

Columbia University: Arts & Sciences
A&S Fall 2019 Standard Evaluation







Course: ECONGR5410_001_2019_3-MATHMETHODSFORECONOMISTS
Instructor: Xiaosheng Mu *
TA: Vinayak Iyer,Asutosh Nanda
Response Rate: 56/71 (78.87%)

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?

Response Rate	22/71 (30.99%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A very good TA. Clarifies the subject efficiently. • Strengths include the detailedness on specific topics, but may improve if more materials can be covered during recitation • Vinayak is also very patient in teaching us and can always illustrate many vivid examples to clarify knowledge. • Vinayak offered so much help!!! He teaches better than the instructor • Vinayak Iyer is a very good instructor since the mathcamp. It will be great if he can give us more example during the discussion section. • Goes without saying that Vinayak is the best. I hope he TAs for another class of ours next semester! • Vinayak can be credited for a large proportion of the math success for our class. He ran the math summer camp program and managed to bring an entire class to a baseline understanding of the concepts in 4 short weeks. He cares about his students and will always circle back with additional resources or explanations for misunderstood concepts. • Strengths: Teaches well, very helpful • Very helpful Very supportive Very clear and structural in delivering lessons • He's a really good instructor. His recitation really helped me to understand the material. • Vinayak explains the topics clearly and make them easier for us to understand. I would definitely recommend him. • He's one of the best TA's I've had, not just this semester but in all the courses I've taken in college and grad school. I was actually assigned to Ash's recitation, but I never went to that one, since I liked Vinayek's teaching in math camp and didn't want to switch. I like how Vinayek genuinely cares about making sure we learn the material, so he takes his time, he's patient, and uses examples and explains things in a way that is very understandable. He should win an award. I wish he could just teach all of our classes. • Vinayak is a good TA. He teaches us from math camp, he can always make us enjoy studying. • Vinayak is a very very good teacher. He has taught so many things to us that we did not understand at all after lectures. He is so smart but able to explain things in ways that make sense. He is very patient and never makes anyone feel bad for not understanding concepts. • Vinayak has outstanding teaching skills, he knows how to put complex topics in understandable words. He is also very kind and respectful. He gives a lot of insight about the importance of every topic, which motivates the students. His examples are very good. • One word: AMAZING. Best TA ever! I understand most of the material (including the extremely abstract material) because of Vinayak. Extremely good at explaining material in an understandable way. • Vinayak helped me pass and I think that's the greatest compliment ever. Honestly, if you find out that Vinayak is your TA for whatever course, take the damn course just to learn from Vinayak. His recitations are super informative and his notes are incredible. He made math look easy in his office hours! He is going to be an incredible professor someday! Honestly, I wish I could grade him higher than an excellent; he was better than the professors who taught us. • He explains things clearly, and he is very approachable and patient. • gives a nice clarity of course material • He was extremely understanding and helped understand the material better. • fine • He is responsible and patient. 	

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12 - What is your overall assessment of the effectiveness of Vinayak Iyer?					
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means
Excellent	(5)	29	63.04%		 4.43
Very Good	(4)	11	23.91%		
Good	(3)	4	8.70%		
Fair	(2)	1	2.17%		
Poor	(1)	1	2.17%		
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Response Rate			Mean	STD	Median
46/71 (64.79%)			4.43	0.91	5.00