

North Carolina State University - ClassEval Report

Emplid: 001009245

Name: John Westall -- Course: Princ of Microecon

Term: 2020 Sprg

EC 201 005 Courses surveyed - EC 201 005

Question

Response

Please consider the course and instructor PRIOR to Spring Break (i.e., prior to the COVID-19-related changes in instruction). Comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the course and instructor PRIOR to Spring Break.

I mean, it was a very basic course. The slides for each chapter were posted after we covered ALL the material in class, which was frustrating. I do much better when I am able to take the notes prior to class and then listen and be engaged during lecture, so not having access to the notes until we had covered the material in class was not very beneficial to me. That being said, the slides were very informative and had many well-designed/structured examples, so that helped make up for the fact that I couldn't really pay attention during lecture (because I was so busy frantically writing notes). Eventually, I had to give up taking notes in class, just sit and be engaged, and then take ALL of my notes when the slides popped up in a week or two. He was very helpful and understanding though, and answered my questions as well as he could.

Please consider the course and instructor AFTER Spring Break (i.e., after the COVID-19-related changes in instruction). Comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the course and instructor AFTER Spring Break.

The slides were finally posted at the same time as the lectures!! YAY!! I greatly appreciate being able to write my notes and go through the examples, and then get clarification and additional information from the lectures. Honestly, the online format of the course has been much more effective so far as I have access to everything I need exactly when I need it. Homework was fine, but the discussion boards were kind of... frustrating? I know their purpose was to get us engaged and to count towards "attendance," but everyone just kind of copied the first person to respond. He was, however, available at most times for help, which was very kind of him.

To help other students in the future and enhance student success, what could be improved in the course after it was transitioned to a totally online format?

The discussion boards were a hypothetical good way to keep us engaged, but maybe next time hide the responses? It seemed like most people were just copying what the FIRST person said (even if it was wrong or not necessarily relevant?), instead of offering any actual feedback. If you hide the responses, then they actually have to engage-- or at least think a bit.

Please consider the course and instructor PRIOR to Spring Break (i.e., prior to the COVID-19-related changes in instruction). Comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the course and instructor PRIOR to Spring Break.

Easy format of class straight lectures with homeworks due every Sunday made the class easy to follow and keep up with.

Please consider the course and instructor AFTER Spring Break (i.e., after the COVID-19-related changes in instruction). Comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the course and instructor AFTER Spring Break.

Relatively the same format, best part was the lectures were now recorded.

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It's simple and effective already

