

Evidence of Teaching Effectiveness – Yubo Liu

Statement of Teaching Effectiveness

This document provides a summary of my effectiveness as a Teaching Assistant for Economic Inequality (Fall 2016 & Spring 2017). I taught discussion sections and involved in the preparation of this entirely new course offered for the first time in UVa's history. The results are taken directly from teaching evaluations that were conducted anonymously at the end of each semester at the University of Virginia. I also include the aggregate result for all courses which provides a basis of comparison with other instructors teaching in the same semester. Presented in this document are both statistical evaluations and open-ended student responses.

Evaluation Statistics

The following questions were posed to students on teaching evaluations with answers on a 1 to 5 scale with:

- 1 – Excellent
- 2 -- Good
- 3 -- Okay
- 4 -- Poor
- 5 -- Very Poor

Student responses in my discussion sections are compared to **departmental averages** for intermediate and upper level courses in economics.

Question	Fall 2016	Department Average	Spring 2017	Department Average
The instructor's overall effectiveness as a teacher:	1.34	1.96	1.42	1.93
The instructor's class presentations:	1.49	1.98	1.47	1.91
The instructor's availability outside of classrooms:	1.33	1.87	1.38	1.85
In terms of stimulating me to think and learn, the instructor was:	1.53	1.98	1.49	1.97

Selected Comments from Student Feedback

“Yubo was one of the (if not THE) best TA I've ever had at UVA.”

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“Yubo is honestly probably my favorite econ TA. I felt like he made complex topics make a lot of sense, and was incredibly valuable as a resource.”

“Yubo was awesome. One of the best TAs I've had at UVA and definitely the best TA I have had in an ECON class. Very open to help on problem sets and answer questions. Would stay after and help after any class if you would like in addition to his office hours.”

“Yubo, should he choose to, would be a fantastic professor. He cares for his students, is smart and wants them to succeed. He presents the material in an approachable manner and knows how to get the best from his students.”

“Yubo has a clear command of the material and knows how to help his students understand. He also seems to care about us and want us to succeed, so he always takes time to ensure that the material is clear and comprehensible for everyone. He is particularly helpful in his office hours, and he is very patient when we do not understand a concept.”

“Yubo was an awesome TA!! My partner and I visited him almost every week regarding the homework assignments for help, and he was always available to help. He always makes time for his students. When we met with him his comments were always very helpful; he didn't give too much away, he allowed us to come to the answer ourselves. Yubo is definitely one of the best TA's I've had at my time at UVA. Thank you, Yubo, for everything!”

“Yubo is fantastic. I hope he becomes a professor someday; he will make an excellent one.”

“Yubo was able to answer our questions and he seemed devoted to ensuring that we understood all of the comments. He was able to connect with the students, both with humor and with guidance during the discussion. He was patient with us. I think he did a great job and I'm glad he was my TA.”

“Yubo was very approachable and made the material interesting. He is amazing at explaining anything!!! He taught me things about Stata and MicroEcon that my professors last year couldn't even get close to--and he was just a TA! I am so impressed by Yubo and how kind and patient he is with all of us students.”

“very enthusiastic and passionate about the material”

“He was well-versed in the subject matter and very willing to go the extra mile to help students succeed.”

“Absolutely--I wish Yubo would be my TA for every class at UVA.”

“Yubo was a great TA”

“I enjoyed the knowledgeable nature of the professor.”

“He did a great job reviewing necessary STATA commands and economic theories/ideas to prep us on the homework. He also has a good sense of humor.”

“Engaging material, I have a better grasp of analyzing data using STATA, and I feel confident that I fully understood the concepts, thanks to the TA.”

“Yubo was very approachable and made discussion incredibly worthwhile by coming up with good examples and going through the homework thoroughly.”

“The Lectures were very engaging”

“Yubo would help us understand the material for problem sets and assist us with STATA and would go over the problem sets afterwards to make sure we understood everything. This was helpful.”

“Yubo was always able to explain concepts very clearly, and was clearly very knowledgeable about the subject.”

“Yubo was good at answering questions and made himself very available to students.”

“Yubo was a very quick grader and got us our homework and exams back with plenty of time to study them. He is very friendly, personable and really dedicated to his students.”

“Strength- helpful in office hours, available, great at clarifying”

“Strengths: approachable, nice, knowledgeable, helpful No real weaknesses in my opinion”

“Absolutely! I already have, and I would definitely recommend Yubo as a TA. He gives his students all the tools they need to succeed in the course.”

“Thank you for a great semester, Yubo!”

“Yubo was extremely helpful TA and was extremely approachable outside the class room. His discussion section were well-organized and had a strong understanding of the material. He will teach a great summer class!”

“Yubo was a really awesome TA, and he helped me understand the material for this course.”

“yes, Yubo was a great TA”

“Good discussion sections and did a good job answering questions & clarifying the theory behind concepts from class.”

“Yubo was really great, did a good job pinpointing some of the challenging points of the homeworks without just doing them for the class. Was really good at answering questions, it seemed like he was very involved with the course topic and planning.”

“very well organized”

“Yubo was really good at explaining things on the homework that were unclear. He almost always knew the answer to everything we asked him.”

“Strengths - thorough, approachable, helpful”

“Yubo was excellent about being available to schedule appointments outside his usual office hours.”

“Yubo was very kind and extremely easy to contact. He would respond to emails right away, which is helpful for the homework.”

“Yubo was a great TA! Always responded to questions via email/office hours and helped us understand the material”