

Principles of Microeconomics (Summer 1 2020 202040)

Instructor: **Shi, Xiaolin**
 Section: **05**
 Course Title: **Principles of Microeconomics**
 Course ID: **41621**
 Subject: **ECON**

Enrollment: **25**
 Responses Incl Declines: **9**
 Declines: **1**
 Department: **Economics**
 Number: **1116**

Questions to Assess Students' Online Experience

Question	Number of Responses	Response Rate	Course Mean	Course Median
Online course materials were organized to help me navigate through the course week by week.	8	32%	4.6	5.0
Online interactions with my instructor created a sense of connection in the virtual classroom.	8	32%	4.4	5.0
Online course interactions created a sense of community and connection to my classmates.	8	32%	3.6	4.0
I had the necessary computer skills and technology to successfully complete the course.	8	32%	4.8	5.0

Note: 5:Strongly Agree; 4:Agree; 3:Neutral; 2:Disagree; 1:Strongly Disagree;

Course Related Questions

Question	Number of Responses	Response Rate	Course Mean	Course Median
The syllabus helped me to learn.	8	32%	4.5	4.5
The textbook(s) helped me to learn.	8	32%	4.3	4.0
The materials posted online, including Blackboard, helped me to learn.	8	32%	4.8	5.0
The out-of-class assignments and fieldwork helped me to learn.	8	32%	4.3	4.5
The lectures helped me to learn.	8	32%	4.5	4.5
The in-class discussions and activities helped me to learn.	8	32%	4.4	5.0
The classroom technology helped me to learn.	8	32%	4.3	5.0
The required textbook(s) were important for my success in this course.	8	32%	3.6	4.0
I would recommend that the instructor continue requiring the textbook(s).	8	32%	4.0	4.0
The required digital and/or other supplemental materials were important for my success in this course.	8	32%	4.3	4.0
I would recommend the instructor continue requiring the digital and/or supplemental materials.	8	32%	4.3	4.0
I found this course intellectually challenging.	8	32%	4.3	4.0

Note: 5:Strongly Agree; 4:Agree; 3:Neutral; 2:Disagree; 1:Strongly Disagree; -1:Not applicable;

Learning Related Questions

Question	Number of Responses	Response Rate	Course Mean	Course Median
I learned a lot in this course.	8	32%	4.5	4.5
I learned to apply course concepts and principles.	8	32%	4.4	4.0
I developed additional skills in expressing myself orally and in writing.	8	32%	4.3	4.0
I learned to analyze and evaluate ideas, arguments, and points of view.	8	32%	4.1	4.0

Note: 5:Strongly Agree; 4:Agree; 3:Neutral; 2:Disagree; 1:Strongly Disagree; -1:Not applicable;

Instructor Related Questions: Xiaolin Shi

Question	Number of Responses	Response Rate	Course Mean	Course Median
The instructor possessed the basic communication skills necessary to teach the course.	8	32%	4.5	5.0
The instructor clearly communicated ideas and information.	8	32%	4.3	5.0
The instructor clearly stated the objectives of the course.	8	32%	4.6	5.0
The instructor covered what was stated in the course objectives and syllabus.	8	32%	4.8	5.0
The instructor came to class prepared to teach.	8	32%	4.8	5.0
The instructor used class time effectively.	8	32%	4.1	4.0
The instructor provided sufficient feedback.	8	32%	4.6	5.0
The instructor fairly evaluated my performance.	8	32%	4.5	5.0
The instructor is someone I would recommend to other students.	8	32%	4.5	5.0
The instructor treated students with respect.	8	32%	4.9	5.0
The instructor acknowledged and took effective action when students did not understand the material.	8	32%	4.8	5.0
The instructor was available to assist students outside of class.	8	32%	4.4	4.5
The instructor displayed enthusiasm for the course.	8	32%	4.9	5.0

Note: 5:Strongly Agree; 4:Agree; 3:Neutral; 2:Disagree; 1:Strongly Disagree; -1:Not applicable;

Instructor Effectiveness: Xiaolin Shi

Question	Number of Responses	Response Rate	Course Mean	Course Median
What is your overall rating of this instructor's teaching effectiveness?	8	32%	4.5	5.0

Note: 5:Almost Always Effective; 4:Usually Effective; 3:Sometimes Effective; 2:Rarely Effective; 1:Never Effective;

Course Related Questions (6 comments)

Q: Please comment on the strength and/or weakness of the required textbook/course materials.

- 1 Very well-rounded and relevant
- 2 I never used the optional textbook, and it was unnecessary for the general purposes of the course.
- 3 wish we went over the assignment questions for ones that most people got wrong
- 4 Strong
- 5 We didn't really use or need it in this course, at least in my experience.

- 6 This course was very well organized and well taught; however I found that I really didn't have to rely heavily on the textbook. All of the material I need to know was clearly communicated during class/lectures. The text book was more of a supplement for me if I wanted/needed additional information or examples.

Learning Related Questions (6 comments)

Q: Please comment on the strengths of this course and/or ways to improve this course.

- 1 The assignments and class-discussions required challenging and stimulating interaction
- 2 Discussion questions were adequately challenging and allowed us to learn beyond the classroom materials.
- 3 n/a
- 4 More discussion posts / don't have participation be a part of grade
- 5 I think that some sort of research project and/or essay would be a good idea to help students think about the course independently from the teacher and could inspire a higher level of interest in the material.
- 6 I learned so much in this course and although the material was challenging I really enjoyed it.

Instructor Related Questions: Xiaolin Shi (6 comments)

Q: Describe instructor's strengths, areas for improvement, and any additional comments.

- 1 Amazing professor, all-around fantastic experience.
- 2 She's a great professor and ultimately teaches the most important aspects successfully, but sometimes goes on tangents or gets flustered and then it gets really hard to follow her and stay engaged.
- 3 end class on time
- 4 Great professor
- 5 She is clearly knowledgeable in the course and, due to that fact, possesses a certain quality which makes the students feel sure that they are being taught well. She also treats everyone with respect and we all feel comfortable around her. My one recommendation for her would be to directly write down what she is saying and what is important instead of just certain main topics, though this was not so much a problem for this course due to the nature of being able to go back and watch recordings of the lectures.
- 6 My instructor was very good at communicating challenging topics and ideas, and had a good sense of when the class understood and when we needed further clarification. The online class time was also used very efficiently. She made the class very enjoyable to attend and I would definitely recommend this class and professor to other students!

Questions to Assess Students' Online Experience (6 comments)

Q: Please comment on your experience of the online course environment

- 1 Very well-administered
- 2 Synchronous lectures were useful in learning content. It helped to have the option to be involved in lectures or to watch them later if needed.
- 3 very good, was able to reach her many options including texting
- 4 Great
- 5 The online course was very difficult, not because of the material but because of the lack of cohesion of a class caused by the nature of it being online. It makes it hard to focus, difficult to ask questions properly, and impossible to form connections with classmates due to that nature.
- 6 Compared to the spring 2020 semester online transition, this summer 1 2020 online semester was much more effective, more organized/easier to navigate, and enjoyable.