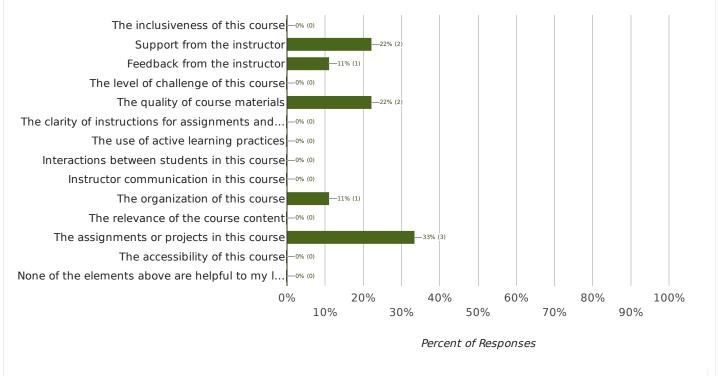


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Most Beneficial Comments

What's Been MOST Helpful to Your Learning? (9 comments)

Q: What specifically about the inclusiveness of the course helped your learning?

Q: What specifically about the support from the instructor helped your learning?

1 office hours, quick email responses

2 Always willing to help whenever. Made office hours easy to access whenever, just needed to send an email to ask.

Q: What specifically about the level of challenge helped your learning?

Q: What specifically about the feedback helped your learning?

1 Any questions I've had have been answered clearly.

Q: What specifically about the quality of course materials helped your learning?

1 The available office hours.

2 It was very applicable to real world situations.

Q: What specifically about the clarity of instructions helped your learning?

Q: What specifically about the use of active learning helped your learning?

Q: What specifically about the interactions between students helped your learning?

Q: What specifically about instructor communication helped your learning?

Q: What specifically about the organization of this course helped your learning?

1 I really liked how organized and clear the content and course was. It was really helpful to have a reliable lecture that made sense and went past just being talked at. I felt that the homework was very representative of what we learned in lecture so it was a great tool to reinforce learning and I also liked that it prepared me well for the midterm. I liked that there was no guessing what we would be doing or how I'm meant to learn X topic because your way of lecturing followed by homework was very reliable and organized.

Q: What specifically about the relevance of the course content helped your learning?

Q: What specifically about the assignments or projects helped your learning?

1 they weren't too hard but also weren't to easy, they were challenging and helped me understand the course content

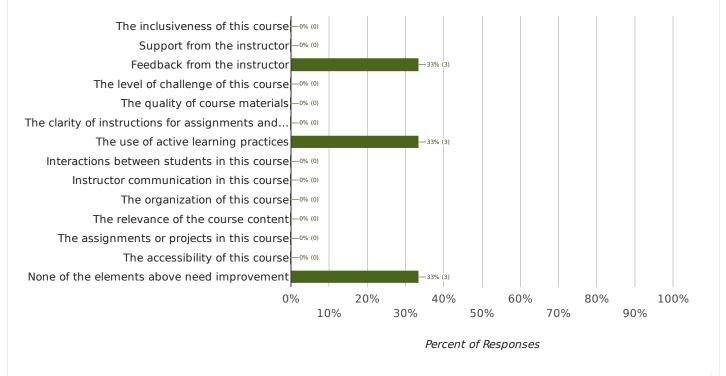
- 2 Feedback on homework is really nice, homework correlates very well to exam content, thus being meaningful as a study tool.
- 3 The homework assignments were a great way to help really understand content we were leanring

Q: What specifically about the accessibility of this course helped your learning?

Q: Please say more about how none of the teaching elements above were helpful to your learning.

Most In Need of Improvement

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Q: Was the course too hard or too easy? What specific change related to the level of challenge would help your learning?

Q: What specific change in the feedback would help your learning?

1 no feedback on why or how points were lost on homeworks

2 I wish there was more feedback on the homework assignments.

3 Maybe some feedback on why we got points off for certain questions on the homework so we can better understand what we can improve on.

Q: What specific change in the quality of course materials would help your learning?

Q: What specific change in the clarity of instructions would help your learning?

Q: What specific change in the use of active learning would help your learning?

1 While I really liked the homework to enforce the lecture, I feel that there could be a few other things added to the course to apply our learning. For example, maybe a project that combines the learning from a few of the lectures or maybe during class having some more interactive sections. An idea for a project is maybe have each student pick a developing country and analyze it's policies/history in the context of what we have learned in class. That would, to me, have been a really good way to further my learning and probably something I would remember for a long time. This way not only are our grades less heavily focused on tests, but there is another opportunity to apply what you teach us in the lecture.

2 There isn't much to do in the lecture other than listen and answer basic questions asked about the content. Possible class problems or working through example hw/exam questions of new material we are learning would be nice.

3 Maybe add more interactive learning activities.

Q: What specific change in instructor communication would help your learning?

