

## Samples of Student Evaluation of Instruction

SIRS (Student Instructional Rating System)

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Neutral
- 4 Disagree
- 5 Strongly disagree

N.B.: Low numbers indicate high performance

Fall 1991

Econ 3310-01	My Course	My Department
Instructor involvement	1.52	1.86
Student interest	1.57	2.02

Fall 1989

Econ 3310-01	My Course	My Department
Instructor involvement	1.43	1.72
Student interest	1.58	1.94

Fall 1989

Econ 2120 (Honors)	My Course	My Department
Instructor involvement	1.22	1.72
Student interest	1.44	1.94

Spring 1986

Econ 2120-09	My Course	My Department
Instructor involvement	1.48	1.77
Student interest	1.83	2.06

Spring 1991

Econ 3580-01	My Course	My Department
Instructor involvement	1.27	1.93
Student interest	1.42	2.10

Fall 1991

Econ 4340-01	My Course	My Department
Instructor involvement	1.34	1.86
Student interest	1.47	2.02

Spring 1989

Econ 8312-01	My Course	My Department
Instructor involvement	1.34	1.80
Student interest	1.38	1.99

\*\*Econ 2110 Principles of Macroeconomics

Econ 2120 Principles of Microeconomics

Econ 3310 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory

Econ 3580 International Economic Development

Econ 8312 Economic Behavior and Institutions

## **Samples of Student Evaluation Comments**

### Econ 2110/2120

#### I. Positive characteristics or strengths of the course/instructor

1. I have enjoyed Dr. Fung's class thoroughly. His lectures were some of the most informative I have attended at MSU. I also believe his innovative format was very effective in getting across the course materials.
2. Dr. Fung is a very effective teacher. He knows how to present the material in an interesting fashion.
3. I thought Dr. Fung was very considerate of his students, and was well prepared for class.
4. He has turned a subject, which can be extremely dull, into an interesting and delightful experience.
5. Dr. Fung need to teach other professors how to teach.
6. His sense of humor has gotten me through some rough and tiring lectures. He is a good teacher.
7. Everyone should be lucky enough to take a course under Dr. Fung. I was really dreading this course, but I feel like I have really learned something in spite of myself.
8. Dr. Fung has a great talent for encouraging students to do well. Economics is, on the whole, a bland subject, but he creates a good attitude in spite of this.
9. He is very funny. Tells good stories, loves his work - that is the best asset a teacher could have.
10. Dr. Fung makes economics very interesting and easy to learn. He makes the concepts of microeconomics applicable to daily life. I thought that this class was going to be boring, but it has turned out to be very enjoyable. I have learned a lot. Dr. Fung is an excellent teacher. If he can get through to someone with a mental block against economics, like me, he can get through to any one.

#### II. Additional comments and suggestions

1. Personal humor helps make a theory course very exciting. Most theory courses tend to be boring. This one was not.
2. I believe that doing weekly homework assignments is a much better way of learning economics. I learned more doing these assignments than I would have taking exams.
3. Always willing to help if you ask.
4. He deserves increment in his salary.
5. You have the best methods and ways. I appreciated it very much. I am considering changing my major from engineering to economics. Thank you, Dr. Fung.
6. At the beginning of the semester I hated coming to class. Later on, I felt so challenged it became my favorite class.
7. Dr. Fung has influenced me the most out of all the teachers I've had in the three years I've been at MSU.

8. With exception of racquetball, this is my most enjoyable class. The atmosphere is always friendly and casual; this lack of tension makes comprehension of the material easier.
9. I wish we could get more teachers like Dr. Fung.

### Econ 3310

#### Positive characteristics or strengths of the course/instructor

1. Dr. Fung is very dedicated to teaching his students. He makes sure an effort is put forward on the part of the student. He likes his job or that is what comes across.
2. This was one of the more stimulating economics classes I have taken due mainly to Dr. Fung's personal use of ideas and in making me use my mind. It became a challenge for once to learn. I wish more teachers could stimulate the economic classes such as Dr. Fung has been able to do.
3. He expects a lot from his students because I think he knows that they can always do more.
4. Dr. Fung at first scared me to death with his assignments, but after the initial shock, I realized that he was a very personable man who was genuinely concerned with teaching. He really knows his stuff, plus teaches us a lot about life also.
5. What a guy!
6. This course has changed my life.
7. Dr. Fung's class was one that I never wanted to miss. He has truly earned the title of a teacher. He is one the best "teachers" that I've experienced in my entire life.
8. Dr. Fung is very funny, making the class very enjoyable. Also, his high standards brought out the best from us.
9. Great stories to bring home difficult points.
10. It was one of few courses during my college career that I truly felt challenged.
11. Dr. Fung's method of teaching was unique and a refreshing break from the ordinary.
12. You are the first professor I have had that has really pushed me to work harder. I even considered dropping the course after my first two papers but I decided to stay in and work hard. I am most grateful that you recognized my improvements. I hope our paths cross again.

