

Brown University

Fall 2023 Course Feedback



Course: Fall2023ECON1000: ECON1000 Fall23 Using Big Data to Solve Economic and Social Problems-S01
Instructor: John Friedman
TA: Camille Gardner, Anna Lapre, Juan Yamin Silva *, Calvin Kirk, Katie Trinh, Marcel Mateos Salles, Sydney Fritz
Response Rate: 122/133 (91.73 %)

Question		5	4	3	2	1	0	B1	B2	B3	Mean	Std	Median
My teaching assistant (Juan Yamin Silva): was consistently prepared.	n	18	21	1	0	0	0	4.61	4.60	4.58	4.43	0.55	4.00
	%	45.00%	52.50%	2.50%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%						
My teaching assistant (Juan Yamin Silva): effectively engaged students (e.g. encouraged student participation; was responsive to questions; offered opportunities for discussion in pairs or small groups).	n	15	14	9	2	0	0	4.56	4.54	4.55	4.05	0.90	4.00
	%	37.50%	35.00%	22.50%	5.00%	0.00%	0.00%						
My teaching assistant (Juan Yamin Silva): was responsive to students (e.g. was available during office hours; was responsive to questions; was responsive to requests to meet).	n	16	20	4	0	0	0	4.62	4.62	4.62	4.30	0.65	4.00
	%	40.00%	50.00%	10.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%						
My teaching assistant (Juan Yamin Silva): made content clear and understandable.	n	10	17	10	3	0	0	4.54	4.51	4.50	3.85	0.89	4.00
	%	25.00%	42.50%	25.00%	7.50%	0.00%	0.00%						
My teaching assistant (Juan Yamin Silva): provided clear feedback on assignments that improved my learning.	n	13	18	5	2	0	2	4.53	4.50	4.53	4.11	0.83	4.00
	%	32.50%	45.00%	12.50%	5.00%	0.00%	5.00%						
My teaching assistant (Juan Yamin Silva): Overall, I rate this teaching assistant as effective.	n	11	24	3	2	0	0	4.58	4.57	4.57	4.10	0.74	4.00
	%	27.50%	60.00%	7.50%	5.00%	0.00%	0.00%						

Scale: 5 = Strongly Agree , 4 = Agree , 3 = Neutral , 2 = Disagree , 1 = Strongly Disagree , 0 = N/A

B1 = Brown University, B2 = Division, B3 = Department

What has been particularly effective about Juan Yamin Silva's approach to teaching in this course?

- He explained equations and relationships clearly
- Encourages questions in section
- He explains the material very well and is very responsive during office hours.
- I enjoyed his conciseness during labs.
- NA
- Juan was also very helpful and a very friendly person. I sometimes found that he explained concepts in an overly complicated way, though. I found some labs a bit hard to follow at times.
- Juan is nice and he helped me a lot in preparing for the final.
- Juan led good labs and engaged students as much as he really could have, given the class' lack of general responsiveness.
- Clear explanation and give a chance for every student equally (respect everyone's time equally).
- His receptiveness to questions
- He made sure to stick closely to lab and homework content, allowing us to connect together all aspects of the course.
- Very straight to the point!
- I thought that he was always prepared for lab and he did a good job allowing us to ask questions, often repeatedly about confusing concepts.
- Very well prepared and knowledgeable about the material
- He conveyed material clearly and answered all questions.

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What specific advice would you have for Juan Yamin Silva about changes that would enhance your learning?

- Explanations could go a bit over our heads at times
- Overall, his attitude came off as condescending and frustrated towards students. While he was obviously very smart, he was not particularly helpful, and not very responsive or encouraging when answer questions.
- There could be improvement on help provided for labs/homework, he did not provide detailed help on specific issues. There can be some improvement on communication as well clarity of teaching.
- Nothing in particular
- I would recommend for him to be more encouraging/friendly during labs. It was often difficult to ask questions.
- N/A
- NA
- I sometimes found that he explained concepts in an overly complicated way, though. I found some labs a bit hard to follow at times.
- NA
- Don't get angry with students when things are not going on at the same as they want.
- Keep doing everything you are already doing!
- Go slower during section.
- I felt like he moved very quickly through the code and content and I wished that he had slowed down during the presentations. The end of labs sometimes felt rushed which made doing the homework's later in the week more difficult.
- N/a