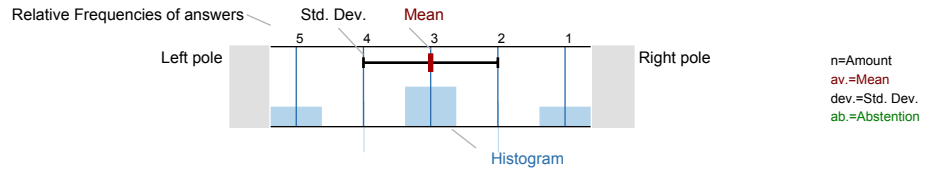




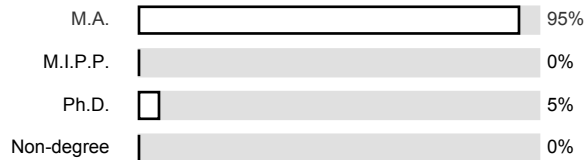
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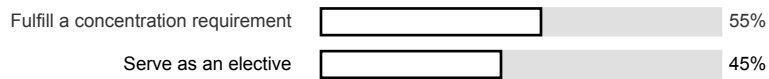


Student Section (Questions regarding Course, Instructor and TA to follow)

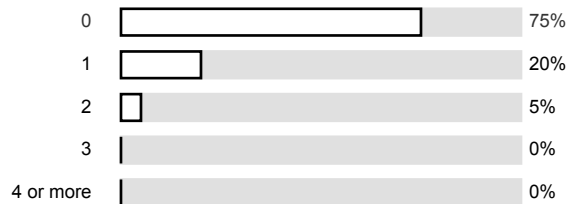
1.1) What is your degree objective? n=20



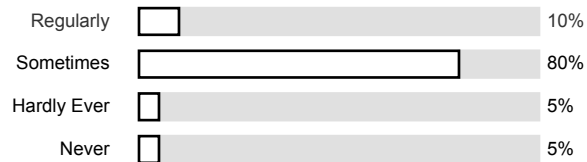
1.2) If you are a SAIS degree student, does this course: n=20



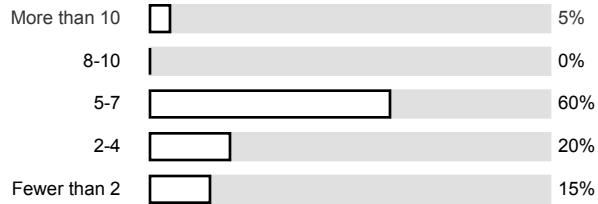
1.3) How many classes have you missed regardless of the reason? n=20



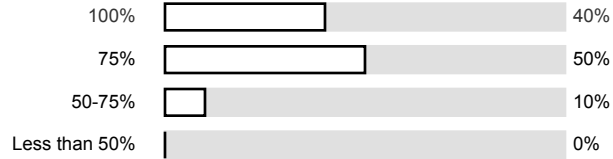
1.4) Do you participate actively in class? n=20



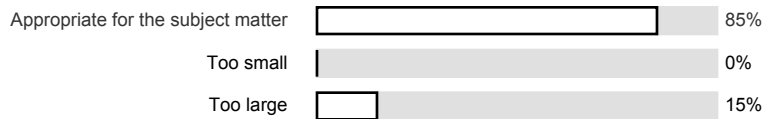
1.5) Approximately how many hours do you spend studying or preparing for this class in a typical week? n=20



1.6) Approximately how much of the homework, readings and assignments have you completed for this class? n=20

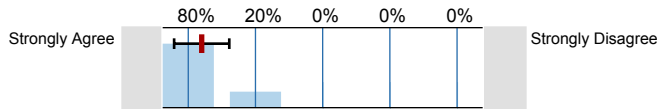


1.7) The size of this class is: n=20

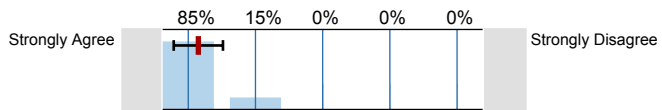


Course Section (Questions regarding Instructor and TA to follow)

