

Summary of student evaluations of ECON4325

This summary is based on 13 respondents to the student evaluation of ECON4325, Spring 2024.

Short summary of the course. ECON4325 is an elective course in monetary economics at the master level. Students usually take the course in their last semester of the bachelor or their first Spring semester of the master. Students are generally interested and motivated to take the course.

Overall assessment of course. The students are overall fairly satisfied with the course. All students responded either agree or fully agree to the statement “all in all, I am satisfied with the course.” All students also responded either agree or fully agree on the statement “I find the course interesting.” The students also find the syllabus adequate (neither small nor large, 84.6%). And they think the difficulty of the course is adequate (adequate: 38.5%; difficult: 46.2%; very difficult: 15.4%). Regarding the learning outcome of the course, all students except one think the learning outcome is either good or very good.

Lectures. The course had two lecturers: Martin B. Holm and Birger Vikøren. Overall, the students are happy with the quality of both lecturers. Martin B. Holm has an average score of 4.77 on the question “What is your assessment of the quality of the lectures,” while Birger Vikøren has an average score of 4.46 on the same question.

Seminars. There were eight seminars in the course and Bilal Sali was the seminar teacher. After experimenting with a different seminar setup last year, we returned to a more standard seminar teaching this year. The students were generally happy about the seminars and the seminar teaching.

Way forward. I think the course is working well. We are continually adapting the teaching to accommodate what is happening. For example, this year I had a lecture where we analyzed the inflation episode during the past two years through the lens of a New Keynesian model. Given how much focus there has been on monetary policy during the past few years, students are very interested. The class this year was more active than most previous classes.