<p>Please consider the course and instructor PRIOR to Spring Break (i.e., prior to the COVID-19-related changes in instruction). Comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the course and instructor PRIOR to Spring Break.</p>	<p>I think professor Westall did a good job explaining a concept that was always confusing to me. I felt like sometimes he would review material we talked about last class and he basically taught the same thing twice, a shorter review of material may help keep students attentive.</p>
<p>Please consider the course and instructor AFTER Spring Break (i.e., after the COVID-19-related changes in instruction). Comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the course and instructor AFTER Spring Break.</p>	<p>The auto and video wasn't syncing up at first and it was hard to follow but he fixed it quickly.</p>
<p>To help other students in the future and enhance student success, what could be improved in the course after it was transitioned to a totally online format?</p>	<p>I think the forums would be better if we couldn't see everyone else's answer before we answer. It felt like some students were just writing the same thing everyone else was</p>
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<p>Please consider the course and instructor PRIOR to Spring Break (i.e., prior to the COVID-19-related changes in instruction). Comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the course and instructor PRIOR to Spring Break.</p>	<p>\$100 for the homework? Are you serious? Will only respond to emails days after they are sent and sometimes have to forward emails several times before a response. Nice guy, decent teacher, but the price of the homework that could have been done for free on moodle made me very angry and the lack of communication outside of class was frustrating</p>
<p>Please consider the course and instructor AFTER Spring Break (i.e., after the COVID-19-related changes in instruction). Comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the course and instructor AFTER Spring Break.</p>	<p>I felt like it was just as good online as it was in person. Mediocre, but it's also Econ</p>
<p>To help other students in the future and enhance student success, what could be improved in the course after it was transitioned to a totally online format?</p>	<p>The online format was fine</p>
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<p>Please consider the course and instructor PRIOR to Spring Break (i.e., prior to the COVID-19-related changes in instruction). Comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the course and instructor PRIOR to Spring Break.</p>	<p>The class wasn't very engaging, but was able to teach us the correct material for the test.</p>
<p>Please consider the course and instructor AFTER Spring Break (i.e., after the COVID-19-related changes in instruction). Comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the course and instructor AFTER Spring Break.</p>	<p>Felt like a high school class because the notes were just from powerpoints. The teacher wasn't confusing and assignment and tests were easy to understand.</p>
<p>To help other students in the future and enhance student success, what could be improved in the course after it was transitioned to a totally online format?</p>	<p>Have a more on hands experience teaching, not just powerpoints.</p>
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<p>Please consider the course and instructor PRIOR to Spring Break (i.e., prior to the COVID-19-related changes in instruction). Comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the course and instructor PRIOR to Spring Break.</p>	<p>Professor Westall was a great instructor. He gave great detail during the lectures and was able to demonstrate how to graph models and identify areas that we needed to know. The only thing that would be considered a weakness about the class would be the number of questions that we had on the questions. With only ten questions there was little room for error. Potentially adding a few more assignments to make up a grade in case you did not do well on the two quizzes or midterm.</p>
<p>Please consider the course and instructor AFTER Spring Break (i.e., after the COVID-19-related changes in instruction). Comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the course and instructor AFTER Spring Break.</p>	<p>After spring break, Westall kept up with communicating with postings of lectures and when to post for discussion questions. It was able to do just as well online as when I was in the classroom.</p>
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<p>Please consider the course and instructor PRIOR to Spring Break (i.e., prior to the COVID-19-related changes in instruction). Comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the course and instructor PRIOR to Spring Break.</p>	<p>Very observant of class, keeps students entertained</p>
<p>Please consider the course and instructor AFTER Spring Break (i.e., after the COVID-19-related changes in instruction). Comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the course and instructor AFTER Spring Break.</p>	<p>Worked very well around the virus and continued the class.</p>
<p>To help other students in the future and enhance student success, what could be improved in the course after it was transitioned to a totally online format?</p>	<p>Go to class.</p>
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<p>Please consider the course and instructor PRIOR to Spring Break (i.e., prior to the COVID-19-related changes in instruction). Comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the course and instructor PRIOR to Spring Break.</p>	<p>The course was confusing, but the instructor explained in a very easy way to understand. He used a lot of practical examples, like food; and real-life events, like government cheese. The class was interesting to learn. One weakness of the course was there wasn't much practice for me to do. The only homework due in the weekend is nice. However, I feel like economics can be quite complex and additional practice can help me grasp the material a lot better.</p>
<p>Please consider the course and instructor AFTER Spring Break (i.e., after the COVID-19-related changes in instruction). Comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the course and instructor AFTER Spring Break.</p>	<p>The transition was great. He published the video lectures following an appropriate schedule. A weekly discussion forum allowed me to apply what I learn to real-life situation. Overall, I didn't have any problem with studying this class online. P/s: I liked the presence of his cat during the first lecture video. I wished that I could have seen him more.</p>
<p>To help other students in the future and enhance student success, what could be improved in the course after it was transitioned to a totally online format?</p>	<p>More practice questions in addition to weekly homework.</p>
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<p>Please consider the course and instructor PRIOR to Spring Break (i.e., prior to the COVID-19-related changes in instruction). Comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the course and instructor PRIOR to Spring Break.</p>	<p>Teaches well and gives a fair amount of homework.</p>
<p>Please consider the course and instructor AFTER Spring Break (i.e., after the COVID-19-related changes in instruction). Comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the course and instructor AFTER Spring Break.</p>	<p>Transitioned well.</p>
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<p>Please consider the course and instructor PRIOR to Spring Break (i.e., prior to the COVID-19-related changes in instruction). Comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the course and instructor PRIOR to Spring Break.</p>	<p>The main sticking point of me. Westalls class was his PowerPoint slides. I am unsure if he used a special kind of system for no reason or some thing else but his PowerPoints are long for no reason. He makes individual slides for each line he wants to pop up and therefore the presentations are super long, like 300-400 slides long. It was very unnecessary. Other than that not a bad class. He is very nice. The class can get a little boring and tiring in the morning but I'm sure that's because we're learning about supply and demand and it's not his fault. I also think he should switch to electronic attendance. I was constantly getting skipped when it came to signing the attendance sheet because I sat in the front and I would have to stay afterwards to sign it even though I was on time and it was not my fault.</p>
<p>Please consider the course and instructor AFTER Spring Break (i.e., after the COVID-19-related changes in instruction). Comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the course and instructor AFTER Spring Break.</p>	<p>Still good. I enjoyed his online lectures more than his in class ones because if I missed some information or I took too long to write a graph I could easily pause and go back. His handwriting was not the best but I can't complain. Mine is far worse.</p>
<p>To help other students in the future and enhance student success, what could be improved in the course after it was transitioned to a totally online format?</p>	<p>I think his online class was even better than his in person class. Loved it!</p>

