

SPECIFIC SEMINAR ASSESSMENT

Academic Year : 2006-2007

Semester : 1

Dept : ECO

Seminar Title : Background course in Probability Statistics

Professor/s :

Assistant : T. Broer

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1. In overall terms I am satisfied with the professor.

1 - Not at all		[0,0%]
2 - Not very much	1	[4,8%]
3 - Average	7	[33,3%]
4 - Considerably	9	[42,9%]
5 - Very much	3	[14,3%]
NA - No answer	1	[4,8%]

3. The professor was clear in his / her presentation and explanations.

1 - Not at all		[0,0%]
2 - Not very much	4	[19,0%]
3 - Average	9	[42,9%]
4 - Considerably	4	[19,0%]
5 - Very much	3	[14,3%]
NA - No answer	1	[4,8%]

5. Where appropriate, the professor encourages class participation.

1 - Not at all		[0,0%]
2 - Not very much	2	[9,5%]
3 - Average	9	[42,9%]
4 - Considerably	6	[28,6%]
5 - Very much	4	[19,0%]
NA - No answer		[0,0%]

7. The professor developed the overall themes of the course / seminar in a coherent manner.

1 - Not at all		[0,0%]
2 - Not very much	2	[9,5%]
3 - Average	7	[33,3%]
4 - Considerably	5	[23,8%]
5 - Very much	7	[33,3%]
NA - No answer		[0,0%]

9. After taking this course / seminar my interest in the given subject has increased.

1 - Not at all		[0,0%]
2 - Not very much	6	[28,6%]
3 - Average	7	[33,3%]
4 - Considerably	5	[23,8%]
5 - Very much	1	[4,8%]
NA - No answer	2	[9,5%]

2. The professor was well organised and prepared.

1 - Not at all		[0,0%]
2 - Not very much	1	[4,8%]
3 - Average	1	[4,8%]
4 - Considerably	11	[52,4%]
5 - Very much	8	[38,1%]
NA - No answer		[0,0%]

4. The professor teaches with interest and enthusiasm.

1 - Not at all		[0,0%]
2 - Not very much		[0,0%]
3 - Average		[0,0%]
4 - Considerably	8	[38,1%]
5 - Very much	13	[61,9%]
NA - No answer		[0,0%]

6. The professor was available and approachable outside seminar hours.

1 - Not at all		[0,0%]
2 - Not very much		[0,0%]
3 - Average		[0,0%]
4 - Considerably	4	[19,0%]
5 - Very much	11	[52,4%]
NA - No answer	6	[28,6%]

8. Recommended lectures, articles and books have been useful and sufficient.

1 - Not at all		[0,0%]
2 - Not very much	2	[9,5%]
3 - Average	7	[33,3%]
4 - Considerably	3	[14,3%]
5 - Very much	1	[4,8%]
NA - No answer	8	[38,1%]

10. Indicate how often you attended the course / seminar.

1 - <3 sessions		[0,0%]
2 - 3-4 sessions	7	[33,3%]
3 - 5-6 sessions	1	[4,8%]
4 - 7-8 sessions		[0,0%]
5 - 9-10 sessions	10	[47,6%]
NA - No answer	3	[14,3%]

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11. What was the main reason you chose the course / seminar?

1 - Others	4	[19,0%]
2 - Compulsory	9	[42,9%]
3 - SPV suggestion	1	[4,8%]
4 - Thesis related	1	[4,8%]
5 - Personal interest	1	[4,8%]
NA - No answer	5	[23,8%]

12. What are the course / seminar requirements?

1 - Fulfilled in other		[0,0%]
2 - None at all	2	[9,5%]
3 - Essay		[0,0%]
4 - Written exam	1	[4,8%]
5 - Oral presentation		[0,0%]
NA - No answer	18	[85,7%]

13. To what extent does this course/seminar overlap (in content) with others?

1 - Not at all	3	[14,3%]
2 - Not very much	10	[47,6%]
3 - Average		[0,0%]
4 - Considerably	1	[4,8%]
5 - Very much		[0,0%]
NA - No answer	7	[33,3%]

