



# Individual Teaching Assistant Report Fall 2023 for ECO 387C - MACROECONOMICS I (34880, 34963) (Raymond He)

Project Title: **Course Evaluations Fall 2023**

Courses Audience: **26**

Responses Received: **11**

Response Ratio: **42.3%**

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## Report Comments

### Guide to the Interpretation of Course Evaluations at UT Austin

The goal of course evaluation process at UT Austin is to drive teaching excellence and to support continuous improvement in teaching and learning experiences. The two sets of scales used for core evaluation questions and the associated weights are:

Strongly Agree (5)

Agree (4)

Neutral (3)

Disagree (2)

Strongly Disagree (1)

Excellent (5)

Very Good (4)

Satisfactory (3)

Unsatisfactory (2)

Very Unsatisfactory (1)

The Mean is calculated by adding all of the weights for a single question and dividing by the number of respondents. The course workload question is not averaged.

The number of students (e.g. respondents) marking each option is reported for each of the items. These frequency distributions provide information about the level of student ratings and the spread and shape of the class distribution of responses. The distributions thus provide a picture of student perception of a course.

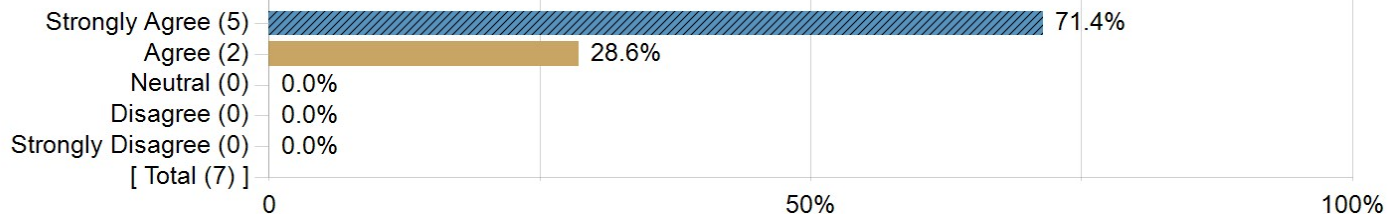
Course evaluations provide snapshots of student perspectives on their course-level learning experiences. Most experts on teaching evaluation advise that no individual method gives the complete picture of an instructor's teaching effectiveness; multiple and diverse measures, on multiple occasions, are advised to give a full picture of the teaching effectiveness of a particular instructor. Moreover, other factors, such as size of class, level of the class, and content of the course, can cause small variations in the ratings. Therefore, student perspectives for a particular instructor or course should be interpreted as a snapshot, and not as providing complete information on the teaching effectiveness of that instructor.

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## Teaching Assistant Questions

The TA was available to help me as needed.



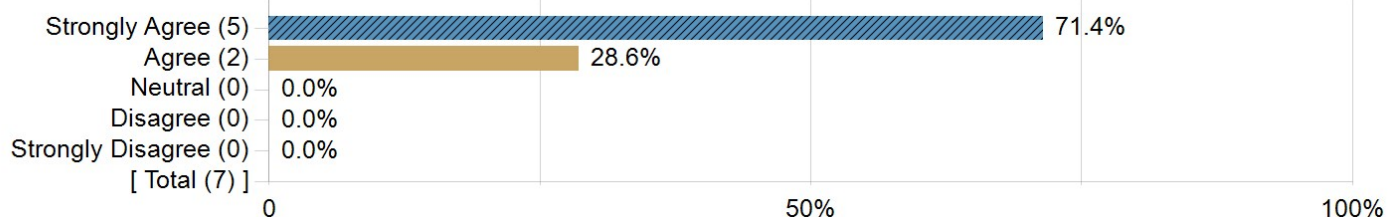
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I felt the TA was approachable.



