Teaching Evaluation: Students’ Comments

Labor Economics 451: Summer 2012
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I had 17 students in my undergraduate labor economics class. One student was absent in the last class. Here are the printed version of the comments from all the students in the same order as posted in my website:

Q1. What qualities or characteristics helped to make this instructor/class effective?
The instructor is willing to help students outside the classroom and has patient to explain the question several times.

Q2. In what specific ways could the instructor improve how he or she teaches this course?
More practice questions and real life issue discussions.

Q3. What other comments you would like to make regarding the instructor, the text(s), other course materials or the other course in general.
The power points are good and the handouts are very useful.

Q1. What qualities or characteristics helped to make this instructor/class effective?
Clear structure of the material
logical explanation

Q2. In what specific ways could the instructor improve how he or she teaches this course?
Asking less “did you get that?” after every single question.

Q3. What other comments you would like to make regarding the instructor, the text(s), other course materials or the other course in general.
Really good instructor overall.
Nothing complain
But please explain (clarify) your rule at the beginning of this class.
Q1. What qualities or characteristics helped to make this instructor/class effective?
He wants his students to learn and therefore explains concepts in multiple points.

Q2. In what specific ways could the instructor improve how he or she teaches this course?
He does a good job and won’t change anything.

Q3. What other comments you would like to make regarding the instructor, the text(s), other course materials or the other course in general.
He has inspired me to learn in a different way by denoting X amount of hours of studying and relax when I job. He was a great instructor and care about his students.

Q1. What qualities or characteristics helped to make this instructor/class effective?
Instructor cared about students and wanted to help them learn the material.

Q2. In what specific ways could the instructor improve how he or she teaches this course?
More experience, the instructor improved every week of the class.

Q3. What other comments you would like to make regarding the instructor, the text(s), other course materials or the other course in general.
Should be more difficult, there is very little grade incentive to study. Also summer courses are good for first time inexperienced instructors as the learning curve for this instructor was far better than inexperienced Professors I have had in past classes. I think coming in every day probably helps with supplying the instructor with a lot of feedback.

Q1. What qualities or characteristics helped to make this instructor/class effective?
Excellent explanation. he has patient for any questions we have asked and he was very nice to each person. The more and better feedback he gets, he will explain more.

Q2. In what specific ways could the instructor improve how he or she teaches this course?
No. I think he is perfect!

Q3. What other comments you would like to make regarding the instructor, the text(s), other course materials or the other course in general.
None. Everything I like it and I would take his class in the future and recommend my friends if he will teach ECN classes!
Q1. What qualities or characteristics helped to make this instructor/class effective?

Professor was willing to help
And Professor was willing to courage students to have interest on class ⇒

Q2. In what specific ways could the instructor improve how he or she teaches this course?

I think his class was great ⇒⇒⇒

Q3. What other comments you would like to make regarding the instructor, the text(s), other course materials or the other course in general.

It was nice to have your class. I think this class brought me interest on Economics. Although my grade has not been great, I was happy to take your class ⇒ I felt I can do this! He said after many faliure, it is important to not giving up. It meant to me a lot.

Q1. What qualities or characteristics helped to make this instructor/class effective?

His Patient and has a passion for teaching

Q2. In what specific ways could the instructor improve how he or she teaches this course?

Nothing really. Just keep it

Q3. What other comments you would like to make regarding the instructor, the text(s), other course materials or the other course in general.

Very excellent instructor. Homework are moderate and exams are fair.

Q1. What qualities or characteristics helped to make this instructor/class effective?

The notes were very clear and informative, and the lecture given is closely related so it’s easy to follow up.

Q2. In what specific ways could the instructor improve how he or she teaches this course?

More real-time discussion would help but since it’s a only six week course, it’s very hard to make time for the discussion.

Q3. What other comments you would like to make regarding the instructor, the text(s), other course materials or the other course in general.

Overall it’s a great course, very helpful.
Q1. What qualities or characteristics helped to make this instructor/class effective?
dedication / close to students

Q2. In what specific ways could the instructor improve how he or she teaches this course?
correct errors on the class slides

Q3. What other comments you would like to make regarding the instructor, the text(s), other course materials or the other course in general.
by looking students to engage / not by asking

Q1. What qualities or characteristics helped to make this instructor/class effective?
he always encourages students to study and participate class

Q2. In what specific ways could the instructor improve how he or she teaches this course?
pronouciation

Q3. What other comments you would like to make regarding the instructor, the text(s), other course materials or the other course in general.
He is so passionate that if he teaches students, they will enjoy studying

Q1. What qualities or characteristics helped to make this instructor/class effective?
Instructor’s enthusiasm was great (making the class laugh here and there while maintaining the seriousness of the course). He also showed great interest in his students, which I’m sure had a positive effect on exams.

Q2. In what specific ways could the instructor improve how he or she teaches this course?
Slow down a little
Sometimes the instructor goes a little fast without reading.

Q3. What other comments you would like to make regarding the instructor, the text(s), other course materials or the other course in general.
Great, great instructor.
I would definitely recommend others to take him as an instructor for this course!!
Q1. What qualities or characteristics helped to make this instructor/class effective? He was one of the most passionate teacher I have ever seen at SU. He was ready to teach, ready to listen, and ready to explain. Especially he was ready to read all the feedbacks on questionnaires. That was good too!

Q2. In what specific ways could the instructor improve how he or she teaches this course? When making homeworks, it would have been better if we could have some practice questions or other instructions. Without doing mathematical equations under other questions, it is actually quite challenging.

Q3. What other comments you would like to make regarding the instructor, the text(s), other course materials or the other course in general. Mr. Ghosh! Your are great! Hope I can meet you again!

Q1. What qualities or characteristics helped to make this instructor/class effective? Mr. Ghosh gives us one flash card at the end of the each class to let us write down the most important material we learn from today’s class and gives back to us to remember this course. Problem sets, pre-test and in class questions are very helpful for us to study.

Q2. In what specific ways could the instructor improve how he or she teaches this course? Sometimes Mr. Ghosh wastes a bit time to talk about our performance. He would save that time and not discuss class into.

Q1. What qualities or characteristics helped to make this instructor/class effective? Direct, clear explanations of materials through knowledge of labor economics created comfortable atmosphere for questions likable person. I enjoyed his causal/ spirited personality

Q2. In what specific ways could the instructor improve how he or she teaches this course? may be a few more homeworks but less weight.

Q3. What other comments you would like to make regarding the instructor, the text(s), other course materials or the other course in general.
too many hand-outs.
end of class cards were ineffective and unnecessary.

Q1. **What qualities or characteristics helped to make this instructor/class effective?**

Speaking more clearly

Q2. **In what specific ways could the instructor improve how he or she teaches this course?**

The game he try to use to expand the theory is really good but It need to develop a little more in order to make the theory more effective.

Q3. **What other comments you would like to make regarding the instructor, the text(s), other course materials or the other course in general.**

It was a good class with very clear class material.

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Q1. **What qualities or characteristics helped to make this instructor/class effective?**

his care for students
his knowledge in the area
his dedication

Q2. **In what specific ways could the instructor improve how he or she teaches this course?**

more practice toward problems

Q3. **What other comments you would like to make regarding the instructor, the text(s), other course materials or the other course in general.**

try to pronounce student name correctly
homework was hard and some not fully covered in lecture