

Final Evaluation (CTEF) Merage School for Park, Fredrick E FIN 290 LEC A (39960), Winter Qtr 2019

Responses: 46/46 (100%)

A. Please comment on the following areas and be as specific as possible:

1. What are the instructor's teaching strengths?

- Clear and informative
- Dr. Park cares about his students. He always replies question very quickly and listens to students concerns and make adjustments to the course as it goes.
- Dr. Park cares about his students and always make adjustments to the course according to our concerns. He is very helpful with our homework questions and always answers my questions very quickly.
- Excellent!
- Excellent Teacher
- explains every question, adapts course pace if students struggle, always available for questions outside class room
- Friendly
- Friendly and well-designed lecture
- good.
- Great
- Great clear explanations.
- he is really willing to help us (students) when we are stuck with our code
- His passion clearly shines through. Dr. Park's focus on in-class examples and in-class work has been a great way to involve the class and keep us focused. I think Dr. Park has been a fantastic professor, but I do wish that his lectures were a bit more focused. It's a small quibble, though, and he's been a phenomenal professor.
- I don't know where to begin with Dr. Park. He taught the best class I have taken at any level of education, which includes a dual-major UCLA undergrad, and graduate level courses at Virginia, San Francisco, and 7 quarters of UCI EMBA program. His strengths are his domain expertise in cutting edge technology. His ability to make to those topics accessible to students. His expectations for his students in belief in our ability to learn and keep up. His availability to students was out of this world.
- Instructor has very deep knowledge in the subject.
- One thing that make the professor stands out is the fact that he really wants the student to understand the materials and he is willing to help students as much as possible. He is very kind and he is willing to spend lots of time to help the students who are stuck with their code. Even though the homework are not easy, it is doable due to his effort in making sure all student understand. The professor is really knowledgable in what he teaches. The lecture is very organized. A great professor!
- Passion!professional! best instructor I have even seen!
- patient in explaining questions
- Professor is nice and patient.
- Strong logic and a great demonstration. Dr. Park really an awesome guy!!
- The instructor is very passionate about computer science and really tries to help us understand the topic by offering supplemental lectures and hold extra office hours to fit our schedules. I really like how he took our concerns from our midterm evaluations seriously.
- The lecture is a good organization. Professor Park is very patient and knowledgeable.

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- The Professor is very knowledgeable. He explains the materials very well.
- Thoroughly understands subject material and very open to assisting students.
- Very enthusiastic about the material and hosts great office hours
- very good at python
- Very helpful, extremely kind, Profesoor Park is great
- Very knowledgeable about the coursework, and has an openess to him that helps students like me who were struggling with the material to learn it better
- very knowledgeable and smart
- Very patient and helpful
- Very patient and talent professor. Totally motivate our interest about python and programming. Always provide us positive feedback to courage us. Thanks for Professor Park, he is very nice and amazing professor.
- very thorough explanations of the python code
- Well prepared, good presentation, communicative, smart
- 13 blank answer(s).

2. How can this instructor improve as a teacher?

- - take it slowly and use less complex words
- Dr. Park can slow down his paste in class a little bit because the materials are very foreign to us.
- He can still slow down on his speaking becuaese somtimes it is hard to follow him.
- He did his best and I really enjoy this class
- He is nice.
- I think Professor Park's way of teaching the material is great. The pace is what kind of threw me off during the course. It could've went a little slower.
- Just more focused lectures and a bit more time spend on machine learning and the advanced coding.
- more practice.
- More reviews in class.
- N/A
- N/A
- N/A. I think the professor did a very nice job answering everyone's questions whenever we needed help.
- none
- nope
- Nothing
- Nothing all perfect
- slow down the speed
- Slow the pace
- Such minor areas for improvement. Controlling the classroom a little better, though I don't know exactly how. Students work feverishly with peers for groups of time. Functionally, there tended to be lots of 'updates' to homework leading right up to deadlines and deadlines shifted, which could be hard to manage. He should also leverage the TA more to get software installed.
- Talk slower

- Teaching speed in the beginning was very fast. Sometimes switches topics quickly and students can get easily lost.
- This course was very challenging in the beginning. To go even slower, in the beginning, would help every student to get the concepts. Also, recording every session from the beginning will be a plus to review the course at home and to go over the heavier codes again.
- You are very great. Programming is my favorite course in this quarter. You are so patient and nice.
- 23 blank answer(s).

