

## Seminar Assessment Report

Title: Introduction to Quantitative Methods

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<b>Year:</b>	2017	<b>Term:</b>	1ST TERM	<b>Department:</b>	SPS
<b>Participants:</b>	31	<b>Forms returned:</b>	25	<b>Return:</b>	80,65%

	Answers	%
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Q1. In overall terms I am satisfied with the professor?

5 - Very much	6	24,00%
4 - Considerably	13	52,00%
3 - Average	4	16,00%
2 - Not Very much	2	8,00%
1 - Not at all	0	0,00%
NA / No Answer	0	0,00%

Q2. The professor was well organised and well prepared?

5 - Very much	9	36,00%
4 - Considerably	12	48,00%
3 - Average	3	12,00%
2 - Not Very much	1	4,00%
1 - Not at all	0	0,00%
NA / No Answer	0	0,00%

Q3. The professor was clear in his/her presentations and explanations?

5 - Very much	3	12,00%
4 - Considerably	10	40,00%
3 - Average	10	40,00%
2 - Not Very much	1	4,00%
1 - Not at all	1	4,00%
NA / No Answer	0	0,00%

#### Q4. The professor teaches with interest and enthusiasm?

5 - Very much	12	48,00%
4 - Considerably	8	32,00%
3 - Average	1	4,00%
2 - Not Very much	4	16,00%
1 - Not at all	0	0,00%
NA / No Answer	0	0,00%

#### Q5. Where appropriate, the professor encourages class participation?

5 - Very much	10	40,00%
4 - Considerably	9	36,00%
3 - Average	4	16,00%
2 - Not Very much	2	8,00%
1 - Not at all	0	0,00%
NA / No Answer	0	0,00%

#### Q6. The professor was available and approachable outside seminar hours?

5 - Very much	19	76,00%
4 - Considerably	5	20,00%
3 - Average	0	0,00%
2 - Not Very much	0	0,00%
1 - Not at all	0	0,00%
NA / No Answer	1	4,00%

#### Q7. The professor developed the overall themes of the course/seminar in a coherent manner?

5 - Very much	6	24,00%
4 - Considerably	14	56,00%
3 - Average	4	16,00%
2 - Not Very much	1	4,00%
1 - Not at all	0	0,00%
NA / No Answer	0	0,00%

#### Q8. Recommended lectures, articles and books have been useful and sufficient?

5 - Very much	6	24,00%
4 - Considerably	10	40,00%
3 - Average	2	8,00%
2 - Not Very much	1	4,00%
1 - Not at all	1	4,00%
NA / No Answer	5	20,00%

Q9. After taking this course/seminar my interest in the given subject has increased?

5 - Very much	8	32,00%
4 - Considerably	6	24,00%
3 - Average	5	20,00%
2 - Not Very much	3	12,00%
1 - Not at all	3	12,00%
NA / No Answer	0	0,00%

Q10. Indicate how often you attended the course/seminar

5 = (9 to 10 sessions)	24	96,00%
4 = (7 to 8 sessions)	1	4,00%
3 = (5 to 6 sessions)	0	0,00%
2 = (3 to 4 sessions)	0	0,00%
1 = (less than 3 sessions)	0	0,00%
NA / No Answer	0	0,00%

Q11. What was the main reason you chose the course/seminar?

5 - Personal Interest	2	8,00%
4 - Thesis Related	1	4,00%
3 - Supervisor's Suggestion	0	0,00%
2 - Compulsory	22	88,00%
1 - Other	0	0,00%
NA / No Answer	0	0,00%

Q11. For question 11, if answer is other please give a reason

Q12. What are the course/seminar requirements?

5 - Oral Presentation	0	0,00%
4 - Written exam	1	4,00%
3 - Essay	6	24,00%
2 - Written comments on seminar reading or other writing	17	68,00%
1 - Participation in discussion or no specific requirements	1	4,00%
N/A - Fulfilled Requirements in Other Seminars	0	0,00%

Q13. Was the course mandatory for you and did you take the course for credits?

5 - Mandatory course for departmental teaching credits	25	100,00%
4 - Mandatory course no credits	0	0,00%
3 - Optional / elective course taken for departmental	0	0,00%
2 - Optional / elective course taken fully without credits	0	0,00%
1 - Auditing for several sessions only	0	0,00%
NA / No Answer	0	0,00%

Q14. To what extent does this course/seminar overlap "in terms of content" with others?

5 - Very much	0	0,00%
4 - Considerably	0	0,00%
3 - Average	2	8,00%
2 - Not Very much	11	44,00%
1 - Not at all	12	48,00%
NA / No Answer	0	0,00%

Which course(s)/seminar(s) overlap with others?

Response 1: Introduction to Stata

Response 2: Quantitative methods are everywhere (even in the qualitative methods class)

Response 3: none

Response 4: None

Response 5: Intro to Stata

Response 6: None

Response 7: Well, all in the sense that it is a methods class

Q15. To what extent did the central themes of this course/seminar match your expectations?

5 - Very much	2	8,00%
4 - Considerably	14	56,00%
3 - Average	5	20,00%
2 - Not Very much	2	8,00%
1 - Not at all	2	8,00%
NA / No Answer	0	0,00%

Q16. Practical classes have been very useful for the learning and understanding of the subject?

5 - Very much	5	20,00%
4 - Considerably	9	36,00%
3 - Average	8	32,00%
2 - Not Very much	1	4,00%
1 - Not at all	2	8,00%
NA / No Answer	0	0,00%

**Q17. If this course was co-taught, Do you agree that co-teaching improved the course?**

5 - Very much	3	12,00%
4 - Considerably	7	28,00%
3 - Average	6	24,00%
2 - Not Very much	4	16,00%
1 - Not at all	1	4,00%
NA / No Answer	4	16,00%

**Q18. Please provide your open comments and feedback in relation to individual professor co-teaching the course.**

Response 1: I very much appreciated it that we got feedback for our assignments

Response 2: Maybe less theory and more practical application of Stata + make the division between basic and advanced group after a few classes

Response 3: The wording of the assignments were sometimes unclear (not in terms of content but in terms of sentence structure)

Response 4: Both Ilze Plavgo and Marco Cozzani did a great job

Response 5: Marco and Ilze were excellent, they are able to explain concepts clearly

Response 6: What I appreciate the most is the fact, that Marco and Ilze were always accessible to provide me with support

Response 7: I appreciate the effort, enthusiasm and readiness to help of Teaching Assistants but due to their lack of pedagogical training and/or teaching experience, sometimes the practical classes were less useful than they could have been

Response 8: The prof realized that none of us was really interested and thus just went through the slides in hope that the lesson is done soon

Response 9: It was really hard to follow what was going on because the professor is difficult to understand and the slides were not very useful

**Q19. Do you think the teaching assistant (Doctoral Researcher or Post-Doctoral Fellow) was well organised and prepared?**

5 - Very much	9	36,00%
4 - Considerably	9	36,00%
3 - Average	5	20,00%
2 - Not Very much	0	0,00%
1 - Not at all	0	0,00%
NA / No Answer	2	8,00%

**Q20. Do you think the teaching assistant (Doctoral Researcher or Post-Doctoral Fellow) was available and approachable outside seminar hours?**

5 - Very much	13	52,00%
4 - Considerably	8	32,00%
3 - Average	1	4,00%
2 - Not Very much	0	0,00%
1 - Not at all	0	0,00%
NA / No Answer	3	12,00%