

Title: **Session X**

 Dates: **08/06/2018 - 08/10/2018**

 Course: **ECONS3213_001_2018_2 / INTERMEDIATE MACROECONOMICS**

 Responses: **8/16 - 50.00%**

 Enrollment of Registered Students:**16**

 Enrollment of All Students:**16**

 Instructor Comments Report for: **Lorenzo Pessina**

Q1 Please evaluate your faculty instructor. What are the instructor's strengths? In what ways might his or her teaching be improved? In answering this question, you might address the clarity of the lectures or presentations and their relationship to the other elements of the course, the ability of the instructor to generate enthusiasm and facilitate discussion, the quality of feedback, availability, the timeliness of the return of assignments, etc.

- Lorenzo is clear and coherent. He is very organized and well prepared to teach the class. All slides are uploaded in advance to the course works website, and all material is written in an easy to understand way.
- Passionate about the topic. Very articulated
- Lorenzo did a great job explaining the concepts most of the time, and if I did not fully understand a concept he made the time and effort to explain it further.
- Lorenzo is by far the most devoted instructor I've had in Columbia university. He takes his pedagogy very seriously and puts the comprehension and welfare of his students first and foremost. He made sure to help every student truly understand the course material, and fostered a learning environment that was both interesting and fun.
- The instructor is obviously not an experienced teacher but did sufficiently well presenting the material.
- Lorenzo was an incredible teacher who was clearly able to adapt to the environment of this particular class. Rather than instruct solely using a lecture format, Lorenzo allowed for much more interaction during class time, which was only feasible due to the small class size. Additionally, Lorenzo's deep understanding of economics allowed him to decode what sometimes were very convoluted questions in order to ensure students understood the material. In all honesty, Lorenzo has been one of the best instructors I have had at Columbia, easily surpassing more than a few members of the faculty. Without detracting from his abilities, the only area for improvement would be to better control in-class discussions to better stick to the course schedule. However, even during the short 12 weeks of this class, Lorenzo's ability to control the discussion improved substantially.
- Lorenzo is better than most full-time professors I have had during undergraduate and law school. His lectures are extremely clear and engaging. He is very approachable, is extremely responsive to adjusting his teaching style to the specific class needs, and goes above and beyond to make sure student needs are met. For example, one student had a different edition of the textbook so problem question numbers were different than the edition our class used. As a result, in addition to posting the problem sets, he went out of his way to scan the relevant pages from the textbook for our convenience. Additionally, Lorenzo and Paul were unable to be there to proctor the final exam because they gave presentations at an economic conference. Both he and Paul sat on their laptop during the entire time of the exam in the case we had questions about the exam the proctor was unable to answer. He also allocated extra time when creating the exam since he knew there may be delay in his or Paul's responses. As a point of comparison, I took another class this summer. The other instructor was not there to proctor one of the exams and did not do this. Lorenzo is one of the most dedicated professors I have had and will be an extremely valuable asset to any university he teaches at in the future.

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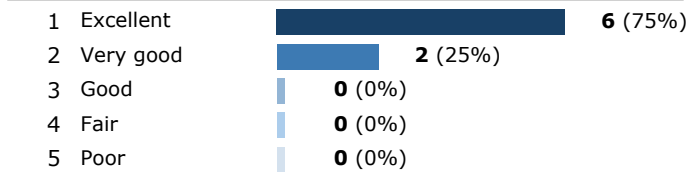
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1 What is your overall assessment of the effectiveness of the instructor? N=8



Median **1** Interpolated Median **1.17** Mean **1.25** Std Dev **0.46**