3. Any other comments about this course?

- For the material after midterm, maybe slow down a little bit because application is also the hard part.
- great for setting a foundation in Python
- Helpful, you learn a lot in the course.
- I believe this is a very important course. Taking in account that our group was mostly composed of Master of Finance student, and it's not a course for Quantitative finance, I would slightly modify it, though. 1. The main idea of using python for majority of jobs, that MFin student are geared for, is to use it as a replacement of financial calculators and even excel. 2. I would start teaching using Jupyter Notebook. It is easier to install and easier to use as an interpreter for student with no preliminary knowledge of programming. Slowly into the course, I would introduce Pycharm, giving students a chance to install it properly, so no time would be wasted. 3. I would put most accent to learning Pandas dataframes, because they are currently a fundamental part of any financial research and computations of time series, returns, fix income securities and so on. 4. Although data scraping is important, I believe that most of companies, where future MFin students will be working, have licensed data feeds, rendering data scraping from internet less needed. 5. Machine learning is a great part, however, it is very little time to go into the fundamentals (which takes a semester at Standford). I would go straight into the practical applications, using Pytorch or Tensorflow (Keras). Those student, who will eventually find themselves in position to use it, will go back to basics themselves. 6. Otherwise, it is a great course and I'm happy to have chosen it.
- I learned a lot about Python programming in this class and will continue to use the materials I learned in class in the future.
- I learned a lot in this course.
- I learned a lot in this course and have gained a better understanding of an important trade in the finance world!
- I like how the Professor included the recommendations from the mid-term evaluations
- I love programming! Hope you can teach us in the future. I really like this course. I learned a lot of things!
- I think it is better if the prof can teach more detail about the basic of python at the first few meeting of the class, because I feel like it is really important for us(student) to really master the basic before going into more difficult task.
- It is really interest and useful class, especially when the professor is so amazing
- It was very helpful how interactive the lectures were.
- love the professor!
- N/A
- No
- no
- None

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- none
- nope
- The single best course I have taken at any level of education. It has made my otherwise lackluster EMBA experience (I graduate next quarter) a positive experience. Thank you.
- This course has been the best Python class I've ever had.
- This is totally a great course with a great instructor.
- Very interesting class
- very useful class
- 22 blank answer(s).

B. Please choose the appropriate rating on the letter grade scale A to F:

'A' indicating an excellent and 'F' indicating a wholly inadequate performance. If you have no opinion on the question asked or if it does not apply, please select NA.

4. The course instructor shows enthusiasm for and is interested in the subject.

43	A	Value: 4
1	A-	Value: 3.7
0	B+	Value: 3.3
1	B	Value: 3
0	B-	Value: 2.7
0	C+	Value: 2.3
0	C	Value: 2
0	C-	Value: 1.7
0	D	Value: 1
0	F	Value: 0
0	NA	No Value
3.97	Mean	
4.00	Median	
0.15	Std Dev	

5. The course instructor stimulates your interest in the subject.

40	A	Value: 4
2	A-	Value: 3.7
2	B+	Value: 3.3
0	B	Value: 3
0	B-	Value: 2.7
0	C+	Value: 2.3
0	C	Value: 2
0	C-	Value: 1.7
0	D	Value: 1
0	F	Value: 0
0	NA	No Value
3.95	Mean	
4.00	Median	
0.16	Std Dev	

6. The course instructor meets stated objectives of the course.

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41	A	Value: 4
3	A-	Value: 3.7
0	B+	Value: 3.3
0	B	Value: 3
0	B-	Value: 2.7
0	C+	Value: 2.3
0	C	Value: 2
0	C-	Value: 1.7
0	D	Value: 1
0	F	Value: 0
0	NA	No Value
3.98	Mean	
4.00	Median	
0.08	Std Dev	

