

Columbia University: Arts & Sciences





A&S Spring 2019 Standard Evaluation

Course: ECONGR5212_001_2019_1-MICROECONOMICANALYSISII
Instructor: Navin Kartik,Georg Noldeke
TA: Vinayak Iyer *,Rc Xi Zhi Lim,Manuel Puenta
Response Rate: 57/74 (77.03%)

1 - 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	7/74 (9.46%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • best TA, very thorough when it comes to making his notes for recitation. • So helpful!! Really got us through Micro, and his notes were very good for understanding • Vinayak is probably the best teaching assistant I have had at Columbia. He explains very complex topics with such ease and boils the problems down to the fundamentals. His notes are very good practice for the class. He is always receptive and willing to help in any way that he can. He breaks down the hardest of problems and explains the intuition behind it. His structured style make the material easier to absorb. In terms of some suggestions, he could add a few more examples to recitation notes. • Vinayak has a great ability to break down concepts into objects we've seen before and create relatable examples on the spot. Further he is good at leading us to the answers without giving the answer directly. He is patient in explaining the same concept multiple times and willing to stay longer to ensure all the students' doubts are cleared. Recitation notes contain a wide range of problems of varying difficulty. It would be helpful if he posts the link to the answer for questions left unanswered in the recitation notes. • Vinayak is amazing this question should not even be asked. His recitation notes are magnificent, his teaching style provides clarity, and he is a very approachable person. He can answer anything and everything. • Incredibly helpful. Took personal time, outside of class, to help if you need help explaining concepts. He was so great. • Vinayak's biggest strength is his grasp of concepts, and his ability to pass that on to students in the limited time he gets. He's more than happy to resolve doubts of students, and makes sure your doubt gets resolved. His inputs in terms of reading material are brilliant, and his notes are succinct, and extremely helpful. Further, he has always been eager to provide feedback beyond discussion sessions. Great experience. 12/10 as TA. 	

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

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means		
Excellent	(5)	29	90.63%			4.88	
Very Good	(4)	2	6.25%				
Good	(3)	1	3.13%				
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%				
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%				
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Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median	
32/74 (43.24%)				4.88	0.42	5.00	