

Instructor Douglas Morrison

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Student Evaluation of Teaching



Enrollment 11  
% responding 90

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree				
	5 %	4 %	3 %	2 %	1 %	$\bar{x}$	SD	M	N
Please indicate the overall educational value of the course. (excellent   very good   satisfactory   fair   poor)	6 60%	2 20%	2 20%	0 0%	0 0%	4.4	0.8	5.0	10
Course objectives were clearly defined.	8 80%	1 10%	1 10%	0 0%	0 0%	4.7	0.6	5.0	10
The course was well-organized and coordinated	2 20%	5 50%	1 10%	1 10%	1 10%	3.6	1.2	4.0	10
The course fostered critical thinking and problem solving	7 70%	2 20%	1 10%	0 0%	0 0%	4.6	0.7	5.0	10
The course challenged, motivated and interested me	7 70%	2 20%	1 10%	0 0%	0 0%	4.6	0.7	5.0	10
The course emphasized important information	8 80%	1 10%	1 10%	0 0%	0 0%	4.7	0.6	5.0	10
Please indicate the overall teaching effectiveness of the instructor. (excellent   very good   satisfactory   fair   poor)	7 70%	1 10%	2 20%	0 0%	0 0%	4.5	0.8	5.0	10

## Please write any comments that you wish to share.

The class was well-organized, though I think they were developing new material as we had questions or as they realized we had missing context for certain topics. I say this to highlight that I selected "Agree" instead of "Strongly Agree" not because of the fault of the instructors, but just because I know this course content is a work in progress. There are a few other things that pertain not necessarily to this course but to the sequence of quantitative EPI courses. First, I think that the sequence should choose one statistical software and integrate its use for all three courses. This is very important and could spare students a great deal of time and frustration. The second thing is that office hours with the instructors and TAs are an essential learning source in these courses. Having more office hours or time with TAs to work on homeworks and questions will be very helpful.

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While I appreciate strengthening skills in R, I think sometimes it took away from the material for the pre-qualifying exam

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A bit organized and consistent with the materials will be better? For instance, the second half is better than the first half.

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Class structure could use a little change to more effectively incorporate the coding and the concepts. It was a bit confusing to flip from one page to another and to have notes built on each over in one document rather than making separate documents titled by lecture # or titled with parts if needed. For learning regression, I think it would be good to have the slide of reference and then talk about how to interpret the info one at a time, especially when it came to coefficients.

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Overall, I felt incredibly impeded by the figure-it-out aspect when it came to R programming. I think having the code or, at least, the expected code with segments removed or using a different dataset would have been ideal. I felt like I spent more time looking for code than I did doing the homework and sometimes I would submit late or not at all due to this factor.

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## Please provide any additional comments you wish to share about the instructor

Dr. Morrison was patient and spent a good deal of time making sure students (1) knew what the primary outcomes of their learning needed to be and (2) were able to recognize relationships between complex topics covered in this class and previous classes. He did a great job connecting with students and explaining material in a way that was more digestible, even if it took explaining multiple ways. He is a strong instructor.

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I appreciate his leniency regarding grades, but there seems to be a need for more organizational structure.

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Thank you!

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Dr. Morrison is one of the most patient and understanding professors I've ever had; his genuine concern for our learning and QE success is evident and very much appreciated.

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cares that the students learn the material and did great considering that this was his first year. Really knows how to answer questions thoroughly.

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Ezra has been absolutely fantastic! He is so knowledgeable about the things he teaches us and even entices us to learn beyond the required curricula. LADY GAGA bless EZRA and KATY. I seriously could not imagine a more qualified and receptive professor than Douglas Ezra Morrison.

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