



ECON 21020 1 - Econometrics - Instructor(s): Sidharth Sah

Project Title: **College Course Feedback - Autumn 2022**

Number Enrolled: **47**

Number of Responses: **23**

Report Comments

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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
Stats
Linear regression, hypothesis testing
Probability, statistics, linear regression
Linear and multivariable regression
instrumental variables and rest was expansion on stat 234
Regression models, statistics, probability
Causal model, linear regression
OLS estimators, linear regression interpretations
Learned about single and multi linear regression and instrument variables.
SLR, MLR
I learned about unbiased estimators, showing consistency, and limiting distributions. A lot of economic regressions.
Mostly about inferential statistics, linear and multiple regression with different cases and assumptions
Regression
Econometrics – methods to analyze data. Focus on Linear Regression. Include methods like Instrumental Variables, Controls, Multivariate IV, IV with controls, etc. to rule out confounders and show causation.
Apply a linear regression to something
regression, expectation, consistency, unbiased
linear regressions (instrumental variables)

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

Comments
Lectures were not that helpful
lectures, slides, and assignments help
the lectures were incredibly helpful and so were the problem sets
The problem sets were the most helpful for my learning
Lectures and assignments were very helpful and complemented each other
The p-sets were the most helpful and the lectures were also very good for understanding the concepts.
lectures, psets
Lectures were helpful, gave us a lot of information. Assignments provide good examples.
Lectures were good for introduction but most of the learning came from the psets. The discussions were an absolute waste of time. Midterm may have been too hard but it seems like that was corrected for on the final
Lectures were full of examples and were the core of the content.
Office hours
The PSETS were great, very insightful. The lectures were solid. He goes on a long time proving various theorems and its a little easy to get lost in the bigger picture. But if you ask questions hes very nice and helpful and clear about how it all relates together. At the last class he presented how everything connects and it was EYE OPENING. SID is a solid lecturer, just make sure to ask questions. Hes very nice
The lectures were very good and Sid is very helpful. The assignments were not that hard, sometimes challenging but to a certain extent. I didn't know anything about R but the discussions were helpful in that aspect.
Slides + problem sets
Lectures where good.
lectures were helpful
The bi-weekly problem sets contributed the most, from my perspective.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	18.18%	72.73%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.55	5.00	0.00%	4.55%	4.55%	22.73%	68.18%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.59	5.00	0.00%	4.55%	0.00%	27.27%	68.18%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.41	5.00	0.00%	9.09%	0.00%	31.82%	59.09%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	3.91	4.00	0.00%	13.64%	22.73%	22.73%	40.91%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.45	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	13.64%	27.27%	59.09%
I felt respected in this class.	4.76	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	4.76%	14.29%	80.95%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.32	5.00	0.00%	9.09%	9.09%	22.73%	59.09%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
I found this class pretty difficult as someone who is not used to writing proofs
I wasn't expecting this to be 95% stat, but oh well I realized that's just econometrics.
The lectures were not as helpful as I thought for completing assignments
great prof, very nice and understanding. good at teaching and squats 2 plates for reps
This is one of the hardest courses I have taken at UChicago
Nothing
Its a great course. I learned a lot. That being said, it is very very hard and a little confusing at times. Just make sure to show up, ask questions, and try.
Sid is an amazing professor, he made the course 10 times better. I really recommend taking this course with him!
Ok course, great teacher
Feel like econ at uchicago is just getting consistently worse as I move up. Not really sure if this is supposed to be rigorous theory or applied at this point. Its basically trying to be both, and fails to be either. Like its disappointing if we are trying to understand theory and half the proofs are not even shown / outlined. But its not like we are learning applications really either.
sid is great

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	4.55%	95.45%
Anyone interested in the topic	45.45%	54.55%

