

Teaching Evaluations

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As a graduate student at Princeton University, I was a teaching assistant for Introduction to Microeconomics (undergraduate) in the spring of 2016. In this course, I taught once weekly meetings and graded the problem sets and exams for four sections with approximately 25 students each. Based on student nominations, I was awarded the Towbes Prize for Outstanding Teaching for my involvement in the course.

My teaching evaluations for Introduction to Microeconomics are provided below. In the first section, I provide the numerical ratings from student evaluations; in the second section, I reproduce the student comments associated with these ratings.

I. Summary of Numerical Evaluations

In each class, students were asked, "Please comment on the quality of the classes. How did they contribute to your learning in the course? To what extent did the instructor raise challenging questions, help clarify course material, and encourage broad student participation? Was the instructor responsive to students' questions, opinions, and criticism?" Potential answers ranged from 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent).

As shown below, I received a median score of 5 in all sections with an average score of 4.7 across sections.

Section	Number of responses	Ratings (1=poor, 5=excellent)		
		Mean	Median	Std. Dev.
C01	20	4.7	5.0	0.6
C02	16	4.8	5.0	0.4
C08	15	4.4	5.0	0.9
C09	16	4.9	5.0	0.3

II. Complete Student Comments

In this section, I provide the complete set of student comments included in my evaluations. I have included all comments and have not edited them in any way.

Classes - Molly Schnell (17 comments)

Q: Please comment on the quality of the classes. How did they contribute to your learning in the course? To what extent did the instructor raise challenging questions, help clarify course material, and encourage broad student participation? Was the instructor responsive to students' questions, opinions, and criticism?

- 1 Molly is awesome. She helped me on almost all of the problem sets and is very clear and concise when explaining topics.
- 2 She supplemented the lectures very well and taught us some new concepts too. Great preceptor.
- 3 good
- 4 Molly was an excellent lecturer and illustrated the concepts very clearly. She also responded really quickly and well over e-mail.
- 5 Molly was an excellent preceptor! She was always totally prepared to explain complicated material and cared about our success.
- 6 Molly was fantastic. She was really organized and clear
- 7 Absolutely awesome preceptor, really really cares about students and material. Excellent teaching method as well.
- 8 Molly is extremely helpful and was very attentive to all questions that the students had.
- 9 Wonderful precepts, really learned a lot, she was fantastic at explaining things differently if students were confused, always available and accommodating with office hours
- 10 Very good preceptor and breaks down everything very well. Try to get her if she precepts next semester.
- 11 She did everything right. Very kind, very patient, and explained things very well.
- 12 Molly is an excellent preceptor. She is incredibly clear and seems to be always available if you need help.
- 13 Molly was the best. She stayed past her office hours to help and really wanted each student to make sure they understood the material. She was very approachable and always offered to meet more, and I can definitely say that without Molly my experience in the class would not be as good or as successful. There are not enough good things to say about Molly in relation to this class and the help she gave to her students and even others who weren't in her precept.
- 14 I think the classes were great and Molly was an excellent preceptor. She presented the material in a very clear way and I loved her teaching style. She did not necessarily get most students to participate but given the amount of material she had to cover, I do not think that this was a bad thing. I really do not think anything about the way Molly teaches her precepts needs to change.
- 15 Great!
- 16 Organized and Interesting.
- 17 Molly is a great preceptor! She answers questions very well and I love the format of her precepts (main takeaways and definitions). Very helpful.

Classes - Molly Schnell (15 comments)

Q: Please comment on the quality of the classes. How did they contribute to your learning in the course? To what extent did the instructor raise challenging questions, help clarify course material, and encourage broad student participation? Was the instructor responsive to students' questions, opinions, and criticism?

1 Molly is a great preceptor. I don't think I would have been able to get through the course without her.

2 Great preceptor. Knows all the concepts and explains them well.

3 Molly was a tremendous preceptor. She was super organized, engaged and always willing to answer questions. She was very good at explaining and was always willing to respond and engage outside of class. As a female student, she was inspiring to me in terms of encouraging me to be more involved in economics.

4 Great! Very well prepared.

5 Great. She was very approachable and did a great job clearly explaining the information

6 Molly Schnell was great. She was very clear in explaining and helping with difficult material.

7 I learned the most in precept. Molly was a great preceptor and walked us through the material in a timely but thorough manner.