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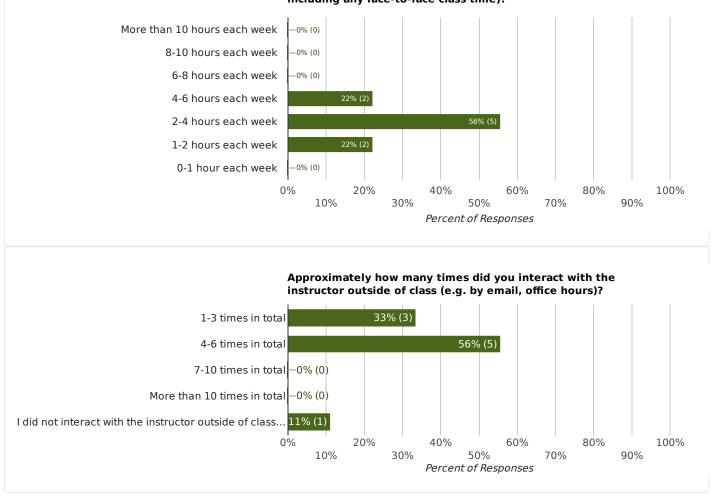
1 the class was great!!

2 I seriously think this is one of the most enjoyable classes I've taken. The ratio of learning and interest (fun) in the class is well balanced, homework is at a good challenge level, course is clear and very linear in terms of progression. I feel that my grade is justified, as any mistakes I make are easy to learn from. Very solid class.

3 None. Brock is very fair and was always willing to help. Course was challenging but he made sure to break down the hard parts

Student engagement in their own learning

How many hours per week did you spend on this course (not including any face-to-face class time)?



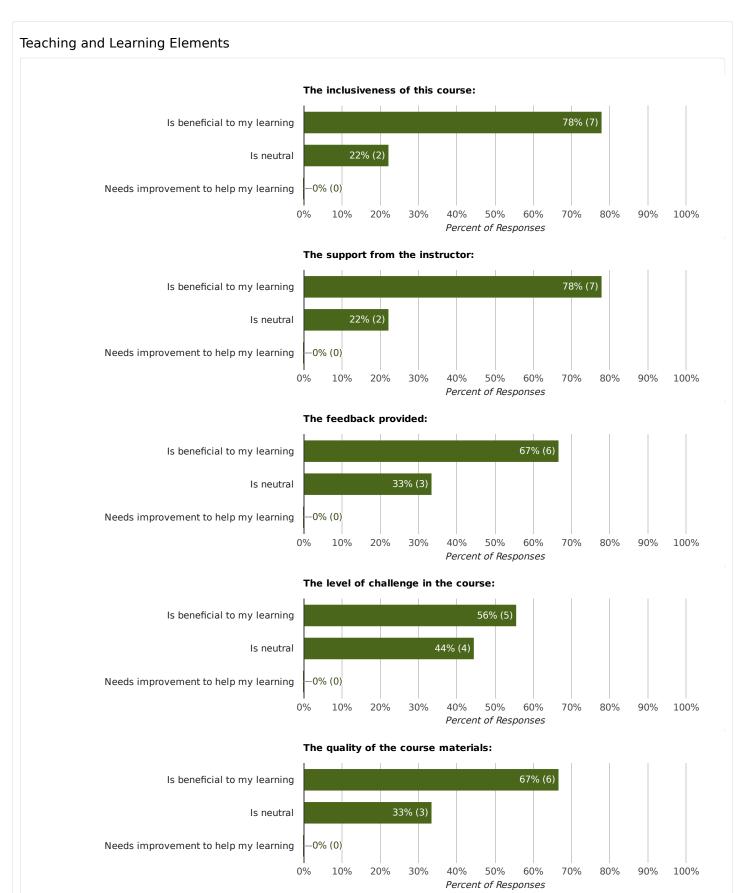
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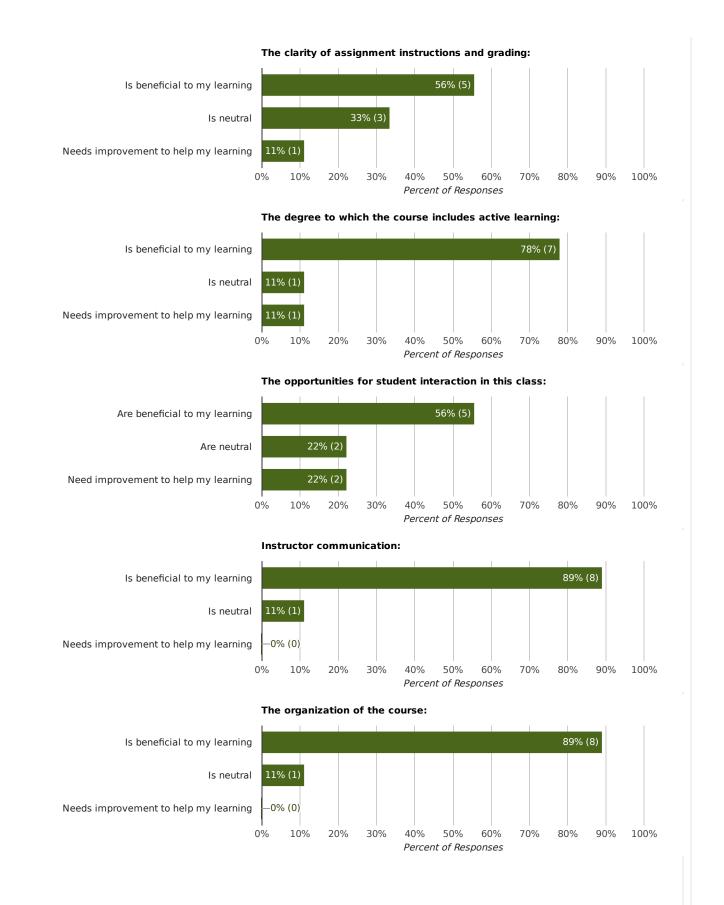
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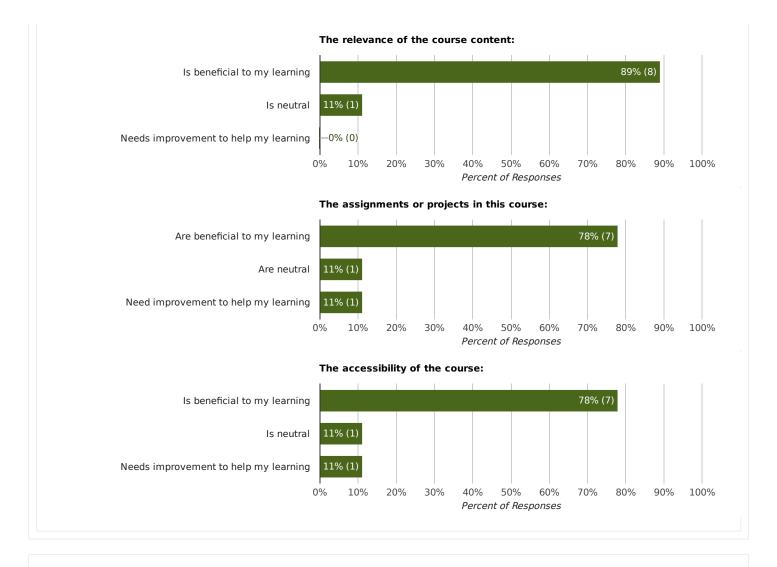
Final Question (3 comments)

