

Student Evaluation of Teaching, Fall 2020

Kevin Allen, ECON 400-001 STATISTICS AND ECONOMETRICS

Raters	Students									
Responded	79									
Invited	218									
Response Ratio	36.2%									
	Mean	Median	SD	N	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	
1. Overall, I learned a great deal from this course.	3.83	4.00	0.92	78	2.6%	6.4%	16.7%	53.8%	20.5%	
2. The instructor treated all students with respect.	4.70	5.00	0.54	79	0.0%	0.0%	3.8%	22.8%	73.4%	
3. The instructor encouraged students to participate in this class.	3.54	3.00	0.96	78	1.3%	10.3%	41.0%	28.2%	19.2%	
4. The instructor saw cultural and personal differences as assets.	3.75	3.00	0.85	77	0.0%	0.0%	50.6%	23.4%	26.0%	
5. In this course I had multiple opportunities to express my viewpoints and questions.	3.57	3.00	1.03	79	2.5%	10.1%	38.0%	26.6%	22.8%	
6. The course challenged me to think deeply about the subject matter.	3.90	4.00	0.92	78	1.3%	7.7%	16.7%	48.7%	25.6%	
7. The design of this course (e.g., its format, selected materials, assignments, exercises, quizzes, etc.) helped me better understand the subject matter.	3.75	4.00	1.10	77	6.5%	6.5%	16.9%	45.5%	24.7%	
8. Overall, this course was excellent.	3.85	4.00	0.81	74	0.0%	5.4%	24.3%	50.0%	20.3%	

Open-Ended Responses

1. In what ways did your instructor try to make learning possible for you during the Fall 2020 semester?

Comments

Remote recordings

The lectures were somewhat informative but very manageable. He had an excellent response rate to questions and was very helpful when I would run into issues. was very understandable of the transition online.

Professor Allen had videos, which were okay, and was very helpful on email but the lack of a live learning setting prevented me from enjoying the class that much. He's really nice though.

It was really hard for me to stay engaged in this asynchronous course but all of the material was there

Incredibly understanding with deadlines and helpful with explanations of all assignments

He's very available outside of class. He always reply emails very soon, and would like to offer help to students.

Also, I think it would be better if he could told us there would be only 2 STATA assignments in this semester, so I wouldn't buy STATA for this semester. I wish I could know before I bought STATA.

Professor Allen was the most understanding, and hardworking, professor I have had during my time here at UNC Chapel Hill. He actively listened to our concerns, and always responded to such concerns in a positive and helpful manner. It was a true privilege to have him as an instructor this semester.

He posts online videos for us to learn and makes us reading some related materials. Also, there will be a practice exam before each big exam.

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He was very very accommodating and responded quickly to all of my emails and I am very appreciative of that. I'm also grateful that he was flexible with due dates whenever anything came up. The only thing I wish stayed were the transcripts that were on the early videos but not near the end.

He provided recorded videos to teach us the course material which allowed us flexibility in when we learned the material for class.

Professor Allen did a great job at being understanding of student's concerns with the hardships that Covid brings to learning. He spent a lot of time making videos for the subject matter despite them not being the best for my learning style

Dr. Allen managed to place to least amount of stress on us as possible while still ensuring we learned the material. He was also very flexible throughout the semester and adjusted to class to better fit the bizarre and constantly changing times we live in.

He added weekly videos on the topic of the class. Additionally, he demonstrated examples of problems that we would see on homework and exams.

I really appreciated Dr. Allen's use of in-depth videos because they reduced stress for students who faced scheduling constraints, and were very thorough. Often, he would make separate videos just to explain a question he received so that the whole class could see the answer. This made it possible to learn while being able to work around a remote schedule.

Asynchronous classes are the best so I can work at my own pace. Videos were detailed, although sometimes rambling, and assignments let me know exactly what to expect from tests and what the most important concepts were

Some of the above questions are hard to answer as the class was completely asynchronous and I did not use many of the synchronous resources offered on zoom. Kevin was always great when I did interact with him and always treated his students very well.

Doctor Allen made learning possible this semester by being so unbelievably understanding. He was always willing to listen to suggestions, change things up, and just be there for us. While I personally struggle with asynchronous learning, I was able to really stick with the lessons through the assigned engagement videos (every teacher should do this). I think the class would have benefited a bit more from the connection to econ because this did feel like a bit of review from stor155. However, overall Dr. Allen was my most understanding professor and that goes a long way.

I definitely enjoyed the class being asynchronous because I could work at my own pace and schedule. I liked the video format as well and having the engagement assignments and hw due every week was very clear what I needed to get done.

He was always accessible for asking questions.

Professor Allen was accommodating to all students throughout this semester, if I felt like I was not understanding something well he would quickly respond to emails and help to clarify the subject. This semester was hard for everyone, but I feel that Professor Allen did his best for making this semester least stressful for everyone.

