

GPCO 454 - Quantitative Methods II (Winter 2019) (Taught with Professor Francisco Garfias)

In Winter 2019, I taught Quantitative Methods II (Linear Models) in the Graduate School of Global Policy and Strategy at UC San Diego, which is the first code intensive course that students encounter in the program. Here is a summary of selected teaching evaluations and student comments for this class. The numbers are the percentage of students who strongly agree or agree with the given statement. Missing data are dropped.

Table 1: Teaching Evaluation, Winter 2019

Question	Mean
Shane is well organized and prepared for class.	89.86%
Shane is genuinely interested in and enthusiastic about teaching.	87.32%
Shane is accessible to students outside of class.	94.29 %
I would recommend Shane to other students.	90.14%

Selected Student Comments

- I am so grateful to have Shane as my TA this quarter. He could explain QM concepts and STATA in lightning speed. I really appreciate how patient he is in answering students' questions that would overlap to previous questions that are asked. He is never condescending and he understands how challenging the course can be for students without this econometrics background.
- Shane in office hours is very patient and does make an attempt to regularly check for understanding.
- Shane knows how to prepare you to succeed in the course.
- Shane is patient and incredibly good at describing complex topics to students.
- Shane is very helpful when it comes to questions about STATA and is a fair grader.
- Shane is very personable and easy to talk to. He is knowledgeable and good at explaining things.
- Shane has a well organized lab schedule that speaks to crucial materials.
- Shane knows what he's doing and if you're willing to put in the effort to attempt the work and ask questions, he will help bring you along. I really appreciate his explanations and willingness to entertain more abstract questions to help you get a fuller understanding of the material.