Q: What else would you like to say about your learning experience in the course? Please avoid personal comments about the instructor.

- 1 Kind of echoing what I said above, I really like that you lecture and don't just read off the slides. It's far more engaging than just listening to someone who sounds bored by themselves when they just read the slides. It also made me want to come to class and pay attention which is sometimes hard in Econ classes. So, overall I really enjoyed listening to you explain and go through the thought processes of learning the material rather than just hearing you talk at us. One thing also that I liked is that there was a good mix of math and conceptual learning. I'm very much a math type of person so when conceptual problems come up, they're usually harder for me, but I felt that the math in this course complimented the concepts well so that when it came to answering a conceptual question, it was way easier to wrap my head around it.
- 2 Thank you for the term!!
- 3 Excellent class one of my favorites. I may not get an A in the class, but I still really enjoyed it and liked the instructor.

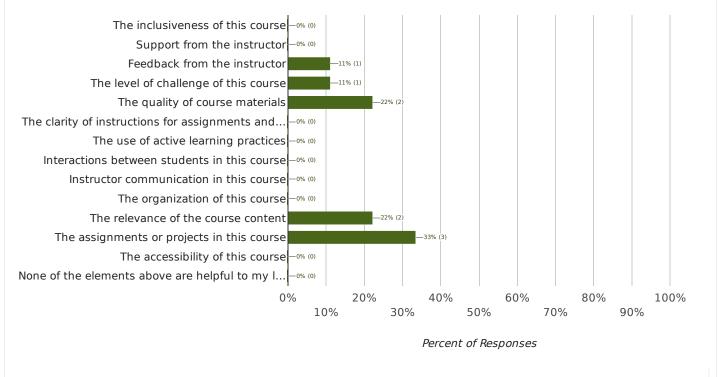






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Q: What specifically about the support from the instructor helped your learning?

Q: What specifically about the level of challenge helped your learning?

1 The problem sets allow students to practice their knowledge of what is taught in the slides.

Q: What specifically about the feedback helped your learning?

1 many thoughtful feedbacks

Q: What specifically about the quality of course materials helped your learning?

1 Very relevant material to today's economy and society

2 Easily accessible slides that have a lot of valuable information

Q: What specifically about the clarity of instructions helped your learning?

Q: What specifically about the use of active learning helped your learning?

Q: What specifically about the interactions between students helped your learning?

Q: What specifically about instructor communication helped your learning?

Q: What specifically about the organization of this course helped your learning?

Q: What specifically about the relevance of the course content helped your learning?

