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TEACHING EVALUATION SUMMARY

Original evaluation forms for all courses are available [here](#).

1. Teaching Experience and Course Evaluation

(1) As Instructor

Course-wise syllabus is available [here](#).

Course Evaluation

Code	Course Title	Quarter	Overall Evaluation
Econ/Bus 153	Labor Economics	Summer A 2020	4.23/5
Econ 104B	Intermediate Microeconomic Theory II	Summer B 2020	4.40/5
Econ 104A	Intermediate Microeconomic Theory I	Summer A 2021	4.60/5

(2) As TA

Course Evaluation

Code	Course Title	Quarter	Overall Evaluation
Econ 104A	Intermediate Microeconomic Theory I	Fall 2018	6.45/7
Econ 003	Introduction to Microeconomics	Winter 2019	6.10/7
Econ 107	Introductory Econometrics I	Spring 2019	6.52/7
Econ 104A	Intermediate Microeconomic Theory I	Fall 2019	6.64/7
Econ 104A	Intermediate Microeconomic Theory I	Winter 2021	6.49/7
Econ 107	Introductory Econometrics I	Spring 2021	6.34/7
Econ 002	Introduction to Macroeconomics	Fall 2021	6.37/7
Econ 002	Introduction to Macroeconomics	Winter 2022	6.31/7
Econ 003	Introduction to Microeconomics	Spring 2022	6.66/7
Econ 104A	Intermediate Microeconomic Theory I	Summer 2022	6.39/7

2. Evaluation of Teaching Skills (Average over All Courses)

Evaluation Questions	As Instructor	As TA
Provides goals and objectives in presentations	4.09/5	6.38/7
Is well prepared and clearly organized	4.46/5	6.40/7
Thoroughly understands the subject matter	4.42/5	6.51/7
Encourages me to participate and/or ask questions	4.53/5	6.48/7
Uses language appropriate to the level of the course	4.57/5	6.48/7
Gives useful feedback on assignments and exams	4.47/5	6.31/7
Motivates me to do my best	4.50/5	6.33/7
Is accessible and helpful during office hours	4.38/5	6.49/7
Is approachable - has a demeanor that encourages interaction	4.46/5	6.50/7
Encourages and respects diverse perspectives	4.31/5	6.48/7
Appropriately handles sensitive situations and/or inappropriate student comments	4.32/5	6.39/7
Creates and maintains a tolerant learning environment	4.39/5	6.47/7
Command of the English language does not impede my learning the material	4.54/5	6.43/7
Overall, is an effective teacher	4.42/5	6.48/7

3. Selective Comments from Students

(1) As Instructor

- “One of the best up and coming professors at UCR. She takes the time to listen to students and help adjust the coursework in these difficult times. Very clear and concise when it comes to teaching and explaining the concepts. Also has a very nice attitude that helps us connect with her and shows us that she cares about us, which is very nice in these troubling times.”
- “Hands down, the most caring professor. She got to know us as her students as the course began and even checked up on my health issues during Covid 19 when I tested positive during the course. Professor Kaur made sure all the questions on zoom were answered and had no problems explaining the material slowly to those who didn't understand the first examples. She managed to write the test exceptionally well as they reflected the lectures. The syllabus was followed professionally, and the class as a whole was very interesting to follow, especially because the professor put in energy while teaching her lectures. This is the best summer course I have taken. I would defiantly want to see Opinder Kaur teach more econ courses at UCR!!”
- “How is this your first time as an instructor?! You are 10x better than 99% of the professors...One of my fav classes ever taken at UCR because you made the class so easy to understand and provided everything we needed to succeed. Wish you could teach every one of my classes. Excited to see where the future takes you. Hard work pays off!”
- “I took 104A two years ago, and I waited until now to do 104B because, from what I heard, the class is extremely hard and almost unpassable. However, I am glad that I waited until now because Professor Opi has been the best instructor ever. She has really helped me understand the concepts, and she really takes the time to make sure that all of us know what we are doing. Even though the course is on zoom, she does an amazing job of making sure that we are able to understand everything. I feel like if there were more professors like her, UCR would be the number 1 school I

really feel. I wish I had taken 104A with her. If I ever get the chance to take another class with I will not hesitate to. She really cares for the success of her students!”

- “The professor was amazing and very detailed in every topic we covered. She was very understanding and easy to work with during these hard times.”
- “Professor Kaur took her time and explained all aspects of the course clearly and effectively. I have gained a great understanding of this specific course, and I look forward to taking more classes with Professor Kaur as a TA or a Professor”
- “Professor Kaur is a very excellent teacher. Her explanations and examples are really useful, especially the practice problems!”
- “She was always available and was understandable throughout her lectures. I very much enjoyed taking this class with her as my professor!”
- “Opi was an amazing TA and very helpful whenever we had questions. I truly enjoy having her as an Econ professor! She is very informative and aims to have her students understand economics.”
- “The professor's class was effective in teaching students about the course material. She was flexible and allowed lecture recordings, and regularly asked how students were doing in the class. She was very communicative and helpful to all students, spending time after classes to answer questions we had.”

