

# Applied Econometrics (Spring 2020 202030)

Instructor: **Shi, Xiaolin**  
 Section: **01**  
 Course Title: **Applied Econometrics**  
 Course ID: **34583**  
 Subject: **ECON**

Enrollment: **35**  
 Responses Incl Declines: **17**  
 Declines: **0**  
 Department: **Economics**  
 Number: **2560**

## Course Related Questions

Question	Number of Responses	Response Rate	Course Mean	Course Median
The syllabus helped me to learn.	17	48%	4.3	5.0
The textbook(s) helped me to learn.	17	48%	3.5	3.0
The materials posted online, including Blackboard, helped me to learn.	17	48%	4.6	5.0
The out-of-class assignments and fieldwork helped me to learn.	17	48%	4.4	5.0
The lectures helped me to learn.	17	48%	3.7	4.0
The in-class discussions and activities helped me to learn.	17	48%	3.8	5.0
The classroom technology helped me to learn.	17	48%	4.0	4.0
The required textbook(s) were important for my success in this course.	17	48%	3.4	3.0
I would recommend that the instructor continue requiring the textbook(s).	17	48%	3.5	3.0
The required digital and/or other supplemental materials were important for my success in this course.	17	48%	4.0	4.0
I would recommend the instructor continue requiring the digital and/or supplemental materials.	16	45%	4.3	5.0
I found this course intellectually challenging.	17	48%	4.4	5.0

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.	17	48%	4.0	4.0
I learned to apply course concepts and principles.	17	48%	4.3	5.0
I developed additional skills in expressing myself orally and in writing.	17	48%	3.9	4.5
I learned to analyze and evaluate ideas, arguments, and points of view.	17	48%	4.0	4.5

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.	17	48%	4.3	5.0
The instructor clearly communicated ideas and information.	17	48%	3.9	4.0
The instructor clearly stated the objectives of the course.	17	48%	4.6	5.0
The instructor covered what was stated in the course objectives and syllabus.	17	48%	4.7	5.0
The instructor came to class prepared to teach.	17	48%	4.8	5.0
The instructor used class time effectively.	17	48%	4.3	5.0
The instructor provided sufficient feedback.	17	48%	4.4	5.0
The instructor fairly evaluated my performance.	17	48%	4.7	5.0
The instructor is someone I would recommend to other students.	17	48%	4.1	5.0
The instructor treated students with respect.	17	48%	4.9	5.0
The instructor acknowledged and took effective action when students did not understand the material.	17	48%	4.4	5.0
The instructor was available to assist students outside of class.	17	48%	4.9	5.0
The instructor displayed enthusiasm for the course.	17	48%	4.8	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?	17	48%	4.1	5.0

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

### Course Related Questions (7 comments)

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

- 1 I never used the textbook, it was very difficult to understand.
- 2 Strong believer that a text book is for the students use, Listening to the lecturer is most critical and beneficial.
- 3 The online materials were incredibly helpful
- 4 did not use the textbook but materials posted online were extremely helpful
- 5 econometrics is a tough subject the textbook is a great resource to supplement in class lectures
- 6 wish we had an intro to stata class rather than just jumping right in
- 7 -Extra problems and solutions were very helpful to apply concepts.

### Learning Related Questions (5 comments)

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

- 1 This course is extremely difficult for me, and anything I learned for the test I will likely soon forget.
- 2 Good course to build upon statistics
- 3 analytical approach to the study of economics

4 prof shi was very expressive about wanting her students to understand big picture as well as used real life & applicable questions/examples

5 I think the lectures are slightly too technical and focus a lot about the theory - I do think this is good to an extent but it would be more beneficial to go over the theory and then spend the rest of the class going through solutions to problems through calculating steps rather talking about the problems theoretically.

#### Instructor Related Questions: Xiaolin Shi (7 comments)

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

1 Professor Shi was easily the best part of this course, and my success in this class is due to her help outside of class time.

2 Professor Xiaolin Shi is a great lecturer and does a great job at delivering the material. As an older student, I have had a fair share of professors and is rare to come across an individual whom takes great attention, effort, and pride in delivering content. She is very knowledgeable and makes sure students understand the material. Much of this course is dependent on the Lecturer and Professor Shi does a great job at providing examples, critical ways of thinking, but is also patient when a student does not understand the material as well as peers. It is apparent that Professor Shi spends a bunch of effort in providing students with quality material and resources. She is also excellent with adaptation (teaching online modules)--- as this is a change for all of us. As of when emergency situations occur, she is understanding and flexible in working with the student in continuing his/her goals, but also makes herself available outside office hours to further help students understand the content. In this way, I would have to say that it is rare to find a professor who spends so much time adhering to students and am very satisfied that I was able to have her as a professor for the course!

It always helps to have a tech savvy professor! All but positive things to say about this course and Lecturer.

3 Professor Shi is a great professor - she cares about the material and is always sure to try and make sure students understand the material. I hope I can have her again.

4 Professor Shi was great. She was very knowledgeable and was flexible during the COVID difficulties.

5 really helpful, always available to help

6 prof shi is very respectful of her students, actually wants to see them succeed, and is a professor that doesn't try to make life harder than it is - she expresses she is always available to meet if we need help/understanding. i enjoyed prof shi as a person and as a prof, she is very nice and wants students to learn, even in a very complex and dense topic such as metrics

7 Enthusiastic and obviously very familiar with the topic.

Only areas of improvement would be to focus more on problem solving and actual application slowly and methodically (we do this step to calculate this and then do this step etc) rather than spending a lot of time overcomplicating the topic with discussion. Overall great experience and the supplemental questions and digital material was great and should continue to be part of the class!