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

Comments
Assignments
Lecture slides, assigned assignments, office hours
The lectures and office hours were super helpful. He was one of the best math professors I have ever had. He went through the material clearly, in layman's terms, and really tried to make sure we could understand the math on a basic level. His lectures were well paced and he was great at answering questions in office hours. I was super nervous for this class and he made it way better.
Emailing Sid for help contributed most to my learning
Lectures
Sah's lectures were very helpful and insightful. I especially like the wages and schooling examples.
lectures
Instructor was very willing to answer emails and questions outside of class.
He's clearly very knowledgeable and when given the opportunity to ask questions he was very good at explaining and clearing up my confusion
Professor Sid is the best, honestly. He was always available to help us, and was very nice overall.
Lectures & OH
Sid would give a lot of examples. the EXAMPLES HELPED SO MUCH. it is a little confusing when we are just talking about variables, so the examples helped me understand why we are talking about these things. the EXAMPLES ARE REALLY HELPFUL
Sid is very helpful, he was always willing to answer all of the questions and he was always available during office hours and via email.
Slides
Overall the instructor is a good lecturer, although he made many errors in writing every class.
Was a very good lecturer, and psets would just be the right level of difficulty.
lectures and office hours
Sid did a pretty decent job in his lectures, presenting class materials in a fairly clear way.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Explain steps of the proofs in lecture more
Make lectures more interesting (examples so not just proofs etc.), linking all concepts together if possible
Nothing!
More examples during class rather than focusing on proofs and theoretical stuff
N/A
He could slow down the class a bit.
na
Slow down! I felt like I could never really ask a question and it was so easy to get lost that most classes I just felt like I was writing the proof down with no real understanding of the material.
The lectures felt a little too fast-paced to me. I wish it could have been slower-paced.
Maybe engage more in class
Plz slow down a bit, and show how stuff is related/important. It was a little hard to understand the bigger picture sometimes, but other than that, it was a great course.
Nothing
More examples in class – less lecturing
Make fewer mistakes in the lectures.
There were actually so little psets, felt like small mistakes had big impact on your grade. Only 3 graded psets is not very many.
maybe slow down the lectures a bit

The Instructor . . .

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Organized the course clearly.	4.68	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	31.82%	68.18%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.59	5.00	0.00%	4.55%	4.55%	18.18%	72.73%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.40	5.00	0.00%	4.55%	4.55%	18.18%	40.91%	31.82%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.29	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	31.82%	45.45%	4.55%
Challenged you to learn.	4.68	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	4.55%	22.73%	72.73%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	4.55%	0.00%	22.73%	72.73%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.81	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	19.05%	80.95%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.32	5.00	0.00%	9.09%	0.00%	31.82%	45.45%	13.64%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	4.55%	18.18%	72.73%	4.55%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.55	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	4.55%	36.36%	59.09%	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
Sasha
I never saw the TA but the grading was quite slow.
Sasha
sasha
Sasha. He was pretty unhelpful and a very harsh grader.
Sasha was really nice. He is really good at explaining the R content, but I sometimes felt that the TA discussions weren't that helpful when it came to reviewing concepts that we learned in class. I felt like we needed more time with him.
Sasha is great! He helped us learn R, and was always available on email. Maybe he can come to class more prepared with questions to solve with us that might have helped my understandings of the curriculum
Sasha
Sasha, he was very helpful during the discussion maybe just provide more examples and divide the discussion between R and some applications on the lectures
Very little – hard to understand
Sasha Petrov

The TA/CA or Intern. . .

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Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	3.27	4.00	6.25%	18.75%	6.25%	25.00%	12.50%	31.25%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	3.36	4.00	6.25%	12.50%	12.50%	25.00%	12.50%	31.25%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	3.00	3.00	6.25%	18.75%	12.50%	18.75%	6.25%	37.50%
Challenged you to learn.	3.60	4.00	0.00%	12.50%	12.50%	25.00%	12.50%	37.50%
Helped you succeed in the class.	3.45	4.00	0.00%	12.50%	18.75%	31.25%	6.25%	31.25%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.08	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	18.75%	31.25%	25.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	3.40	4.00	6.25%	12.50%	6.25%	25.00%	12.50%	37.50%

