

# Evidence of Teaching Effectiveness

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Pdf files of evaluations, comments and Syllabi are available at:

[https://github.com/dadasmash/dagong.github.io/tree/master/Teaching\\_Eval](https://github.com/dadasmash/dagong.github.io/tree/master/Teaching_Eval)

## 1. Summary of Teaching Ratings

Table 1: Teaching Evaluations (on a scale of 1 to 7, with 7 being the best)

Criteria / Course	Statistics for Economics	Introductory Econometrics	Intermediate Microeconomic Theory	Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory	The Stock Market
Overall, is an effective teacher.	6.69	6.33	6.6	6.2	6.18
Is well prepared and clearly organized	6.87	6.5	6.27	6.22	6.07
Encourages me to participate and/or ask questions	6.89	6.33	6.76	6.11	6.09
Gives useful feedback on assignments, lab reports and exams	7	6.8	6.16	6.22	6.18
Motivates me to do my best	6.89	5.8	6.43	6.16	6.09
Is accessible and helpful during office hours.	7	6.4	6.77	6.42	6.36
Is approachable - has a demeanor that encourages interaction.	7	6.2	6.57	6.26	6.09
Encourages and respects diverse perspectives	6.89	6.67	6.7	6.26	6.27
Appropriately handles sensitive situations and/or inappropriate student comments	6.89	6.67	6.63	6.18	6.22
Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment.	7	6.67	6.57	6.26	6.27

## **2. Advising**

Lead Consultant, [GradQuant](#)

*As GradQuant Lead Consultant, I offer training to graduate students and postdoctoral scholars of all disciplines in probability and statistical inference, statistical software and computing, mathematics for statistics, data management, programming languages and analysis of data.*

- Da is an excellent consultant. He is very friendly, very knowledgeable, and clarified as well as helped me to understand important concepts in coding.
- Today Da helped me improve a paper I am working on. His attention to detail and thoughtfulness are amazing! I am very thankful for his support.
- Da is amazing! He always makes my work better. He makes me see things in a different light and consider approaches and methodologies I might have otherwise not considered. His wealth of knowledge is amazing!
- Da really stuck with me when I was confused about a data analysis question with complicated data structure and he was super helpful about thinking through the experimental design and making sure my data manipulation and models were correct. Thank you, Da!!
- Da is always super helpful! He makes me think critically about study design and analysis, making my work better. I really appreciate his support and guidance!
- Although Da didn't know the specific function I was working with in R, he was still able to direct me to improve my skills in using R and found a help page describing how to solve my problem.
- Da is very knowledgeable and easy to understand. I was very impressed and will schedule future sessions with him.
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## **3. Teaching**

Instructor

Econ 143: Environmental Economics

- Cares about the success of students and makes the learning material easy to comprehend. Keep up the good work and goodluck in your studies!

## Teaching Assistant

### Econ 103: Intermediate Microeconomic

- Mr. Da is a friendly and a very detail teacher during discussion. He would not mind go over the materials and break down the materials step by step even if the materials takes a long way. A very patience and kind hearted teacher.
- Though this course was tedious, I found the TA did a great job in instructing and explaining and breaking down the material so it was understandable. Though this subject can be difficult, I felt with this TA I was able to put even more of an effort in because of the teaching style and it make the course even more interesting.

### Econ 104B: Intermediate Microeconomic theory

- da gong may be the only reason im doing as well as i am in this course. his discussion videos are extremely helpful and have helped me gain a better understanding of the material. the topics are often presented in a very abstract manner so having further clarification in discussion has been great!
- Da Gong was a good TA for ECON104B: Intermediate Microeconomics Theory. He clarified any confusion that I had with the lecture material and how to do the homework.
- TA Da Gong was one redeeming aspect of this course. He made it easy for students who were out of the country to keep up. He was clear and helpful with the material.

### Econ 105B: Intermediate Macroeconomic theory

- Da was incredibly helpful during the quarter. He was sensitive to the needs of the students and was always available to answer any questions I had about the material. Posting videos of the discussion sections was a big help and I hope more instructors begin to do the same thing. I think Da did a great job. When an instructor is clearly prepared for lecture and has examples prepared prior to the actual class, the learning experience is always amazing.
- Da Gong is a very helpful TA who clearly knows his economics material very well because he is able to thoroughly explain how to solve a question. He writes very clear-cut notes that are straight to the point and asks students if they have any questions in intervals throughout the discussion section. He is also very thorough when going over homework and midterms. Overall, would definitely recommend to teach future economics courses!
- In discussions we mostly went over the homework and he was able to clarify some of the answers. I think that there were times where there was too much movement on his screen to have time to take notes, and the speed at which he was teaching was a little bit hard for us to

ask questions, but he was always available after class to answer my questions. Also, I would like to mention that on the night before an exam he would hold office hours from 6-9 and it was really helpful for him to be there to ask last minute questions and not only did he help me but he also sent out an email with an explanation to all the other students.

#### Econ 101: Statistics for Economics

- Da Gong was a pretty good TA for our statistics lab. He provided detailed instructions for each lab and went through the process of creating our own code for each project. Although sometimes the labs were difficult or hard to understand, he did make a decent effort to help us out.
- Da Gong chose to use the R program instead of excel and personally i really enjoyed seeing a different program for statistical analysis. I've used excel quite a bit so it was more interesting to use a newer software, his videos were a bit speedy but covered everything we needed to know.
- Coming from someone who has never used R studio or worked with coding in the past, the TA was fairly helpful. Especially on the second lab assignment assigned to us, they provided the information needed to complete the assignment. Overall, I've gained a fair amount of knowledge of using R studio with the TA.
- Lab was informational and helpful. Questions are answered promptly, removing potential problems that could hinder students working on assignments.
- Labs were easy and manageable. The videos were informative and the TA explained the uses of the codes well.
- I have learn a lot from this section for statistic.
- Great guy, knows the material and very helpful.
- Is a friendly person. Lab hours and office hours are decent. Effective teaching. Helping ship students out into the work field.
- The TA was very organized and had clear abjectives of what he wanted to accomplish each class.

#### Econ107: Introductory Econometrics

- Da Gong is a very knowledgeable instructor for this course. I've had the pleasure of having him for a second time and have thoroughly enjoyed his lab. He makes it easy enough for you to

understand and try on your own.

- This section was made asynchronous so we would have more time during the lab assigned time to ask needed questions. I found the explanations to be helpful on the material and the TA was thorough. He also explained what the different variables meant and gave advice on how to study the material.
- The instructor's teaching made learning the material much easier.
- Da Gong is a very helpful and friendly TA. He prepares the materials well and is very knowledgeable on the topic. He goes in-depth about what we need to know, provides the resources, and is also very quick in replying when we need help.
- Great teaching assistant. They provided a different set of views than the professor on some problems. Gong gave great insight on why we were even doing the labs.

#### Econ 135: The Stock Market

- Well organized during discussion sections and understood the material and helped me understand the material during section.
- He was very helpful for the class and always encouraged us to visit him in office hours and e-mail him
- Great discussion teacher. His class time is used well and is an easy teacher to ask questions. Even if you bring up a difficult question, he makes sure to answer to his best and gives an example to make sure it's understood. There are no stupid questions and only "good questions".