He was flexible with the course which was super helpful! Extending a deadline or two for homework meant a lot.

By creating asynchronous lectures, which enabled me to watch the lectures whenever I wanted, providing great flexibility during a stressful time.

Kevin Allen made videos that explained the course material, and all of assignments tested our knowledge and helped us learn.

Made the class asynchronous so that it fit with all of our schedules better, took time and extended due dates if he thought we needed more time to understand a lesson.

He held office hours and made it accessible for students to come in and ask questions pertaining to material.

Professor Allen was flexible and helped students achieve their goals by providing extensions on assignments when needed. He set up the course to be asynchronous which was massively helpful. I hope these videos are available to students in the future because it was helpful to be able to pause and take notes or rewatch difficult concepts. I do wish that the timing of lessons had been consistent, as some weeks the lecture videos were put up 4-7 days after when they were supposed to open, but thankfully Dr. Allen moved the deadlines when this happened.

Over the course of the semester, you could tell Professor Allen cares about his students. He was incredibly accommodating during the pandemic, and he did so without degrading the academic integrity of his class. Overall, I will recommend Professor Allen to friends that need to take ECON 400.

Kevin made the class asynchronous which was very helpful in this time period because the student could kind of learn at their own pace, while still having some deadlines. It allowed for a lot of flexibility during an unknown period. Additionally, Kevin really listened to the consensus of the students and was very quick to change things around in a positive way if there were issues such as scoring errors or a power outage. Kevin was very quick to respond to emails and very flexible.

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Very understanding given all the circumstances, thank you.

Kevin Allen tried to make learning possible by being understanding of the circumstances and granting extensions to allow ample time to learn. He was quick to responding to emails and was very helpful in his responses. He was very good at communicating with the class and listening to what his students had to say.

Kevin Allen tried his best but the class was disorganized and it was hard to keep up. I hope that he is more prepared for an online class in the future. He was very accommodating given the pandemic which I appreciate.

Very flexible professors, truly cared about each student. This semester has been trying for all of us and that included him as our professor. He was always understanding and flexible over the past few months. Very caring and accommodating to the students than, tried to make the best of situation that is not ideal for any of us.

Recorded videos and office hours.

Kevin struggled to make the material understandable with his recordings. He often posted them late and they were super challenging for me to understand. I would've done much better in this class had he structured the class better.

He adjusted to remote learning very well.

Although this was a difficult semester to learn (and teach, I'm sure), Professor Allen was very communicative through email and I was able to follow the course as well as possible. He was organized and almost always posted things on time. He also posted many additional resources to help aid my understanding in the course. I believe that I learned as much as possible in this course given the circumstances.

He was incredibly supportive and was always quick to respond to emails and was very approachable which meant a lot as a student.

He gives many adjustments and accommodation for students have technical problems or live outside US

By recording his lectures so we can watch them whenever we needed to.

Uploaded videos that went over the material, which were useful especially when it came down to working with Stata.

By being very flexible.

through video instructions and graded assignments.

Professor Allen was very helpful and very responsive to his students. He showed that he cared deeply whether people did well in the class or not and always put his best effort into teaching us remotely.

Provided in-depth lectures and helpful during OH

I really appreciated the quick turnaround with emails and plenty of office hours. The videos towards the end of the semester were a lot harder to understand though. Prof Allen communicated really frequently via email which was helpful.

Professor Allen provided lecture videos, slides, homework assignments, STATA assignments, and engagement activities that helped keep me on track and thoroughly covered the material. It was a very well executed asynchronous class.

The instructor, Professor Allen, provided ample resources and time outside of class to assist students with questions about the content of the class. In addition, the instructor was always available for feedback and was in frequent contact with students.

Professor Allen was always available during office hours and actually listened to student feedback. Despite remote leaning he did his best to make sure we were all getting ample amounts of attention and care. The content was difficult over an online class, but Professor Allen deserves a lot of respect for all he did to accommodate for his students.

Kevin was so thoughtful to his students and encouraged us to constantly ask questions. Whenever there was confusion, he was quick to resolve things and clear material up.

He was accommodating

He always made sure that everyone was on the same page, and if some people were confused about class dynamics (due dates, exams, etc.) he would make fair adjustments to the class schedule.

He was always very kind and accommodating.

Dr. Allen was quick to respond to emails and explain difficult topics. His lecture videos gave me a clear understanding of the class material. The homework and quizzes were a

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great way to reinforce my understanding of class material.

He made videos explaining some difficult problems in detail to make sure that everyone understands the concepts and progresses.

He was very understanding and he taught well for difficult concepts. He answered emails and any questions VERY Quickly which is very helpful since everything is online.