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## TEACHING EVALUATION

**Note:** This English translation represents a summary of the French original version<sup>1</sup>.

### Notations

1: Completely Disagree

2: Slightly Disagree

3: Agree

4: Completely Agree

### Average Performance

3.6 – 4.0: Excellent

3.1 – 3.5: Very Good

2.6 – 3.0: Good

2.1 – 2.5: An improvement is desirable

0.0 – 2.0: The situation is problematic

### Percentages for each Graph (% Agree)

90 % – 100 % : Very Good or Excellent

70 % – 89 % : Good

50 % – 69 % : An improvement is desirable

0 % – 49 % : The situation is problematic

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<sup>1</sup> Copies of all the evaluations with student comments in French are available [here](#).

## Summary of Instructor Evaluations

**Course:** Macroeconomics analysis (ECO 2400): Group 011, Undergraduate, **Winter 2023.**

**Instructor:** Komla Avoumatsodo

**Class size:** 70 – Percentage of responses: 69 %

Questions	% Agree	Score ( /4 )
<b>Interaction with students</b>		<b>3.65</b>
Q1. I am comfortable asking questions and interacting with Instructor	98%	3.65
<b>Instructor ability</b>		<b>3.47</b>
Q2. The course allows me to critically use various sources of information (databases, documents, internet, or others)	90%	3.42
Q3. Applications, projects, or problem sets when necessary	83%	3.38
Q8. Instructor efficiently uses a new technology (Moodle, PowerPoint, software simulation)	94%	3.6
<b>Course grading and feedback</b>		<b>3.52</b>
Q4. Criteria for assignments' correction were clear	96%	3.54
Q5. The exams were consistent with important aspects treated in the course	94%	3.66
Q6. Exams and assignments are corrected on time	96%	3.77
Q7. The instructor's feedback on my work	70% <sup>2</sup>	3.09
<b>Organization and clarity</b>		<b>3.62</b>
Q9. The instructor is available during and after his office hours	93%	3.58
Q11. The amount of work required for the course (2 hours for each course hour)	94%	3.65
Q12. The course was conducted according to the course outline	98%	3.83
Q13. The instructors explained the subject clearly	88%	3.44
<b>Perception of Learning</b>		<b>3.44</b>
Q10. Overall, this course has significantly contributed to enhancing my knowledge.	94%	3.54
Q15. Overall, this course is generally well-regarded.	85%	3.33
<b>Instructor teaching ability</b>		<b>3.6</b>
Q14. Overall, the instructor is a good teacher	90%	3.6

Commentary 1: More exercises with solutions would be ideal.

Commentary 2: Provide simplified explanations for complex calculations.

Commentary 3: The teacher is very kind and attentive to the students. They create a welcoming environment for all students. The explanations are clear and use accessible vocabulary.

Commentary 4: It provides general knowledge and a better understanding of economic concepts for intelligent discussion. I will never use these concepts outside of this course, and to think that I will become an economist or stock trader one day is greatly exaggerated. 90% of the people will never use these concepts in a professional context, and thinking otherwise is simply self-deception. This course is largely useless.

Commentary 5: Komla is an excellent teacher. He listens to and supports his students. He has a strong grasp of the subject matter and effectively explains it to enhance learning. I noticed that his energy and

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motivation are not as consistent as they were at the beginning of the semester, and there are fewer interactions. Overall, he is a good professor whom I highly recommend for this course, as it is not easy. Thank you :)

Commentary 6: Great teacher, very pleasant, and ensures that students understand the course material. Delighted to have him as a professor.

Commentary 7: Great professor with a sense of humor. Has a good understanding of the subject matter and provides constructive examples that aid in our learning.

Commentary 8: Komla is an excellent instructor who has a strong command of the subject matter. He ensures everyone's understanding and foster a pleasant classroom environment with his humor. I would highly recommend this professor to my peers.

Commentary 9: Slow down the explanations and provide more concrete examples. Follow the slides and explain the calculation steps at a slower pace. Otherwise, an excellent and funny professor.

Commentary 10: Speak a bit louder.

Commentary 11: Good professor. Explains well, but in the last few classes, it was faster, and the professor seemed less dynamic or lacked energy compared to the beginning. Overall, everything is okay with the professor.

Commentary 12: Competent in his field of expertise, but could improve in his teaching methods.

Commentary 13: Please speak louder.

## Summary of Instructor Evaluations

**Course:** Macroeconomics analysis (ECO 2400): Group 013, Undergraduate, **Winter 2022.**

**Instructor:** Komla Avoumatsodo

**Class size:** 67 – Percentage of responses: 28 %

Questions	% Agree	Score ( /4 )
<b>Interaction with students</b>		<b>3.63</b>
Q1. I am comfortable asking questions and interacting with Instructor	89%	3.63
<b>Instructor ability</b>		<b>3.49</b>
Q2. The course allows me to critically use various sources of information (databases, documents, internet, or others)	88%	3.41
Q3. Applications, projects, or problem sets when necessary	89%	3.47
Q8. Instructor efficiently uses a new technology (Moodle, PowerPoint, software simulation)	89%	3.58
<b>Course grading and feedback</b>		<b>3.53</b>
Q4. Criteria for assignments' correction were clear	95%	3.63
Q5. The exams were consistent with important aspects treated in the course	89%	3.58
Q6. Exams and assignments are corrected on time	95%	3.74
Q7. The instructor's feedback on my work	69% <sup>3</sup>	3.12
<b>Organization and clarity</b>		<b>3.7</b>
Q9. The instructor is available during and after his office hours	94%	3.76
Q11. The amount of work required for the course (2 hours for each course hour)	89%	3.58
Q12. The course was conducted according to the course outline	95%	3.74
Q13. The instructors explained the subject clearly	95%	3.74
<b>Perception of Learning</b>		<b>3.61</b>
Q10. Overall, this course has significantly contributed to enhancing my knowledge.	95%	3.74
Q15. Overall, this course is generally well-regarded.	89%	3.47
<b>Instructor teaching ability</b>		<b>3.74</b>
Q14. Overall, the instructor is a good teacher	95%	3.74

Commentary 1: You are very patient, which is great for students! I enjoyed the course, please don't change anything.