1 I found the topics taught in lecture to be very interesting

2 This was one of my favorite econ classes due to the relevance of real life problems that could be tied to current events

Q: What specifically about the assignments or projects helped your learning?

1 All assignments were directly related to course content. Sometimes questions were asked that were outside of the concepts discussed in lecture, so I reached out to the teacher for clarification.

2 The homework questions were helpful for my understanding of the material

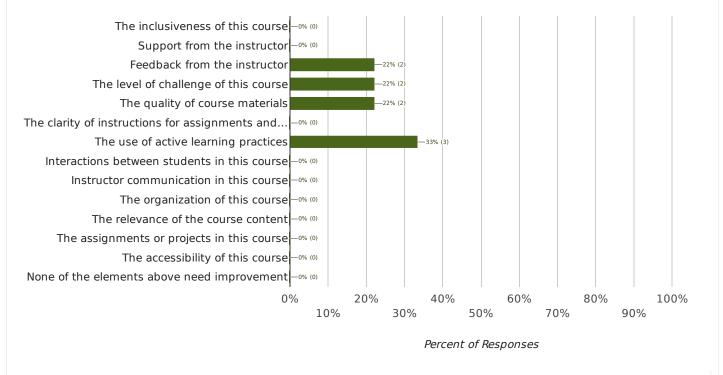
3 I thought the homework was very helpful for learning the assigned material

Q: What specifically about the accessibility of this course helped your learning?

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Q: What specific change in the support from the instructor would help your learning?

Q: Was the course too hard or too easy? What specific change related to the level of challenge would help your learning?

1 It was a mix. We were expected to memorize a fairly large amount of information. The math in the class was super easy, but the number of concepts was almost impossible to truly remember. This made studying guite stressful

2 Seems that we need more opportunities to practice

Q: What specific change in the feedback would help your learning?

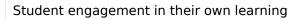
- 1 Grading on problem sets were a bit harsh. Were looking for very specific wording for some problems and felt like some points were taken off unfairly
- 2 Only two days a week of office hours. With small windows.

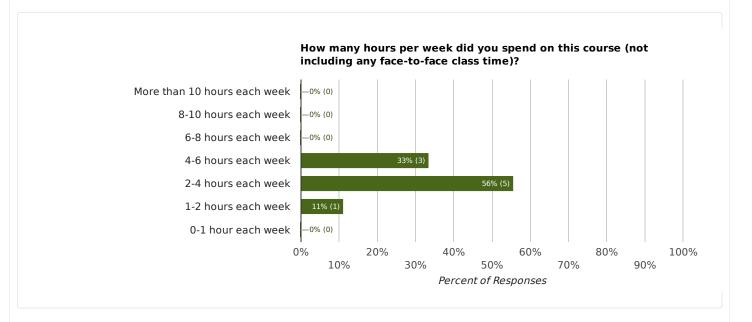
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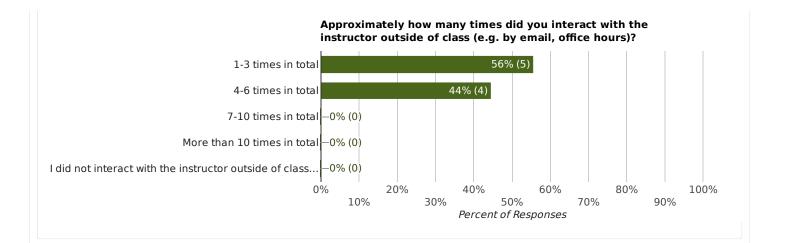
1 typo in PPT

² Having more interaction on course materials other than problem sets could be beneficial. Students have the ability to work together on bigger projects together in class.

Q: What specific change in the clarity of instructions would help your learning?
Q: What specific change in the use of active learning would help your learning?
1 Its economics but there was still a lack of active learning
2 Lots of lecturing, class discussions/group discussions could be beneficial
3 I think practicing examples on the board could have been helpful
Q: What specific change in instructor communication would help your learning?
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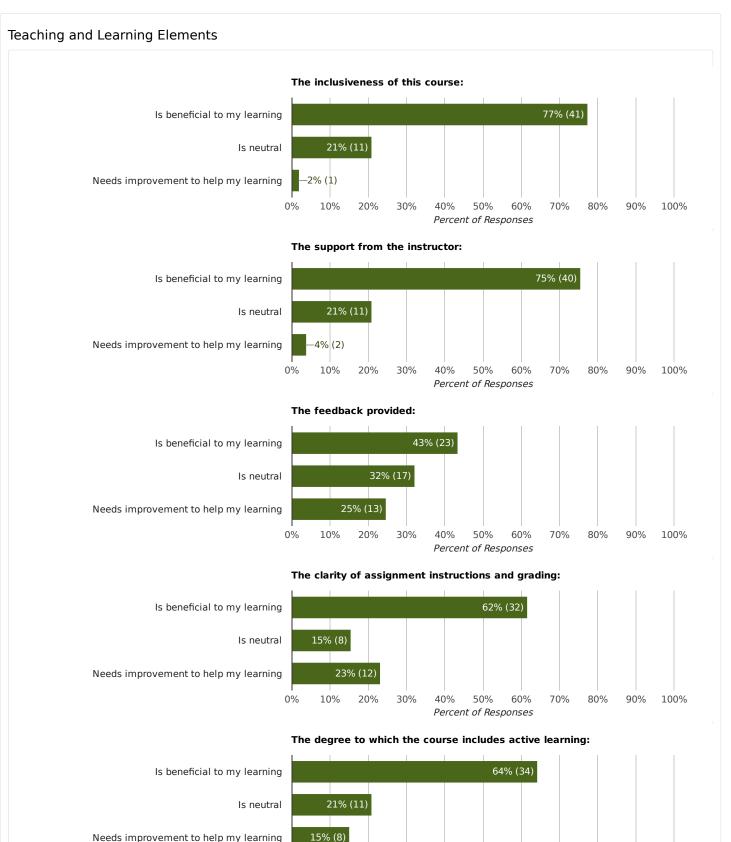
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Impacts on my Learning (5 comments)

