

## Student Evaluation of Teaching, Summer I 2020

### Alexander Murph, STOR 155-005 INTRO DATA MODELS & INFERENCE

Raters	Students									
Responded	24									
Invited	30									
Response Ratio	80%									
	Mean	Median	SD	N	%(1)	%(2)	%(3)	%(4)	%(5)	
1. Overall, I learned a great deal from this course.	4.54	5.00	0.59	24	0.0%	0.0%	4.2%	37.5%	58.3%	
2. The instructor treated all students with respect.	4.92	5.00	0.28	24	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	8.3%	91.7%	
3. The instructor encouraged students to participate in this class.	4.63	5.00	0.65	24	0.0%	0.0%	8.3%	20.8%	70.8%	
4. The instructor saw cultural and personal differences as assets.	4.92	5.00	0.28	24	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	8.3%	91.7%	
5. In this course I had multiple opportunities to express my viewpoints and questions.	4.71	5.00	0.62	24	0.0%	0.0%	8.3%	12.5%	79.2%	
6. The course challenged me to think deeply about the subject matter.	4.42	5.00	0.72	24	0.0%	0.0%	12.5%	33.3%	54.2%	
7. The design of this course (e.g., its format, selected materials, assignments, exercises, quizzes, etc.) helped me better understand the subject matter.	4.50	5.00	0.72	24	0.0%	4.2%	0.0%	37.5%	58.3%	
8. Overall, this course was excellent.	4.65	5.00	0.57	23	0.0%	0.0%	4.3%	26.1%	69.6%	

## Open-Ended Responses

### 1. In what ways did your instructor try to make learning possible for you during the semester?

#### Comments

he was a very good teacher and was very accessible! He was one of the best teachers I had at UNC and really appreciate all his efforts that he made towards this class to ensure it ran smoothly!

I really liked the zoom engagement and office hours

I was a bit apprehensive to take a statistics class during a fast-paced summer session but now would take it again without hesitation. Murph is an awesome professor and would recommend anybody to take a course with him. He goes out of his way to ensure that students are engaged in this course and truly understand the material. Each zoom session he was enthusiastic and funny. He made the online set up of the course more manageable and was always personable. Murph had many office hours and always encouraged us to go to them with questions or comments we had. He left time at the beginning and end of each class for us to express any concerns we had about the lecture or previous topics covered. At the very first class, he asked us all to email him a few sentences about ourselves and our backgrounds, so he could incorporate our personal differences into the homework and in-class examples. This was one of the first times I had this experience with a professor and appreciated him taking the time to try and connect with his students. As far as the material, he made sure to break down each new topic into understandable information, and I can say with confidence that there was never a point in this course that I did not have a firm grasp on the lessons. Overall, I am so happy I decided to take this course with Murph, he clearly is passionate about statistics and cares about the success of his students!

Murph and the TAs have been extremely accessible during office hours throughout the course. He has been very fair and understanding with regard to grading under such strange circumstances and made sure that anyone who has needed help has had the proper resources to get back on their feet.

Instructor Murph made sure to make himself accessible as much as he could to help with learning. For example, he held office hours everyday and he responded to emails diligently which helped a lot. I also liked how he split up his class into the online-zoom part and the YouTube videos because it helped to create a break from the hour-long zoom

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Comments

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part. Instructor Murph is also a cheerful person which makes it easy to come to class, something that I think is important in these circumstances where we have been home for months and are having to take courses online. Instructor Murph's explanations in class were also very clear and straightforward. Regardless of the content, he was able to explain it in a simple, understandable way which has made all the difference in this course. Instructor Murph also took the time to learn a little bit about his students and would incorporate such things in class or exam questions. For example, I told him how I love to dance Merengue and on the Midterm 2 exam there was a question that used Merengue as an example and it made me smile. Though this seems small, it helped to alleviate some of my stress while taking the exam which made a difference for me. I am extremely content with my experience in Instructor Murph's class and will recommend his class to anyone.

Professor Murph was great at being available for office hours and explaining tough concepts with informative examples. He always replied to my email questions promptly and with very detailed answers. I loved this course!

I liked Murph's teaching style throughout this course – I found the structure of lectures and homework effectively, especially in such a condensed time period. I also really appreciated how Murph split the allocated lecture time into a live lecture and recorded lecture, because it is a lot harder to stay engaged on zoom than in a classroom. Being able to work at my own pace on the recorded lecture was very helpful to me and I stayed a lot more engaged in the course material this way. Murph was also very accessible and encouraged us to come to his office hours, which allowed me to ask all of my questions and ultimately helped me to understand the material better.

Mr. Murph was very available to us if we had questions, with many office hours and timely responses to emails. The format of shorter zoom call with a supplementary video lecture was helpful in allowing us to effectively use our own time.

He held office hours often and was very helpful during those times. He was also very flexible and was willing to go out of his way to help the students and help engage us in the class' material

He was very available to students. He would always help when I attended his office hours which made it very comfortable to ask question about homework.

By using zoom.

He made sure to always encourage people to interrupt during his Zoom–monologues if they had any questions. Everyone knew and felt comfortable asking questions during class. He also made sure to include plenty of Office/TA hours for outside–class help.

I also really appreciated how Murph taught this class with a combination of Live lectures and Youtube (post–live lecture) videos to supplement what we'd just learned in the lecture.

He was always available to help and answered emails quickly!

He was always very accessible and went out of his way to make sure we had access to help if we needed it. His sense of humor and overall optimism made us want to be there.

Instructor Murph gave timely responses to emails. His demeanor was always friendly, and he actively sought student feedback.

Questions were encouraged, office hours were accessible, and the instructor was open/responsive to one–on–one discussion and assistance.

Murph! He was excellent with providing so many opportunities to ask questions outside of class with office hours, as well as providing other means in which all students to get into contact with him. He was very fair with grading and understanding of each student's unique situation

took notes on iPad, very helpful and understanding. Clear he wanted his students to succeed

He was very helpful in office hours and was very approachable and kind.

He always had time for questions. He really wanted us to understand

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