How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	Mean	Median	No Gain	A Little Gain	Moderate Gain	Good Gain	Great Gain	N/A
Laboratory Experience	NRP	NRP	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Field Trips	NRP	NRP	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Library Sessions	NRP	NRP	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Review Sessions	1.00	1.00	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Writing Seminars	NRP	NRP	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

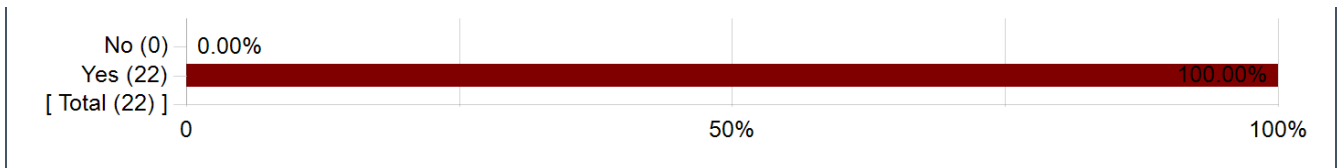
Other course elements not mentioned above:

Comments

Please remove these discussion sections from econ courses. The TA either gives out pset answers, and everyone goes, or doesn't and they are completely worthless and no one goes. Nothing in between – please just stop it.

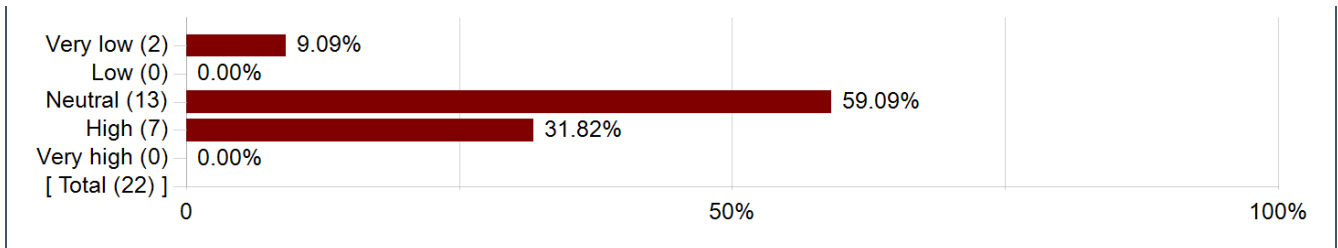
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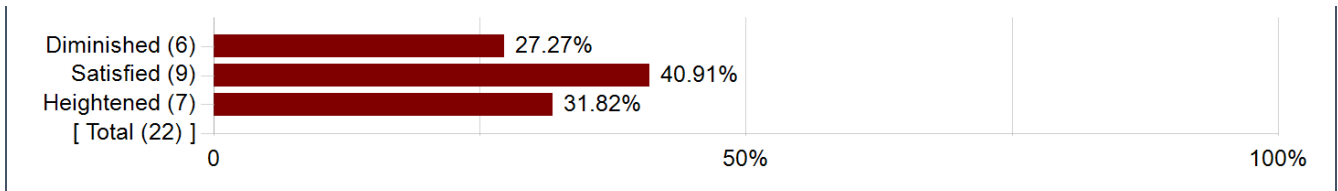
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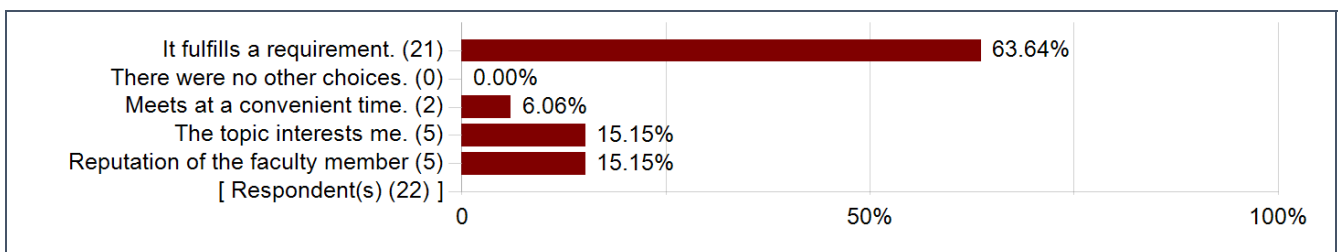


