

ECON 4160. Autumn 2024. Report based on the students' evaluation

The online evaluation form was open from 5 November to 29 November.

There were 8 answers to the online evaluation form. Typical attendances to lectures and seminars were double that number. Among the 8 students that answered, 3 were on the 5-year study program, 2 were master students (Economics) and 4 were exchange students.

Summary statistics from the evaluation forms. Answers numbers in percent.

	1	2	3	4	5
Overall evaluation. I am satisfied with the course. From do not agree (1) to fully agree (5)	0	0	50	25	25
I found the course interesting. From do not agree (1) to fully agree (5)	0	0	12.5	50	37.5
How difficult/demanding do you find the course to be? From very easy (1), to adequate (3) to very hard (5).	0	0	0	50	50
How is the workload in the course? From very easy (1), to adequate (3) to very hard (5)	0	0	37.5	50	12.5
How was the feedback on your term paper? From not very useful (1) to very useful (4).	0	0	12.5	37.5	50
What do you think about the quality of the lectures? From very bad(1) to very good (5)	0	0	37.5	37.5	25
What do you think about the teaching material? (curriculum, slides, videos etc)	0	0	37.5	37.5	25
What do you think about the quality of the seminars? From very bad(1) to very good (5)	0	0	12.5	25	62.5
What do you think about the tuition activities? From very bad (1) to very good (5)	0	0	12.5	50	37.5

As the answers show, the course is working at an operational level.

As before, the answers indicate that the students find the course difficult. In talks with the students, it has emerged that having more than one lecture with review of statistics and introductory econometrics could be of help. Until 2022, there was two extra lectures for that purpose.

From one of the supplementary comments: "The seminars have been very good for clearing up certain topics, and Bilal Sali is very good at explaining complex topics."

In this course, almost a quarter of classes are computer classes where modern software is used to learn econometrics, and which is particularly instrumental for getting prepared to the obligatory assignment. One student mentions this in an e-mail: "... computer class-ene har vært riktige høydepunkter i studieukene dette høstsemester".

It is of interest to note that 28 students completed the obligatory mid-term assignment, and that 27 finished the school exam (2 students have signed up for the postponed exam).

The students' evaluations will be taken into account when preparing the teaching for the next time the course is given.

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