

Teaching Evaluations Summary

ECON 311: Intermediate Macroeconomics	1
Fall 2021, Prof. Giorgio Primiceri, (Overall) Mean TA Rating 5.5/6.0	1
- “ TA did a really good job covering topics and answering questions. One of the best TAs I’ve had.”	
- “ He was not my assigned TA, but he was so good when he substituted for my discussion session that I went to him for help. He was very passionate about helping us and answering all of our questions. One of the best TA’s I have ever had because he cares so much about helping all students, not just the students in his discussion section.”	
- “ He does a good job explaining economic concepts and is willing to go deeper and explain it well if the students want.”	
Spring 2023, Prof. Mark Witte, (Overall) Mean TA Rating 5.7/6.0	7
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- “ I was in Michael’s 9 AM TA section, and I’ve got to hand it to him for being able to teach effectively that early in the morning. He was super nice/approachable and always went out of his way to make sure we understood the material we were covering. Michael, if you’re reading this, thank you so much for being knowledgeable, considerate, and supportive you’ve really helped me survive this course.”	

Individual Report for ECON_311-0_20: Macroeconomics (Michael Cai)

Project Title: **Course and Teacher Evaluations CTEC Fall 2021**

Courses Audience: **109**
Responses Received: **88**
Response Ratio: **80.7%**

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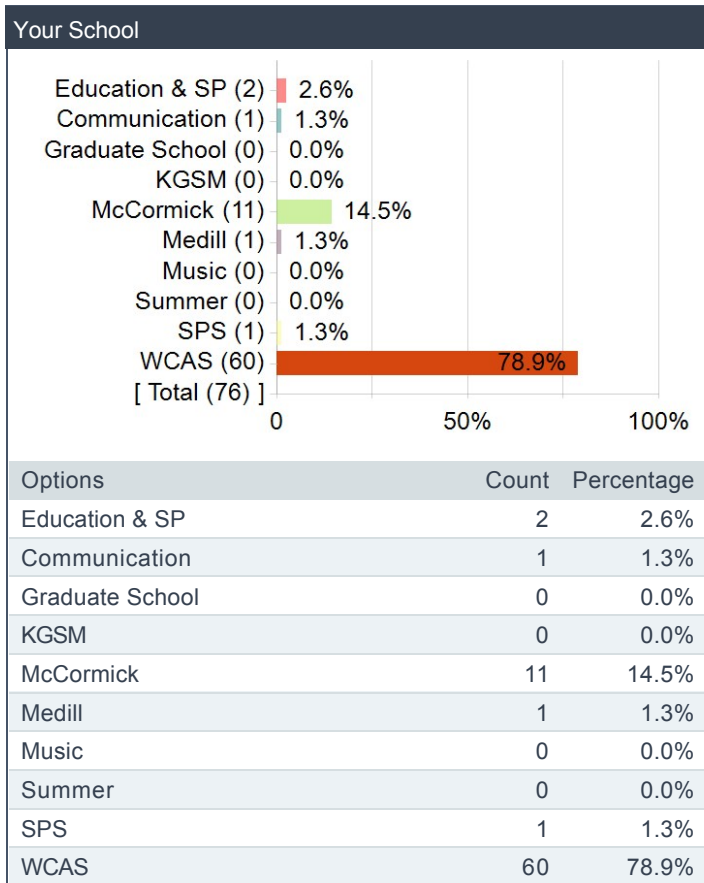
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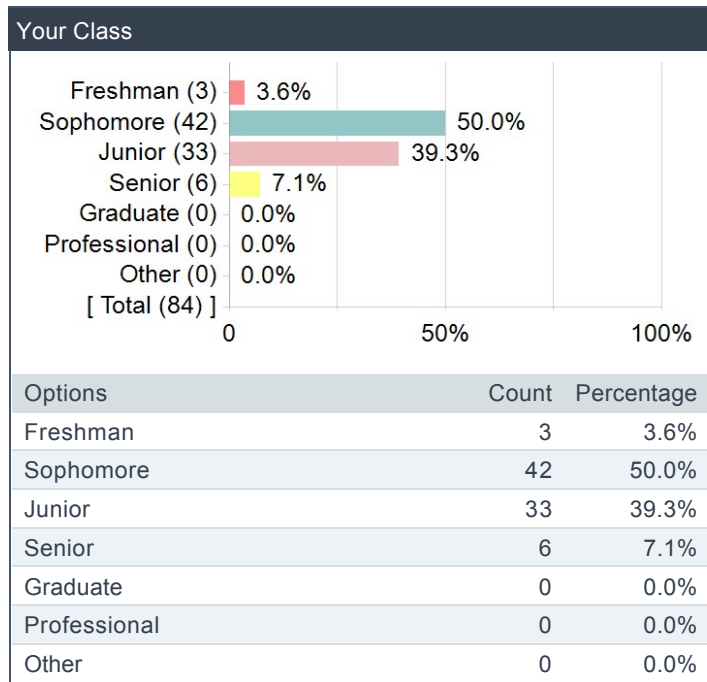
Teaching Assistant	Course
Michael Cai	ECON_311-0_20: Macroeconomics

