



Instructor Report

16 students responded out of the total enrolled 32

Instructor: Hershbein,Brad Jeffrey
ECON 401 005

	Responses from your Students**						Other Users of This Item*			School/College			
	5 SA	4 A	3 N	2 D	1 SD	NA	Your Median	75% Above	50% Above	25% Above	75% Above	50% Above	25% Above
1 Overall, this was an excellent course.	6	6	4	0	0	0	4.17	3.75	4.13	4.50	3.83	4.19	4.50
2 Overall, the instructor was an excellent teacher.	15	0	1	0	0	0	4.97	4.00	4.50	4.79	4.13	4.55	4.77
3 I learned a great deal from this course.	6	8	2	0	0	0	4.25	3.88	4.20	4.59	3.96	4.25	4.58
4 I had a strong desire to take this course.	3	7	5	1	0	0	3.79	3.43	4.00	4.44	3.80	4.14	4.43
120 I learned a good deal of factual material in this course.	7	6	3	0	0	0	4.33	3.94	4.19	4.56			
121 I gained a good understanding of concepts/principles in this field.	5	10	1	0	0	0	4.20	3.90	4.13	4.43			
143 I was stimulated to discuss related topics outside of class.	3	7	5	1	0	0	3.79	3.70	4.05	4.43			
185 The instructor was sensitive to multicultural issues in the classroom.	11	0	1	0	0	4	4.95	4.19	4.45	4.71			
199 The instructor explained material clearly and understandably.	14	1	1	0	0	0	4.93	4.00	4.36	4.72			
200 The instructor handled questions well.	13	2	1	0	0	0	4.88	4.00	4.36	4.70			
206 The instructor seemed to enjoy teaching.	13	2	1	0	0	0	4.88	4.40	4.78	4.92			
209 The instructor was not confused by unexpected questions.	12	3	1	0	0	0	4.83	3.95	4.29	4.59			
210 The instructor was skillful in observing student reactions.	10	4	2	0	0	0	4.70	3.81	4.22	4.63			
215 The instructor maintained an atmosphere of good feeling in class.	12	3	1	0	0	0	4.83	4.25	4.70	4.88			
217 The instructor treated students with respect.	14	1	1	0	0	0	4.93	4.50	4.75	4.88			
219 The instructor was willing to meet and help students outside class.	13	1	2	0	0	0	4.88	4.30	4.64	4.83			
223 Students in this course were free to disagree and ask questions.	7	5	3	1	0	0	4.30	4.25	4.59	4.81			
230 The instructor seemed well prepared for each class.	13	2	1	0	0	0	4.88	4.25	4.63	4.83			
231 The objectives of the course were clearly explained.	2	11	2	0	0	0	4.00	3.97	4.23	4.58			
241 The instructor set high standards for students.	11	3	2	0	0	0	4.77	4.13	4.38	4.69			
327 Reading assignments were interesting and stimulating.	2	5	6	2	0	1	3.42	3.50	3.86	4.19			
330 Reading assignments were relevant to what was presented in class.	2	5	7	1	0	1	3.43	3.94	4.18	4.50			
340 The textbook made a valuable contribution to the course.	2	5	6	2	0	1	3.42	3.38	3.90	4.25			
350 Slides/overhead transparencies were a valuable part of this course.	3	8	2	0	0	3	4.06	3.75	4.07	4.53			
356 Examinations covered the important aspects of the course.	3	10	3	0	0	0	4.00	3.93	4.13	4.39			
360 Exams were reasonable in length and difficulty.	1	2	5	5	3	0	2.50	3.69	4.00	4.30			
364 The test items were adequately explained after a test was given.	4	6	6	0	0	0	3.83	3.56	4.00	4.25			
366 The grading system was clearly explained.	2	10	4	0	0	0	3.90	3.93	4.17	4.44			
370 I attended class regularly.	9	3	4	0	0	0	4.61	4.67	4.82	4.90			
371 I utilized all the learning opportunities provided in this course.	5	7	3	1	0	0	4.07	3.84	4.05	4.33			

* The quartiles are calculated from Fall 2008 data. The university-wide quartiles are based on all UM classes in which an item was used. The school/college quartiles in this report are based on upper division classes with an enrollment of 16 to 74 students in Division of Social Sciences in the College of LS&A.

** SA - Strongly Agree, A - Agree, N - Neutral, D - Disagree, SD - Strongly Disagree, NA - Not Applicable.



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Written Comments

900 Comment on the quality of instruction in this course.

Brad is an excellent GSI: he is clear-minded, patient, and he understands the material very thoroughly. Brad uses his time very efficiently, but he still manage to explain every problem slowly, clearly, and logically. He is also very willing to help students outside the classroom. I enjoy his office hour very much, and often the room for his OH is so packed that people have to stand outside the room. Good job, Brad.



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discussion section was very helpfull in terms of understanding material from the lecture



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The quality of instruction in this course was excellent. The teacher understood the material at an extremely high level and was able explain complicated problems in a clear and understandable way. He also was extremely helpful outside of class, both in office hours and via email (sending us additional information to help us with homeworks/key concepts whenever possible). Overall I could not have asked for a better teacher for this extremely difficult course.



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Office hours were very helpful. Also, Brad Hershbein was always available by e-mail and willing to provide extensive explanations to clarify questions. Would help to quickly review other questions on the homework besides the exercises (no need to work out the solution but maybe just to go over what the questions are asking or require).



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GSI's make the course. The professor does not do a very good job teaching the class or giving the students a chance to gain an understanding. However, discussion is very valuable.



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the discussion was the most important part of the class. everything was explained thoroughly. I enjoyed going to it, however the problem sets every day was a bit much. they took a substantial amount of time and to have one every class was hard to balance with other work. i would suggest one set due on tuesday for the week's material or one a day but not as long. the exercises were great and helped a lot.



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Brad Hershbein was an exceptional GSI- one of the best I have ever had. He was always willing to meet outside of class, he promptly responded to emails, always kept a good attitude and explained concepts as thoroughly as possible in class. I looked forward to his discussion because he gave us great tips and insight that the professor didn't offer in lecture. Brad was easy to talk to and knew each of his students by name which was really cool. I feel like he put much more effort into the course than many of the actual students and he really cared about helping us do well. He is a very intelligent man and an asset to the econ department.



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