Q: Describe any challenges you may have faced this session: for example have you experienced technology/connectivity issues, home/personal issues, limited motivation, time management challenges, or distractions that have negatively impacted your learning?

- 1 I moved during week 8 which was insane but also completely my fault lol
- 2 none
- 3 None
- 4 N/A
- 5 The 8:30 in the morning class on a Monday.

Is there anything else you would like to say about your learning experience?



Needs improvement to help my learning

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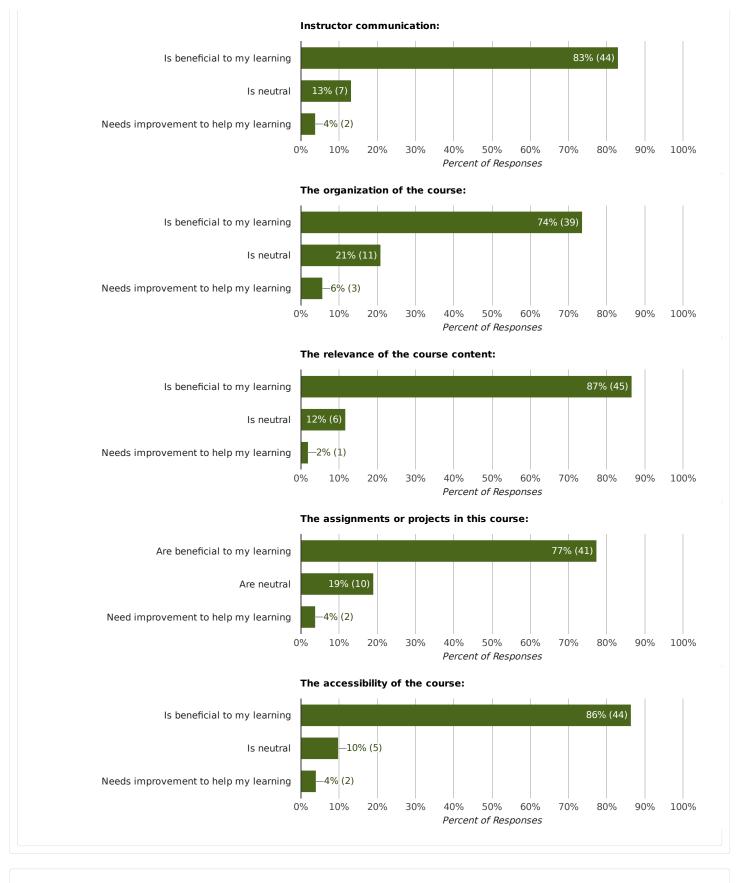
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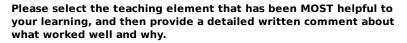
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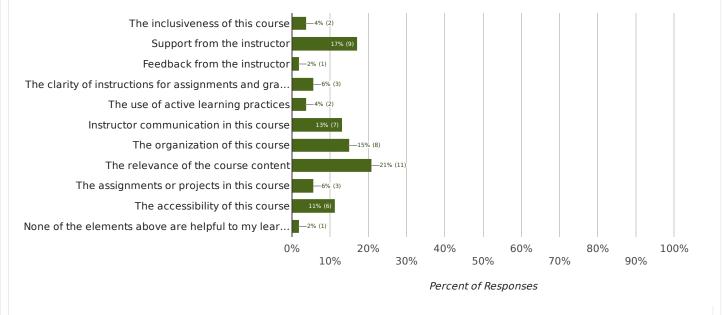
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Most Beneficial





Most Beneficial Comments

What's Been MOST Helpful to Your Learning? (41 comments)

Q: What specifically about the inclusiveness of the course helped your learning?

1 i really enjoyed the format of the class and I loved the topic.

Q: What specifically about the support from the instructor helped your learning?