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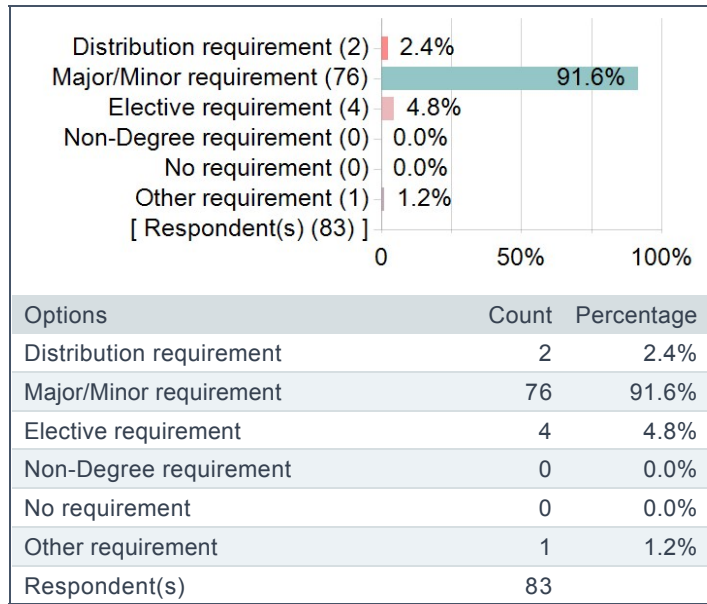
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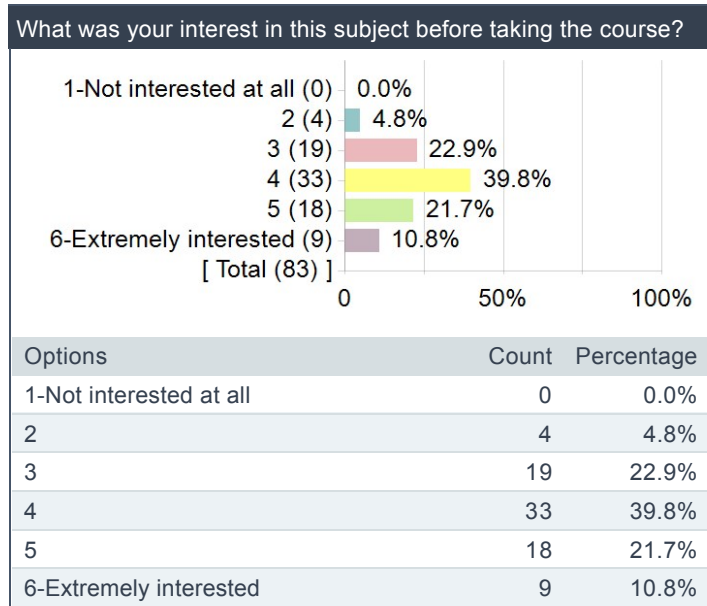
Your Class



