Course Evaluation Forms
— Summary —

Term: Fall 2011
Course name: Quantitative Analysis I
Course type: Graduate lecture (required for Ph.D. students in the department)
Course number: G53.1250
Professor: Bernd Beber
Number of responses: 8
Enrollment: 9

Scale ranges from 1 (poor/lowest ten percent) to 5 (excellent/highest ten percent).

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Graduate Course Evaluation – Fall 2011

Course Number: G53.1250.001
Instructor: Beber, B.
Course Name: Quantitative Research of Political Science

Please darken only one response for each question. [Correct mark: ⬜ Incorrect marks: ☳]
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What grade do you expect to receive in this class?
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Strong points: very good mentor, researcher

Weak points: when he explains, he makes frequent pauses which cuts stream of understanding, sometimes he focuses on details so that I can't draw the picture and don't know when I am

How would you rate the assigned readings in terms of their usefulness? Which of the assigned readings did you find most useful? Why?

Introductory Econometrics - great
Mathematical Statistics - not good, neither intuitive nor well designed to read

If there were papers or other assignments, how would you rate their usefulness?

Great

How would you rate the examinations in terms of their dealing directly, clearly, and fairly with the material covered in the course?

I couldn't understand the question right. I thought that they were completely different I found out that I could solve it after seeing the answer

However (I could've asked it during exam, it's my fault)

Do you feel that this course has been valuable to you? Please be as specific as possible.

Valuable

Is there anything else you would like to add about the course or the instructor?

Thank you!
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One can see that he prepared the class lectures and tried hard to provide the most accessible explanation. But I feel he failed to explain the intuition and logic of what we saw. Sometimes, we spent a class doing something, and while doing most of it is just to find out the real problem.

How would you rate the assigned readings in terms of their usefulness? Which of the assigned readings did you find most useful? Why?

Would be extremely useful while probably for Verchere et al. What their courses is their greatest risk.

If there were papers or other assignments, how would you rate their usefulness?

The problem sets had huge gaps between what we saw in class, and what was needed to solve them. I think larger or more multi-type are not good if they serve the purpose of helping to progressive individually.

How would you rate the examinations in terms of their dealing directly, clearly, and fairly with the material covered in the course?

Bond was very clear regarding the evaluation, his expectation, and fair at goals.

Do you feel that this course has been valuable to you? Please be as specific as possible.

It was to the extent that I had more have a deeper understanding of the material.
It was not to the extent of actually giving a proper tool to conduct or least at some basic level - research.

Is there anything else you would like to add about the course or the instructor?
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Very clear, helpful presentation. If anything, I thought it was too careful & slow, at least for me.

How would you rate the assigned readings in terms of their usefulness? Which of the assigned readings did you find most useful? Why?

I would have preferred a more concise text.

If there were papers or other assignments, how would you rate their usefulness?

Problem sets were very good, useful.

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good. have only seen 1 of 2 so far.

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The instructor is clear in his explanations, take the time to solve our doubts and has a good lecture pace.

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I like Wooldridge overall and the book used for the first part is fine. Both were equally useful.

If there were papers or other assignments, how would you rate their usefulness?

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The examinations deal directly with the material. The mid-term was harder than the homeworks, which is fine, but we shouldn't have been told that it would be easier.

Do you feel that this course has been valuable to you? Please be as specific as possible.

Sure, dealing with data is a fundamental aspect of Political Science.

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I'll benefit if the lecture notes were given. I suspect that they are much better and more useful than the books.
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**PROF. BEBER IS VERY KNOWLEDGABLE, BUT SOMETIMES HE DOES NOT MANAGE TO CONVEY CONCEPTS AND IDEAS IN THE WAY HE COULD GIVEN HIS KNOWLEDGE**

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**GOOD, CLEAR AND USEFUL BOOKS**

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**VERY USEFUL TO BECOME FLUENT WITH THE THEORETICAL CONCEPTS LEARNED**

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Do you feel that this course has been valuable to you? Please be as specific as possible.

**YES. IT WAS A GOOD INTRODUCTION TO QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS AND GAVE ME THE BASIC KNOWLEDGE NEEDED TO GO ON IN THE PROGRAM**

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The instructor should have told us more often what we could read to prepare for class.

How would you rate the assigned readings in terms of their usefulness? Which of the assigned readings did you find most useful? Why?

Wadjody et al. is not a very good book because it doesn't give a lot of explanations, but works in combination with Wooldridge.

If there were papers or other assignments, how would you rate their usefulness?

The early homeworks (up to the written) were not useful because they did not focus on learning the things that were most important to learn from the material. Later homeworks were better designed to help understand the concepts we had learned in class.

How would you rate the examinations in terms of their dealing directly, clearly, and fairly with the material covered in the course?

very fair

Do you feel that this course has been valuable to you? Please be as specific as possible.

Yes. The fact that we proved and derived a lot of things was especially helpful.

Is there anything else you would like to add about the course or the instructor?
Graduate Course Evaluation – Fall 2011

Course Number: G53.1250.001  Instructor: Beber, B.
Course Name: Quantitative Research of Political Science

Please darken only one response for each question.  correct mark: O  incorrect marks: ☒
You may use pen or pencil on this survey form.

What grade do you expect to receive in this class?
○ A
○ A-
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What is your degree status?
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What was your enrollment status in this course?
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What is your class level?
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Was the level of difficulty of the course:
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He is very knowledgeable about the subject but has some difficulty explaining it.

How would you rate the assigned readings in terms of their usefulness? Which of the assigned readings did you find most useful? Why?

The textbook is good and it fits the course well.

If there were papers or other assignments, how would you rate their usefulness?

The homeworks were excellent to understand the material.

How would you rate the examinations in terms of their dealing directly, clearly, and fairly with the material covered in the course?

The exams were seen at the right level of difficulty compared to the class and homeworks.

Do you feel that this course has been valuable to you? Please be as specific as possible.

Yes, the subject of this course is very important.

Is there anything else you would like to add about the course or the instructor?
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Excellent approachability, very nice, sometimes has difficulty putting the material together so as to provide strong intuition, but also may be down to the subject matter.

How would you rate the assigned readings in terms of their usefulness? Which of the assigned readings did you find most useful? Why?

Very good – The textbook will no doubt be a useful reference.

If there were papers or other assignments, how would you rate their usefulness?

The homeworks were great – fair, interesting, challenging.

How would you rate the examinations in terms of their dealing directly, clearly, and fairly with the material covered in the course?

Very fair, deal directly with the most of the material.

Do you feel that this course has been valuable to you? Please be as specific as possible.

Very useful.

Is there anything else you would like to add about the course or the instructor?

Brenda is super nice, always willing to help as much as he can.