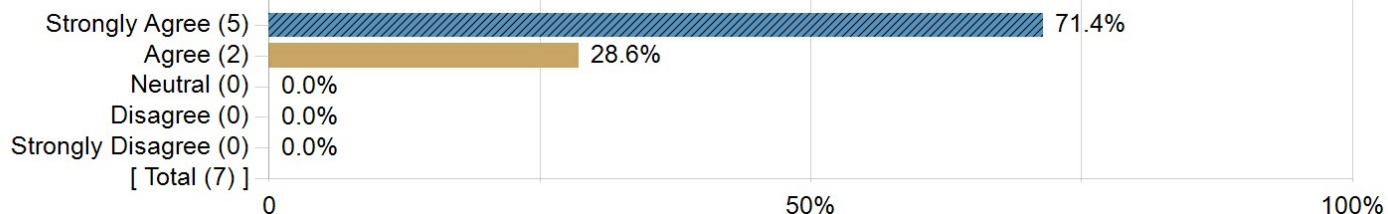
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The TA explained course concepts, subject matter, or other course-related topics in a way that helped me learn.



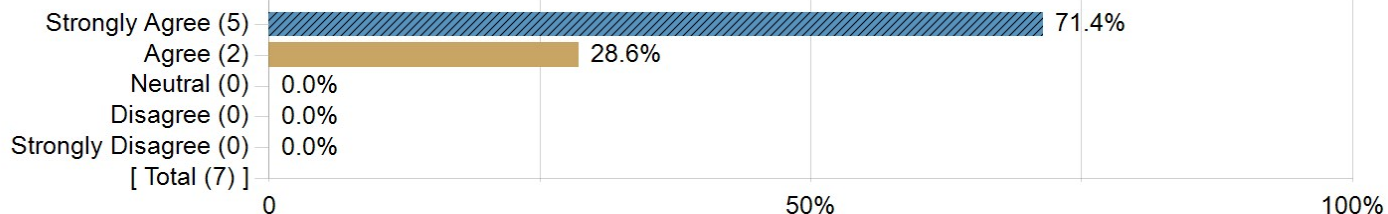
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The TA was able to address most of my questions related to the course concepts, subject -matter, or topics.



