

Term	Course	Primary Dept	Primary Division	Enrolled: 41
Fall 2020	ECON 135 01 - Intro Probability & Statistics	ECON	Social Sciences	Responded: 38
Instructors				
Narita, Yusuke (P)				

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#11 Summarize the strengths and weaknesses of the Teaching Fellow. In what ways was their teaching effective and in what ways could their teaching be improved?

Instructor: Pereira Cordeiro, Fernando

Responses for Instructor: 18
Declined to Answer Question: 20

Respondent	Answer
1449683	Fernando is a nice guy. He has great patience in Office Hours and is always willing to help those in need.
1455122	Fernando was an extremely useful asset throughout the course and shouldered much of the burden of grading, teaching us programming and answering all our questions fast.
1455197	The writing proofs format of section could be a little too fast-paced for me to follow at times, but overall the sections were helpful. The hints and package recommendations for pset 5 were very helpful. As were the office hours. He was easily accessible by email and always responded within a couple days. In general, I appreciated having him as a TA in this course that was rather challenging for me.
1455549	I was hoping for the TF to break down what we covered in class that week and perhaps give a simple example problem we can solve together as a class like what most other economics classes do, but that did not happen. He did offer some helpful insight for homework, but even that was not as clear as what I found in some other classes. The very last section where we summarized all the models and all the necessary equations was super helpful. If we did something like that every week for each new topic, I think section would have been better.
1455693	Fernando was always super helpful and super responsive to any questions that I might have. His Friday sections were also very helpful toward understanding the material presented in class.
1457094	Fernando is 100/100 best TA I've ever met, really dedicated to teaching, good at explaining the concepts, very helpful and friendly in problem sets and exams. I would have wished to see more connections though between TA sections and lectures.
1460451	No complaints, a good dude.
1460743	Strengths: excellent preparation for sections (created simulations, prepared presentations on certain topics, etc.). Very helpful responses to students (ex. to questions on Piazza), and provided clear and detailed feedback on all assignments Weaknesses: grading sometimes felt a bit a harsh. I thought that section occasionally moved too quickly when we were discussing new topics (like confidence intervals)
1461670	Fernando did a great job leading section. I wish that we had not gone over the pset in section but instead had just talked about the math behind the lectures. Fernando was almost able to make up for the lack of mathematical rigor with great sections that did not just repeat lecture but taught new things. This is how a course should work. Section should not be a repeat of lecture.
1467019	Very responsive- honestly, he carried this course.
1468762	Strengths: Very helpful, receptive and responsive to questions
1471114	Fernando offered good feedback for assessments and to answer questions on Piazza.
1471118	Fernando was one of the kindest teaching fellows that I've had at Yale. He was always willing to answer questions and was extremely patient. If there is a room for improvement, it would be that I wish our problem sets and exams were returned in a more timely manner. However, given the pandemic, I understand that this may have been difficult.

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1471130	Fernando was very devoted to answering student questions, which was super helpful. Sometimes the grading felt a bit arbitrary, like losing a lot of points for missing a single word. But in terms of a teacher he's pretty good.
1471137	Amazing. So dedicated to the course.
1471151	There was little to no feedback the entire semester so it was difficult to know areas of improvement. Office hours were oftentimes confusing because the TF oftentimes gave unclear answers to questions about the PSETs or concepts introduced in lectures.
1471169	Fernando was great, providing the students with a lot of help and explaining concepts well.
1471309	I feel that Fernando could have done a better job explaining how section fit in with the material in lecture.

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#12 What is your overall assessment of the Teaching Fellow?

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Responses for Instructor: 33
Declined to Answer Question: 5

	Average and Standard Deviation		
Question Average	Dept	Div	School
3.8 ±1.3	4.1 ±1.0	4.3 ±0.9	4.3 ±1.0

Choice Label	Counts
poor	3
fair	3
good	5
very good	10
excellent	12