Overview of Evaluations for Douglas McKee

ECON S275 01

Summer 2012: ECON S275 01

30071 ECON S275 01 Public Economics

Total number of students: 27
Evaluations completed: 14 52%
Number of declines: 2 7%
Number of non-respondents: 11 41%

Overall, how would you rate the workload of this course in comparison to other Yale courses you have taken?

What is your overall assessment of this course?
Looking back on Economics S275 01, what is your overall assessment of the course? What are its strengths and weaknesses, and in what ways might it be improved?

Response 1
Very good! Inspiring and rich content. Succinct description of related research work. Learned a lot!

Response 2
It was in general a good course. Because of all the time taken up with discussions and presentations, I felt as though I didn't learn as much as in other Yale courses, although the things I did learn were interesting and relevant. Perhaps a way to correct this would be to make the exams more rigorous--they were oddly simple and only tested one small portion of the material, completely ignoring all of the detail and case studies that we should really have learned more seriously.

Response 3
The lecture is pretty good and I have learnt a lot! Strength: tell us more than the textbook Weakness: sometimes lack the control of time.

Response 4
I think it's a very interesting class. The teacher gave lectures beyond what is told in the textbook. Maybe there should be more extended context like that. I like those interesting paper he introduced.

Response 5
Great course, especially for a non-Econ major.
Response 6

Very good course. We have a very active professor and a very active class. I've learned a great deal. We've given some suggestions on some possible specific improvements at the end of the class, but generally the class is good enough and I believe that it should stay the same.

Response 7

Solid introduction the the basics of the finances of the US government finances. The professor did a great job of explaining concepts through examples of foreign governments. He also does a very good job, for the most part, of keeping an objective lecture despite the fact that the subject material is, by default, relatively politically biased.

Response 8

I love this course. The content of this class is various: presentation and discussion etc. It helps me learn a lot about public economics.

Response 9

It's really interesting. The strengths is that we have a lot of in-class activities, like students' presentations and group discussions. It is a good way for us to learn about other countries and learn from each other. The weakness is that case studies include a lot of information and sometimes is hard for listeners to catch the main points related to what we have learned in that class.
Question 2

Please evaluate each instructor of Economics S275 01. What are the instructor's strengths and weaknesses, and in what ways might his/her teaching be improved?

Response 1

Douglas McKee

Excellent professor. Clear explanation. Very patient and kind. Besides the inclass reading, also recommended many inspiring papers. I've learned much more than I can imagine.

Response 2

Douglas McKee

Doug is a good professor and clearly puts thought into how he structures his class.

Response 3

Douglas McKee

He is very nice and responsible

Response 4

Douglas McKee

His lectures and instructions are really clear.

Response 5
Douglas McKee

Professor McKee is incredible - always willing to help and listen, incredibly funny, and truly interested in the concepts behind the math, which was great to see.

Response 6

Douglas McKee

Professor McKee is a very good teacher. He has so much enthusiasm in teaching that the whole class is in an active atmosphere. And I like the game part very much. What might be improved could be to practise more graph drawing on the blackboard.

Response 7

Douglas McKee

Doug is one of, if not the best professor in the Econ dept. He has very engaging lectures and is passionate about explaining the material clearly to his students. He also makes himself readily available whenever you have questions.

Response 8

Douglas McKee

Mckee is a very nice and friendly teacher. He is very clever and he can make us understand so many things. I think he is great.

Response 9

Douglas McKee

Professor is very nice! He is very patient for every question. He gives me a lot of inspiration for the future study.

Response 10

Douglas McKee

Douglas McKee is good at teaching and creating an active learning environment to involve everyone. He can break the learning material into smaller parts to make it more understandable. When it is the student presentation, he keeps asking questions like other audience to challenge the presenter, which makes us to prepare and learn more. One weakness is that the resources are not sufficient. The textbook is really wordy. It would be better to provide some advanced reading materials for interests of students.

Response 11

Douglas McKee

PROF. MCKEE WAS GREAT! One of the best I’ve had.

Response 12

Douglas McKee
Doug was a great dude. He was very friendly and approachable. I thought he taught the class very well.

Response 13

Douglas McKee

Professor Mckee is one of the best professors I've had at Yale. He's great at balancing having a good time and enjoying class while learning a lot and yet still completing assignments and getting work done.
Question 4
How would you summarize Economics S275 01 for a fellow student? Would you recommend Economics S275 01 to another student? Why or why not?

Response 1
It is a good course. It has a different feel that a typical Yale course because of the summer context, the emphasis on presentations and discussions within a lecture format, and the 60% of the class that are from foreign universities. You don't learn a ton, but what you do learn is interesting and relevant, especially if you are interested in the topic going in and if you do the reading.

Response 2
highly recommend

Response 3
I would recommend that to my classmates. It is an interesting and rich class. I can learn not only things in the textbook, but also other papers, and international examples and case studies from other students.

Response 4
A good class for a non-Econ major to take - basic math (single-variable calculus, which you can relearn along the way if necessary) with lots of truly applicable concepts. A must for anyone interested in any field pertaining to public economics (healthcare, welfare, taxation, etc)

Response 5
Yes. I would recommend. This is a class teaching basic theories and real life examples of public financing and policy evaluations. You can learn a lot from the class and can better understand many necessary programs in our daily life, such health insurance etc.
Response 6
It is a course about public policy and economics. You have to learn microeconomics before. I strongly recommend it.

Response 7
Yes, I would recommend it. Because you will learn a lot of things in this class and also know more about the whole world through the presentation.

Response 8
It is based on the classical western economics and it is advanced microeconomics about public issues and policies. It includes some really interesting models, like the Tiebout model, voucher and so on. Another thing is that it is a good chance to get to know more about public financing in other countries because the class has a mix of students. All in all, it is worth the efforts.