What is your reason for taking the course? (mark all that apply)

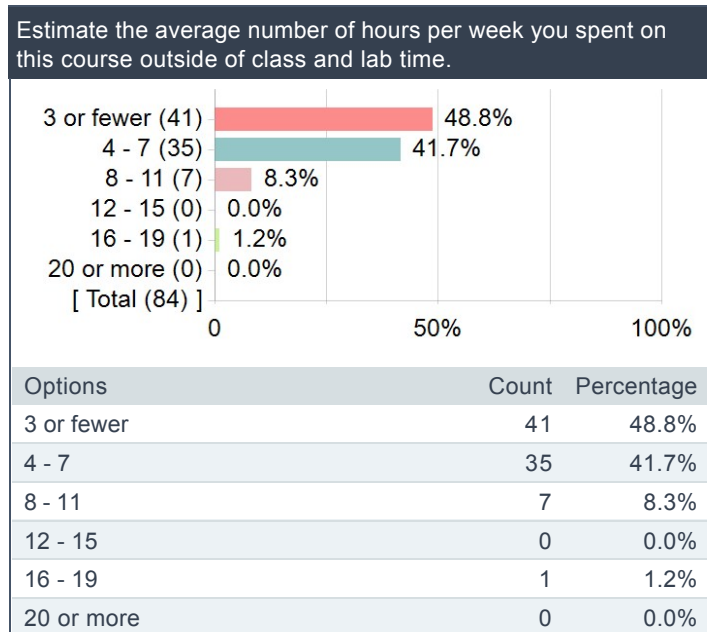


What was your interest in this subject before taking the course?



TIME-SURVEY QUESTION

Estimate the average number of hours per week you spent on this course outside of class and lab time.



TA QUESTIONS

Please rate the TA on the following criteria:

1. The TA was able to answer the students' questions adequately.					2. The TA was well prepared for each session.				
Options	Score	Count	Percentage		Options	Score	Count	Percentage	
1-Very Low	1	0	0.0%		1-Very Low	1	0	0.0%	
2	2	0	0.0%		2	2	0	0.0%	
3	3	0	0.0%		3	3	1	3.3%	
4	4	4	13.3%		4	4	2	6.7%	
5	5	10	33.3%		5	5	7	23.3%	
6-Very High	6	16	53.3%		6-Very High	6	20	66.7%	
Statistics	Value				Statistics	Value			
Response Count	30				Response Count	30			
Mean	5.40				Mean	5.53			
Median	6.00				Median	6.00			
Standard Deviation	0.72				Standard Deviation	0.78			
3. The TA communicated ideas in a clear manner.					4. The TA showed strong interest in teaching the course.				
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3	3	0	0.0%		3	3	1	3.3%	
4	4	3	10.0%		4	4	1	3.3%	
5	5	10	33.3%		5	5	6	20.0%	
6-Very High	6	17	56.7%		6-Very High	6	22	73.3%	
Statistics	Value				Statistics	Value			
Response Count	30				Response Count	30			
Mean	5.47				Mean	5.63			
Median	6.00				Median	6.00			
Standard Deviation	0.68				Standard Deviation	0.72			

OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

What are the primary strengths and weaknesses of the teaching assistant?

Comments
He does a good job explaining economic concepts and is willing to go deeper and explain it well if the students want.
He was not my assigned TA, but he was so good when he substituted for my discussion session that I went to him for help. He was very passionate about helping us and answering all of our questions. One of the best TA's I have ever had because he cares so much about helping all students, not just the students in his discussion section.
Great TA! One of the best that I have ever had. Very understanding and always there to answer questions.
He was very helpful and easy to contact when I had questions. He had no notable weaknesses
Always willing to answer student questions and make sure very one understands the material.
very nice and enthusiastic.
Very good at explaining difficult points
TA did a really good job covering topics and answering questions. One of the best TAs I've had.
Michael is very willing to answer questions and he goes at a good pace through the material. Sometimes explanations could be bogged down in unnecessary context, but generally the explanations were really helpful.