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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	The instructor is very intelligent and explains the material well. He goes at a good pace that is both quick, but still allows for complete understanding of the material.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	The course was very beneficial for me, especially since I am a business major.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	John Westall is a very good teacher. His class is in the morning, which can always be a tough crowd, but he is always straight to the point and gets us through the material. Sometime topics go by a bit slow, but I appreciate the pace; I don't feel that I have to feel constantly dragged along, and I can actually understand concepts fully as the class progresses due to his deliberate, articulate teaching style.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	I feel like I learned a lot more about economics. The course is forgiving, and helps those who don't understand to catch back up with the pace of the class.
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	Pearson my lab is a great tool when it comes to the graphing problem capabilities, but for everything else it's pretty bad. I would suggest another provider, but that's not up to the instructor as much, that's just an issue with Pearson
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	He is excited to teach the subject and always encourages participation from the class.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	The homework helped prepare me for the quizzes and the midterm. Also, he goes through each of the quizzes and explains why each answer is correct which is beneficial to me.
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	Possibly making it more engaging somehow but since it's an economics class in the morning I don't know how that can be done.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	By him being interested in the material, it was easier to engage, pay attention, and learn.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Please stop drawing the same graph over and over for 45 minutes then show a picture of it in the presentation. Once is fine, but it gets tedious.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	good teacher
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	insightful info
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	nice class
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Amazing teacher! Thoroughly explained everything multiple times to make sure students comprehend.

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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Repetitive but gets the big points across.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	He never really answered his emails outside of class. He repeated a lot of the material and gave really good review sessions.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	The strengths of Westall was that he was very through and knew a lot about the topics in economics. He took the time to explain topics thoroughly, but sometimes he explained them so much that it felt like the pace of the class was lagging. Something I noticed about his examples and teaching style is that it seemed pretty rigidly based off the textbook. I think it would be beneficial to introduce new examples and find ways to highlight the interesting aspects of economics.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	I appreciated how the homework assignments had unlimited submissions, which allowed me to work on them further until I understood the concept. The PowerPoints that Westall created did a great job of summarizing the chapters of the textbook and effectively analyzed the most important things and concepts.
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	One suggestion for how the course could be improved is that it might be beneficial to cite and examine more real world examples when explaining certain topics in economics. I found that whenever real world scenarios, like when we discussed OPEC, were talked about I was able to gain a greater understanding of the concept. I think real world examples would be easier to remember as well rather than hypothetical situations.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	The instructor was very organized in the composition of the course. Did a good job at explaining the subject.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	The course was good in that it used pearson mylab which works very well.
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	I cannot think of any improvement.

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Term: 2019 Fall	EC 201 007 Courses surveyed - EC 201 007
Question	Response
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	The curriculum is far too slow. I feel like up to three times as much material could easily have been covered in the amount of time we have for the class.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Very clear and thorough explanation, its clear he knows the material exceptionally well. An improvement I suggest is to use more vocal inflections and changes in pitch, volume, even throwing in a joke or too. Or a more "edgy" or controversial examples of economics (hard to do in a microeconomics intro class) but these kind of things can hook students in, especially in the first few classes.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	The homework tool is excellent, and provides lots of room for more practice and work. It would be nice to have a collaborative assignment or two though.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Very clear and consistent teaching style. If watching examples is how you learn this is great. Still very clear just requires heavy class engagement to bear fruit from lectures.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	Very quality course. Consistent and effective. Teacher was reasonable and professional.
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	It's really the only way to teach an Econ course
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Westall was a good professor, no real complaints here.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	I might be biased because I don't care much for economics, but this class felt like a waste of time. Most of the "useful" information--e.g. considering the opportunity cost of your actions and such--are pretty much common sense. The rest of the course material seems like it would only ever be relevant to a business or economics major, of which I am neither, though I was required to take it for my Engineering major for some reason. The course assignments through Pearson's MyLab were painfully obtuse, and the website failed to work half the time. Not worth the \$100 I payed for it whatsoever.
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	Get rid of Pearson MyLab.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	The class was very much a slide show class, but not all the material was on the slides. Professor Westall was clearly very passionate about the information, however I think the different means of teaching besides just reading off of the slides would have been helpful.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	He sometimes seemed afraid of us. MicroEconomics is an easier business class and its easy to lose our attention, so a little more energy would be nice. Very nice guy and teacher.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	The homework and notes OUTSIDE of class when studying for the test is when I truly understood everything, but that is more of a me thing.
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	Just a little more energy and less awkwardness, but it's not a big deal.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	Great course I guess, but horribly boring subject. It was taught well, though/
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	I honestly have no idea how this course could be made better. The material is pretty simple and it's all very boring.

