

Teaching Evaluation Summary

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Instructor

ECON 101: Introduction to Economics (5X: Summer 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026; and Fall 23)

Teaching Assistant

ECON 470: Econometrics Spring 2025
 ECON 440: Analysis of Public Finance Fall 2024
 ECON 410: Intermediate Microeconomics Fall 2022, Spring 2026
 ECON 101: Introduction to Economics Spring 2023

Quantitative Evaluation Summary (Scale: 1.0–5.0)

Evaluation Question	Summer 23	Fall 23	Summer 24	Summer 25
Overall, this course was excellent.	4.04	3.52	4.18	4.22
Overall, I learned a great deal from this course.	4.38	4.10	4.25	4.59
The course challenged me to think deeply.	4.67	4.26	4.36	4.63
The instructor encouraged students to participate.	4.45	4.37	4.40	4.51
The instructor treated all students with respect.	4.71	4.48	4.82	4.78

Average enrollment (ECON 101 as Instructor): approximately 30 students per section.

Selected Student Comments

1. On Clarity and Effectiveness of Teaching

- “He is an excellent lecturer, and breaks down concepts very effectively.” *Summer 2025*
- “He clearly broke down all the topics in a way that everyone could understand the topic more clearly.” *Summer 2025*
- “The good thing about Mr. Turkson is that he explains concepts to people like its the first time.” *Summer 2023*
- “He was always on time for lectures and made sure that any concerns were addressed. One thing I appreciate is if a student had a question or was struggling to grasp a concept, he would always break down the content until they understood it.” *Fall 2023*
- “He was very kind and explained everything very well. Moved at a good pace and set students up for success.” *Summer 2025*

2. On Student Support and Availability

- “He was always available to answer questions and really cares about the students in his class by helping create study plans and assisting with making questions make sense conceptually for a tough subject like ECON.” *Fall 2023*
- “Professor Turkson was a great instructor and answered every question a student had. He ensures all students are understanding the subject material, and goes above and beyond to provide resources and clear instructions.” *Summer 2023*
- “He made learning possible in the way he teaches. He knows what he is teaching, he had office hours and other hours for review sessions.” *Summer 2024*
- “He provided ample opportunities to demonstrate learning ranging from homework assignments to tests while providing support through office hours and questions during class. He also stayed after class for any additional questions which I greatly appreciated.” *Summer 2025*
- “Mr. Turkson was always open to questions in/out of class, he also helped me become more confident with this course through study strategies.” *Summer 2025*

3. On Genuine Care and Student Engagement

- “Danny was a great instructor who was thorough with the material taught and was patient with us.” *Summer 2025*
- “He made the class very informal and fun. Lots of group discussions and was open to questions and helping.” *Summer 2023*
- “He set a fun and welcoming environment for us to learn the material and ask questions anytime we wanted.” *Fall 2023*
- “Danny Turkson was very engaging and always answered any questions that anyone had. He was very understanding and wanted everyone to learn.” *Summer 2025*
- “He answered my questions, and I could tell when he was explaining something to me, he wasn’t just reading off a manual to ‘answer my question’ and get along, he genuinely wanted me to understand what I was asking about.” *Summer 2025*

4. On Real-World Connection and Deep Learning

- “connected it to real life events.” *Summer 2025*
- “He made learning possible for me in my questions that I had for him after class. When I wanted to dive deeper into the topics at hand, Mr. Turkson was there to help me. The best thing was he knew how to address my conceptions because he was able to identify the angle that I was looking at it from and corrected it for me.” *Summer 2023*
- “Explaining the poll questions after we answered them helped me to correct wrong methods but also explain why I did something wrong — helping me learn altogether.” *Summer 2025*
- “He provided context for the topics in great detail and I loved how he gave us multiple opportunities of practice to strengthen our course foundations!” *Summer 2025*
- “By reaching out, listening to my accommodations and barriers to learning, and sharing lecture recordings and material.” *Summer 2025*

5. On Course Design and Resources

- “The instructor did great, we had a multitude of resources to study from depending on our own learning style. We had the textbook, the homework, the powerpoints, the lecture videos, the practice questions, the recitation sheets, etc. For those that did not understand the content, it is certainly not due to a lack of resources.” *Summer 2025*
- “Mr. Turkson provided many ways for me to review material from class by providing good recitation problems and extra multiple choice problems for each chapter and before each midterm. While the class was paced fairly fast, the extra problems as well as Poll Everywhere problems during the lectures helped me understand the material better.” *Summer 2023*
- “I like that he made his edited slides available on Canvas for review because we could compare our notes to his and ensure we had all the formulas written down and graphs drawn accurately. I also liked that recitation was a group activity because it was a way to get to know people in the class and share our ideas on how to approach a certain question.” *Summer 2024*
- “Recording and posting lectures after class, so that students can go back and embellish their notes. I also liked the supplemental videos and multiple choice practice problems.” *Fall 2023*
- “The PollEv definitely boosted my learning in this class as after we went over a section he would always have a poll that made me work on something we just learned.” *Summer 2024*