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Course evaluation ECON3620/4620 – spring 2024

Summary

Overall, students were very satisfied with the course. They found the content engaging and reported a high learning outcome.

What is working?

The course content and lectures are well-received. Students appreciate the discussions on various topics and the challenge to express their thoughts and relate to political discussions. The visit to the Ministry of Finance was appreciated.

What is not working?

The hybrid format of the seminars, which included both student presentations and curriculum-based exercises, posed some challenges. It was difficult to convince students to present, and the seminar leader had to step in on papers allocated to student presentations.

What can you do to improve the course?

1. Encourage students more strongly to present papers in seminars. The lecturer could form teams of 2-3 students to facilitate this.
2. Offer students the opportunity to submit a term paper on a given topic.
3. Consider reducing the number of papers for presentations and increasing the number of exercises in the seminars.
4. Better align the timing of seminar subjects with the lectures.
5. Organize social activities, such as a drink or meal, at the start of the term to foster student interaction.