(2) As TA

- “Opinder Kaur was a very important resource for me this quarter. She was extremely helpful, and I honestly learned so much more from her than our actual professor. She was nice and insightful. She made sure we understood the information before moving on and encouraged us to ask her any questions, which is partly the reason why I was successful in this class. She was amazing, very thankful.”
- “Opinder, I really liked the discussion class. I feel that you were of great help in covering concepts that were not completely clear during regular lectures. Keep up the good work and the same interest, passion, and enthusiasm as you showed in every discussion class. You are in the right path to becoming a great professor.”
- “Friendly and good on review. She drills every lesson made to the detail and makes sure we understand them.”
- “I loved having Opinder Kaur as one of my TAs this quarter because she is willing to explain the material in an easier way to comprehend. I’ve been at UC Riverside for nine (9) quarters, and I’ve had average teaching assistants for my economics courses. However, Opinder truly amazed me. She is by far one (1) of the BEST teaching assistants that I’ve ever had. She was willing to go out of her way and educate me about graduate school opportunities, and she is willing to email me late at night to answer my questions. There is NOT ONE (1) TA that has EVER done that before. If a student did not understand something in the lecture, Opinder would stop what she is doing and explain the material in a different way. That is what a TA is supposed to do. I wholeheartedly believe that Opinder should teach other TAs how to properly teach Economics to undergraduate students. I went to his office hours every Monday, and she was so approachable. She clearly reiterated the material if I were confused, and he did not make me feel dumb if I did not understand the material. I appreciate her very much, and I hope that she is going to be one of my TAs in the future. Thank you so much, Opinder!”
- “Opinder Kaur is an enthusiastic and passionate instructor. Her consistent positive attitude was very infectious and helped me through the midterms. She was very flexible with her schedule and

went as far as to accommodate me with lots of supplementary material so that it would help strengthen my focus on the relevant material. Not only that, but she would go to extra lengths in order to make sure that I understood and internalized the material thoroughly. She would make sure that she would go at a pace that was comfortable for me. Therefore, it was extremely easy to communicate with her. She would go out of her way to email students that would sometimes not be present for discussion. I have never seen the role of teaching assistant be fulfilled with such eagerness. She has made my last Fall quarter a memorable experience.”

- “Teacher is very dedicated to helping the students learn. She is exceptional at explaining the material clearly in a way that makes it more understandable. She makes herself constantly available for anyone who needs help and makes an extra effort to make sure that the students understand the material. Opinder was an amazing TA, and I hope to get her again in the future.”
- “Opi was incredibly helpful in clarifying everything from the previous lessons in the lectures. She was always ready when the instruction time was to begin. It was a pleasure having her as the discussion TA for this course because of her ability to clearly and quickly explain any confusing material.”
- “She is very passionate in the way she teaches the course. She always asks us what we need help with and what she can improve on, so she can cater to our learning needs. I feel I learned so much about STATA with her as an instructor. Since STATA is a completely new system to work with, she made the learning process so easy and made the coding very understandable”
- “This TA really cared about students understanding the materials of the course. She tried her best to help students by accommodating her lesson plan for the day in order to help students with any confusion they had about a particular topic. Really made Econometrics simpler to understand, and this was much appreciated.”
- “Opi is one of the best TAs I have ever had at UCR. She is so helpful and friendly, which makes office hours so much more bearable. She is willing to go the extra mile to make sure that you understand the material and will continue to help until you understand it”
- “Amazing TA! She is the reason why I understand any of the material. She explains so well. She has so much enthusiasm and a very engaging way of explaining the material. She makes herself very accessible. Simply just great!”
- “Miss Kaur is an excellent teaching assistant; she always welcomed questions and student participation. She was very optimistic and encouraged me to become a better student. She also created a welcoming classroom environment.”
- “Opi’s way of teaching, giving examples and showing every step, allowed me to better grasp the material. In all honesty, I learned more and better in Opi’s discussions rather than I did in lectures. She was very welcoming, friendly, and helpful in every office visit. Without her help, I don’t think I would have passed the course, so thank you Opi!”
- “Miss Opinder has been an extremely helpful TA. She effectively and efficiently uses our discussion time to explain hard concepts. Without her discussion section, I don’t think I would have done as well in the course. It’s easier to learn in her discussion section than in the lecture because of the smaller classroom. I attended her office hours a few times, and each time she answered all of my questions thoroughly. I always left her office hours more confident for the exam. I understand her way of teaching very well because she simplifies the concepts and highlights the most important parts. Overall, one of the best TAs I’ve had at UCR.”
- “Overall, the student instructor did an amazing job at thoroughly explaining the material taught in the lecture. She clarified each concept and answered any questions that arose. Her organization and step by step explanations further helped me gain a better understanding of the material.”