- 1 Brock was very helpful when giving feedback on assignments or clarification on topics. He is always open to talk in office hours about anything class related. He seemed to understand and related to students which I really appreciated.
- 2 Office hours were a big help in completing the homework and preparing for exams
- 3 Brock Wilson is the man! There's a future as an Academic in economics there for sure. Responsive, accommodative, clear, precise, and clearly quite intelligent with a passion for economics. Great course.

4 Office Hours, Email, etc.

- 5 Brock has been a joy to listen to. He makes everything so simple and valuable when speaking. Great experience.
- 6 I really liked that you had office hours immediately after class. It was helpful to be able to go to that to ask clarifying questions about the lecture.
- 7 Brock is very passionate and knowledgeable about the course material. During class and office hours, he has continually supported my peers and I not only in our immediate learning for the class, but also future learning opportunities we may pursue. He has provided many source materials and referenced many useful sources that have helped me determine some future plans for my major.

Q: What specifically about the level of challenge helped your learning?

Q: What specifically about the feedback helped your learning?

Q: What specifically about the quality of course materials helped your learning?

Q: What specifically about the clarity of instructions helped your learning?

- 1 Expectations for homework was clear and if there was ever any confusion, Brock was sure to clarify and even show examples for how you should solve problems.
- 2 The homework's are very direct in what they are asking and prepare you for the exams.

Q: What specifically about the use of active learning helped your learning?

- 1 The engagement with the class through difficult topics, use of the chalk board, accessibility out of the classroom, reference material that aids understanding, and his own love for the material.
- 2 Great lectures

Q: What specifically about the interactions between students helped your learning?

Q: What specifically about instructor communication helped your learning?

1 Best instructor I have had

2 He was always willing to answer any question we had and never hesitated to get back to us. I remember when I had a rather confusing question on the homework he responded quickly and with a detailed explanation that helped me understand what I did wrong. I really appreciated his promptness and willingness to communicate.

3 the communication from classes and after classes about assignments and class is really helpful.

4 Brock Wilson responds quickly to emails when students have questions/concerns

Q: What specifically about the organization of this course helped your learning?

1 I appreciated the structure of the course and pace of content in lectures.

- 2 Brock had slides very organizable and easy to read/follow along with
- 3 The course was clear from day 1 as to what was expected, how to complete assignments, and what to study for exams. Setting up modules in Canvas instead of having just files would increase the organization and clarity, but isn't entirely necessary!
- 4 The organization of the slides for each lecture were, easy to follow and didn't cause any confusion ever. I liked how we would learn about specific examples when learning about different concepts.
- 5 Lots of extra work and ideas for each week that helped with digging deeper.

Q: What specifically about the relevance of the course content helped your learning?

- 1 Motivated lectures by why the content is important.
- 2 Very interesting topics which were nice to study
- 3 I think that it all really ties into real life scenarios beneficial to understanding how the world works on an economic level.
- 4 It referenced concepts I had learned in previous economic classes. It built on information relating specifically to developmental economics. The professor added studies for students who wanted to look deeper into topics covered in class.
- 5 I think it is really interesting and engaging, especially with all the real-world examples the instructor provides on slides and during lectures. It helps connect course material to real issues.
- 6 The class was very helpful in opening my mind to the different areas and aspects of Econ while I wasn't concerned with my grade the class was very efficient with course work and did not waste my time.
- 7 It made it more interesting
- 8 I loved absolutely everything about this class. I have 0 complaints, I don't even think you could improve anything! I felt like the material we covered was very applicable to the developing world and was extremely interesting. It was apparent that Mr.Wilson was extremely interested in the subject of economics and he brought excitement into the classroom.
- 9 Really interesting everyday in clas
- 10 Empirical research

Q: What specifically about the assignments or projects helped your learning?

1 The exams are very fair, the midterm truly reflected the practice one and the homework which i appreciate.

Q: What specifically about the assignments or projects helped your learning?

2 They were similar to the midterms

3 They were very closely related to exams and lectures. Interesting and the right level of challenge.

Q: What specifically about the accessibility of this course helped your learning?

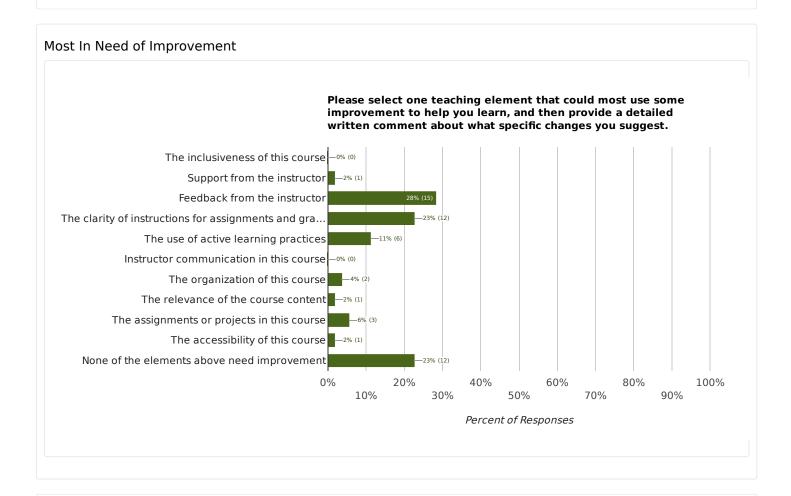
- 1 Everything is available online on canvas and in the textbook.
- 2 Has all the slides and lectures posted on canvas making it fairly easy to access when I'm confused on the homework.
- 3 It was easy and helpful to obtain the necessary lecture material from Canvas if I was unable to make it to lecture