7. The course instructor is accessible and responsive.

44	A	Value: 4
0	A-	Value: 3.7
0	B+	Value: 3.3
0	B	Value: 3
0	B-	Value: 2.7
0	C+	Value: 2.3
0	C	Value: 2
0	C-	Value: 1.7
0	D	Value: 1
0	F	Value: 0
0	NA	No Value
4.00	Mean	
4.00	Median	
0.00	Std Dev	

8. The course instructor creates an open and fair learning environment.

42	A	Value: 4
2	A-	Value: 3.7
0	B+	Value: 3.3
0	B	Value: 3
0	B-	Value: 2.7
0	C+	Value: 2.3
0	C	Value: 2
0	C-	Value: 1.7
0	D	Value: 1
0	F	Value: 0
0	NA	No Value
3.99	Mean	
4.00	Median	
0.06	Std Dev	

9. The course instructor encourages students to think in this course.

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0	B	Value: 3
0	B-	Value: 2.7
0	C+	Value: 2.3
0	C	Value: 2
0	C-	Value: 1.7
0	D	Value: 1
0	F	Value: 0
0	NA	No Value
3.99	Mean	
4.00	Median	
0.04	Std Dev	

10. The course instructor's presentations and explanations of concepts were clear.

39	A	Value: 4
5	A-	Value: 3.7
0	B+	Value: 3.3
0	B	Value: 3
0	B-	Value: 2.7
0	C+	Value: 2.3
0	C	Value: 2
0	C-	Value: 1.7
0	D	Value: 1
0	F	Value: 0
0	NA	No Value
3.97	Mean	
4.00	Median	
0.10	Std Dev	

11. Assignments and exams covered important aspects of the course.

43	A	Value: 4
1	A-	Value: 3.7
0	B+	Value: 3.3
0	B	Value: 3
0	B-	Value: 2.7
0	C+	Value: 2.3
0	C	Value: 2
0	C-	Value: 1.7
0	D	Value: 1
0	F	Value: 0
0	NA	No Value
3.99	Mean	
4.00	Median	
0.04	Std Dev	

12. What overall grade would you give this instructor?

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3	A-	Value: 3.7
0	B+	Value: 3.3
0	B	Value: 3
0	B-	Value: 2.7
0	C+	Value: 2.3
0	C	Value: 2
0	C-	Value: 1.7
0	D	Value: 1
0	F	Value: 0
0	NA	No Value
3.98	Mean	
4.00	Median	
0.08	Std Dev	

13. What overall grade would you give this course?

42	A	Value: 4
2	A-	Value: 3.7
1	B+	Value: 3.3
0	B	Value: 3
0	B-	Value: 2.7
0	C+	Value: 2.3
0	C	Value: 2
0	C-	Value: 1.7
0	D	Value: 1
0	F	Value: 0
0	NA	No Value
3.97	Mean	
4.00	Median	
0.12	Std Dev	

C. Please answer:

14. Based on completed assignments thus far, what is your current course grade or approximate standing?

37	A	Value: 4
6	B	Value: 3
0	C	Value: 2
0	D	Value: 1
0	F	Value: 0
1	NA	No Value
3.86	Mean	
4.00	Median	
0.35	Std Dev	

15. How much academic dishonesty seemed to occur in this course? If applicable, please describe the type of academic dishonesty that occurred (not the particular students involved).

1.	0	A lot	Value: 3
	0	Some	Value: 2
	1	A little	Value: 1
	43	None I could discern	Value: 0
	0.02	Mean	
	0.00	Median	
	0.15	Std Dev	

2. Examples:

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- 46 blank answer(s).

16. How helpful were the textbooks and/or readings to your overall learning experience?

15	Very	Value: 3
15	Adequately	Value: 2
9	Somewhat	Value: 1
4	Not at all	Value: 0
1.95	Mean	
2.00	Median	
0.96	Std Dev	

17. How challenging was this course?

26	Very	Value: 3
15	Adequately	Value: 2
3	Somewhat	Value: 1
0	Not at all	Value: 0
2.52	Mean	
3.00	Median	
0.62	Std Dev	