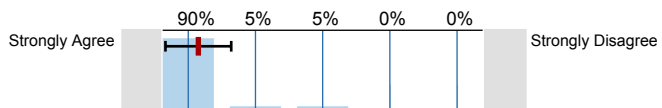
2.1) The objectives and the requirements of the course were clearly stated. n=20
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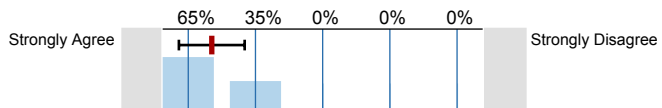
2.2) The methods used (lectures, group work, discussions, etc.) were well suited for communicating course content. n=20
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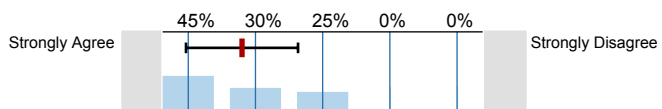
2.3) The multimedia and technology resources (other than ERES) that were used were appropriate for this class. n=20
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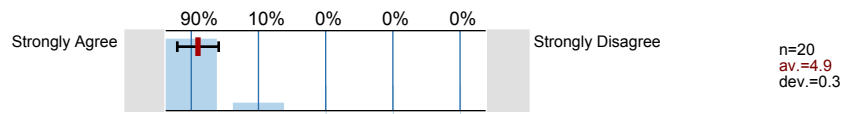
2.4) The amount of assigned work (readings, problem sets, projects, papers, quizzes, tests and exams) was reasonable. n=20
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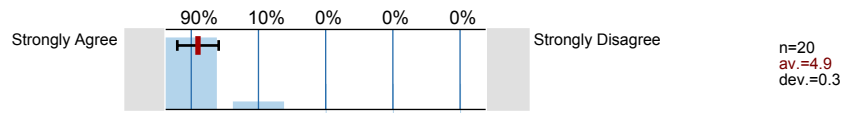
2.5) The other students in the course contributed positively to my learning experience. n=20
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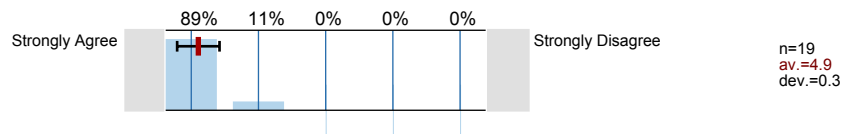
2.6) This course enhanced my understanding of the subject matter.



2.7) I would recommend this course to fellow students.



2.8) My overall evaluation of the course is positive.



2.9) Please add any other comments to explain your ratings or to elaborate further on any aspect of the course.

- I think I would enjoy having access to additional material that covers similar topics but in SAS. It would be good to be fluent in both STATA and SAS language. (1 Count)
- This course was awesome - very practical, rigorous and relevant for those interested in learning how to use quant. methods to analyze microeconomic issues. (1 Count)
- This is one of the best classes I had at SAIS, it really enhanced my understanding of econometrics and even more importantly how to work with STATA. Some of the problem sets are quite long and a pain, but they are certainly valuable exercises. (1 Count)
- Great course on STATA and survey design. It doesn't go back into topics that one should know entering this course and gets down to the good stuff. The problem sets are very practical (watch out for the 3rd one) and makes the students do procedures that I assume will be encountered regularly at work when using any sort of data set. The best aspect of this class is that it prepares the student for working with real world data. Most of the time we used data that is available to the open public, not some nice and clean data. I learned a lot from this course. (1 Count)
- This course was great. I went into it at the beginning of the semester dreading it (had to take it for Quant Methods specialization), and was pretty sure it was going to be my worst and hardest class. But it was definitely one of the most interesting and useful courses I've ever taken. It's not as theory based as Econometrics I, and you really get to the heart of the subject by working with real STATA data sets. Also to mention, after a semester of Econometrics I, I still felt as though I didn't know much about STATA or how to use it, but after this course, I feel very comfortable with it (the TA sessions were priceless in this respect). (1 Count)
- The greatest prof I've ever had at SAIS. If you want to improve your quantitative skills, you better take this class. (1 Count)
- Absolutely superb class. Professor Jolliffe is an excellent teacher. Very clear, very approachable, clearly extensive knowledge of the field and a gift for explaining it plainly. For the first time in SAIS, I felt like homework exercises were a learning experience and not a test. Cannot recommend this course - or rather, Professor Jolliffe teaching this course - enough. (1 Count)
- This course solidified my basic understanding of econometrics - one of the few easily identifiable "skills" from my SAIS education. (1 Count)
- This class is amazing. After a not-so-positive experience with Econometrics, Applied was a pleasant change. (1 Count)
- This, completely unexpectedly, is one of the best courses I've taken at SAIS. The material is very interesting and applicable, especially if you're interested in development and understanding / analyzing survey data. I feel like I learned a tremendous amount. The problem sets were hard but very applicable. (1 Count)
- Very thorough presentation of the material, well-crafted problem sets and exam. One of my best courses at SAIS. (1 Count)
- A lot of work, but definitely helped to learn the material. This course made a lot of my other quantitative-based classes a lot easier. (1 Count)
- The course is very informative and practice oriented. I liked that, especially because I was able to get really familiar with STATA software. I could also have a go at doing my own project that included data collection and analysis. Very useful in practical sense and hopefully applicable in work environment. (1 Count)