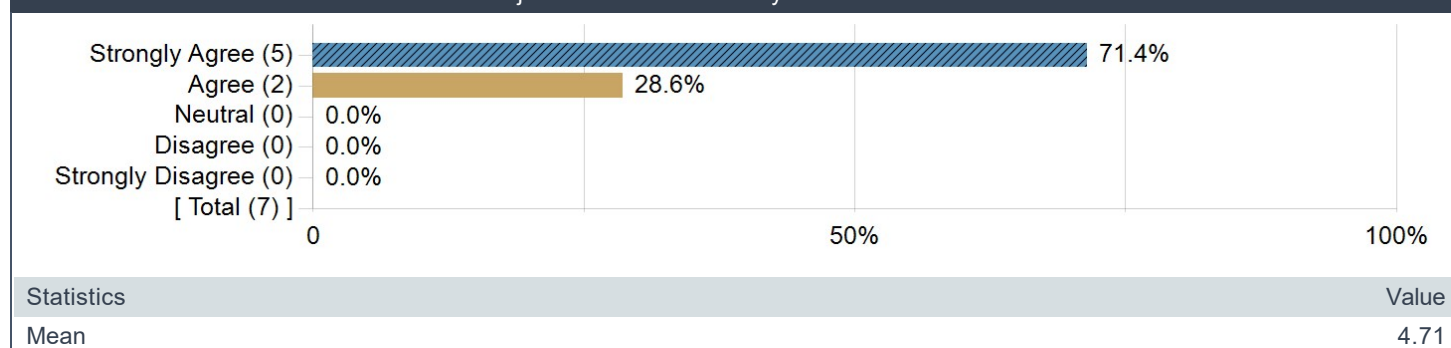
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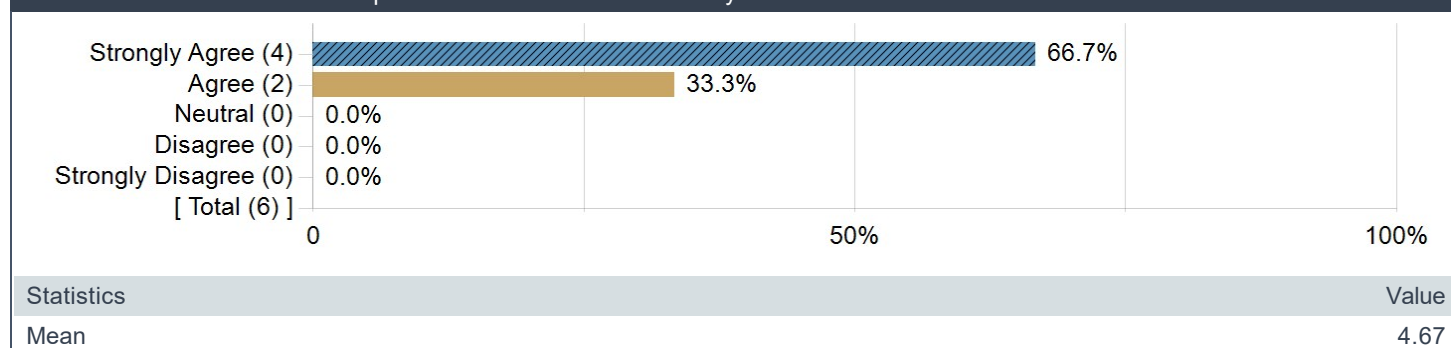
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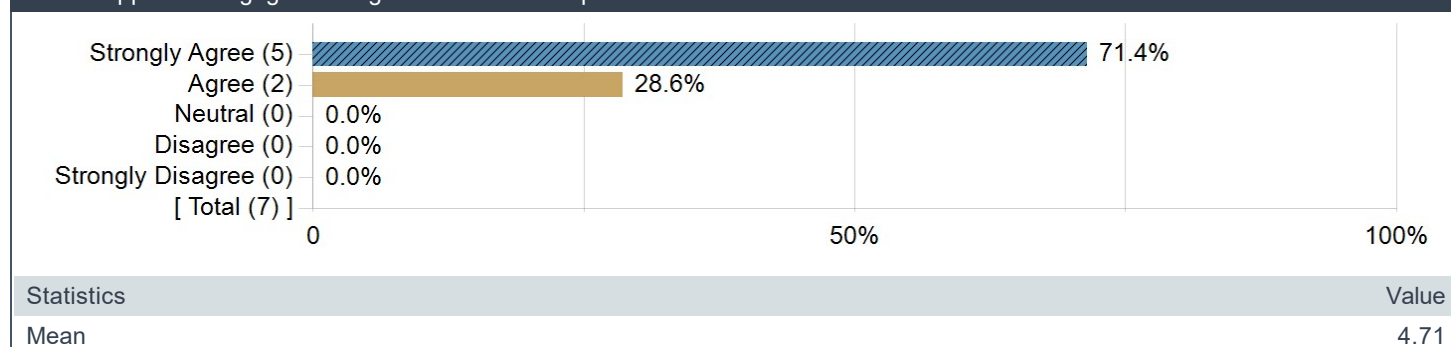
The TA communicated course content and subject matter with accuracy.



The TA communicated course expectations and instructions clearly.



The TA appeared engaged throughout the course experience.



## Comment Questions

**Identify aspects of your interactions with your teaching assistant that were most effective in helping your learning.**

Comments
I found the bigger picture stories about the concepts very helpful
Raymond explains concepts and intuition in a very easy-to-understand manner. He is very approachable and genuinely wants to teach/help us understand macro, which I really appreciate! Raymond also has some written notes that are very comprehensible and useful, not only for exams but for understanding macro in general.
Sessions about effective coding and computational efficiency.
Raymond He helped me in the following dimensions: i.Solving the model analytically ,ii. Understanding the solution, iii. Coding. Raymond is excellent in transmitting the information, and creating meaningful discussion in review sessions. Review hours turned out to be quite useful because of the aforementioned reasons. Additionally, he held 'extra' sessions and office hours based student requests. I appreciate the TA a lot.

**What is one thing the teaching assistant could do differently to help improve future students' learning in this course?**

Comments

It was easier to understand when he had slides (compared to writing on a board). Official solutions for problem sets/exams would be greatly appreciated.