14. To what extent did the central themes of this course / seminar match your expectations?

1 - Not at all		[0,0%]
2 - Not very much		[0,0%]
3 - Average	3	[14,3%]
4 - Considerably	5	[23,8%]
5 - Very much	2	[9,5%]
NA - No answer	11	[52,4%]

15. Practical classes have been very useful for the learning and understaing of the subject.

1 - Not at all		[0,0%]
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4 - Considerably	4	[19,0%]
5 - Very much	3	[14,3%]
NA - No answer	6	[28,6%]

16. The teaching assistant was motivated and prepared.

1 - Not at all		[0,0%]
2 - Not very much	1	[4,8%]
3 - Average		[0,0%]
4 - Considerably	2	[9,5%]
5 - Very much	5	[23,8%]
NA - No answer	13	[61,9%]

Free-Text Questions 17 to 21

17. In your opinion, what topics were omitted that should have been included?

- = Possibly it would have been nice to review the different types of convergence (e.g. Asymptotics, plinius etc.. But this depends on what the other courses will be like. A bit more on the relationship between the distributions in order to better understand derivation of tests (e.g. $x \sim X_{2m}$, $y \sim X_{2n} \rightarrow X/m _ Y/n \sim F_{m,n}$) or something like that.
- = How to construct product probability spaces; could include more examples using discrete probability spaces to improve understanding a concepts like partitions of a space, expectation, conditional expectation etc.
- = More examples, computations
- = Multivariate random variables; more on distribution.
- = NA
- = Multivariate Methods
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA

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- = NA
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- = NA
- = none
- = NA
- = NA

18. What topics should have been reduced / omitted?

- = The course covered a lot of (advanced) math on Borel, algebra etc., which I think was not necessary for this year. We will receive so much material this 1st year that I think it would be better to limit the course content to the things we will use this year; i.e. the things Tobias listed at the end of the last session.
- = All was necessary
- = The theory (like sigma-algebra)
- = Less of the deeper details of measure theory – it was supposed to be introductory.
- = I wouldn't omit measure theory topics but more them need further development.
- = proofs
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = It was probably too much theoretical for this stage. Little time have been to more practical issues.
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA

19. What topics covered in the course / seminar did you find particularly valuable?

- = The topics listed at the end of the last session.
- = Bivariate random variables connection between UOF and probability measures; by a Random Variable
- = Density functions, PMF
- = All
- = I found application of measure theory to probability very useful. I had seen something about measure theory before and that allowed me to link it with prob.
- = VAR, COV, X2
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = Bivariate distribution
- = NA
- = the Borel things

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- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = Sigma-algebra and Borel set notions
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA

20. What topics could have been taught better? In what way?

- = The course seemed a little unfocused because we went through so many things which we are not going to need right away. That made it difficult to see where the different things were useful, e.g. Borel sets. etc..
- = None
- = Random variables, more examples
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = Multivariate distribution
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = NA
- = I would have appreciate more exercises and stop by stop method.
- = More real examples on probability distribution could have help.
- = NA
- = NA
- = With more times: more exercises! Please!
- = NA

21. Do you have any further comments about the course / seminar?

- = Tobias was very enthusiastic and well prepared, as well as very open to suggestions for improvement.
 - = Very good, should definitely be offered annually.
 - = NA
 - = Minor power; It would be useful to write things next to each other (not erase and essentially overwrite things).
 - = Practical classes would be very useful.
 - = More class participation
 - = 4 sessions is not enough to prepare researchers for advanced courses in statistics and econometrics. Full half year (or even full year) course would be much more instructive.
 - = NA
 - = NA
 - = More exercises, less texts
 - = Too theoretical; more practical examples.
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= He should improve his hand writing. He is very good he tries hard to explain the materials.

= NA

= NA

= Sad handwriting; too quiet; very enthusiastic

= NA

= 4 classes in enough.

= NA

= NA

= This course needs a fifth session. But without increasing the number of topics covered. A great course with a very impressive teacher! Thanks!

= Maybe the teacher should focus more on the gist of the course and not only on the initial theoretical background.