

Course Evaluation for Economics 482

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- I.** *What advice would you give to a student to help that student decide whether to take this course?*

This is a stat-loaded course. If you don't like numbers or suck with numbers than don't take it. If you're good with numbers but can't write, be aware cuz there is a really significant paper

- II.** *What advice would you give a student taking 482 to get the most out of the course?*

Don't fall behind. I know it's a cliché but this stuff is cumulative so falling behind is bad, as is procrastination on the paper

- III.** *What advice would you give the instructor on how to increase what you learned in the course?*

Maybe add a couple of labs or more group projects to try and simulate real world working scenarios.

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If you are not willing to work hard and pay attention, don't waste your time. You get out of this course what you put in. If you work hard you will probably find this class to be one of your most beneficial classes in college. TAKE THIS CLASS

- II.** *What advice would you give a student taking 482 to get the most out of the course?*

Attend class and don't be afraid to ask questions. Work together with classmates on homework.

- III.** *What advice would you give the instructor on how to increase what you learned in the course?*

Maybe give a little more background on homework before it is assigned. A day of review/questions every month or so might be nice.

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The homework is frequent although not too lengthy. Some of the concepts are difficult, although Startz is an amazingly patient and thoughtful presenter. Some classes are dull at times, although general lectures are entertaining if you are interested in the material and appreciate a little dry humor.

- II.** *What advice would you give a student taking 482 to get the most out of the course?*

Come to class. I did none of the readings. Startz will tell you everything you need to know.

- III.** *What advice would you give the instructor on how to increase what you learned in the course?*

**? Excellent course –
Sometimes the student homework presentations went a bit slow. The review at the beginning could be trimmed down, although it likely helped many students.**

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Take this course to familiarize yourself with the more quantitative aspects of the Econ major. Take this course anyway; highly recommended.

- II.** *What advice would you give a student taking 482 to get the most out of the course?*

Make sure to review provided handouts (well, on the website) such as proofs, as they are very useful for later topics.

- III.** *What advice would you give the instructor on how to increase what you learned in the course?*

It seemed as if the pace of the course at the beginning and end differed too much. I felt as if the material in weeks 8 and 9 were presented a bit too quickly.

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Be prepared to run into difficulties in the class that require time and critical thinking to solve. While material may be hard to grasp at first, when you do understand, that understanding is more rewarding and long lasting.

- II.** *What advice would you give a student taking 482 to get the most out of the course?*

Take assignments seriously. Spend lots of time on EViews early so you understand how to use this program.

- III.** *What advice would you give the instructor on how to increase what you learned in the course?*

Spend more time on proofs and strategies for solving proofs as these constitute a large portion of the quizzes. Spend a lecture in the computer lab going over EViews.

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Expected to do much homework

III. *What advice would you give the instructor on how to increase what you learned in the course?*

Second part of the course is more difficult, so it would be better to go more slowly or give more examples.

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- I.** *What advice would you give to a student to help that student decide whether to take this course?*

Be sure you have a good grasp on material from Stat 311. Math is an important part, but not too hard. Pay attention in class and be ready to struggle some on the homework.

- II.** *What advice would you give a student taking 482 to get the most out of the course?*

Do the homework in groups. Run the paper by the other students for comments. They can help a lot.

- III.** *What advice would you give the instructor on how to increase what you learned in the course?*

Some kind of required group work. Make sure to stress that the students should worry about data.

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I would recommend this class to any Econ major, especially those going for BS degrees. You learn a lot about how to deal with data and information.

- II.** *What advice would you give a student taking 482 to get the most out of the course?*

Go to all the classes. Visit office hours. Don't worry if you don't understand something at first – it may take a while to set in.

- III.** *What advice would you give the instructor on how to increase what you learned in the course?*

Sometimes I didn't think the alternative explanations were different enough from the first, so I was still a little confused. Write neater or go slower – this way note taking will be easier.

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The course is very demanding in the use of statistics/tools, but most important in the reasoning to choose one model over another alternative to better explain variations in the true model. One of the best courses to help the student to become more analytical with examples that apply in real world.

- II.** *What advice would you give a student taking 482 to get the most out of the course?*

Focus on learning the interpretation of results. Mastering software is not necessarily the best approach to get the most out of the course. If we learn how to better analyze not only the data but the structure (theory that supports the model) of our models, then we will have a better understanding of what is really going on.