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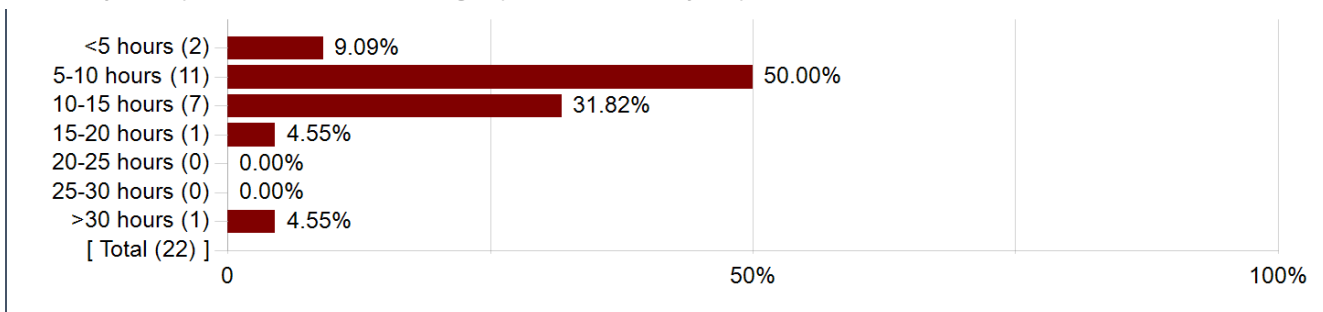


Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



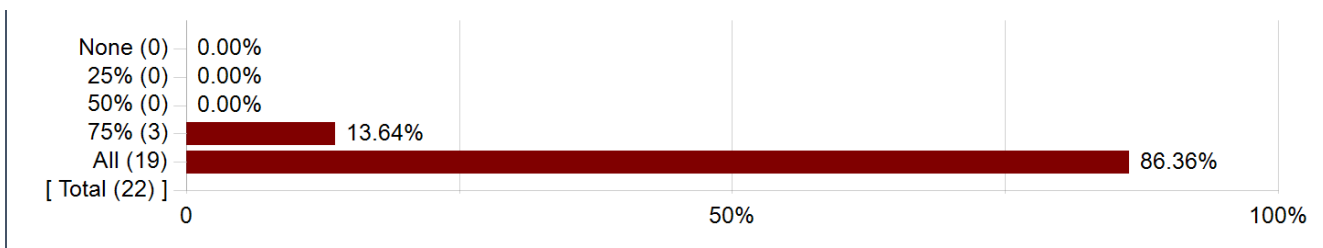
How many hours per week outside of attending required sessions did you spend on this course?

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What proportion of classes did you attend?

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

Comments

Pretty difficult

If you are a stat major this is a breeze tbh (which means if you are not, brush upon your stat before class starts)

I took stat 234 and abstract lin alg so good level of background and I found some of the problems on the midterm to be tough but the problem sets were very doable

Was fairly difficult, if stat 234 was fine then it'll be fine

This class is hard without a theoretical stats background.

I thought it was ok as a stats major. The midterm was a bit hard but curve was good.

hard and i've taken all the prerequisites

very difficult

A bit challenging, but Professor Sid was super helpful!

Its a hard class. That being said, very manageable if you are willing to put in the effort

the course is not that heavy on math or calculus but prior knowledge would be helpful

Not hard, especially compared to the other sections.

Wasn't too bad

This is indeed the most difficult class that I have ever taken in the econ department, but econometrics always tends to be tough for econ majors. That being said, just prepare to engage with a ton of statistics in this class.