### Econ 8312

#### Positive characteristics or strengths of the course/instructor

1. Created new thought processes. Made the student think more freely/abstractly. Wide variety of topics covered, but still tied together. Instructor encouraged participation and discussion. Good class overall. I enjoyed it and learned from it.

2. Enjoyed the exposure to literature which was not written in my field of study. This material introduced new perspectives and ways to examine problems.
3. I can't remember ever thinking so much or working so hard for one course. I feel that I learned to think more abstractly than before. Thank you.
4. The seminar style of this course was especially appropriate. Availability of the instructor contributed to gaining an understanding of the materials. More courses of this caliber should be offered. I had a unique opportunity to indulge in original thought instead of being confined by predetermined parameters.
5. This was a fun course. On top of being fun, I felt I learned a great deal. The course, materials, and discussion were all interesting and thought provoking. Several of the areas covered have impacted greatly on my view of the world. You are always enthusiastic and awakened in me interests in some heretofore untapped areas. This was basically my last course here - and it has been my favorite and my most memorable.
6. Excellent course. Excellent professor. It took a lot of time, but it was worth it. Professor spent an incredible amount of time on this course. Such devotion to reading student work is highly unusual at MSU.

#### Econ 3580

##### Positive characteristics or strengths of the course/instructor

1. Never in the annals of academia could there possibly have been a more intelligent, witty, and engaging professor of economics. He is at once informative and witty, weaving into the course a mosaic rich with stories and examples which serve to unite economics and problems of development in ways so interesting and unique, that one hardly has time to stop thinking all semester.
2. Dr. Fung isn't just a professor, he's a machine. They should call him "ROBOFUNG". Double his salary and give him a car.
3. I really like having discussions in class since I can see the ideas of students as well as ideas of the teacher. Sometimes I learn from other students.
4. Dr. Fung consistently shows enthusiasm for the subject matter. Although he requires hard work and thought from the class, there is no doubt that it is a reciprocal arrangement.
5. I feel that I actually learned the material better than if we had a written exam.
6. The course was very effective in strengthening my writing and reading comprehension abilities. The instructor believes in "putting you on the spot." I think this was good (in retrospect) because everyone who came to class was prepared to discuss.
7. Dr Fung makes the class feel at ease - his method of teaching rewards participation and encourages discussion.
8. I enjoy the teaching philosophy of this instructor, it is one very conducive to learning.

9. Dr. Fung is an extremely competent and thorough teacher and his teaching method reflected the desire that we learn something rather than that we a certain grade. Our entire educational system should have all teachers be like him because, despite the grades students would receive, everyone would be able to think harder.

Econ 4340

Positive characteristics or strengths of the course/instructor

- \* This was a fabulous course. Dr. Fung is great. I never thought I would enjoy an Econ course and I actually looked forward to coming to Dr. Fung's class.
- \* Dr. Fung is superb. His innocent humor and never-ending devotion to the subject is beyond the norm of most instructors. He has the ability to teach and does, but most important he teaches you how to teach yourself. In other words, he teaches how to learn.
- \* Most effective teacher at MSU. This is the second course I have taken with Dr. Fung and both courses have contributed more to my education than probably 50% of the rest of classes combined. Fung is without a doubt the most qualified teacher on this campus.
- \* Difficult but worth it. Dr. Fung was thoroughly competent in the area of study and beyond, but he was not closed to others' views. In fact, he encouraged deep exploration into each topic covered in order to find other angles.
- \* What could have been a very boring class turned out to be the opposite. Dr. Fung is an outstanding teacher.
- \* He encourages students to express opinions.
- \* The class has challenged me intellectually. I had to be prepared for every class as well as think through my answers.
- \* Listened to students. Was not overbearing or intimidating as instructors usually are.
- \* For once I actually enjoyed an economics class. With more competent instructors such as Dr. Fung, more students could gain better knowledge of economics and economic systems.
- \* Instructor very knowledgeable and easy to get along with. Class atmosphere is relaxed and comfortable.
- \* Dr. Fung gets students to better grasp difficult concepts by using simple analogies from everyday experience. Dr. Fung is an asset to MSU.
- \* By requiring work to be turned in every class period, students are forced to be ready for class.
- \* Plenty of participation and freedom for students.
- \* Dr. Fung is a great teacher with the ability to get students interested in learning. Course set up is different, but that seemed to be most helpful.