wasn't afraid to dive deeper into the math which was very beneficial	1	6.25%
The slack was a great resource, even if I didn't need to use it much it was great to have it there as a resource & see the questions others had	1	6.25%
The structure of the mindtap assignments	1	6.25%
Will Brasic was a good teacher. He was willing to adapt and change parts of the course as it was happening, such as changing the format of the final exam.	1	6.25%
No Response	0	0.00%



14) What suggestions would you make to improve this course?

Response Text	Frequency	Response Percent
At times lectures were a bit hard to follow/understand - I didn't feel that the textbook slides were the best. The oneNote folder helped a lot with this though.	1	6.25%
Don't do mindtap assignments in the same week as tests or written homework assignments.	1	6.25%
I think a different textbook would be beneficial due to the differences in notation and some of the odd choices made by the Wooldridge textbook. Furthermore, I think more question anticipation would be beneficial for getting the class to engage with the course.	1	6.25%
I think the courseware could be more concise.	1	6.25%
I think there can be more teaching and exercise on R code	1	6.25%
I would make it more project with more hands on coding.	1	6.25%
I would say to spread the homework assignments (not the mindtap) because there was a little more than a month between HW1 and HW2 but for HW2 and HW3 there's only one week, and the content is more difficult.	1	6.25%
It was kind of taught as if we already knew everything, which made it hard to start out. it would've been nicer to ease into things.	1	6.25%
More in class examples of what is on the homework	1	6.25%
More in-class R help	1	6.25%
n/a	3	18.75%
na	1	6.25%
No Mindtap	1	6.25%
Perhaps making it a little bit harder. The grade felt that it relied heavily and not always how well you understood the material, which should hold a little bit more value in my opinion.	1	6.25%
No Response	0	0.00%

15) Please write any additional comments you may have below.

Response Text	Frequency	Response Percent
Brasic has a lot of promise to become a very strong lecturer and already demonstrates his potential as an academic and professional.	1	6.25%
Good job	1	6.25%
Great instructor that genuinely knows and cares about the material and his students.	1	6.25%
I really liked the course	1	6.25%
I started this course in tears but it ended up becoming one of my favorite classes! It wouldn't have been possible with the professor's support.	1	6.25%
n/a	3	18.75%
NA	2	12.50%
No	1	6.25%
No additional comments	1	6.25%
Really enjoyed the class & feel that it gave me some valuable skills.	1	6.25%
Thank you for having this great course!	1	6.25%



15) Please write any additional comments you may have below (continued).

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Will is a competent and professional instructor. The course was challenging but rewarding.	1	6.25%
Will was a great professor. Appreciated his lectures.	1	6.25%
No Response	0	0.00%