4 the instructor

- 5 All of the materials were posted on Canvas. We did nothave to purchase an expensive textbook as in most economics courses.
- 6 This course is very straightforward and to the point.

Q: Please say more about how none of the teaching elements above were helpful to your learning.

1 I wish the teacher graded our work instead of the TAs going it.



Most In Need of Improvement Comments

What Could MOST Use Some Improvement to Help you Learn? (41 comments)

Q: What specific change in the inclusiveness of the course would help your learning?

Q: What specific change in the support from the instructor would help your learning?

1 Nothing was wrong with the level of support from the instructor. However, I think it could be improved with reminders at the end of classes that say an assignment is due soon or when office hours are. This was said, but I think could be more consistent and clear.

Q: Was the course too hard or too easy? What specific change related to the level of challenge would help your learning?

Q: What specific change in the feedback would help your learning?

- 1 more feedback on short/long answer questions on midterm ex: what your answer was missing to receive full points
- 2 Better feedback on work turned in- not sure why some HW answers were wrong, seemed to match solutions sheet.
- 3 Not the instructor specifically, but more so the grader for the homework. There were multiple times where I had a correct answer on assignments and points were taken for basically no reason. I do appreciate the instructors flexibility in awarding points back/going over missed problems.
- 4 Most times wrong answers on homework and exams would be marked as wrong without any explanation of why.
- 5 In my opinion, the grading for this course needs a lot of work to be more beneficial for all. There was rarely partial credit given for homework or assignments, which resulted in a major loss of points at times. Economics is very detail-oriented, and specific, but if someone is in the ballpark with their answers, only one or two points should be taken off. Not 3/4 of the total points.

6 Nothing!

- 7 The comments from GEs on our homework problems are not helpful. It just says the homework problem number and the amount of points taken off, but not what was done incorrectly. It is confusing. For example, for a formula problem (calculations only) could be worth 5 points, and 2 points are taken off. Either the calculation is right or wrong, so it can get confusing.
- 8 Giving reasons why we lost points on tests or homework
- 9 The only thing I can think of is asking the grader to also add why we were marked down on certain questions. Currently it just say "q3: -3p". It would be better if it said question 3 you missed the key point of blah blah blah...
- 10 The feedback from the TA for grading was not beneficial at all. I felt like they did not take into consideration the effort put into the assignments by students and would only comment that an answer is wrong with no explanation
- 11 On homework we only got (-3), (-2), and etc. Never what we did wrong or why we go points off.
- 12 I would like to see exactly what I did wrong on the homework's so I know where to improve.

Q: What specific change in the quality of course materials would help your learning?

Q: What specific change in the clarity of instructions would help your learning?

1 Grading was a little harsh, I had to come to office hours to fight for points back.

2 NA

- 3 Some problems in the homework weren't discussed in the lectures and you don't get any points at all for just the attempt.
- 4 I wish that in the homework grading the grader would tell us why we got something wrong rather than having us look at the answers
- 5 Some of the assignments that were graded as wrong were actually correct but just weren't formatted correctly. There weren't any clear communication on how exact work needed to be done
- 6 The TA for this course graded homework assignments very harshly without telling us how to do the problems correctly
- 7 The grading was way too harsh. Understandable, but still...
- 8 In a course that emphasizes understanding concepts, graders are looking for responses that regurgitate lecture material.
- 9 The homework assignments are worth 20% but 40% for the final and midterm exams. No extra credit included or reliable feedback on the homework assignments.

Q: What specific change in the use of active learning would help your learning?

- 1 I think that the structure of this course works well for the topic being taught, but I do think that a change from lectures every class and the same types of homework assignments every week would help keep students more engaged. Possibly making a group project or individual where you have to take class concepts and apply them to real-world situations on your own. Or possibly a deep dive into a specific case study.
- 2 I think interacting with the class more and using more demonstrations of formulas etc instead of just reading off of slideshows for the entire guarter.
- 3 go slower on slides

Q: What specific change in the use of active learning would help your learning?

4 We spent a little too much time going over questions and homework in class. The constant revisiting got confusing. I would urge for less active learning.

Q: What specific change in instructor communication would help your learning?

Q: What specific change in the interactions between students would help your learning?

Q: What specific change in the organization of the course would help your learning?

- 1 modules
- 2 Only having few assignments can make the class be graded harder.

Q: What specific change in the relevance of the course content would help your learning?

