

Teaching Evaluation

Virginia M. Olivella

Summary Statistics

Course	Quarter	Mean (out of 9)	Median (out of 9)
Teaching Assistant			
Econ 2			
Principles of Macroeconomics	Fall 2007	8.14	9
	Winter 2008	8.10	8
	Spring 2008	8.63	9
	Fall 2008	8.54	9
	Winter 2009	8.44	9
	Spring 2009	8.33	9
	Fall 2009	8.43	9
	Winter 2010	8.36	9
Econ 102			
Macroeconomic Theory	Spring 2010	8.12	8
Lecturer			
Econ 2			
Principles of Macroeconomics	Summer 2009	8.13	8
	Summer 2010	7.66	8

Selected Student Comments

Teaching Assistant

“Virginia is one of the best TA’s I’ve ever had.” (December 2007)

“Virginia is an amazing TA. She speaks with enthusiasm and presents the material clearly. I feel very productive in her class” (December 2007)

“The best TA I have had so far. She is wonderful at explaining things and so caring. I want her to TA all my econ classes.” (March 2008)

“Very good TA. Very friendly, easy to understand and explained everything very well. By far, the best econ TA I have had. Highly recommended.” (March 2008)

"I have now been at UCLA for six years (I'm currently a grad student in the school of Public Health) and I must say that I have never had a TA as fantastic, intelligent, organized or as kind as Virginia. She prepared so thoroughly for each discussion and she never missed a beat in class. Every minute in class was so valuable. I know she'll go a long way in her career. Thanks so much!" (June 2008)

"This TA gave wonderful, clear explanations and examples." (December 2008)

"She is one of the best TA's I have had at UCLA. She knows the material very well and knows exactly what we find confusing." (December 2008)

"Virginia did a really good job of explaining the concepts in a way that was easy to understand." (March 2009)

"She is one of the few econ TA's who are enthusiastic about teaching and good at doing it. Her teaching style is effective and efficient." (March 2009)

"She is an amazing TA. She made every light bulb flash for me. If I didn't have her as a TA, I would definitely be lost in this course. Her methods of explanation are thorough and effective, no questions were rebuffed, every problem taken step by step. I walked in and knew I was going to learn, walked out having learned. No down time, got right to work. Refreshing, knowledgeable, talented." (June 2009)

"Virginia excelled at simplifying difficult course concepts and displayed genuine concern for student learning." (June 2009)

"Virginia is one of the best TA's I've had so far in UCLA. She is competent and presents the material in a way that I can understand. She is very effective in her communication and I feel she puts a lot of effort into helping students." (December 2009)

"Virginia is a great TA who was knowledgeable as well as patient with our questions. I felt very prepared for the exams with her help, and am lucky to have had her as my TA." (December 2009)

"Virginia is extremely clear, concise, very understanding and really makes herself available to help her students. She clarifies and expands on all topics from lecture. She is, by far, the best TA I've had!" (March 2010)

"Sections were fast-paced, but constructive and productive. Teaching was well organized and thorough." (March 2010)

"The TA was extremely knowledgeable and very enthusiastic when it came to helping students. She made discussions very worthwhile." (June 2010)

"Virginia knows the material very well and presents it to the class in an extremely organized and efficient manner. Definitely one of the top TA's I've had." (June 2010)

Lecturer

"Professor Olivella is amazing. She is very nice and very helpful. She teaches well and is very concerned about her students. She is always ready to help." (September 2009)

"Virginia was an excellent lecturer who was always efficient and organized." (September 2009)

"She was highly competent with the material and took time to explain difficult concepts. Her passion was evident in lecture and I enjoyed how she incorporated current events into the material." (September 2009)

"Prof. Olivella was one of the best professors I have had. Very thorough, and explained things very clearly. Great speaker." (July 2010)

"A really good professor. She cared about our learning and made sure we understood the material. Her notes and practice problems were really good and assisted a lot in mastering the material." (July 2010)

"Virginia was excellent at teaching the material and making the solutions intuitive and easy to understand. She made econ fun." (July 2010)