- Somewhat unexpectedly, I would say this is probably one of the best, most useful courses I have taken at SAIS (unexpected only because I thought it would be more painful than it was, but it was VERY well-taught). It was very well organized, and helped me to "get my hands dirty" with analyzing household data sets from developing countries - a very marketable skill for IDEV-ers and one I think I'll use in the future. It also helps to become more generally fluent in talking about data and data issues, and understanding econometric analyses you read in papers. A highly recommended course - it really helps to make everything you learned in Intro to Econometrics more relevant and useful. (1 Count)

Instructor Section (Questions regarding TA to follow)



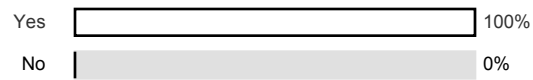
- Professor Jolliffe went above and beyond the standards of any professor - he made time for students outside of class, as often as was needed. It was plain to see his number one concern was comprehension of the subject matter. (1 Count)

- This class is all about telling stories from the data. Jolliffe does a good job of drawing this out from the numbers. (1 Count)
- Prof. Jolliffe was one of the best I've had at SAIS. I hear that he won't be able to teach the course any longer; if true, SAIS has lost one of its very best. (1 Count)
- Prof. Jolliffe is great, very patient and helpful. Unfortunately, he is not going to teach the class any more. (1 Count)
- I would take another class from Professor Jolliffe. He is knowledgeable and can relay concepts in a straightforward and understandable manner, which is sometimes difficult when explaining subtle differences in data manipulations or procedures. He always made himself available for any questions. (1 Count)
- Professor Jolliffe was amazing. He was very helpful and very open to student questions. His lecture style is perfect for the course, and he's so nice that it's easy to approach him if you don't understand something. He comes to class very prepared and his teaching method made this course not only bearable but surprisingly interesting and one of my favorite course. I would highly recommend any course taught by this professor. (1 Count)
- Professor Jolliffe is a really excellent teacher (see comments in last field). NB. in terms of 'scheduled class times', the system this semester of having two extra classes at the very start was really a great idea. It made dealing with final coursework from other classes much easier and gave us more time to focus on the paper. However, better availability from Professor Jolliffe in the last two weeks of the semester when we were writing our papers would have been nice - this was the first econometric paper many of us had ever written, and it was quite hard doing it from scratch! (1 Count)
- Professor Jolliffe has a rare gift. He can explain econometrics. In my experience, this is a unique occurrence in the SAIS econ department. In addition, he's also a really nice guy. So, it is very sad that he is leaving SAIS and that our school cannot provide incentives for him to stay (for instance by offering him a full-time position, replacing one of the numerous SAIS econ professors who receive poor evaluations). If he ever comes back to teach this course, my recommendations (in terms of course design) would be to focus the problem sets less on repetitive data beautification and more on actual regression work (at least one PS should shift that way), and move faster at the beginning (it's not that hard to understand clusters/strata/weights) to cover more estimation techniques at the end. On a different note, I would also rename the course to Applied Microeconometrics given that Applied Econometrics could also touch upon applied macro stuff. But other than that, this has been great. (1 Count)
- I was utterly amazed at how crystal clear this instructor could render even hopelessly convoluted topics. Best professor I've had at SAIS. If I had to design a robot to teach econometrics and had unlimited technological resources at my disposal, it would still be inferior to professor Jolliffe. (1 Count)
- Prof. Jolliffe is exceptional. He was consistently well prepared for class and very approachable - not to mention the fact that he made econometrics understandable! (1 Count)
- I've had a lot of bad adjuncts at SAIS but Prof. Jolliffe completely breaks the adjunct mold -- not only does he know his subject well, and practice it, he can ACTUALLY TEACH. He's willing to make plenty of time available for students outside of class, too, even holding special office hours on a Saturday. (1 Count)
- Prof Jolliffe was outstanding. Total command of the material, and also skilled at presenting it in at the appropriate level of technical rigor while also pushing us at times. Always extremely well prepared. Very available and generous with his time. (1 Count)
- Prof. Jolliffe is the man: well-prepared, fair, challenging, great attitude. He is the kind of adjunct SAIS needs to keep a hold of. For all the horrible adjunct professors this school has, people like Dean Jolliffe should be actively recruited. (1 Count)
- Professor Jolliffe was fantastic - there are few professors who are able to explain econometrics in such a clear and understandable manner. He was always well-prepared for class, and always willing to answer questions. Classwork was also extremely well-designed to help us build up our skillsets. (1 Count)
- Prof. Jolliffe is a unique combination of econometrics/statistics geek and a rocker. He really knows his field well but does not try to intimidate you or show how much he knows. He was also very approachable and responsive to comments and students' ideas. Although his lectures may seem overwhelming at first, once you figure out the proper way to study, it's great. I definitely learned a lot. What a pity he's not likely to teach at SAIS again. (1 Count)
- I really couldn't think of a better professor for this course - Jolliffe is engaging, well-organized, clear in his explanations, challenging (in a good way), accessible, and an experienced practitioner in his own right. He thinks he doesn't have time to teach the course again given his new job at the World Bank, but SAIS would do well to try to convince him otherwise. (1 Count)
- Prof. Jolliffe's clarity and precision in teaching this complex subject matter was superb. Its a shame he will not be able to teach this course again. (1 Count)
- Prof. Jolliffe understands SAIS and what students want to get out of the applied econometrics course. I hope he continues to teach here. (1 Count)

