

# Proof of Teaching Effectiveness

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## 1. Teaching References

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## 2. Teaching Experience

*Classes I have taught:*

Principles of Macroeconomics, Summer 2018  
Principles of Macroeconomics, Spring 2018  
Principles of Microeconomics, Fall 2017  
Intermediate Macroeconomics, Summer 2017  
Principles of Macroeconomics, Fall 2016

*Classes I have been a Teaching Assistant:*

Intermediate Microeconomics, Spring 2016  
Applied Econometrics, Fall 2015  
Macroeconomic Principles and Money, Banking and Financial Markets, Spring 2015  
Macroeconomic Principles and Money, Banking and Financial Markets, Fall 2014

## 3. Teaching Awards

2018 - The *Exceptional Teacher Award*, Department of Economics, University of Houston

## 4. Teaching Evaluations

Instructor Ratings (1-5, 5 being best)

	Summer 2018	Spring 2018	Fall 2017	Summer 2017	Fall 2016
Overall teaching effectiveness	4.9*	4.3*	3.6	4.5*	2.9
The instructor was well prepared	4.7*	4.6*	4.3*	5*	3.8
Overall quality of the course	4.7*	4*	3.5	4.5*	2.9
Availability for individual assistance	5*	4.3*	3.8	4.5*	3.8
Respect for students	4.9*	4.6*	4.2	4.5*	4.5*
Material presented clearly	4.7*	4.5*	4.3*	5*	3.2
Fair and clear grading	4.9*	4.5*	4.2	5*	3.8
Encouragement of student participation	4.9*	4.5*	4.2	5*	3.8
Encouragement of critical thinking	4.9*	4.5*	4.2	5*	3.8

\* denotes a score above the Department Average.

*Ratings: Fall 2016-Summer 2018*

Student Comments:

**What, specifically, were the strengths of the class? :**

*Summer 2018*

- Professor is knowledgeable, nice, and makes the subject entertaining.
- The teacher was very engaging with the class and taught well

*Spring 2018*

- The ultimate strength of the course was the professor teaching style: clear/concise power points, easy to follow along calculations, notes to printout and bring to class, review of the material before class etc.
- He's a relaxed, but straightforward guy. He clearly has a passion for economics.
- He was very receptive to answering student's questions if they had any in a humorous way that kept the class engaged. Was very respectful, knowledgeable, and knew how to explain concepts with ease.

*Fall 2017*

- The professor is, by far, an outstanding person. His love and knowledge for economics coupled with his personality and respect for his students is what made the class enjoyable and easy to understand.

- This class provided a very concise and detailed overview of Microeconomics thanks to the care Mr. Jacobs put into his class and the patience he showed throughout it.
- The professor spoke in plain English. The professor was also relatable, providing RELEVANT real life examples. It's because of the professors constant examples that I felt successful the whole semester.
- I really enjoyed how the instructor included in class activities to tie in the numerical demonstrations of these economic principles, they really help in understanding what each term means and what it affects.

*Summer 2017*

- The instructor seemed to have a genuine enthusiasm for the topic and offered a lot of insights. He found ways to connect it to modern day topics without getting on a political soapbox, and he was very willing to take questions.
- Extremely organized and clear.

**Would you recommend this instructor to other students? Why?**

*Summer 2018*

- Yes, he is very helpful.
- Yes. He has passion for the subject and teaching
- Yes, because he taught the information in a way that everyone could understand it.

*Spring 2018*

- Absolutely. He is an outstanding professor who really understands how to teach. If you're trying to take a class that's engaging and teaches you then I recommend him absolutely.
- Professor Daniel Jacobs is an excellent professor in terms of his teaching style and grasp of material. Economics is mostly a self study course but towards the end of the course when material builds up that when one needs a lot of help and that's when professor Jacob shines. He is clear on the concepts but also can draw connections and conclusions really well, often weaving two or three equations and concepts together for calculation purposes.

- Yes, Professor Jacobs is a very understanding person who goes the extra mile to make sure his students succeed
- Yes. The instructor was thorough and understood the material and was able to explain in a manner that was clear.
- I would recommend this instructor because he is clearly passionate about the subject. His youthful outlook and fact that he is working on his doctorate provides an emotion that is worth paying attention to.

*Fall 2017*

- I'll reiterate: The professor is, by far, an outstanding person. His love and knowledge for economics coupled with his personality and respect for his students is what made the class enjoyable and easy to understand.
- Yes great professor who helps his students and provides great reviews.

*Summer 2017*

- Yes, I would. He is approachable, finds ways to relate pretty complex material in simple ways, and seems genuinely interested in helping students understand the topic.
- Yes. He was such a great teacher and so helpful. The class was enjoyable.

**What other comments and suggestions would you like to make about the instructor or the course?**

*Spring 2018*

- Very good professor who really knows how to engage an audience of students.
- He is hard working and very passionate about what he is teaching.
- Professor Jacobs does a great job in educating his students

*Fall 2017*

- I truly believe that a professor makes or breaks their class. Professor Jacobs can take what he has mastered and teach it to us at a students level and in a students language.
- The instructor did an outstanding job and would hope that many instructors are like him in regards to the care he has for the course.

*Summer 2017*

- Daniel was so helpful and understanding. He would respond to emails extremely quickly and was always willing to explain something that may have been unclear.