8 Molly is an excellent preceptor who explains concepts thoroughly.

9 She was a great preceptor. She was very organized and the structure of the precept was very helpful to understand the material. Molly went above and beyond to meet with any student during her free time.

10 Molly was a great preceptor. All of her classes were clear and concise, and she's always open to questions and making clarifications.

11 High quality. Most concepts were presented clearly and were easy to understand.

12 Molly was very clear in her presentation of material and I really benefitted from the format of clearly outlining definitions and main takeaways. Molly was also very accessible and helpful in office hours.

13 She was very good at explaining the concepts clearly and at answering questions if students had doubts. Definitely the best preceptor I've ever had.

14 Molly was very organized and methodical in her teaching, which I greatly appreciated.

15 Molly is hands down the best preceptor I have had and anticipate ever having. She is a true legend and presented material even more clearly and completely than Harvey. She also was always available to help and knew the material so well that she often knew what I was asking before I even had a question formulated.

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- 1 Molly is the best preceptor I've ever had. She explains everything super clearly and is willing to spend as much time as necessary to explain concepts. She is respectful and very helpful. She encouraged the important aspects of understanding economics, rather than just circling the right answers. She inspired me to continue taking economics classes.
- 2 Such a great preceptor and I am so glad I was in Molly's precept.
- 3 Molly was a really great preceptor and she was able to teach the new material in a way that made sense and I understood
- 4 She seemed very confused at times and it gave me little incentive to pay attention. Wish I would have switched out.
- 5 She was good, sometimes seemed like she was confused about the material.
- 6 Molly was so helpful, especially during office hours. I thought she was very clear and I loved the format she used with the takeaway points. It really helped me to remember. Also just an awesome person
- 7 Precepts were very helpful to understanding the material. Molly was always willing to answer questions throughout precept, and she clearly cared a lot about us understanding the material
- 8 She was a great preceptor.
- 9 Good in depth explanations.
- 10 She obviously knew what she was talking about, but I thought the pace was too slow.
- 11 Molly is an amazing preceptor. She was very approachable, kind, and engaging and made the Precept environment a safe space to ask all questions. Her explanations were also always clear and concise.
- 12 Molly is a pretty decent preceptor. She knows what she is teaching (mostly) although sometimes the way she taught it could be confusing. However, she was very open to questions.
- 13 Molly is a great preceptor; I like that she splits up her precept into things like definitions and main takeaways.

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- 1 Molly was a great preceptor. Very engaging and always willing to put in extra work for us to understand the material.
- 2 Precepts with Molly were amazing. She is great at explaining and clarifying complex ideas and is willing to answer any questions students have.
- 3 Great preceptor. The class was structured well and I never left confused about what we covered.
- 4 Molly was extremely helpful and caring throughout the semester. She was always open to helping us and going the extra mile so we could understand the material. Although my time here has been limited, Molly has been by far the best preceptor that I have had.
- 5 She was one of the best preceptors I've had- very organized and clear. She gives clear definitions, "main takeaways," and examples. She always answers everyone's questions and manages to cover everything we need to in the allotted time.
- 6 Very good. clear and informative
- 7 Best preceptor I've had at Princeton so far!
- 8 Preceptor Schnell did an amazing job managing the precept. She introduced all the material in a very organized and clear manner which definitely caused me to have a greater understanding of the material. Her precept played a huge part in my interest for the course. She was definitely responsive to question and was overall extremely helpful.
- 9 Molly was a wonderful preceptor. Her classes were always informative, insightful, and easy to follow. She was very responsive to students' questions and always willing to provide extra help.
- 10 Molly did a great job lecturing in class. She graded problem sets a bit harshly but it helped some to have to truly understand the material at a deeper level. Molly also was very flexible with office hours.
- 11 Molly was a great preceptor. She was always prepared and eager to teach. She explained the material in a coherent and understandable fashion. She tested our ability in certain difficult material areas and offered assistance if we were confused.
- 12 Absolutely great
- 13 Molly is a wonderful preceptor -- she really explains things clearly and is extremely organized. She also gave very detailed feedback on all the problem sets, and was very responsive to questions.