

Columbia University: Arts & Sciences

A&S Fall 2019 Standard Evaluation

Course: ECONGR6215_001_2019_3-MACROECONOMICANALYSISI
Instructor: Jennifer La'O,Xavier Sala-I-Martin
TA: Paul Bouscasse *
Response Rate: 23/30 (76.67%)

1 - What are the strengths and weaknesses of Paul Bouscasse (discussion section leader, lab section leader, grader) as an instructor, and how might Paul Bouscasse's teaching be improved?

Response Rate 12/30 (40%)

- Paul was the best TA we had in the first semester. His recitations were thoughtfully planned, his solutions to homeworks helpful, and was able to tackle questions well from students. Thanks, Paul!
- I really enjoyed Paul's recitation sections - especially in Xavier's part of the course - because he was able to add context and empirical applications that were illuminating and gave some context / justification / assessment of the economic models.
- He has the most wonderful French accent. Especially when discussing ze Arrow - DeBREU =/= Duh Broo securities
- Paul was a really good TA. Always tried to convey the basics in a incisive way.
- Paul provided really excellent recitation notes that really helped understanding. However, he was a very poor lecturer - he seemed disinterested, bored, and unhappy to give the actual sessions despite the amount of work he most definitely put into the notes.
- I kinda wish he scheduled his office hours at a better time.
- Paul is a very good TA. He's very organized and his notes are very good. The recitations are a nice complement to the lectures. Moreover, he cares about his students.
- Paul has been able to provide a valuable input at every recitation. The content itself was complementary of the content of the class and thus enjoyable. Having proper recitation notes added even more value to his teaching. I would just recommend that even more time be spent on data since this is where his teaching was most efficient. The only improvement I could see would be to gain even more fluidity when doing (cumbersome) algebra on the board, because that is when the students might lose their focus.
- Paul is a great instructor. He makes sure we know exactly what we need to know to do well -- he is very practical in his approach to teaching. He's also very kind and easy to ask questions. His recitation notes are exceptional -- they are always very clear, they are always posted well in advance of recitation so that you can read them in preparation, and they are both practical and thorough.
- I think Paul is one of the best TAs I've had this semester. The quality of his notes is impeccable, and his lectures are always informative. I don't have any complaints.
- Paul is great. He is among the best TAs I've had so far (including previous degrees). He is excellent at explaining what has been covered in the lecture and was always able to answer any questions thrown at him.
- Paul is an amazing TA! His recitations go extremely well with the lectures. His notes are impeccable and he is super approachable. I would die to have him as my TA again for the next semester as well.

2 - What is your overall assessment of the effectiveness of Paul Bouscasse?

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means		
Excellent	(5)	18	78.26%			4.74	
Very Good	(4)	4	17.39%				
Good	(3)	1	4.35%				
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%				
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%				
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Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median	
23/30 (76.67%)				4.74	0.54	5.00	