Individual Report for ECON_311-0_20: Macroeconomics (Michael Cai)

Project Title: **Course and Teacher Evaluations CTEC Spring 2023**

Courses Audience: **186**
Responses Received: **138**
Response Ratio: **74.2%**

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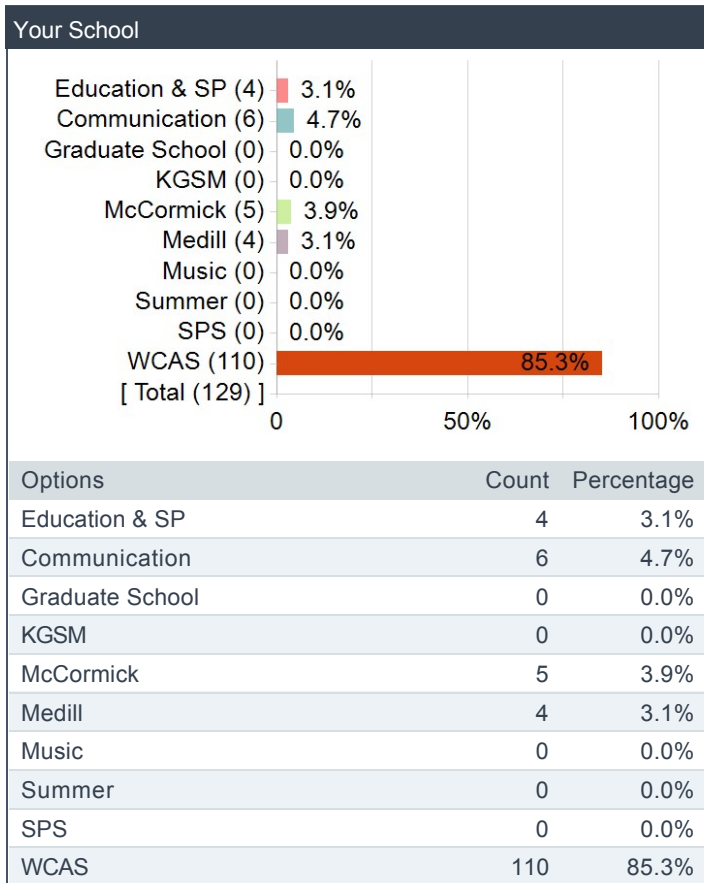
