



**Student IA Evaluation for Pietro Emilio Spini
Department of Economics**

ECON 220B - Econometrics B (Hamilton, James D.)
Winter 2019

**Number of Evaluations Submitted: 18
Number of Students Enrolled: 29**

1. The Instructional Assistant graded fairly and consistently.

14 (77.8%):	Strongly Agree
4 (22.2%):	Agree
0 (0.0%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Not Applicable

2. I went to the Instructional Assistant's office hours.

12 (66.7%):	Yes
4 (22.2%):	No
2 (11.1%):	Not Applicable

3. The Instructional Assistant's assistance during office hours was well-informed, clearly presented and valuable.

11 (64.7%):	Strongly Agree
2 (11.8%):	Agree
0 (0.0%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Strongly Disagree
4 (23.5%):	Not Applicable
1:	[No Response]

4. In general, material covered during office hours was beneficial and helpful in my overall understanding of the course.

13 (76.5%): Strongly Agree
2 (11.8%): Agree
2 (11.8%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
1: [No Response]

5. I went to the Instructional Assistant's discussion sections.

18 (100.0%): Yes
0 (0.0%): No
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

6. The Instructional Assistant came prepared and well organized to lead discussion sections.

16 (88.9%): Strongly Agree
2 (11.1%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

7. The Instructional Assistant presented course material clearly and answered questions accurately at discussion sections.

14 (77.8%): Strongly Agree
1 (5.6%): Agree
1 (5.6%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
1 (5.6%): Disagree
1 (5.6%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

8. In general, discussion sections enhanced my understanding of the course material.

13 (76.5%): Strongly Agree
1 (5.9%): Agree
1 (5.9%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
2 (11.8%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
1: [No Response]

9. I went to the Instructional Assistant's midterm exam review session(s).

12 (75.0%): Yes
2 (12.5%): No
2 (12.5%): Not Applicable
2: [No Response]

10. The Instructional Assistant came prepared and well organized to exam reviews.

12 (70.6%): Strongly Agree
1 (5.9%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
4 (23.5%): Not Applicable
1: [No Response]

11. The Instructional Assistant presented course material clearly and answered questions accurately at exam reviews.

12 (70.6%): Strongly Agree
1 (5.9%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
4 (23.5%): Not Applicable
1: [No Response]

12. In general, exam reviews enhanced my understanding of the course material.

11 (73.3%): Strongly Agree
1 (6.7%): Agree
3 (20.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
3: [No Response]

13. The Instructional Assistant was approachable, courteous and showed interest and concern for students' learning and understanding.

17 (94.4%): Strongly Agree
1 (5.6%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

14. I would recommend this Instructional Assistant to other students.

15 (88.2%): Strongly Agree
0 (0.0%): Agree
1 (5.9%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
1 (5.9%): Strongly Disagree
1: [No Response]

15. Do you have any other comments to add to your evaluation?

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- Going through previous exam questions is helpful, but it would've been nice for there to be a short review of the material at the beginning of class before diving right in. I felt like the discussion sections were only helpful if I already understood the concepts, and doing more concept review before diving into a problem would have helped people like me who haven't seen a ton of econometrics before this.
(Also if you're worried about time, as grad students, we are happy to have an hour and a half session instead of an hour so you don't feel rushed.)
- I believe Pietro went far above and beyond the standard call of duty to refine his delivery and effectiveness as a TA this quarter. By the time we were finished with this course he was delivering discussion sessions at a level of polish, efficiency, and depth that in my experience is peerless. My one area of feedback would be to think about how to refine verbal delivery of conceptual content that is more matched to students who are significantly less knowledgeable about econometrics and probability theory. Pietro is a relative expert in Metrics compared to first-years, which is a double-edged sword. This was hardly a significant issue though, Pietro's impact on our learning this quarter was extremely positive from my vantage point.
- Overall, I found sections very helpful. In some cases, I think that it would have been useful to also review concepts and formulas before diving into problems.
- Pietro is a walking stackexchange when it comes to math and econometrics. When you ask him any question, he can explain it to you in three different ways. I honestly wish he could just transfer about half of what he knows to my brain before this final...

His discussion sections were really helpful. I appreciated the fact that he took the time to go over exercises from previous finals and quals, since the problem sets are not usually the best preparation for the exams. He's also a very friendly and approachable guy, and is responsive by email. He goes above and beyond the call of duty, by scheduling extra office hours and reviews for us! Thanks Pietro.

- Pietro was a great TA, especially because of his eagerness to improve. The section started a little too technical and hard to follow, but it ended up being super helpful. I think you've got it!
- Pietro was great
- Pietro was overly ambitious when it came to how much he could cover in each section, and it resulted in us doing a lot of problems very quickly. I would have much preferred a review of the main topics covered in class from that week, followed by one relevant exercise if time allowed. Pietro's sections definitely improved over time, but he also needs to be careful to not write things on the board that we haven't talked about yet. He clearly knows the material very well, but that often resulted in outside knowledge coming in to his answers to exercises, which we did

not know. However, Pietro was incredibly approachable, passionate, and clearly cared about each of us understanding the material. He was also very generous with his time.

- Pietro's sections are a joy. I especially enjoy it when he solves qual questions. Keep it up!
- Thanks for preparing amazing ta session. I really appreciate your help. In particular, covering past qual questions was really helpful.
- Very nice TA, probably one of the best we've had so far. Had a very good understanding of the material and was also able to present it in a way that was extremely clear. An excellent TA overall.

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