- III.** *What advice would you give the instructor on how to increase what you learned in the course?*

Avoid sudden changes in topics during lecture. The very few times it happened got me distracted and confused because I didn't know if we were trying to validate a method or to contradict it.

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Know your statistics.

- II.** *What advice would you give a student taking 482 to get the most out of the course?*

Pay attention in class, ask questions right when you don't understand. Don't fall behind. Pick project subject that interests you.

- III.** *What advice would you give the instructor on how to increase what you learned in the course?*

None. He is a good/nice guy – good, lenient teacher willing to help, willing to understand you and your needs.

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It’s important for econ majors to know this, so take it and take it seriously.

- II.** *What advice would you give a student taking 482 to get the most out of the course?*

Brush up on stats before the 1st class. Ask questions even if you don’t understand what you’re asking; everyone else is just as confused.

- III.** *What advice would you give the instructor on how to increase what you learned in the course?*

Introduce the course a bit better. It’s been a long time since statistics, so a refresher is needed.

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Take this class if you want to learn econometrics, not just for fun because it's tough.

- II.** *What advice would you give a student taking 482 to get the most out of the course?*

Always attend class; be prepared to spend a lot of time on homework; ask questions early and often – otherwise you'll feel overwhelmed.

- III.** *What advice would you give the instructor on how to increase what you learned in the course?*

Make sure to always back up EViews examples with written on the board basics (definitions, key terms, theory, steps to take, key observations etc) to make it easier for us to really grasp the concept.

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Take a serious stats course first.

- II.** *What advice would you give a student taking 482 to get the most out of the course?*

Don't buy the textbook. The lectures are better. Spend time early in the quarter learning how to interpret EViews output.

- III.** *What advice would you give the instructor on how to increase what you learned in the course?*

Time the homework so it comes due after the related lecture(s).

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Need to take other statistics class more than stat 311 or 220, or just don't take this class.

- II.** *What advice would you give a student taking 482 to get the most out of the course?*

Study hard and need to work with somebody for doing homework.

- III.** *What advice would you give the instructor on how to increase what you learned in the course?*

He needs to be more concerned about how many students do not understand the lecture. A few people are doing very well but most of them are not doing well. Needs to slow down or explain the content better. And 2 hour exam.

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You must be willing to attend class every day and put decent effort into the homework in order to understand the material. There is little to no reading. From this course you will receive skills with which you can get a job.

- II.** *What advice would you give a student taking 482 to get the most out of the course?*

Go to class and really put effort into your term paper.

- III.** *What advice would you give the instructor on how to increase what you learned in the course?*

Maybe have one lesson in the computer lab to familiarize us with EViews more.

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You will need to have a good statistics and math background to be able to understand this course.

- II.** *What advice would you give a student taking 482 to get the most out of the course?*

Take some other statistic courses other than the usual 220, 311.

- III.** *What advice would you give the instructor on how to increase what you learned in the course?*

Give some guidelines on where the materials are located in the textbook.

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Need to do all the reading in advance, good understanding of statistics, if you like econometrics.

- II.** *What advice would you give a student taking 482 to get the most out of the course?*

Being able to interpret regression models clearly and correctly.

- III.** *What advice would you give the instructor on how to increase what you learned in the course?*

If possible slower pace, or assignments out of the book, maybe one more lecture day.

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Please do not take this class if you can.

- II.** *What advice would you give a student taking 482 to get the most out of the course?*

- 1) You need to study a lot with the textbook by yourself.**
- 2) Get the perfect understanding from the book.**
- 3) Try to listen to the lectures. Pay attention!**
- 4) Ask thousands of questions of the instructor.**

- III.** *What advice would you give the instructor on how to increase what you learned in the course?*

- 1) Please be organized on the lecture. (I am not talking about the lecture notes).**
- 2) Using the overhead with careful handwriting is greatly needed.**
- 3) Please give more instruction about using EViews.**

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Realize that Professor Startz is serious when he says that this is a HARD course. If you are feeling a bit lazy this quarter, don't take it. If you plan on going to grad school for econ or getting a job as a data analyst, this class would be helpful! This class is hard.

- II.** *What advice would you give a student taking 482 to get the most out of the course?*

Buy EViews. The CSSR lab is not open weekends or late nights. You will use it a lot. You should still go to the CSSR lab though because a lot of classmates are there and they'll help. Also, Startz will be in his office a lot and he will always help.

- III.** *What advice would you give the instructor on how to increase what you learned in the course?*

Type lecture notes, not just an outline.

