

**Instructional Assistant Student Evaluation of Teaching for Lapo Bini
Department of Economics**

ECON 220C - Econometrics C (Sun, Yixiao)
Spring 2025

Number of Evaluations Submitted: 14
Number of Students Enrolled: 22

1. The Instructional Assistant used instructional methods in section and/or office hours that helped me learn and engage with the course material.

13 (92.9%): Strongly Agree
1 (7.1%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

2. The sections led by this Instructional Assistant were well-coordinated with other components of this class (e.g., lecture, lab, assignments, etc.).

13 (92.9%): Strongly Agree
1 (7.1%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

3. The Instructional Assistant communicated effectively.

13 (92.9%): Strongly Agree
1 (7.1%): Agree
0 (0.0%): Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%): Disagree
0 (0.0%): Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%): Not Applicable

4. The Instructional Assistant provided constructive feedback on my work.

12 (85.7%):	Strongly Agree
0 (0.0%):	Agree
0 (0.0%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
1 (7.1%):	Disagree
1 (7.1%):	Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Not Applicable

5. The Instructional Assistant created a welcoming and supportive learning environment.

13 (92.9%):	Strongly Agree
1 (7.1%):	Agree
0 (0.0%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Not Applicable

6. The Instructional Assistant generally began and ended section/lab/office hours on time.

14 (100.0%):	Strongly Agree
0 (0.0%):	Agree
0 (0.0%):	Neither Agree Nor Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Strongly Disagree
0 (0.0%):	Not Applicable

7. Please describe any practices that the Instructional Assistant specifically used that created or interfered with a welcoming and supportive learning environment.

- He listens to every question as simple as it might seem.
- Lapo created a respectful and welcoming environment from day one. I was especially impressed by how he handled challenging or even impolite questions—always calm, professional, and generous in tone. He managed to keep the discussion constructive without ever dismissing anyone, which really set the tone for an inclusive space where all students felt comfortable engaging. His sense of humor also helped put everyone at ease, making section both productive and enjoyable.
- Lapo got even better this quarter and he was already good.
- Lapo is very patient and communicates incredibly well.
- Overall, I think my classmates felt comfortable asking questions in section, and Lapo was open to answering all of them. I do think it could help to wait (I think they say around 7 seconds) after asking for questions because at times the sections moved very quickly.
- Very welcoming and encouraging and always exceptionally well prepared for discussion! It is very clear that Lapo loves this stuff and his excitement helps me get through the material and encourages me to struggle through it.

- Yes, absolutely

8. Please describe any practices that the Instructional Assistant specifically used that particularly helped you to learn the material and/or encouraged you to feel that you could succeed in the course.

- He still believes more in me than I do!
- His mock tests are amazing. Great practice!
- Lapo is very encouraging.
- Lapo's sessions were exceptionally well-structured and thoughtfully designed. He struck a rare balance between problem-solving practice—perfectly aligned with what we needed for exams—and broader conceptual discussions. This made section feel like more than just review; it felt like an opportunity where we could learn class material and questions in the field. His clarity, preparation, and ability to highlight what really matters made a huge difference in how I approached the course.
- The practice midterm was extremely helpful and, in general, the problems and review that we did in section were very complementary to lecture material.
- Very encouraging and available!
- Yes, he was fantastic - especially creating those mock exams as a practice was immensely helpful

9. Please offer constructive suggestions that might help the Instructional Assistant improve their contribution to your learning of the course material.

- Amazing.
- As always, kind and helpful!
- I think we had too many practice problems. I think 1-2 is helpful and it's helpful to have us do them first and then go over them, but it felt a bit excessive
- Just keep doing what you do!
- Lapo was incredibly available and responsive throughout the quarter. Whether it was during section, after class, or office hours, he always took the time to answer questions clearly and thoroughly. That kind of consistent support boosted my confidence and kept me engaged. His fast grading also made it easier to keep up and improve. On top of all that, his explanations were consistently clear, and his sessions were well-paced and never felt rushed. You could always tell he had prepared carefully and wanted us to get the most out of each section.
- The system you have created is great. No comments.
- We didn't receive any grades or feedback on our problem sets throughout the entire term and only received the midterm grade itself (no feedback on where points were taken off).

10. Is there anything else you would like to share about your experience with this Instructional Assistant?

- He really cares about us.
- Honestly, I have no suggestions. Lapo was the best TAs I've had. His clarity, structure, availability created a truly supportive and effective learning environment. I looked forward to section each week and always left having learned something new. Who knows—maybe I'll start doing metrics because of him!
- Lapo is amazing! I am glad he was our TA for the last 2 quarters. He explains complex things in a very simple way. His "prep for the exam" are so helpful! He is always willing to answer questions and, someone, made us like metrics a little bit. He has faith in everyone, which also boosts our willing to learn and study more for the class. He did a great job and he knows a lot about metrics. :) Thank you, Lapo!
- Lapo is an outstanding TA. He masters all the content and always gives us more insight into the main concepts. His slides are amazing, and the way he structures his discussion is very helpful: he reviews the content and then practices with past exam questions. Also, the practice for midterms and finals is a good way to review all the content in a short time.
- Lapo is one of the few people who are super brilliant but also know how to break down material appropriately for students that are just learning it. He does a an excellent job of breaking down topics and presenting them in a manageable way.
- Lapo was the GOAT
- Thank you for the time and effort you put into helping us this term and last term!
- We're incredibly fortunate to have had Lapo as our TA. He's high-key GOATed

11. What was/were your reason(s) for taking this course?

13 (86.7%):	Major/Program Requirement
0 (0.0%):	Minor
0 (0.0%):	College General Education
1 (6.7%):	Elective
1 (6.7%):	Interest
0 (0.0%):	American History and Institutions (AHI) Requirement
0 (0.0%):	Undergraduate Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Requirement (DEI) Requirement
0 (0.0%):	Jane Teranes Climate Change Education Requirement (JTCCER)
0 (0.0%):	Graduate Program Requirement
0 (0.0%):	Other

12. How frequently did you interact with the Instructional Assistant **IN THE SECTION?**

9 (69.2%):	Frequently
3 (23.1%):	Sometimes
1 (7.7%):	Seldom
0 (0.0%):	Never
0 (0.0%):	Not Applicable
1:	[No Response]

13. How frequently did you interact with the Instructional Assistant **DURING OFFICE HOURS** ?

3 (21.4%):	Frequently
5 (35.7%):	Sometimes
5 (35.7%):	Seldom
1 (7.1%):	Never
0 (0.0%):	Not Applicable

14. How frequently did you interact with the Instructional Assistant **VIA EMAIL?**

2 (14.3%):	Frequently
7 (50.0%):	Sometimes
4 (28.6%):	Seldom
1 (7.1%):	Never
0 (0.0%):	Not Applicable

15. How frequently did you interact with the Instructional Assistant **VIA THE COURSE DISCUSSION BOARD?**

2 (14.3%):	Frequently
1 (7.1%):	Sometimes
1 (7.1%):	Seldom
4 (28.6%):	Never
6 (42.9%):	Not Applicable

16. How often did you receive feedback from this instructional assistant on assignments/exams/papers?

6 (42.9%):	Frequently
3 (21.4%):	Sometimes
2 (14.3%):	Seldom
2 (14.3%):	Never
1 (7.1%):	Not Applicable

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