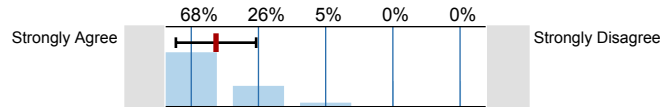
TA Section

4.1) There was a TA for this course. If no, skip this section.

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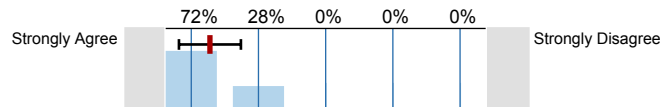


4.2) The TA review sessions were helpful.



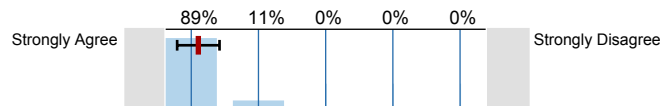
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4.3) The TA was available for office hours.



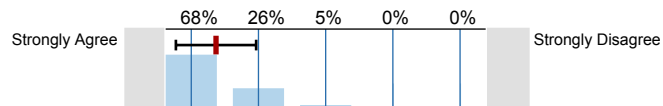
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4.4) The TA attended class sessions and/or was aware of what materials had been covered in lectures.



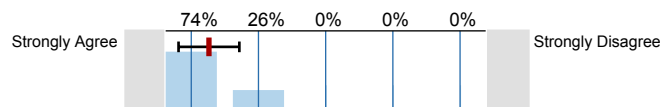
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4.5) The TA clearly and constructively explained concepts.



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4.6) My overall evaluation of the TA is positive.



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4.7) Please provide any additional comments that would be helpful regarding your TA.

- Chris is nice and she was very helpful in solving the PSs. (1 Count)
- She was a great asset to the class and was available for help. Her and Professor Jolliffe worked well together to provide examples for the problem sets and the test. I should have gone more. (1 Count)
- Chris was great. If it wasn't for the TA sessions, I could have easily been lost in this course. The TA sessions went over the STATA usage, and made problem sets more about learning how to use STATA and work with real life data than theoretical exercises. It seemed that Professor Jolliffe and Chris really coordinated to make sure that students got the most out of this class. (1 Count)
- The greatest TA I've ever had. She has been approachable for the while semester, and I got reply back quickly when I send her question through e-mail. (1 Count)
- Chris was a great T.A. Thank you! Very nice, helpful, honest and approachable. Well-prepared. (1 Count)
- She took care of everything we needed and held regular sessions. Very on the ball. (1 Count)
- The TA Sessions were extremely helpful especially before problem sets. (1 Count)
- Christine was very good, helpful and very well prepared. (1 Count)
- Chris was extremely helpful, no complaints whatsoever. (1 Count)
- Overall, Chris did a good job as a TA although I would recommend she spoke a little bit slower and not go so fast over the stata output. (1 Count)

- TA sessions were clear, well-organized (if fast), very helpful. Chris is very helpful and supportive and definitely understands the material. (1 Count)
- Great TA. She went out of her normal TA office hours to help students. (1 Count)
- Chris was great, I just wish she could have sent around more materials via email. It was hard to retain the command language in Stata when we were going so quickly. (1 Count)

Profile

Subunit: Spring 2009 Courses
 Name of the instructor: Dean Jolliffe
 Name of the course: Applied Econometrics
 (Name of the survey)