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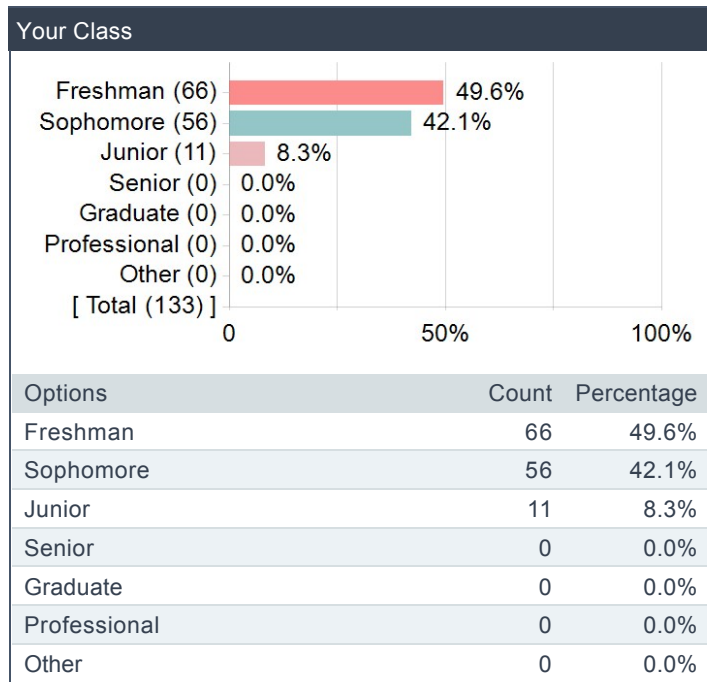
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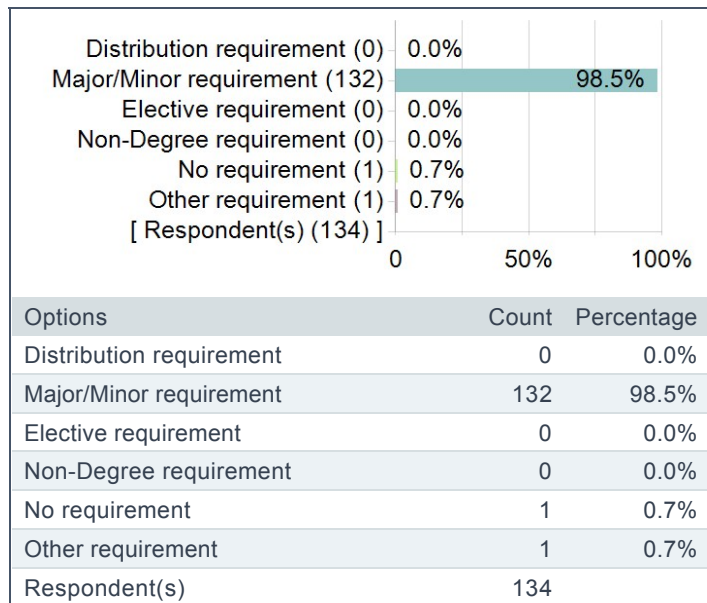
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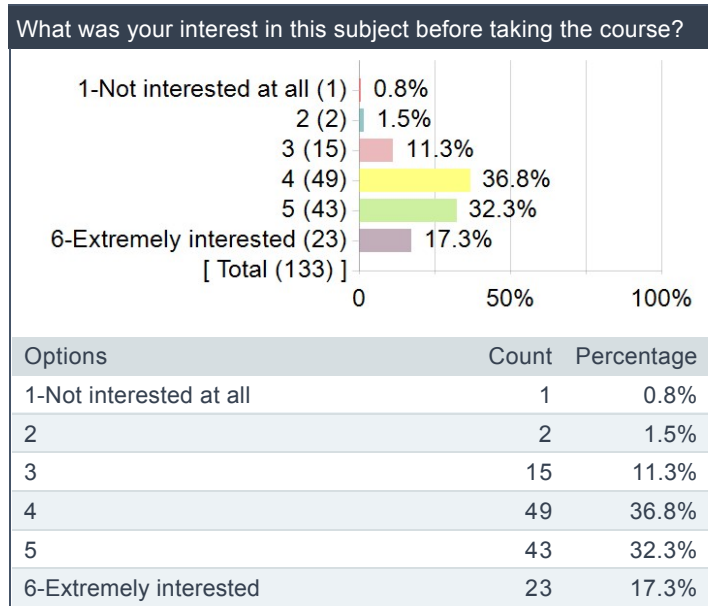
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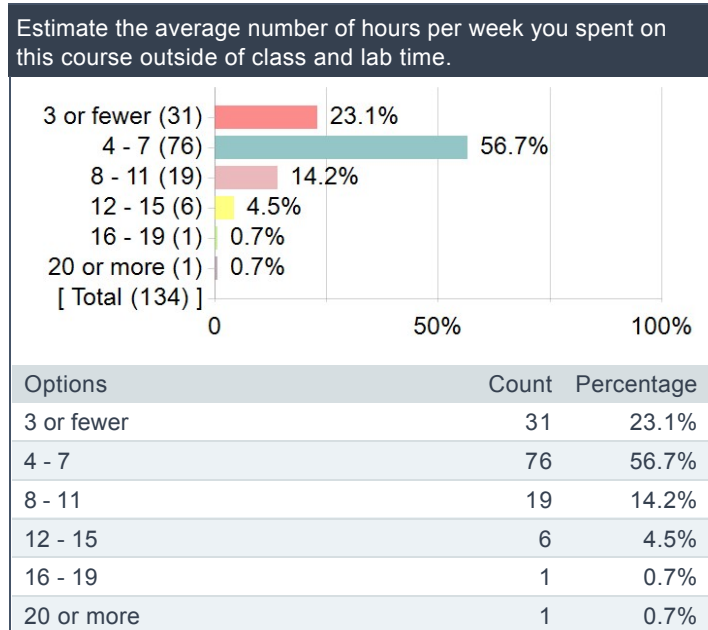