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Emplid: 001009245	Name: John Westall -- Course: Princ of Microecon
Term: 2018 Sprg	EC 201 006 Courses surveyed - EC 201 006
Question	Response
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor -----	The instructor is very enthusiastic and always stops to answer any questions -----
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Keep the graph PPT slides, and also draw them on the board. It gets confusing with so many lines everywhere. The in-classes quizzes and participation helped to make the class interesting. Group work is good.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	Takes a small amount of material and stretches it into an entire semester. It is interesting material, but it's very dry and boring if everything is explained way too much.
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved. -----	Add more material, and do more projects. -----
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	He was always on time and made sure students took attendance. I liked his review days before tests.
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved. -----	John Westall knew his information regarding economics and explained the expectations of him as a teacher as well as the class as a whole. I enjoyed this class alot. -----
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved. -----	He was a good professor, the material was just very redundant. -----
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Definitely knew the information but did not always explain it in a way that made sense all the time. I enjoyed the group quizzes but they were not as consistent as he originally told us they would be.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	The course overall is not very difficult and I believe gives a good introduction to microeconomics. The homework was very helpful except when there were multiple parts to fill in for one question and if you got one tiny part wrong, the entire question was wrong and it does not tell you what to fix specifically. Homework assignments were not consistent and I wish we had it a little more often so that I was continuously engaged in the class and material.
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved. -----	Topic became dry/boring in the last month of class. I think having more group discussion instead of lecture would be helpful and make it more interesting. -----
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Mr. Westall was an excellent teacher, and despite the tedious duty of teaching us and drawing graphs for us he took it in stride and gave everyone the opportunity to succeed in class no matter how they did.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	It's boring but that's just the subject, Mr. Westall did well for such a difficult subject.

Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	For the in class quizzes, after they're done you should release a completed version to study for tests.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Mr. Westall was amazing. He taught the material incredibly well and in an easy way for the entire class to understand. He covered the material a very good pace and gave the students plenty of resources to succeed.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	The course was incredibly helpful and was very relevant. I don't think the course needs any improvements.
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	I have no recommendations. I enjoyed the class and it was incredibly helpful
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	I feel like I would have enjoyed this class had I taken it with a different professor. Class itself only consisted of a monotone presentation of a powerpoint making it hard for many students to remain focused and engaged. Although this class was my shortest time-wise, it felt like a fifty minute class was a two hour class. The Moodle was not updated consistently and grades were not put in regularly making it hard for students to see what their grades were in the class. The homework and quizzes were assigned sporadically making it hard to get into a rhythm.
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	The most frustrating part of this course to me was the tests. Mr. Westall would not decide how much each section would be worth until after he graded the test. He would look at the averages of the two sections and then decide. The averages for our last tests were only two points apart yet he decided a 90-10 split was appropriate, but I disagree. In my opinion, this made it hard to prepare for the tests because if I focused more on preparing for the free-response I would do really well and get a 90 on it but he would then decide it would only be worth 10% of the test grade, ultimately making me get a very low grade on the test.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Sometimes way too enthusiastic but he switched how he did slides half way through the semester. Like why? Also stop repeating words it like 50 times. Also I only showed up because attendance was taken. I learned more from taking notes out of the textbook and homework than I did in class. The graphs on the board are confusing and not as neat as the PowerPoint.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	I essentially taught myself from the textbook and homework. They were extremely helpful.
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	Stop repeating definitions as if we're still in high school.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	You could tell he loved teaching this material and that he was very knowledgeable on the subject. The group quizzes were nice and gave the class a bit of a change from just straight lecturing everyday.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	All the material aligned with the course objectives.

Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.

