

EC 703 (A1a): Microeconomic Theory 2

Spring 2023 | Luis Ribeiro Linhares

26 | Students Enrolled
 17 | Students Responded
 65.38% | Response Rate

Quantitative

	(1) Low	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5) High	N	DNA	SD	M
Relevance of assigned readings	0% (0)	0% (0)	6.67% (1)	26.67% (4)	66.67% (10)	15	0	0.61	4.6

	Easy	Moderately Easy	Neither Easy nor Difficult	Moderately Difficult	Difficult	N	DNA	SD	M
Difficulty of course	5.88% (1)	0% (0)	11.76% (2)	70.59% (12)	11.76% (2)	17	0	0.86	3.82

	Light	Moderately Light	Neither Light nor Heavy	Moderately Heavy	Heavy	N	DNA	SD	M
Workload in course	0% (0)	0% (0)	17.65% (3)	64.71% (11)	17.65% (3)	17	0	0.59	4

Course Evaluation	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	DNA	SD	M N
Overall rating of discussion instructor (if applicable)	0% (0)	5.88% (1)	11.76% (2)	11.76% (2)	70.59% (12)	0% (0)	0	0.92	4.47 17
Overall rating of lab instructor (if applicable)	0% (0)	5.88% (1)	0% (0)	0% (0)	47.06% (8)	47.06% (8)	0	0.94	4.67 17
Usefulness of assignments and papers	0% (0)	5.88% (1)	0% (0)	29.41% (5)	58.82% (10)	5.88% (1)	0	0.79	4.5 17
Overall course rating	0% (0)	5.88% (1)	5.88% (1)	29.41% (5)	58.82% (10)	0% (0)	0	0.84	4.41 17

Faculty Evaluation	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N	DNA	SD	M
Effectiveness in explaining concepts	0% (0)	5.88% (1)	5.88% (1)	17.65% (3)	70.59% (12)	17	0	0.85	4.53
Ability to stimulate interest in subject	0% (0)	0% (0)	11.76% (2)	23.53% (4)	64.71% (11)	17	0	0.7	4.53
Encouragement of class participation	0% (0)	0% (0)	11.76% (2)	17.65% (3)	70.59% (12)	17	0	0.69	4.59
Fairness in grading	0% (0)	0% (0)	11.76% (2)	23.53% (4)	64.71% (11)	17	0	0.7	4.53
Promptness in returning assignments	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	29.41% (5)	70.59% (12)	17	0	0.46	4.71
Quality of feedback to students	0% (0)	0% (0)	5.88% (1)	17.65% (3)	76.47% (13)	17	0	0.57	4.71
Availability outside of class	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	11.76% (2)	88.24% (15)	17	0	0.32	4.88
Overall rating of instructor	0% (0)	0% (0)	5.88% (1)	17.65% (3)	76.47% (13)	17	0	0.57	4.71

Qualitative

Strengths of the course and of the instructor: -

- I appreciate Luis being very approachable and patient in office hours and TA sessions. Some materials from the second half of the course have been challenging for me but Luis helped a lot.
- Luis was an incredible TA managing to simplify complex concepts in a very intuitive way!
- Juan is a really approachable professor who is open to go over the same questions again and again. The auction class was the one best taught. He went slowly but diligently through each step and it was really easy to follow.
- Luis, you are just absolutely amazing! I really appreciate that you explain every problem in a very systematic way and show us how we might apply the same methods to variations of the problems. I really systematic ways of approaching games over intuition (which I don't always see immediately). I don't think I would have understood the material as well as I did without your help. You are also incredibly helpful during and outside of office hours. Please feel free to say no when we approach you in person outside of office hours, you do too much already.
- Luis is the best TA I've had in my life. I do not think anyone can beat him. Wonderful wonderful and amazing at every thing. So nice, understanding, and willing to explain things without just giving us the answer.
- Luis' section was always very useful. He was an incredible help during office hours and made principal agent problems, mechanism design, and game theory approachable.
- Luis was a great TA!! He's very committed to helping us understand the material—I think future cohorts will be lucky to have him as a TA in the first-year sequence.
- Too many to list.
- Explains the solutions to problem sets very clearly. Answers questions effectively. Available outside of class and very patient and helpful.
- Luis was a fantastic TA - extremely thorough and patient in explaining concepts and walking through practice problems. Both office hours and section were essential to helping me understand the course material.
- Making the jump from the theory discussed in class to the application on problem sets was not always easy - but Luis was EXTREMELY helpful in office hours and discussion section and provided guidance and intuition. He was always patient and insightful, and communicated concepts in a very effective way. I hope he continues to TA this course because I don't think I would have gotten through without his constant help and support. The feedback provided on problem sets was also thorough and helpful. Thanks for a great semester, Luis!

Weaknesses of the course and of the instructor: -

- Nothing but good things to say :)
- Would appreciate more time walking through the types of questions we see on the problem sets/tests during lecture _before_ we get problem sets. Sometimes the problem sets seem difficult because we don't know how to start it. The way we talk about solution concepts in lecture sometimes seems removed from how we actually solve the problems as taught in section.
- In the beginning, we started office hours a little early. I wasn't directly impacted by this, as I was always there before the official time, but I think it would be good to be more cognizant of this in the future.
- No weaknesses for Luis. Thank you so much Luis!!!
- None
- In the first part of the course it was a bit confusing the overall message for a while. We kept on going through solution concepts and it wasn't clear what was solving what.

General Comments -

- There is a bit of distance between lecture and problem sets. Sometimes seems pointless to go through the lectures since they do not help much with problem sets. Also there is a problem with the timing of office hours. There is always some trick you need to know in order to solve the problem and you don't get it until Wednesday afternoon with the problem set being due on Thursday afternoon. That is, it does not worth investing in the problem set too much before office hours and then you need to rush.
- If Luis wants to TA this course, please let him! He is AMAZING!!!
- Luis was easily the greatest TA I ever had. He cared about his students. I have had TAs in the past that see it as a chore, but if myself or a classmate truly wanted to do well and learn the material, Luis met their effort and enthusiasm one-for-one. I sincerely hope that Luis is the TA in the future for this course because his office hours complemented the material we learned in lecture perfectly. Thank you Luis!
- Thanks for being the GOAT, Luis! We appreciate you!
- Thanks for the excellent semester!
- Luis is a nice guy