- “I would have not passed this class without such an amazing TA. I proved that one could learn more from a TA in 50 minutes than what they can in 3 hours of lecture with the professor. Was very flexible with office hours and appointments and was very approachable. She understood the material thoroughly and did a great job at clarifying the material from the lecture. I would definitely like to have her as a TA for other Econ courses.”
- “Opinder is one of the best TAs I've had here at UCR. She is determined to help us understand the material and wants us to do the best we can. Unfortunately, because many students go to office hours, her office is not big enough for us...only maybe for 2 students max. Other than that, she is an excellent TA, and anyone who has her is lucky.”
- “Fantastic TA, knew exactly what she was talking about. Drilled us frequently and got down to the core of every topic. Super welcoming to questions and very available. Even stayed for half an hour multiple times after the session to answer any questions. I wish all TAs were like her!”
- “Opinder was EXTREMELY helpful, patient, and understanding whilst answering any queries I threw her way. She is very, very knowledgeable and her understanding of the topics discussed is so thorough that any question I came up with was very deliberately considered and answered so as to leave no doubt in my mind. She is a brilliant addition to the team. The very absolute best of what I would want in an instructor.”
- “One of the best TAs I have had at UC Riverside. Makes each discussion straight to the point and helpful. Extremely helpful both during discussion and office hours. Goes out of her way to ensure students pass the exams but, more importantly, know the material going forward. Can't thank her enough for the help with the material. THANK YOU! Keep doing the great work!”
- “She really cared about helping the students learn the material and were able to effectively explain the subject. Her discussion sections and review sessions greatly improved my understanding of the material”
- “I did not go to lectures regularly, so if it wasn't for the TA, then I definitely would have not been able to get 100% on both my midterms. She was really well prepared and approachable”
- “Instructor's main focus was to help students, like myself, to have a refresher on how to use certain equations and certain math rules that will be used for class assignments and quizzes. The instructor explained what each formula or equation mentioned in the lecture was about.”
- “The TA was very well prepared and clearly explained everything. She gave us helpful exam taking strategies and really encouraged us to do well. Although the material was hard to grasp, she took the time to explain things well and make them easy to understand.”
- “Ms Kaur is an amazing teaching assistant! I really enjoyed this course. She is very helpful, very responsive to emails, and was able to clear any content that we were confused on”
- “Opinder was a fantastic TA! I thoroughly enjoyed her vivacious personality, which brought energy to a classroom of rather silent students.”
- “Opi was super helpful throughout the quarter! Her presentations were extremely clear, and her constant check-ins on whether or not we understood the material was super welcoming and helped me feel confident in asking her questions.”
- “I love this TA. I was having a difficult time understanding questions, and I didn't know how to ask for help because I didn't feel comfortable talking to instructors. Opinder made sure I understood, and it is because of her I have a great understanding of the course. She is an amazing instructor and one of the best I've had in years. She was very clear to understand and was very enthusiastic when teaching. She kept the lesson interesting and provided extra examples”

- “I enjoyed her as my TA she helped a lot with understanding Economics. The way she was able to teach us a concept that was so complex, but she made it as simple as possible for us to understand was very useful when it came down to the exams.”
- “The instructor was very friendly and helpful in helping us understand the material! It really helped how she encouraged everyone to participate so that we can all learn from each other.”
- “Easily accessible and effective teacher. Tried her best to accommodate students’ needs. The teaching was interesting and clarified what was taught in class. Overall, a good teacher and passionate.”
- “I think this TA was very kind, which made her approachable. I enjoyed going to class, although it was a late class, which I didn't like so much. Discussion sections were helpful because I was able to understand the material we would go over in class. In class, she always had us participating and engaging in the conversation. I didn't feel scared to want to participate. Overall, this TA made the class enjoyable.”
- “She was always kind and had a smile in her class. Genuinely interested in helping students learn. She understood the material very well as well.”
- “She was a great Ta and helped each student understand the material that was not understood in the lecture. the activities that we would do each week also were very helpful to understand the review”
- “Very responsive, put lots of effort even though many students were not attending on a regular basis. Very passionate and helpful. Well done.”
- “Simply amazing, the energy and enthusiasm were contagious. This was a fun lab and very educational”
- “Opinder is fantastic. She understands everything very well. Her ability to explain concepts is fantastic. Opinder focuses on getting everyone in class engaged”
- “Opinder was one of the better TAs I've had throughout my undergraduate career. She was very clear and thorough with her explanations about STATA and econometrics. Keep it up, Opinder :)”
- “Really great TA takes time to go over our assigned problems and shows us step by step. Her teaching enforces what we learned in lectures and helps us tremendously. I enjoy the way she teaches and explains the material we go over section.”
- “Opinder was always on time for discussion and always had the assignment of that day ready for us to begin as a group. In every discussion, Opinder went over questions with the class and provided thorough steps and explanations on how to solve the problem and followed by asking if we had any questions. Something extremely helpful is that Opinder recorded and uploaded the discussion, which we could go back and watch if we happened to miss a discussion that day or simply if we'd like to study or review the material once more. Overall, Opinder was very helpful and helped me understand the material.”
- “Always was willing to help and very patient. She would always focus more on the hard concepts we learned, which was great because I needed more help on those. Very clear on explaining, does not over complicate material. Great TA”