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## Instructional Assistant Student Evaluation of Teaching for Vedant Vohra Department of Economics

ECON 220A - Econometrics A (Elliott, Graham) Fall 2024

> Number of Evaluations Submitted: 20 Number of Students Enrolled: 25

1. The Instructional Assistant used instructional methods in section and/or office hours that helped me learn and engage with the course material.

- 20 (100.0%): Strongly Agree
- 0 (0.0%): Agree
- 0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
- 0 (0.0%): Disagree
- 0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
- 0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

2. The sections led by this Instructional Assistant were well-coordinated with other components of this class (e.g., lecture, lab, assignments, etc.).

- 18 (90.0%): Strongly Agree
- 1 (5.0%): Agree
- 0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
- 1 (5.0%): Disagree
- 0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
- 0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

3. The Instructional Assistant communicated effectively.

- 20 (100.0%): Strongly Agree
- 0 (0.0%): Agree
- 0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
- 0 (0.0%): Disagree
- 0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
- 0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

4. The Instructional Assistant provided constructive feedback on my work.

14 (70.0%):	Strongly Agree
3 (15.0%):	Agree
1 (5.0%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Strongly Disagree
2 (10.0%):	Not Applicable

5. The Instructional Assistant created a welcoming and supportive learning environment.

 17 (89.5%):
 Strongly Agree

 2 (10.5%):
 Agree

 0 (0.0%):
 Neither Agree Nor Disagree

 0 (0.0%):
 Disagree

 0 (0.0%):
 Strongly Disagree

 0 (0.0%):
 Not Applicable

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 [No Response]

6. The Instructional Assistant generally began and ended section/lab/office hours on time.

 19 (95.0%):
 Strongly Agree

 0 (0.0%):
 Agree

 1 (5.0%):
 Neither Agree Nor Disagree

 0 (0.0%):
 Disagree

 0 (0.0%):
 Strongly Disagree

 0 (0.0%):
 Not Applicable

7. Please describe any practices that the Instructional Assistant specifically used that created or interfered with a welcoming and supportive learning environment.

- creating very useful materials carefully so that they really complement course material and easy to understand
- Great slides, full details and all steps involved. Great for studying on our own. He is also super patient, welcoming and encourages questions. Great TA.
- He established a safe, nonjudgemental environment to pose questions.
- he let us work on the problems at our own pace and then explained, this was helpful.
- The environment was very conducive to learning, I could ask questions without thinking twice
- Vedant had the perfect TA sessions: they meet you where you are at, he is incredible at answering questions and sayins what is relaly relevant or not both within the context of class and in the economics field.
- Vedant is very good at reminding us what the goal of first year is and reassuring us that is possible to do what needs to get done to pass quals.

- Vedant is very kind, understanding, and non-judgmental. He always made me feel like I could ask him any question, no matter how simple, without judgment and he would be happy to explain it
- Vedant was super willing to answer any and all questions. He also generally made sure everyone was on the same page before moving on.
- very available, clear that he was "on our side," useful examples

8. Please describe any practices that the Instructional Assistant specifically used that particularly helped you to learn the material and/or encouraged you to feel that you could succeed in the course.

- Absolutely! Vedant is very encouraging and available. He does an excellent job of breaking down concepts for us and explaining them in basic steps
- Better understanding the content after his TA. Great.
- encouragement to do the problem sets
- He answered all of my questions satisfactorily and provided advice for studying and overall succeeding on my first year.
- His discussion section slides were adequate preparation for exams.
- His discussion sections were extremely well-organized and complemented the lecture material. The content we covered not only helped me prepare for exams but also gaining understanding of the class content.
- In general, Vedant was extremely supportive throughout the quarter, would love to have him back as my TA
- The discussion sections are very helpful. Vedant explains things clearly.
- Vedant is excellent at explaining the intuition of econometrics and highlighting which areas are the most important ones that we should focus on. He also provides excellent practice questions during his discussion section.
- Went over concepts and practices step by step so that everything is super clear. Vedant shared his own understanding of the course content which is very helpful for us students.

9. Please offer constructive suggestions that might help the Instructional Assistant improve their contribution to your learning of the course material.

- I genuinely think that there is absolutely no room for improvement. Vedant was perfect in all regards.
- Keep up the good work.
- My only complaint this quarter is there were a couple of weeks where discussion section lagged behind lecture which made it confusing to switch between them.
- No notes. He is excellent.

- Nope. Just hope the TA session can be longer so that more content can be covered.
- The discussion section slides were invaluable as a study tool. Additional footnotes with recommended readings or additional problems would enhance them further.
- Vedant is an excellent TA!

10. Is there anything else you would like to share about your experience with this Instructional Assistant?

- 10 out of 10 TA, one the best TAs ever
- Best TA Ever. Period. I am very inspired by Vedant as a TA and as a person. The level of empathy that he has for each and every student is remarkable. Vedant made sure that every single one of us understood all the concepts. The flow of his class was perfect -- He dedicated the right amount of time on building the intuitions and practicing the exam questions. If I end up working on econometrics as a field, I think Vedant will have a major contribution in this. I am so grateful to have him as a TA.
- One of the best TAs I have. Not only because his attitude towards the students but his professionalism and ways of communication.
- Really appreciated the TA sessions. Can't really express how much I admire Vedant for his talents.
- So so helpful! I could not have done well in class without him. Vedant was even more important for my learning than the professor.
- Thank you for all the time and effort you put into teaching us this quarter!
- Vedant is an empathetic and caring instructor. His kindness makes him better able to relate to and reach students. He makes it easy to approach him and seek help. Thank you, Vedant!
- 11. What was/were your reason(s) for taking this course?
- 16 (76.2%): Major/Program Requirement
- 0 (0.0%): Minor
- 0 (0.0%): College General Education
- 1 (4.8%): Elective
- 4 (19.0%): Interest
- 0 (0.0%): American History and Institutions (AHI) Requirement
- 0 (0.0%): Undergraduate Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Requirement (DEI) Requirement
- 0 (0.0%): Jane Teranes Climate Change Education Requirement (JTCCER)

12. How frequently did you interact with the Instructional Assistant <b>IN THE SECTION</b>?

13 (68.4%):	Frequently
5 (26.3%):	Sometimes
0 (0.0%):	Seldom
1 (5.3%):	Never
0 (0.0%):	Not Applicable
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13. How frequently did you interact with the Instructional Assistant <b>DURING OFFICE HOURS</b>?

 7 (36.8%):
 Frequently

 7 (36.8%):
 Sometimes

 3 (15.8%):
 Seldom

 2 (10.5%):
 Never

 0 (0.0%):
 Not Applicable

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 [No Response]

14. How frequently did you interact with the Instructional Assistant <b>VIA EMAIL</b>?

 3 (15.8%):
 Frequently

 4 (21.1%):
 Sometimes

 3 (15.8%):
 Seldom

 9 (47.4%):
 Never

 0 (0.0%):
 Not Applicable

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 [No Response]

15. How frequently did you interact with the Instructional Assistant <b>VIA THE COURSE DISCUSSION BOARD</b>?

 2 (10.5%):
 Frequently

 1 (5.3%):
 Sometimes

 2 (10.5%):
 Seldom

 6 (31.6%):
 Never

 8 (42.1%):
 Not Applicable

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 [No Response]

16. How often did you receive feedback from this instructional assistant on assignments/exams/papers?

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