Student Numerical Responses

Organizational: The instructor's preparation for class was:

- Class Mean: 1.16 Rice Mean: 1.63
- Responses: 43

Presentation: The instructor's presentation of the material was:

- Class Mean: 1.16 Rice Mean: 1.78
- Responses: 43

Responsiveness: The instructor's response to student questions and requests for help was:

- Class Mean: 1.16 Rice Mean: 1.61
- Responses: 43

Classroom Atmosphere: The atmosphere that the instructor created in the classroom relating to respect, support, chilliness, and equitable treatment for all members was:

- Class Mean: 1.21 Rice Mean: 1.61
- Responses: 43

Teaching Style: The instructor's teaching style was:

- Class Mean: 1.21 Rice Mean: 1.69
- Responses: 43

Class Discussion: The pace of the class discussion was:

- Class Mean: 1.21 Rice Mean: 1.73
- Responses: 43
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Independence: The instructor's ability to encourage and foster the development of independent thinking and/or creativity was:

- Class Mean: 1.09
- Rice Mean: 1.6
- Responses: 43

Stimulation: The instructor's ability to stimulate intellectual curiosity was:

- Class Mean: 1.16
- Rice Mean: 1.72
- Responses: 43

Knowledge: The instructor's ability to inspire confidence in his/her knowledge of the subject was:

- Class Mean: 1.12
- Rice Mean: 1.5
- Responses: 43

Effectiveness: Overall, I feel that the instructor's effectiveness as a teacher was:

- Class Mean: 1.80
- Rice Mean: 1.72
- Responses: 43

Responsibility: The instructor attended class, was on time for class, and returned assignments in a reasonable time.

- Class Mean: 3.11
- Responses: 43

Class Mean - Average score within the CRN (if not cross-listed) or in cross-list group (if cross-listed).
Rice Mean - Average score across all CRNs at Rice for the term.
Professor Ernst does a great job of soliciting feedback and improving the class as it goes. He is invested in making sure the students learn the material and makes himself available if you are struggling. He truly wants all of the students to succeed.

05/17/2017 03:05 P.M.
Great, great professor. The nicest guy you'll meet.

05/17/2017 02:05 P.M.
Professor Ernst would explain everything in great detail and paid attention to a lot of the nuances that many other STAT 310 classes might skip.

05/17/2017 10:05 A.M.
Dr. Ernst spends a lot of time in class walking us through examples and the hw prepares you well for the test. He is animated, interesting, and completely willing to help you in any way he can with the course material.

05/14/2017 05:05 P.M.
Dr. Ernst is a great professor, and he really cares about his students. He's always encouraging us to attend office hours, and he holds review sessions before each pset is due and before each midterm. I think it would have been helpful if he included more example problems in his lectures especially during the middle of the semester because I often felt pretty lost starting the psets when he didn't really go over any examples in class.

05/11/2017 02:05 P.M.
Dr. Ernst is fabulous. He's a funny guy and really cares about his students learning. He is also highly understanding of the things that come up and is very flexible.

05/09/2017 09:05 P.M.
In addition to being a generally brilliant professor, Ernst also has incredible people skills, which makes him super accessible. He makes a genuine effort to get to know students, and to always be available to help anyone who needs it. Truly a wonderful man and a great presence in the classroom-TAKE HIS CLASS!

05/09/2017 06:05 P.M.
Amazing. Try your hardest to get a class with him.

05/09/2017 01:05 P.M.
Hands down one of the best professors I've ever had at Rice. Ernst cares so much about his students and dedicates so much time to help all of us and really make sure we all understand the material. He welcomes us to meet with him outside of office hours for extra help, hosts homework review sessions and study sessions, and is really great at explaining all of the material. He even had lunch with some students at Brochstein which was so kind. I'll miss having him as a teacher twice a week.

05/08/2017 07:05 P.M.
Dr. Ernst wins teaching awards for good reason. He cares about his students, knows the material intimately, knows how to communicate that material effectively, and makes sure the students understand. He's super considerate, and encouraging. Although, he may be a little too nice. In fact, he is too nice.

