

Stanford University

Winter 2026 Section Feedback

Course: W26-ECON-271-01: INTERMEDIATE ECONOMETRICS II

Instructor: Amar Venugopal *

Response Rate: 27/34 (79.41 %)

1 - In what way did you interact with this instructor most?

Amar Venugopal

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
In section meetings	(1)	22	81.48%					
In lab	(2)	0	0.00%					
During office hours	(3)	0	0.00%					
Via a class website	(4)	1	3.70%					
Email	(5)	0	0.00%					
In class	(6)	2	7.41%					
Other	(7)	2	7.41%					
				0 25 50 100				
Response Rate								
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2 - During the quarter, about how many hours on average per week did you interact with this instructor in section, class, lab, office hours, and other meetings?

Amar Venugopal

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
0	(0)	2	8.70%		3.22			
1	(1)	5	21.74%					
2	(2)	9	39.13%					
3	(3)	3	13.04%					
5	(5)	1	4.35%					
6	(6)	1	4.35%					
15	(15)	1	4.35%					
16	(16)	1	4.35%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate					Mean	STD	Median	
23/34 (67.65 %)					3.22	4.11	2.00	

3 - How much did you learn from this instructor?

Amar Venugopal

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
A great deal	(5)	8	32.00%		3.92			
A lot	(4)	10	40.00%					
A moderate amount	(3)	5	20.00%					
A little	(2)	1	4.00%					
Nothing	(1)	1	4.00%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate					Mean	STD	Median	
25/34 (73.53 %)					3.92	1.04	4.00	

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4 - Overall, how effective was the instruction you received from this instructor?

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Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Extremely effective	(5)	10	40.00%		4.08			
Very effective	(4)	10	40.00%					
Moderately effective	(3)	3	12.00%					
Slightly effective	(2)	1	4.00%					
Not effective at all	(1)	1	4.00%					
				02550100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
25/34 (73.53%)				4.08		1.04		4.00

5 - What skills or knowledge did you learn or improve from this instructor?

Amar Venugopal

Response Rate	8/34 (23.53%)
• I didn't go to section but his notes were really good. Basically learned the material from those • Amar came prepared for section and was able to communicate the material we learned in class well • Amar really helped to consolidate knowledge from the course in terms of regression, ML, causal inference and time series. • Thinking through problems, esp. in the ML part of the course • Amar helped reinforce and simplify material that was taught in lectures. His explanations were very helpful. • Boiled down complex concepts skipped over in class to a very palatable form • Provided more examples / practice problems of the content we covered in lecture - OLS, MLE, ML basics • Amar taught the section very well. His powerpoints were an accurate representation of what we had done in class and his explanations were very clear.	

6 - What aspects of this instructor's teaching were most helpful to you?

Amar Venugopal

Response Rate	9/34 (26.47%)
• the notes • His notes His example/practice questions • Conducting section, providing clarification over email and in-person • Very knowledgeable, patient and great at answering questions. • Amar has very organized notes and slides to learn from, he explained the concepts from class well, and he was very responsive and helpful when I asked questions. • Ability to explain, patience, intellectual curiosity • Cultivated a friendly learning environment in section, encouraged us to ask questions • Summarized course content well, held review sessions when requested, tried to make sure to answer questions precisely/accurately and not just for the sake of responding. • The powerpoint/filling in answers approach was great. The review sessions were very clear and straightforward. The pset and exam feedback were very useful.	

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7 - How can this instructor's teaching be improved?

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Response Rate6/34 (17.65%)

- Maybe walk through what the section notes are during the first week of class? I was unaware of this resource until later in the quarter
- N/A
- N/A I reaaaally appreciated the weekly notes!! Saved me this semester!
- In section, I wish Amar could have motivated topics from the ground up / provided more intuition (the section notes do a great job of this) - makes it easier to internalize concepts and is particularly helpful for people who have had minimal previous exposure to these topics. Also, we covered so much material over the quarter, and when I got to studying for both exams, it wasn't clear to me what was important and what was less important (usually section material gives me a way to restrict my attention, but I wasn't able to glean that from this class's section). In section, I wish Amar provided more commentary on what are the key fundamental concepts, and what are supporting details (understand this requires some degree of "risk" because minute details are fair game on the exam, but I think knowing what's important and what's not actually makes it easier to "put the puzzle pieces together" and have better overall understanding)
- More engaging sections; better motivation for concepts/applications (rather than just focusing on solving problems); somewhat specific to this class, but having a consolidated review session run by the TA that highlighted key concepts across both parts of the final would be helpful. A useful role for a TA is to focus in on the most important concepts covered (potentially at the risk of sacrificing comprehensiveness), which I don't think was always executed during section.
- I wish we had done many more "simple" practice problems during each section. Before the midterm and final, I did several easy problems that I really wish we had done sooner. Given how helpful the section notes documents were, I wish we connected our section ppts to the notes and in general had more cohesiveness between the resources. Sometimes students would derail section meeting by persistently asking questions - I wish we moved on from those at a faster rate in order to get to the practice problem sooner.