Commentary 2: The course is challenging for someone with no background in economics. I often feel lost and need to attend additional tutoring sessions to catch up. During exams, the formulas should be provided. With the course concepts and various formulas to remember, it becomes overwhelming to analyze everything during the exam. I found the midterm difficult, with many open-ended questions compared to the practice exams we had seen.

Commentary 3: Hello, a professor who truly cares about the students and never tires of repeating and explaining to better prepare us for exams. I'm finishing my bachelor's degree, and believe me, I've had all kinds of professors throughout my studies, but never have I had a professor who takes the time to do exercises with us from A to Z and explains everything. All professors at UQAM should take an example

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from Mr. Komla, because he is here for the students' success, not just for the paycheck. Bravo, Mr. Komla, keep up the good work!

Commentary 4: The course is straightforward, and it's easy to achieve good results if you pay close attention and do the exercises. Mr. Avoumatsodo is fair to everyone. Overall, it's a good course.

Commentary 5: The instructor makes an effort to explain the material based on current situations in our economic environment.

Commentary 6: Nothing to say, the best professor in the world.

Commentary 7: The worst professor I've had in my academic journey. He seems bothered by questions and does the minimum to ensure understanding for the exam. Additionally, he does not adapt to possible changes in the course material.

Commentary 8: The instructor is very dynamic and available for students. The only criticism I have is that sometimes the slides and the teaching seem to contradict each other. What is written on the slide may imply one thing, but when listening to the teaching, it becomes evident that the topic should be approached with more nuance.

Commentary 9: Mr. Avoumatsodo is an excellent teacher. He takes the time to ensure his students understand the material before moving forward. He is available outside of class hours to answer our questions, whether by email or on Zoom. I greatly appreciate that he also takes time to review with us before exams and gives us an idea of the key points to remember and practice.

Commentary 10: A professor who takes the time to ensure everyone understands and remains calm even when students ask repetitive questions.

Commentary 11: There were no assignments for this course, but explanations were provided on Moodle for quizzes. Regarding availability, I did not attempt to contact him at all, so I cannot say whether he is available or not.

Commentary 12: Thank you, Mr. Avoumatsodo!!!

## Summary of Instructor Evaluations

**Course:** Macroeconomics analysis (ECO 2400): Group 011, Undergraduate, **Winter 2021.**

**Instructor:** Komla Avoumatsodo

**Class size:** 60 – Percentage of responses: 32 %

Questions	% Agree	Score ( /4 )
<b>Interaction with students</b>		<b>3.63</b>
Q1. I am comfortable asking questions and interacting with Instructor	89%	3.63
<b>Instructor ability</b>		<b>3.5</b>
Q2. The course allows me to critically use various sources of information (databases, documents, internet, or others)	94%	3.59
Q3. Applications, projects, or problem sets when necessary	82%	3.29
Q8. Instructor efficiently uses a new technology (Moodle, PowerPoint, software simulation)	94%	3.61
<b>Course grading and feedback</b>		<b>3.64</b>
Q4. Criteria for assignments' correction were clear	95%	3.74
Q5. The exams were consistent with important aspects treated in the course	95%	3.79
Q6. Exams and assignments are corrected on time	100%	3.95
Q7. The instructor's feedback on my work	74% <sup>4</sup>	3.11
<b>Organization and clarity</b>		<b>3.61</b>
Q9. The instructor is available during and after his office hours	100%	3.71
Q11. The amount of work required for the course (2 hours for each course hour)	89%	3.63
Q12. The course was conducted according to the course outline	100%	3.79
Q13. The instructors explained the subject clearly	84%	3.32
<b>Perception of Learning</b>		<b>3.5</b>
Q10. Overall, this course has significantly contributed to enhancing my knowledge.	88%	3.54
Q15. Overall, this course is generally well-regarded.	84%	3.47
<b>Instructor teaching ability</b>		<b>3.42</b>
Q14. Overall, the instructor is a good teacher	84%	3.42

Commentary 1: A good balance is struck between pre-recorded capsules by Julien and the professor's teachings. Despite having multiple questions, Mr. Avoumatsodo takes the time to answer each one and encourages discussion on Zoom.

Commentary 2: Mr. Komla is always available to answer our questions. He never makes us feel like our questions are trivial. He always takes the time to review exercises and important material from the video capsules with us. I am very satisfied with his teaching. However, the course in general does not provide enough exercises and materials... Perhaps it's not necessary, it's possible, but due to the lack of exercises at our disposal, we feel much less confident during exams. Unlike microeconomics (eco1300), where we have a wide range of exercises and practice.

Commentary 3: I find that the return to in-person classes for certain parts of the subject matter greatly aids in better understanding. The use of the whiteboard on Zoom to write equations or information has

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helped me understand certain concepts. The explanations of the material during class were very clear, and the concepts were well explained.

Commentary 4: The professor appears hesitant in his explanations.