

STUDENT EVALUATIONS: COMPLETE & UNEDITED

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The following is a complete and unedited list of student evaluations for the two courses for which I was the instructor at UC Davis (International Trade and International Macroeconomics) as well as evaluations from my three most recent experiences as a teaching assistant. Student comments have been transcribed by Philip Luck, original evaluation forms are available upon request.

Table 1: Student Evaluations of Teaching as Instructor (excerpt)

	International Macroeconomics 2012	International Trade 2013	Departmental Average 2012 – 2013
	% of students who responded “excellent” or “good”		
• Clarity and organization of instructor’s presentation	84%	92%	–
• Instructor’s responsiveness to difficulties understanding material	82%	97%	–
• Intellectual challenge of this course	86%	97%	–
• Overall evaluation of the instructor’s teaching	86%	97%	84%
Obs.	50	36	1631

Table 2: Student Evaluation of Teaching as Teaching Assistant (excerpt)

	International Trade Winter 2011	International Trade Spring 2011	Introductory Microeconomics Fall 2011	Department Average 2009-2012
	Percent of students who responded “Agree” or “Strongly Agree”			
• This discussion section was a good educational experience.	98%	100%	86%	–
• Overall, the TA did a good job in this course.	98%	100%	98%	–
	Overall Teaching Score (out of five)			
	4.8	4.9	4.8	4.28
Obs.	42	35	58	NA

1 International Trade, summer 2013

- By far my favorite instructor at UC Davis. Patient, passionate, helpful, not intimidating. I am such a big fan! I wish he was teaching 160B in the fall :(
- good to go over graphs on board and break down int parts. Made everything easier to understand.
- Office hours were really helpful. Sometimes I got lost during lecture because we had to go through the material so fast but you presented the material clearly in office hours! Thanks! Enjoyed your course.
- Wonderful professor. The midterms are fair, very passionate about the class. He is also very familiar with the material when it comes to questions.
- Great lecturer. Tests are hart though!
- The professor is really clear in this lectures, the there were some topics that weren't covered in the book, like the Melitz model, that I thought I would need additional help in. But overall, I think Professor Phil Luck was a great lecturer.
- The course is great, but the time and the materials are not manageable.
- Very helpful. Only problem I found was that some models used were not in the text and couldn't find examples it didn't fully grasp in class.
- Very clear and easy to understand. Extremely approachable/nice. Helps whenever possible.
- The grading of the exams was unfair, exams were very difficult.
- Great Professor even if he is a graduate student he is better than some actual professors here. Only thing he can do is slow down a bit.
- The wordiness in some of your T/F questions is confusing. The help you give during tests seems a little unfair.
- P. Luck is a good, organized young instructor. He explains econ concepts well and is clear in terms of what he thinks is the most important to get out of the course. Good luck to him!
- Prof Luck, you are an amazing professor. You go out of your [way?] to help students and to make sure we understand the material. I enjoyed taking your class last year and I enjoyed it even more this year. I think you will be one of the few professors at UCD that I will never forget. I wish you the best in whatever you plan to do after finishing your Ph.D. you are an awesome guy.
- I'm very interested in international trade and much of it has to do with how the professor taught the class. He did a great job and was very clear.

- Great Teacher. Very complicated class.
- Clear instructions on what to know for tests, good lectures, well-organized.
- Loved the course!!! Thanks Phil! Just wish there was more math as I think we undergraduates can handle it.
- Very difficult class. Recommend not taking during SS2 [summer session 2]

2 International Macroeconomics, summer 2012

- Didn't go to office hours, so I can't judge that. Great energetic instructor.
- At first he started out kind of shaky, but he became very helpful towards the end when he got used to it. Very persistent and wants his students to succeed. I think he will have a great future!
- Professor Luck was extremely helpful during office hours and explained concepts clearly. I appreciated all your help. Thank you? PS. I think when you wrote stuff on the board rather than using PowerPoint was easier to understand.
- Honestly one of the best professors I've had. Extremely helpful during office hours and always readily available. Very fair grader, clear and enthusiastic. :) !!
- You are an amazing professor. I don't know if I can ask any more from a professor. You should keep teaching you are very good at it. I hope to work with you again.
- The teaching style of this class was not ideal learning environment, Talking quickly about the slides and giving students little time to process what was just said is hardly effective. Personally, I learned a lot more reading the textbook than attending class. I also emailed Luck a question and he never responded. He also does not curve, which I find unfair because I believe that the whole ECN dept. must curve to a B- curve.
- The exam/quizzes were a bit difficult but I'm guessing that's why he had an extra credit paper opportunity.
- Best teacher I've had in the econ dept thus far, really clear and organized w/ his thoughts and broke concepts down in a manner I could actually understand.
- I thought Phil was a good teacher because of his obvious closeness with the material knowledgeable in subject.
- Instructor was very good overall. But he went way too fast in teaching each topic He never (or barely used the board. He should explain things more clearly next time he teaches).
- I thought the change from curved to uncurved was bullshit.

