Harvard University

Government 2000
Introduction to Quantitative Methods I

Comments

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO TELL FUTURE STUDENTS ABOUT THIS CLASS?

Course

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

It's a good course - you'll work, but you'll learn a lot. After years of editing, this course really helps you get right to the core of PoliSci stats ... at least at an intro level

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Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

It doesn't really matter since it's required. I would tell future students that the key to doing well is having a good study group that is willing to take the time to make sure everyone does well.

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

You have to fill a stats requirement, and this is a fairly painless way to do it. The concepts can be abstruse, but the work demanded of you will be reasonable.

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Don't be scared...this is not the living hell its made out to be!

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

A fairly solid introduction to statistical principles and computing techniques, but frustrating at times.

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

If you wish to learn R, this is the course for you, but if you want to learn enough about statistics to understand basic social science research you may you probably are not going to get that out of this class.

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

Class was definitely manageable and not at all like the horror stories I'd heard in previous years (impossibly hard, time-consuming, etc.) I actually think the class could have stood to be a little more challenging. It's a requirement, so take it, but if you really want to get a lot out of the class, put in extra time doing the reading. And don't rely on groups.

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

get serious with R, it is a good software!

Evaluate the course overall.: **2 (fair)**

I would say: "This course will be a very bad experience and you will get very little out of it. But it's a requirement! So take it."

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

An excellent, if sometimes challenging, way for those with limited quantitative background to get to grips quickly and confidently with material that is essential for political science research.
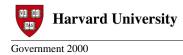
Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Just when you think you might die, you survive and eventually, you become addicted to it. You start thinking you might actually like this statistics stuff.

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

An excellent class for understanding basic OLS regression. Does an excellent job of covering use in the field, potential errors and diagnostics.

PLEASE COMMENT ON YOUR SECTION LEADER'S TEACHING.

Larson, Jennifer Mary

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Jenn was incredible. Thanks for the detailed comments on my PSs. And the detailed R-code. More is always better. Teach more classes - I really liked how you blended stats theories with R ... it made sense. Possible improvements - move section to Tuesday and OHs to Wednesday and Thursday - inform us of methods workshops that are coming up - esp. if one overlaps with material we are doing in class or is stuff that we've already done. Some of those workshops really helped to drill home points and show us that people actually use what we are learning.

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Jenn did a great job. She was always well prepared for teaching and helpful in office hours. She wrote thoughtful comments on assignments handed back as well.

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Jen was great - I didn't interact with her quite as much because I tended to go to Thursday office hours. But she did a nice job in the TA sessions, and her lecture on outliers and leverage points stands out in my mind for its clarity.

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **4 (very good)**

Very good at clarifying course material; clear and thorough feedback on assignments. Very helpful in dealing with student questions.

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Great job! The sections were clear and well presented, and the additional material in section R code (the parts we didn't cover in class) was always so well commented that it was easy to follow anyway. You were always accessible for questions and very patient during office hours. Thanks!

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

unequivocally awesome (i was really impressed by both of you!)

Evaluate the course overall.: **2 (fair)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **4 (very good)**

Jenn was a great TF. No complaints here.

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Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

As with Matt, excellent

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Jenn is fabulous in all respects!

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Jenn really understands what is going on and has a way of explaining complex ideas in simple, easy to understand ways. She was enormously helpful during office hours and would bend over backwards to make sure you knew what was happening, no matter how basic your question (even if you were so lost you didn't really know how to ask it!). She was always incredibly prepared for section and stayed on topic.

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Jenn did an excellent job as well. She provided very clear answers to questions and was willing to research additional answers as needed. Very giving of her time and helpful for material both within the bounds of the class and outside it.

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **4 (very good)**

Jenn was a great TF-- very organized, clear and knowledgeable. She did a great job clarifying difficult concepts and was always willing to answer questions.