

**Columbia University: Arts & Sciences**  
**A&S Fall 2018 Standard Evaluation**

**Course:** ECONGR5410\_001\_2018\_3-MATHMETHODSFOR ECONOMISTS: ECONGR5410\_001\_2018\_3 - MATH METHODS FOR ECONOMISTS  
**Instructor:** George Olley  
**TA:** Vinayak Iyer \* ,David Thompson  
**Response Rate:** 56/73 (76.71 %)

**11 - What are the strengths and weaknesses of Vinayak Iyer (discussion section leader, lab section leader, grader) as an instructor, and how might Vinayak Iyer's teaching be improved?**

<b>Response Rate</b>	7/73 (9.59%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He is amazing! Super helpful, walked us through concepts in the most concise yet rigorous manner.</li> <li>• provides intuition behind results and has an ability to break down definitions easily</li> <li>• He really simplified topics, and provided in depth understanding.</li> <li>• He was very clear and precise in covering materials.</li> <li>• I went from "I have no idea what is going on at all, what is happening? Is this even math? what is all this notation??" to being able to participate in every class and recitation because of the way he introduces the concepts and talks them through. His notes are extraordinary as well. Props for that.</li> <li>• Vinayak is great. And the recitation notes are helpful.</li> <li>• Vinayak is an excellent instructor. He explains the material in a very clear and simple manner. There is really nothing more to say, bar that I would really recommend his classes to anyone.</li> </ul>	

**12 - What is your overall assessment of the effectiveness of Vinayak Iyer?**

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means		
Excellent	(5)	20	80.00%			Question	
Very Good	(4)	4	16.00%				
Good	(3)	1	4.00%				
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%				
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%				
<b>Response Rate</b>				<b>Mean</b>	<b>STD</b>	<b>Median</b>	
25/73 (34.25%)				4.76	0.52	5.00	

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**Course:** ECONGR5004\_002\_2018\_3-MATHMETHODSFOR ECONOMISTS-DISC: ECONGR5004\_002\_2018\_3 - MATH METHODS FOR ECONOMISTS-DISC

**Instructor:** Vinayak Iyer \*

**Response Rate:** 22/34 (64.71 %)

**5 - Would you recommend this course to another student?The answer to this question will generally be available in Vergil.**

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Definitely recommend	(1)	11	50.00%		
Probably recommend	(2)	8	36.36%		
I'm not sure I'd recommend	(3)	3	13.64%		
Probably not recommend	(4)	0	0.00%		
Definitely not recommend	(5)	0	0.00%		
				0 25 50 100	
<b>Response Rate</b>					
22/34 (64.71%)					

**6 - Please qualify your recommendations if you wish:The answer to this question will generally be available in Vergil.**

<b>Response Rate</b>	0/34 (0%)
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**7 - How does the workload in this course compare to Columbia courses with a similar structure (e.g. a lecture, seminar, laboratory, or language course)?**

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Much heavier workload	(1)	0	0.00%		
Heavier workload	(2)	3	13.64%		
Similar workload	(3)	16	72.73%		
Lighter workload	(4)	1	4.55%		
Much lighter workload	(5)	0	0.00%		
No basis for comparison	(6)	2	9.09%		
				0 25 50 100	
<b>Response Rate</b>					
22/34 (64.71%)					

**8 - How many hours a week did you devote to this course? (Note: Please include all time spent on this class including class time, discussion sections, readings, assignments, studying, etc.)The answer to this question will generally be available in Vergil.**

<b>Response Rate</b>	1/34 (2.94%)
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**9 - Please evaluate Vinayak Iyer. What are Vinayak Iyer's strengths? In what ways might his or her teaching be improved? In answering this question, you might address the clarity of the lectures or presentations and their relationship to the other elements of the course, the ability of Vinayak Iyer to generate enthusiasm and facilitate discussion, the quality of feedback, availability, the timeliness of the return assignment, etc.**

<b>Response Rate</b>	3/34 (8.82%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vinayak has this uncanny ability of simplifying dense mathematical concepts, and explaining them through examples in such a way that we leave the room with an intuitive understanding of the material. The lectures were always clear, he was punctual in office hours, open to discussion, and helpful over email.</li> <li>• He was very clear and precise in explaining materials.</li> <li>• Vinayak is great. He is helpful and nice. Also the recitation notes support us to understand the course better.</li> </ul>	

**10 - What is your overall assessment of the effectiveness of the instructor?**

**Vinayak Iyer**

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means	
Excellent	(5)	16	72.73%		4.59	
Very Good	(4)	4	18.18%			
Good	(3)	1	4.55%			
Fair	(2)	1	4.55%			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			
				0 25 50 100	Question	
<b>Response Rate</b>				<b>Mean</b>	<b>STD</b>	<b>Median</b>
22/34 (64.71%)				4.59	0.80	5.00