

Department of Agricultural & Resource Economics
University of California, Davis

Course No.	<u>ARE 204A</u>
Quarter & Year	<u>Fall 18</u>
Instructor	<u>Weill</u>
No. Enrolled	<u> </u>
No. of Evaluations	<u> </u>
Evaluation Form	<u>TA</u>

STUDENT EVALUATIONS

11. What did you appreciate most about this class?

- Joakim was the best part of the course. The context, homework and exams were extremely demanding but Jo did a ton of work to make our lives easier
- I learned what a ruler is :-), lectures, office hour discussions, and assignments were well matched, problem set feedback was always helpful
- The lectures, working through problems together, the variety in the problem sets, (graphical, analytical, using data and coding software).
- The mix of theory & applied. Provided rigorous training in notation and abstract methods
- That I learned more in this course than in my entire undergrad degree in Economics. Without the TA, I would have performed much worse in this class.
- The TA was really helpful outside of the classroom and provided extra support. The TA showed that he really cared about students learning.
- I appreciated that the material was taught at a high level and challenged students to grasp concepts, rather than learn them just for an exam. I thought the homeworks were supplemental to our learning and helped train us to think applicable about the material.
- I enjoyed the challenge that the class presented
- The class is very well-organized and I learned a lot from both instructor and TA
- Presentation is clear
- Organized, challenging
- We learned a lot in the related theory
- This course was incredibly organized from day 1. I learned a ton from lecture and office hours
- Jo is dedicated being helpful to the students and his advice was always spot on
- The class is very challenging but I learned so much. It pushed me to challenge myself
- The discussion section and office hours makes enhance my knowledge of the course material
- Allows thinking beyond the classnotes. TA gave exam taking strategies and overall strategies for understanding class materials
- N/A
- The clear structure and Professor's (TA) explanation written on the board
- Everything. He is really nice
- The class is really organized, homeworks are helpful to practicing exams
- It is intellectually challenging
- Solid preparation for future studies/work /very useful knowledge
- The fact that Jo was the TA

12. Is there anything you would like to see the TA do to improve his/her teaching?

- Become a teacher
- Maybe more handouts from the TA b/c he made the concepts clearer

- There was a conflict in Tuesday office hours but I don't expect arrangement to be made just for me
- A Friday session in this class would be helpful, like we have for metrics. Just taking 1 hour to reinforce concepts and go over math, sometimes office hours felt too short.
- Maybe more review sessions before an exam
- I was rarely able to attend office hours because of other class scheduling. I almost would have preferred a scheduled discussion
- Overall, Jo went above and beyond to help us understand the material. It is hard to think of anything he could improve. Sometimes his examples in office hours were too abstract for me to really understand what I needed to do, but I understand he didn't want to spoon feed us.
- He is doing very well and contributed his time for the class
- None
- Joakim did a good job, nothing to improve
- No, he is perfect. He is so nice and he could teach everyone depending on different level of studying
- Honestly, no. Jo is an exceptional TA
- Jo is an excellent teacher. I would have struggled much more in this class without his help. Thanks Jo!
- N/A
- No, Jo goes above and beyond his role as TA
- No, he is really nice
- No he did a really good job
- TA could have more office hours
- No
- No-Jo was an excellent teacher, one of the best I've ever had
- Joakim is extremely knowledgeable and approachable, invaluable as a TA!
- Jo provides very extended individualized feedback to homeworks and exams which is great, however sometimes he makes statements as 'don't learn this by heart' that may not be true and maybe not the be reason of the mistake.

Please make any additional comments regarding the TA and/or discussion sections.

- Best TA I've had. He is a great teacher, provides helpful feedback, etc.
- Having two, 1 hour slots for office hours was good for me. Office hours could justifiably be held in a class room. Jo went above and beyond what I expect from a TA. Thorough subject knowledge and answers questions without hesitation. Homework and midterm feedback was invaluable.
- Maybe provide a discussion section for the TA to go over the material that was covered in class
- Jo was always available if we needed additional help. We were lucky to have him.
- He is good now, he should practice more in explaining lectures as an instructor
- Jo did a great job making sure that we, the students, understood the material all the way to its core. He wouldn't give up on explanations until he was convinced the student got what they needed.
- Not a reflection of Jo, but I think the partial credit on exams is a little too critical.

- Jo did a very good job. He helps me a lot about micro analysis.
- He was very helpful for me to keep up the pace of the instructor
- Jo is exceptionally thoughtful and accommodating to students' needs. Regularly gives great feedback, holds review sessions, etc. Outstanding TA.
- Great job
- TA did a great job, he explains everything really clear and he is really patient
- Nice job
- Great TA. Always responsible and available to students
- This class was much more doable than it otherwise would have been through his individualized recommendations on how to improve and positive attitude and encouragement
- Joakim is amazing!
- He is a socially gifted person and a talented teacher. He never made me feel uncomfortable to ask any question I had in mind. He provided individualized feedback that helped me improve in exam taking strategies and my studying strategies. He was one of the best TAs I ever had. He is comfortable explaining maths and also he has high emotional intelligence that allows him to empathize the students, support them and efficiently helped them. Thank you Jo.