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6-Very High	6	35	83.3%		6-Very High	6	34	81.0%	
Statistics				Value	Statistics				Value
Response Count				42	Response Count				42
Mean				5.74	Mean				5.74
Median				6.00	Median				6.00
Standard Deviation				0.66	Standard Deviation				0.63
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5	5	5	12.2%		5	5	5	12.5%	
6-Very High	6	34	82.9%		6-Very High	6	32	80.0%	
Statistics				Value	Statistics				Value
Response Count				41	Response Count				40
Mean				5.76	Mean				5.70
Median				6.00	Median				6.00
Standard Deviation				0.62	Standard Deviation				0.69

OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

What are the primary strengths and weaknesses of the teaching assistant?

Comments
Knowledge and helpful.
Very good at explaining the economic intuition behind the problem set questions and walking us through important formulas in discussion section
Best TA ever.
michael is also great
Very helpful and clear and concise
Michael was a great TA, he communicated things very clearly but was often crunched for time as we also had to do the quiz in section, so sometimes he would go pretty fast towards the end. But he is very helpful in terms of making the subject material easier to understand.
Amazing and very knowledgeable about Econ. Best TA I've had so far and was one of the reasons why I understood the material so well.
Yan is the best! Very clear explanations and graph drawings. Makes time to answer questions. Very passionate about teaching.
Probably the best TA I have had at Northwestern, answered all questions in a way that was easy to understand and was respectful of each student's time. His work and problems were incredibly useful and made the class significantly easier.
He's a fantastic instructor. He explained the concepts well and did a good job fielding student's instructions.
Godly TA. Love Michael so much. A rare gem amongst Econ TAs. Northwestern Econ, if you're listening, Michael and Pablo are levels above.
Great TA, very passionate and enthusiastic.
Michael is in the list of top 2 TA's I have ever had at Northwestern (and he's not two). By far the most knowledgeable TA anyone could ask for and really prepared me for exams due to his thorough and precise explanations of the content.
My savior. So good at answering my questions. Best TA ever. So clear and patient. Respond to emails. SO GOOD. No weakness.
He was such a good ta. The review session before the final specifically was very helpful and clearly highlighted all of the concepts we will be tested on.
I was in Michael's 9 AM TA section, and I've got to hand it to him for being able to teach effectively that early in the morning. He was super nice/approachable and always went out of his way to make sure we understood the material we were covering. Michael, if you're reading this, thank you so much for being knowledgeable, considerate, and supportive; you've really helped me survive this course.
Michael is the best Economics TA I have had. He is great at explaining difficult concepts in an understanding way and moves through content at an efficient yet right pace. He is super smart and would make a great professor.
Michael came prepared to go through the discussion content.
He was a fantastic TA. Did a great job of explaining everything and answering questions.
He's easily the best TA I've ever had at Northwestern. He always did a good job of moving through the review packets Witte gave him. He'd walk through all the problems at a good pace, making sure to clearly explain what he was doing at every step of the process. He was also always very receptive to questions, often taking a moment to pause and see if anyone was confused, and he did a great job of explaining things in a few different ways to help everyone understand things. He was always very professional and organized, and it was clear he genuinely wanted his students to succeed.
Best TA I've seen in the Economics department.