



Instructor with Comments Report

2016-04-07 - 2016-04-19 Report ID: MSR04734

Instructor: Martin Castro, Alfredo Eduardo
PUBPOL 529 001

| | Responses from your Students** | | | | | | | Other Users of This Item* | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|----|----------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 5 SA | 4 A | 3 N | 2 D | 1 SD | NA | Your Median | University Wide | | | School/College | | |
| | | | | | | | | 75% Above | 50% Above | 25% Above | 75% Above | 50% Above | 25% Above |
| 190 The instructor accommodated students with various learning needs. | 4 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4.30 | 4.30 | 4.64 | 4.83 | | | |
| 199 The instructor explained material clearly. (SA=Almost Always, A=Frequently, N=Sometimes, S=Occasionally, SD=Hardly Ever) | 6 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4.58 | 4.25 | 4.67 | 4.86 | | | |
| 200 The instructor handled questions well. | 7 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4.71 | 4.20 | 4.63 | 4.85 | | | |
| 202 The instructor made good use of examples and illustrations. | 6 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4.58 | 4.13 | 4.56 | 4.80 | | | |
| 207 The instructor appeared to have a thorough knowledge of the subject. | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4.67 | 4.63 | 4.83 | 4.94 | | | |
| 211 The instructor was sensitive to student difficulty with course work. | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4.88 | 4.17 | 4.58 | 4.81 | | | |
| 215 The instructor maintained an atmosphere of good feeling in class. | 9 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4.89 | 4.33 | 4.75 | 4.90 | | | |
| 216 The instructor acknowledged all questions insofar as possible. | 9 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4.89 | 4.42 | 4.70 | 4.88 | | | |
| 217 The instructor treated students with respect. | 9 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4.89 | 4.64 | 4.83 | 4.94 | | | |
| 219 The instructor was willing to meet and help students outside class. | 8 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4.81 | 4.50 | 4.75 | 4.90 | | | |
| 229 The instructor used class time well. | 8 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4.81 | 4.20 | 4.62 | 4.83 | | | |
| 230 The instructor seemed well prepared for class meetings. (SA=Almost Always, A=Frequently, N=Sometimes, S=Occasionally, SD=Hardly Ever) | 8 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4.81 | 4.57 | 4.81 | 4.92 | | | |
| 243 The instructor treated all students fairly. | 9 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4.89 | 4.55 | 4.79 | 4.91 | | | |

Written Comments

912 Please comment on the effectiveness of this instructor.

Student 1

Alfredo was great. He knew the material well and was always prepared. He was a gracious GSI!

Student 2

NA

Student 3

NA

Student 4

NA

Student 5

I didn't utilize office hours frequently, but from what I observed in section Alfredo was always well prepared and did a good job explaining concepts clearly.

Student 6

NA

Student 7



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Alfredo was wonderful! He was always very helpful and open and kept class in a good cheer.

Student 8

one of the best professors I've ever had! thank you Professor Hanson!

Student 9

Alfredo was always prepared for section, and knew which parts of the course students were likely to struggle with. He was very accommodating with office hours and would set more when we had an exam or quiz coming up. He tried very hard to get everyone to understand the material thoroughly and was a great GSI! I think his having taken the class recently and having GSled for it before really showed.

Student 10

NA

Student 11

NA

Student 12

NA

* The quartiles are calculated from Winter 2016 data. The university-wide quartiles are based on all UM classes in which an item was used. The school/college quartiles in this report are based on students in Ford School of Public Policy.

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|-----|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|----|----------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | | | | | | University Wide | | | School/College | | |
| | 5 SA | 4 A | 3 N | 2 D | 1 SD | NA | Your Median | 75% Above | 50% Above | 25% Above | 75% Above | 50% Above | 25% Above |
| 190 | 18 | 18 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4.47 | 4.20 | 4.65 | 4.81 | | | |
| 199 | 19 | 14 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4.53 | 4.06 | 4.51 | 4.81 | | | |
| 200 | 19 | 13 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4.53 | 4.09 | 4.57 | 4.83 | | | |
| 202 | 23 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4.67 | 4.06 | 4.50 | 4.79 | | | |
| 207 | 27 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.81 | 4.62 | 4.83 | 4.93 | | | |
| 211 | 31 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4.90 | 4.10 | 4.50 | 4.80 | | | |
| 215 | 29 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4.88 | 4.29 | 4.72 | 4.89 | | | |
| 216 | 31 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4.89 | 4.33 | 4.69 | 4.85 | | | |
| 217 | 32 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.89 | 4.58 | 4.81 | 4.92 | | | |
| 219 | 29 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4.88 | 4.50 | 4.75 | 4.89 | | | |
| 229 | 25 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4.74 | 4.17 | 4.57 | 4.80 | | | |
| 230 | 24 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.71 | 4.38 | 4.71 | 4.88 | | | |
| 243 | 29 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4.84 | 4.50 | 4.75 | 4.88 | | | |

Written Comments

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Student 1
NA

Student 2
NA

Student 3
Alfredo was a fantastic GSI! He was incredibly responsive to my questions, not only in office hours but also by staying after section and responding to emails. He made section very entertaining, which was a lifesaver late on Friday afternoons. He gave us challenging, real-world examples to work through in section, which I enjoyed. I'm really grateful for all his help and humor.