It was hard not having the powerpoints posted until a few days after the exam. It would be better if they were posted before we started them so that we could refer to the powerpoint when taking notes, especially if we don't get to write everything down before the slide was changed. Having a study guide for the exams would've been helpful too as some of the material can be hard to understand sometimes.

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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Great teacher! You could tell he knew what he was talking about and was enthusiastic about what he was teaching. Was always available for help and went over test with us so that we could learn from our mistakes. Was very fair with grading as well.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	Made microeconomics very easy to understand and enjoyable
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Nice young fella.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Mr. Westall is a great teacher, explains the material perfectly, and is very helpful.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	I wish we discussed examples of what we were studying in the real world, but overall he was a great instructor! He's very kind, and clearly just wanted to help us students!
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Obviously he is very knowledgeable about economics but his lack of enthusiasm often made it not very fun to be apart of the class.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	Very boring, I'd rather understand the economics of the world by speaking with people who are being affected positively or negatively by economics rather than talk about supply and demand curves.
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	Use more enthusiasm.
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Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	Mr. Westall translated the information very well through PowerPoints and made it easy to understand. Overall a great class
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	was kind of hard to pay attention to sometimes, but that's because microeconomics is boring (no offense) - prof was accommodating and down to earth and passionate about the subject
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	its just boring :/
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	John made the material very clear and explained it very well. The homework aided in my knowledge of the material and the tests and quizzes were challenging but fair.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Westall was great, his young age made him an effective communicator. He did a great job describing the difficult aspects of the class with not just going over slides but drawing graphs.

Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	Pretty straight forward. Pearson only had like 7 homeworks total which was annoying, clumping information to ask us chapters at a time is an ineffective use of out time for homework.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Strengths: great use of the whiteboard for graphs Weaknesses: please buy a reusable water bottle and don't print out 3 pages for attendance
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	PLEASE send out powerpoints BEFORE the homework is due, there is no way for students to get homework help if they missed notes