- Thanks for the course!
- That was useful class, I really enjoyed the class and hope to see you again in other class
- Phil was great! Really enjoyed taking his class wish I could take another. Very passionate and knowledgeable about subject matter.
- Clear and organized lecture
- Great Professor.
- The class really made me interested in [can't read a word] how great econ major is.

3 International Trade, winter 2011

- One of the best TA's I have had.
- Phil was one of the best TA's I have had in four years at UC Davis. Section was a very valuable resource.
- TA did great job of explaining complex concepts. Lecture was helpful and worth going to. Helpful in office hours.
- Explanation not clear enough.
- The TA, I feel did a better job of presenting the material than the teacher did. Maybe because it was a more engaging atmosphere, but I think he just presented it better. I learned a lot more during section than class.
- I really like Phil's enthusiasm and he made it really easy to understand the information. I don't get bored in discussion so Phils doing something right.
- Phil was a great TA. Very insightful and was very helpful with clarification questions and homework questions. Very open to discussion and would be a great professor. Great communicator and adaptive to many problems.
- I credit Phil Luck for all success I had in this class.
- Amazing TA, explained the material very well and did not waste time like other TA.
- Excellent TA. Very responsive to difficulties and overall very helpful.
- Thanks for being an awesome TA! I really appreciate they you clarify what the professor said. I'm pretty sure you're the reason why I'm dominating this class. Great job!
- Always available for office hours and willing to compromise with students schedules. Great TA!

- This was my final course for my econ degree, and you were by far the most clearly organized and knowledgeable TA I've ever had. Thanks and good luck.
- Best TA I've had in a while, is able to effectively clear up any difficulties from class. Great TA.
- TA discussion was extremely valuable. Compliments the class so well.
- Excellent job Phil! I feel that you were very helpful in all manners of the course in helping me understand and clarify the material. I really can't think of how you could improve TA abilities.
- TA much better than professor. Engaging explained things clearly.
- Very good TA who is knowledgeable about material and who effectively communicates difficult concepts to students. Cute too. :)
- He is very well organized and helps students see the big picture of the material. He is clear and presents topics very well. Easy to understand. I go to every discussion.

4 International Trade, spring 2011

- Phil, you should teach you're awesome.
- One of the best TA's I've had as UCD.
- The TA did a good job explaining the material and being there every day.
- TA did a good job answering student's questions and on covering gaps in material from class, when applicable. Was enthusiastic about material.
- Not much to say about improvement. He was knowledgeable and helpful.
- I think that Phil Luck did an excellent job in discussions and helped me understand the material much better.
- Wonderful TA. Very articulate and clear.
- Good job.
- Good solid TA. Couldn't have asked for more. Job well done.
- Phil is definitely one of the best TAs I have ever had. This was quite possibly the most helpful discussion section I have ever had. Phil is always enthusiastic and great at explaining things. He also asked us questions to keep us engaged.

- Phil is the best TA I've had so far in ECON department. His sections were always well-organized. I think he explained everything clearly and even better than the instructor! Hope he could teach the class! :)
- Phil basically taught the course, with super helpful sections that illuminated concepts which were hard to understand in lecture. I wish he could have taught the course. He was very clear and knowledgeable.
- Phil Luck is an amazing teacher. He takes the material and breaks it down into very understandable and interesting points. Phil is very helpful and really cares about his students, I am really excited about office hours and ask Phil questions. He makes me understand! Phil is great :) incredibly smart guy and really great teacher. Best of both! :)
- I enjoyed discussion with Phil because everything was laid out step by step. Things that were sort of glazed over in class were flushed out more and graphs were so much easier to see + understand!
- Phil was a great TA for the course. He explained the difficult concepts very well during discussion section. His review sections are also excellent preparations for the exams. Overall, he is one of the best TAs I had in any economics class.
- He did a good job.
- Best TA I've had, all four years. Excellent.
- Phil was a great TA but I disagree heavily w/ his choices of NBA teams.
- Phil did a great job. Discussion was really helpful and explained concepts that were difficult to grasp. I liked that he was willing to have review sessions.
- Really good TA very clear and thorough and extremely helpful. Sections were very helpful no complains. :)
- Great job! Wonderful review sessions. Very helpful.
- Top econ TA I ever had. Future teacher in my eyes.
- Phil was great. I never went to section (#winning...) but in class, office hours and midterm reviews he was super helpful and did a good job explaining material and answering questions. Between Phil and Anson, we had a great, knowledgeable TA instructor combo.
- Was very organized during review sessions and discussion.
- The TA did a really good job going over materials and reviewing them during discussion. I have an internship on Mondays but I always tried to not miss discussion because I find them to be very helpful. Also, TA is very approachable and is willing to hold extra office hours for students not being able to make it to the regular office hours. Thank you!