Student 4
NA

Student 5
NA

Student 6
NA

Student 7



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I really enjoyed this course - both Prof. Hanson and Alfredo Castro made the material so approachable and created such a wonderful classroom experience. Alfredo responded to questions and concerns almost immediately, and showed a real interest in creating an environment where the entire class felt it could learn and participate.

Student 8

I could tell that Alfredo put a lot of effort and expertise into the class. His handouts were VERY helpful and clarified a lot of questions and helped me organize the class material. He was very knowledgeable on the topic and always made section lighthearted.

Student 9

A great GSI

Student 10

NA

Student 11

NA

Student 12

NA

Student 13

NA

Student 14

I only went to section once, so I didn't provide a rating on most questions because I don't feel that I know enough to comment.

Student 15

Excellent job by a talented GSI!

Student 16

NA

Student 17

Alfredo is one of the most patient GSIs I have ever experienced. Flexible, adaptive, and responsive - he made himself available whenever I struggled with the course content. His section instruction was light and fun, taking the tension out of a difficult subject.

Student 18

Alfredo really made an effort to make sure students learned the material. He was very easy to approach and ask questions.

Student 19

NA

Student 20

Alfredo did a great job! He made sections fun and they were always very helpful. His practice problems were good for reinforcing the material and also extending it to new problems.

Student 21

NA

Student 22



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Alfredo was always available, even outside of office hours. He seemed to really care about the success of the students. He prepared amazing section materials that we always valuable practice problems. Occasionally, concepts were explained in a slightly different manner than in lecture, which was helpful for some but confusing for others. Overall, super helpful and accessible. I really appreciate the extra time he put in to be there for students.

Student 23

This was the best of the core classes I've taken so far. Both Prof Hansen and Alfredo (GSI) were always well prepared and broadly available to answer questions, even outside of office hours. They were both excited about the topic and very engaged with the learning process to make sure students got the most out of the class. Statistics a dry (and sometimes boring) topic, but Prof Hansen did an excellent job of making it accessible and applicable to our learning and our careers.

My only suggestion would be to use more visual teaching. For example, the depictions of ANOVA comparing the different distributions and the dynamic visualization of how sample error differs from sampling error were excellent tools. I would encourage more use of these visual tools, since it complements the mathematical basis of statistics for those of us who are more visual learners.

Otherwise, this class was beyond excellent, and reinforces my choice of the Ford School.

Student 24

Alfredo went above and beyond as the GSI for this course. He prepared lectures for section each week which reviewed key points learned in the class lectures. He also developed practice problems and went through them step-by-step to ensure everyone understood the material. Finally, he made himself very accessible for outside help during office hours. I definitely learned more because of his efforts.

Student 25

NA

Student 26

The GSI and prof didn't always explain concepts using the same terminology

Student 27

NA

Student 28

NA

Student 29

Good GSI!

Student 30

Super prepared and helpful, caring, and also very funny. A great GSI and person!

Student 31

NA

Student 32

Very good

Student 33

Alfredo was an excellent GSI! He went out of his way to help students outside of class, and gave us a lot of helpful materials to supplement lecture. He explained topics clearly, and also tried to make what may be considered dry material interesting to us. I enjoyed going to his section, and always found it useful.

Student 34

Alfredo knows the material very well and was always engaged in helping us succeed.



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Student 35

Sometimes I got a little lost on his explanations, and there were a few times he wasn't in sync with the professor, but his practice problems in section were really helpful, he tried to make it fun, and he was really available to help both over email and in office hours. He made time to meet with me outside of his normal hours when I was having trouble with a topic. I think he did a really good job

Student 36

Alfredo is wonderful as a GSI. He is respectful of student questions, takes time to explain concepts, and always seemed willing to provide assistance.

Student 37

NA

Student 38

Alfredo certainly had a clear understanding of the material and made great efforts to make sure we did as well. However, I found it difficult to understand him much of the time. I appreciated the materials he put together, which was an immense help.

Student 39

NA

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