1 I felt that a lot of the models we spent time on did not deepen my understanding of development as much as they could have, and seemed disjointed with one another.

Q: What specific change in the assignments or projects would help your learning?

- 1 Possibly assigning a group project. I believe group projects are a good way to meet people in the class especially when you don't know anyone.
- 2 Homework is difficult to complete and he always says refer to the slides for help but thats over 500 separate slides to go over to find what I'm looking for. Also, its just basic information, the examples on the slides do not show work it just shows the answer.
- 3 I think there could have been a couple more homework assignments or something, to cover some more material.

Q: What specific change in the accessibility of the course would help your learning?

1 The professor could post his lectures online so I can rewatch them to reinforce my learning of the concepts

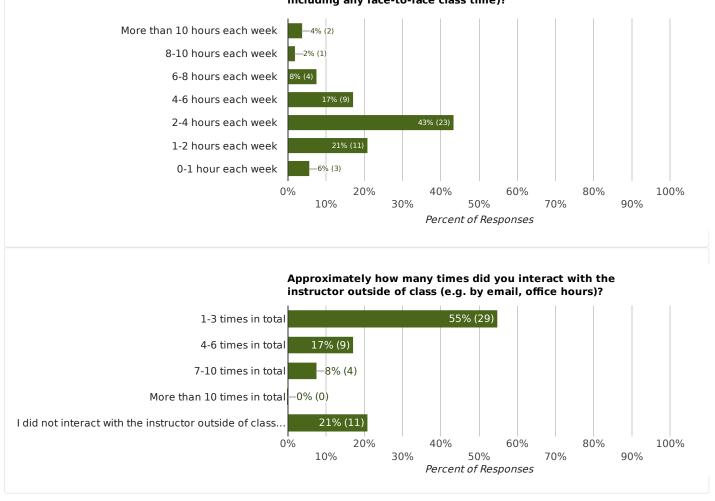
Q: Please say more about how none of the teaching elements above need improvement to help your learning.

- 1 nothing needs to be done
- 2 I would say this was overall a really interesting course that doesn't need improvement. The class content was relevant and interesting, Brock was an excellent professor who really cares about what he teaches, and the structure, clarity, and organization were all great as well.
- 3 n/p
- 4 Class was well ran.
- 5 This has been one of if not my favorite Econ classes. The material isn't what interests me the most but Brock really makes it interesting in class.
- 6 I found the course to be straight forward and engaging.
- 7 This has been one of my favorite classes and I am very glad I took it!

8 They were all good

Student engagement in their own learning

How many hours per week did you spend on this course (not including any face-to-face class time)?



COVID Impact

Is there anything else you would like to say about your learning experience?

Final Question (8 comments)

Q: What else would you like to say about your learning experience in the course? Please avoid personal comments about the instructor.

1 Keep this teacher

- 2 It was a great class and I learned a lot!
- 3 This course could have been so much better it wasn't so reliant on a few assignments. Only four home-works, one midterm, and a final. Of course I know there's a fine line between too much busy work and too little but it would be nice to have other assignments to help out my grade a little bit in case I mess up on the ONE midterm. Two midterms would be pretty sweet as well, maybe even weekly quizzes.
- 4 There need to be more opportunities to gain points in this course. Test-heavy courses (40% of the grade for each test) are notoriously stressinducing for students. Particularly 40% tests that are mainly short answer-based with little to no opportunities for partial credit. More opportunities to earn points will allow future students to apply what they've learned more efficiently.
- 5 The teaching style was very effective. I felt engaged throughout the term. Some questions asked during class were a little awkward in that they were too easy. Like the instructor would ask what is essentially a straight-forward addition question or something he just said like 2 seconds before that and would seemingly expect someone to raise their hand and answer. Perhaps this is intended to keep the audience/class on their toes, so it's not really that important, just something I noticed. I thought the research papers discussed were fascinating. The instructor clearly cares about what he's teaching!

Q: What else would you like to say about your learning experience in the course? Please avoid personal comments about the instructor.

- 6 I think there needs to be more examples given in class when learning about the math a part of the class. Obviously this course isn't super math heavy but when we do it I think there needs to be more examples
- 7 I really enjoyed this class and found its' material to be important. I think it's a class that should be highlighted in the economics program.
- 8 Thank you so much for this awesome course Brock! I loved every lecture and it was my favorite class this term (because you were such a good teacher not because the content was interesting to me). You are a great teacher that is genuinely good at explains things. You made complex topics easy to understand and I love your pace of teaching. I also liked that you brought in current research at the end of lectures and showed us what is happening right now. It's apparent that you care deeply about economics and your students. I could tell how much thought and hard work you put into each slide and every aspect of the class. I thought that the level of homework was very good and I liked its format. Also as a little side I really like your haircut and beard they're super cute :). I wish you the best of luck in your Ph.D. You definitely deserve it based off the work you have put into this class. Also you're the most kind instructor I've had while at UO and most inclusive. You were always so excited to talk to students!