- Really approachable, patient with students would enjoy taking another course with Phil. A+
- Phil is an awesome TA, I wish I could have him leading all my discussion sections. He's timely, very smart, most importantly, cares that the class knows and can work with the presented. Best TA @ UCD in my opinion, and would make a great instructor.

5 Introductory Microeconomics, fall 2011

- Very helpful. Tries in real world to make it easy to understand.
- Excellent TA. Very enthusiastic, involved, and interesting to listen to. Good speaker. Wants to help students.
- Phil you are super cute + you dress like Ted Mosby from How I Met Your Mother :) Thanks for being an amazing TA! PS you rock the pink shirt.
- Sometimes he was like 'you all really don't get this?' like we were dumb. And wasn't very good at getting people to talk. But was smart, showed us different ways of looking at things, dresses nice and sometimes people were dumb.
- No comments. The TA was great!
- Phil is a great TA because he speaks very clearly. He is also energetic and always has a good attitude. Knows and explains the material well in discussion, good at simplifying the material for better understanding.
- Discussions were always a good supplement to the course and questions were always answered.
- Phil was very helpful in discussion and during office hours. Very approachable and friendly. It was very beneficial to have a TA that spoke English or once.
- Phil does a great job in explaining the material we learn in lecture. My only complaint is that he often run out of time and do not get through all material.
- Phil, you were an excellent TA. Thank you so much! Discussion were extremely helpful, and I thought you conducted them quite well. You were also very helpful during office, I learned a lot from you. Even though I did badly on my second midterm I still thank you very much. Just one suggestion: maybe have more HO during the week.
- Discussion sections only in the evening makes it difficult for those with children to take econ classes. 4 pm was perfect time but other econ classes don't have this option.
- Phil did just as good a job as Professor Feenstra. Definitely my best TA by far.
- I was very [can't read word] about this class, but Phil made the experience as pleasant as possible. He is very approachable and always makes us feel comfortable asking questions. Our

discussion session are very helpful. Although they only last 50 minutes, Phil always makes himself available whenever he is needed. He is very dedicated to his position and it shows. Really, I could keep going on. He is amazing and made this dreaded subject manageable (and I am getting an A) I think he'd make a perfect professor.

- Sometimes TA would talk too fast and would end up confusing himself.
- Overall good TA, always helpful during OH [office hours] and through e-mail.
- Phil Luck has been the best TA he is knowledgeable and informative he is able to relate to his student on a level that makes sense to them. He went out of his way to make office hours flexible to help his students as best he could.
- Great TA!
- Phil was a great TA. He was very knowledgeable and helpful at all times. He is a really nice guy and very approachable.
- Phil is an awesome TA. He explains things clearly and in multiple ways. My only complaint is that it would be nice to have a longer discussion or have it twice a week, it was much-needed b/c lecture only went through theory and not problems.
- Phil was one of the best TAs I've had in college. He was very helpful in re-teaching some of the more difficult material from lecture and was always responsive to questions from students.
- Phil is the best TA I have had at UCD. He is very approachable and helpful. He genuinely cares for the students!
- Phil was really great about answering our questions in discussion and I learned a lot from them. He truly cared about us knowing the material. He is approachable and attentive to his students.
- Overall, I thought we had great discussions. Maybe check your watch more to make sure we got through all the material.
- Very scared to ask when I was confused. He seemed to be mad. The way he explained things was a little weird.
- Very knowledgeable of the material. Stimulated good discussion. Passionate about the topics.
- Phil is an excellent TA and is very clear about information that may have been confusing in class.
- Phil is an awesome TA and knows his stuff. He makes discussions invaluable by clarifying the taught material. He should work on getting the class to be more energetic (though it is a night class) to avoid those awkward silences when he tries to encourage class participation.

- I thought Phil was a good TA for the course. He was always patient and answered everyone's questions and I liked how he always put an agenda on the board before class.
- Phil was excellent and friendly and very helpful. One of the best TAs I have had.
- Great TA! Thank you!