

Cornell University  
Course Evaluation Response Summary

Semester: Fall 2017

Course Owner: All

Courses:

- ECON 1110
  - DIS 216
  - DIS 217

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The following questions are to be answered using a 5 point scale, where "1" and "5" will be defined and "3" always stands for the midpoint. For example, if a course is slightly below the midpoint in a given aspect, mark "2" for that item. Only one response is allowed for each question.

RATING SCALE 1= Defined extreme

2=

3= Midpoint

4=

5= Defined extreme

Question	Mean	StDevP	Count	1	2	3	4	5
N01. Do you feel that the TA chose material that was valuable and appropriate? 1 = inappropriate, e.g., too difficult, too easy 5 = just right	4.34	0.85	35	0	1	6	8	20
N02. How well was the TA's presentation of material organized? 1 = congested; disorganized 5 = clear; concise	4.17	0.94	35	0	3	4	12	16
N03. Was there ample opportunity to ask questions in sections? 1 = no opportunity 5 = ample chance	4.06	1.19	35	1	5	3	8	18
N04. Was the TA willing to provide help for the students who needed it? 1 = seemed unwilling to help 5 = seemed interested in being helpful	4.51	0.76	35	0	1	3	8	23
N05. Was the TA able to explain difficult material clearly and concisely? 1 = not at all 5 = extremely well	4.03	1.08	35	0	4	8	6	17
N06. How much did you learn from the discussion sections? 1 = nothing 5 = a great deal	3.89	1.08	35	0	5	8	8	14
N07. Did the TA hold regular office hours and make accommodations for those students who could not come at the scheduled times? 1 = missed office hours regularly and was not accommodating to students with conflicts 5 = held regular office hours and was accommodating to students with time conflicts	4.65	0.59	31	0	0	2	7	22
N08. The TA deserves an overall rating of: 1 = a very poor TA 5 = an excellent TA	4.42	0.73	33	0	0	5	9	19

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**C01. What do you feel was the most valued part of the sections?**

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59445. The worksheets

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59460. Explanations of exercises were written out and clear and concise; answer keys posted after sections

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59449. The problems were useful for understanding the material and how it will be presented on exams

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59430. The practice problems we got were very helpful.

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59505. The practice problems

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59500. The problems. That's all we did.

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59482. Nikolai made sure that students had opportunities to completely understand the material that he taught through supplemental office hours as well as sending transcripts of his lessons to us via email.

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59501. The most valued part was going through each question step-by-step to reinforce understanding of the material.

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59514. Practice problems

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59497. Nikolai was very willing to help break questions down and explain them thoroughly to those who needed it.

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59486. practice problems

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59498. Learning something new or a different method of thinking that was not mentioned in lecture

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59508. Practice problems

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59484. The questions that Nikolai created himself were instrumental in comprehension and exam preparation.

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59506. I think the most valuable part of the sections was seeing the steps to how a problem should be solved.

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59493. practice problems

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59457. N/A

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59462. Looking at problems from old exams was useful

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59433. TA was nice and patient

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59496. When the TA went over problems and test like questions.

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59469. Going over the worksheets in section was a great study tool.

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59456. Going over past prelim questions

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**C02. What do you feel is the least valued part of the sections?**

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59445. N/A

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59460. Didn't get to finish all sections

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59449. I think we went a bit too fast, so it was hard to learn and understand what was going on. This did improve as time went on.

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59430. Nikolai's explanations often confused me more than they helped.

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59505. Some of the questions weren't related to the course

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59500. Going over difficult concepts.

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59482. The discussion section moves pretty fast, so I don't always leave feeling more confident in the material.

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59514. nothing

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59486. discussion

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59498. The assignments worked in class was poorly timed and felt rushed in doing them

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59508. Tangents

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59484. The section itself could be very boring and I did not enjoy coming to class.

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59506. None.

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59493. the explanations of difficult concepts

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59457. N/A

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59433. Section was sometimes boring (repetitive material)

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59496. N/A

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59469. N/A

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59456. too fast

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**C03. What improvements (if any) should be made to the sections?**

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59445. N/A

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59460. None

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59505. none

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59500. Go over difficult concepts in class instead of just doing PSets.

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59482. Maybe could have students request certain topics to cover rather than just trying to speedily cover everything.

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59501. I think more concise explanations would be best.

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59514. nothing

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59486. none

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59498. Less problems on the assignments and more time going through them

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59508. More learning techniques like ways to remember things or tricks

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59484. This discussion could provide some more interactive learning such as co-ops, instead of it feeling like a third lecture of the week. Talking through these concepts with other students would greatly help understanding.

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59493. better explanations of hard concepts

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59457. Do away with it.

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59462. More integration of the language the professor uses and knowledge of the students - the TA often used other explanations than what the professor used, which was confusing as we often hadn't covered those concepts

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59470. NOpe

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59496. N/A

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59469. It would have been nice if the worksheets done in section could be uploaded and compiled on Blackboard.

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59456. Slow dow and go more in depth

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#### **C04. General critique**

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59445. N/A

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59460. None

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59430. His teaching methods just didn't work well for me.

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59505. I thought it was helpful

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59500. None

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59482. Great TA! Very approachable and helpful. Good listener, which I find to be very important when students need help. Very organized.

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59514. nothing

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59508. Great discussion

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59484. The questions and his written up solutions helped a ton, but the class itself was not an enjoyable experience.

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59476. He is a good teacher and knows the material well, but needs more confidence while teaching.

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59506. Nikolai did an excellent job explaining the concepts learned in lecture, and gave ample amounts of materials and his time to aid in our understanding.

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59493. the explanations of hard concepts were poor

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59457. My TA was great, but I think more lecture time would be more helpful

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59470. Great discussion section

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59496. N/A

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59469. Section was helpful and the TA was knowledgeable and efficient.

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59456. It was a good general review of material