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Term: 2017 Fall	EC 201 003 Courses surveyed - EC 201 003
Question	Response
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	He seemed like he was intimidated by his students. The power points and lectures are terribly boring.
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	Lectures would be better if he added more color, pictures or videos into his powerpoints. It could also be better if he did less power points.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	He gave many examples of how to do the problems but overall had a problem explaining to students the concept behind.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	The class needs to rely more on explaining concepts rather than examples.
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	If the applied examples that the John used towards the end of the semester were applied earlier it would have greatly improved the class.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	John was a very like-able professor. He was enthusiastic about economics, knowledgeable, and engaging. I don't like economics but he made the class bearable for me.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Strengths: Positive attitude and nice Weaknesses: Goes too fast with lecture. Only gives two "midterms". Did not let us do enough practice. Too much information for each test. They needed to be split into smaller sections because there was entirely too much information to be put on the test.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	Weaknesses: TOO MUCH INFORMATION FOR ONLY TWO TESTS
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	This class was awful and I would not take this lecture over
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Awesome economics teacher
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	Taught well
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	nothing
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	S: fantastic instructor/ very knowledgeable/ kind to students/ never goes off on tangents W: relies significantly on slides for lessons
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	Great class
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	More opportunities for grades?
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Lack of variation in class design.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	MyEconLab was a very helpful resource for practice and review.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Seems knowledgeable and fairly enthusiastic, but he could be condescending when explaining things he already taught in class that you wanted clarification on.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	* Very accommodating * On top of everything (he contacted me before the first day of class when he saw I had an priority seating accommodation, asking if he could help with location; sent me copies of presentations as mentioned in accommodations without needing to ask.) * Easily accessible outside of class * Answered questions and emails promptly If the opportunity arises, I would be happy to take another class that John Westall teaches.
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Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	Good use of real-world examples and focus on class participation! Economics would get dry if the instructor didn't connect it to the real world as much as John did.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	The instructor consistently came to class excited about the material. His lectures featured energetic conversations of the topics at hand.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	This course provides an excellent insight into the economic incentives of firms to start, continue, or cease producing goods.
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	Students will do well in the course as long as they put in the effort- pay attention in class and go to office hours. There is nothing that can really be done to improve the course.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	I've had many teachers who would declare themselves to be a fair instructor, John Westall actually is one. If he makes an assignment and you fail to complete it due to a lack of trying, he will let the grade you've earned stand. On the rare occasion that he makes a mistake though, he makes reasonable restitution to the class. I would recommend him to others.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	The assignments were clear well in advance of their due date, and I was always able to clarify the gaps in my understanding by going over the homework. Overall a well put together course.
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	There seemed to be a few issues with the TA. I would recommend keeping an eye on if such issues pop up in the next few semesters to see if it was merely a fluke.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	PhD student.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	fun class and teacher. powerpoints were straight to the point
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	powerpoints were great. myeconlab was helpful
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	i had to purchase the book to have access to myeconlab but i have not used the book once.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	instructor was hard to relate to students and interactions in the classroom of him with the students only consisted of him reading the information off the slide.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	good course with solid information I just felt I had to learn a bunch of it on my own
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	try not reading directly from the slides and don't act so uptight all the time. We are college students not professionals and still want to have fun
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Sometimes the examples seemed really similar and therefore a little confusing but overall were helpful.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Great teacher, he cared a lot about students learning his material.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	Before this class I never took a business course, this course gave a solid introduction which would b e necessary for students in todays world.
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	Just improve the format of the PowerPoint.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	The teacher wouldn't provide breaks like some other professors do for long lectures and his explanations are less than adequate towards helping students learn materials.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	Homework questions were not similar to test questions and a lack of quizzes did not provide an opportunity to test knowledge of materials discussed in class.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	John is the man.
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	Great class with real world topics.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	He allowed me to take a test a day early because I had two other tests the day his test was scheduled. Very nice and accommodating thing of him to do.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	Course was fine.
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	Class was fine.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	The teacher was good, he explained the topics very well and in ways that we can all understand. He went a bit fast for my comfort but other than that it was okay.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	The course is very interesting and im glad to have learned from it.
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	The course was very interesting and I learned a lot. The instructor explained the material well and enhanced our understanding of the content.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	strength: relaxed layer back weaknesses: lacked knowledge of the material taught
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	strength: relaxed layer back weaknesses: lacked knowledge of the material taught
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	just don't read information off a powerpoint and go into depth in the material.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Many notes caused boredom
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	I have only good things to say about this teacher, his tests were fair, and his lectures were effective. Overall a very good teacher
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	I had taken a basic economics class in high school, and this class greatly expanded upon the principles of that class.
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	I looked forward to this class, and found myself walking out feeling that I had really learned something
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Mr. Westall is well educated in his field. However, he would spend so long explaining a graph or specific topic that I would lose what his original point was. We only had two midterms and a final, which was really hard to study for. We'd cover about six chapters of material before having a test. We had homework but it was often much easier than the tests. He knows the material very well but I did not prefer the method in which he taught it.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	I have a much better understanding of economics. I find myself understanding references to economic elements daily.
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	I think Mr. Westall should have a couple quizzes in between tests. Overall, the course covers all material in the corresponding textbook and is explained thoroughly.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Not a fan of microeconomics. John was good at presenting information, though I feel he never really solidified my understanding of concepts like other instructors. I'm still shaky on some concepts and even going back through notes, the textbook, etc. do not seem to help.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	Why is it mandatory for engineering majors?
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	Don't make it mandatory for engineering majors.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Understood the content but needed to be more interactive. Class consisted of lecturing and slide reading.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Professor is good.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Very boring, just read off the slides. Make it more interactive and not so monotone.

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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	Good teacher, explains things well. Subject itself is just very boring.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	The only problem with the course is its contents are painstakingly boring.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	He seemed a bit nervous when teaching (I think this might be his first year teaching), however he had an enthusiastic way of presenting the material that made it easy to understand.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	This course had relatively few assignments, and those it did have were relevant to the course.
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	I can't immediately think of any ways that this course could be improved.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	I remembered from the beginning of this course that professor John Westall was the first-year professor. So as a first-year professor, I think he's very effective in teaching Economics and explaining the concepts in class.
Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	I think this course is worth-learning that students successfully finished this course are able to explain some fundamental economic concepts under the real world decision.
Give suggestions on how the course or how the instruction could be improved.	I suggest that the instructor should be more enthusiastic about his lectures because I felt some people near my seat were distracted by other things.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the course	A little bit more practice with the material than 8 or so homework assignments would have been more helpful, as a lot of economics is better understood with practice. The tests sometimes would ask oddly specific questions based on the notes on topics that didn't feel important in relation to the grand scheme of the unit.
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Comment on strengths and weaknesses of the instructor	The instructor was always willing to answer any questions I had after class. He effectively used class time to cover material. I learned a lot.