05/08/2017 02:05 A.M.
Ernst emphasizes very much that there are no dumb questions, but even then I think Rice students don't ask too many questions in class. However, Ernst is very willing to work with students one on one outside of class, and wants to make sure that you understand the material and feel comfortable to ask any questions you might have.

05/07/2017 02:05 A.M.
Dr. Ernst is a great instructor who really cares about the success of all his students. He's also very passionate about doing a better job and constantly asks for feedback.

This is rare at Rice. In some ways, Ernst is like an honest politician. They're so rare even though they should be the norm.

05/06/2017 06:05 P.M.
Incredible guy

05/06/2017 12:05 P.M.
Dr. Ernst is an amazing prof. Seriously, if you're considering taking STAT 310, TAKE IT WITH ERNST!! He's a great lecturer, always very responsive to students asking questions or needing help, and he explains things well. He's also very understanding and approachable.

05/06/2017 10:05 A.M.
Dr. Ernst's emphasis on the intuitive vs. the counterintuitive, exploring the logical process behind every statistical concept he introduces, turns statistics from a collection of formulas into an intensely logical and dynamic study. I think this approach works so well for him because it's simply...
## Instructor Evaluation for STAT 310 002 (21319) - PROBABILITY & STATISTICS

**Term:** Spring Semester 2017  
**Course(s):** STAT 310 002 (21319) - PROBABILITY & STATISTICS  
**Enrolled:** 49  
**Instructor(s):** Ernst, Philip A.

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<td>the way he learned to view statistics; this coupled with his immaculate eye for organization and detail makes him one of the very best STAT professors out there.</td>
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<td>05/05/2017</td>
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<td>Dr. Ernst is great! You can tell he loves his subject matter and his students. Sometimes I think he focused too much on theory in class rather than examples, which made doing the homework a bit more difficult. Over all, though, he was always willing to meet with students to help them understand, and that was really helpful!</td>
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<td>Dr. Ernst does care if you understand. He doesn't care if you like him or not - he really just cares about you understanding the material. I do wish he wouldn't just solve a homework problem for us when it's brought up - I think I'd prefer getting hints instead so I can connect the dots to the right answer. Somewhat slow to respond to emails but his office hours and review sessions are helpful.</td>
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<td>This is the best professor I have ever met in my life.</td>
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<td>Professor Ernst goes to great lengths to help students. Probably the nicest professor in the department and possibly the school.</td>
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<td>The instructor was very knowledgeable about the material, and willing to help students learn. There were review sessions before every homework and exam, including multiple office hours per week.</td>
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<td>ERNST is one of my favorite professors at Rice</td>
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<td>Professor Ernst was very responsive, responsible, and kind.</td>
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<td>One of the best professors at Rice. Super nice, super flexible, super helpful, super patient, super loving his students, super knowledgeable and passionate. Couldn't ask for a better professor</td>
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<td>Dr. Ernst is amazing! He really cares about his students and tries really hard to teach this topic in an interesting and cohesive manner. One of the best math/statistics professors I have ever had.</td>
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<td>He presents material very well and really cares about his students. He wants everyone to succeed and holds a lot of office hours and review sessions. Great Professor!</td>
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<td>Professor Ernst was a great professor. He was always willing to answer questions, and very open to help students during office hours, or even schedule personal meet-ups to assist students that needed help. His lectures were great, and he made every topic connect in some fashion.</td>
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<td>If you are not a math person but taking his course for minor requirements, he will rectify your basics in STAT but for a price, your grade.</td>
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<td>04/24/2017</td>
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<td>Dr. Ernst is AMAZING. He is a great lecturer who provides a lot of resources for his students. He goes out of his way to help his students in any way possible, and is always looking for ways to improve as a professor (even though he doesn't have to because he's already so good at teaching). Going to his office hours was super helpful, especially for the homework.</td>
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<td>04/20/2017</td>
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<td>Amazing teacher. Willing to go out of his way to help students. Hosts review sessions until late at night, even if he's exhausted, for the students. Very friendly and knowledgeable.</td>
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<td>Dr. Ernst clearly cares a lot about his students. He schedules more office hours and help sessions than any other professor I've had. He's very involved in the teaching part of being a professor, which I'm sure many students appreciate. He understood that statistics and probability can be confusing subjects, and tried his best to make it intuitive for students.</td>
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