Teaching Evaluations

of Luca Gemmi*

I report here a sample of anonymous comments and a summary table of teaching evaluations scores of my Discussion Session for the first-year PhD course in Macroeconomics at Boston College (Prof. Susanto Basu). The full evaluation reports are available upon request.

Q: What are the strengths of this course?

- *"Luca was a very knowledgable TA. His explanations in the discussion sessions were very helpful and went well beyond the written solutions that were provided (particularly his labor market diagrams). He also went above–and–beyond responding to any questions that we emailed him outside of class, providing detailed responses and thoughtful insights."*

- *"Best TA I've had so far"*

- *"The TA session is very helpful for solving macroeconomic models and reinforcing what we learnt in ECON 7751. Luca also did a great job in explaining the extension of models and the intuitions behind them."*

Q: Would you recommend this course to other students, majors, etc.? Why or why not?

- *"Yes, Luca's TA session was an essential component of the course."*

- *"Yes, I'd strongly recommend the course. It gives a lot of insights on the standard topics in the macro literature."*

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Q: Additional comments

- *"Luca always went a little beyond the solution and gave us insights about the problem set and the lesson to be learnt from each question. He's explanations where always very clear."*

Table 1: Teaching Evaluations

	TA Sessions Grad Macroeconomics Spring 2021	Boston College Econ Avg. Spring 2021
Class size	15	
♯ of Evaluations	11	
1. The instructor was prepared	5.00	4.55
2. The instructor was available for help outside of class	4.91	4.40
3. The instructor returned assignments/tests conscientiously	4.89	4.33
4. The instructor showed enthusiasm about the subject matter	4.91	4.52
5. The instructor stimulated interest in the subject matter	4.90	4.22
6. The instructor's explanations were clear	5.00	4.23
7. The instructor treated students with respect	5.00	4.62
8. How would you rate this instructor overall as a teacher?	4.82	4.02
9. The course was well organized	4.90	4.32
10. The course generally followed the syllabus	4.90	4.48
11. Class attendance was necessary for learning the course material	4.80	4.11
12. The course was intellectually challenging	4.90	4.36
13. Compared to similar courses (i.e. core, major, etc.), this course required	3.63	3.44
14. How would you rate this course overall?	4.60	3.61

Notes: Scores for questions 1 to 7 and 9 to 12 are as follows: 1 "Strongly Disagree", 2 "Disagree", 3 "Uncertain", 4 "Agree", 5 "Strongly Agree".
Scores for questions 8 and 14 are as follows: 1 "Poor", 2 "Fair", 3 "Good", 4 "Very Good", 5 "Excellent".
Scores for question 13 are as follows: 1 "Much Less Effort", 2 "Less Effort", 3 "About Same Effort", 4 "More Effort", 5 "Much More Effort".