Student Numerical Responses

Class Mean: 1.3 Rice Mean: 1.89
Responses: 40

Organization: The course organization was:

- Outstanding: 70%
- Good: 30%
- Average: 0%
- Fair: 0%
- Poor: 0%

Class Mean: 1.25 Rice Mean: 1.89
Responses: 40

Assignments: The contribution that the graded work (exams, assignments, studio, or lab work) made to the learning experience was:

- Outstanding: 75%
- Good: 25%
- Average: 0%
- Fair: 0%
- Poor: 0%

Class Mean: 1.18 Rice Mean: 1.88
Responses: 40

Overall, I would rate the quality of this course as:

- Outstanding: 60%
- Good: 18%
- Average: 0%
- Fair: 0%
- Poor: 0%

Class Mean: 1.45 Rice Mean: 1.84
Responses: 40

Challenge: I was challenged to extend my capabilities or to develop new ones:

- Strongly Agree: 65%
- Agree: 28%
- Neutral: 5%
- Disagree: 3%
- Strongly Disagree: 0%

Class Mean: 2.95 Rice Mean: 2.95
Responses: 40

Workload: The workload for this course compared to others at Rice was:

- Much Lighter: 0%
- Somewhat Lighter: 23%
- Average: 80%
- Somewhat Heavier: 15%
- Much Heavier: 0%

Class Mean: 2.08 Rice Mean: 2.34
Responses: 40

I am taking this course because it satisfies:

- UNR or Dist Req: 15%
- Req for Major: 73%
- Elective in Major: 10%
- Free Elective: 5%
- N/A: 0%
Student Numerical Responses

Class Mean: 1.3 Rice Mean: 1.43
Responses: 40

Class Mean: 1 Rice Mean: 1.55
Responses: 2

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.
Student Comments

Intro to statistics was rather interesting. Pace of the course was rather slow. Not all that applicable at this low of a level
05/21/2015 04:05 P.M.

I learned a lot in this course. Would recommend for anyone interested in stat'
05/21/2015 11:05 A.M.

The course was fair; not too difficult but still challenging. Some of the abstract concepts are difficult to grasp, but they were explained very well by professor Ernst. He took the conceptually hard theories/proofs, and broke them down into easier steps with good examples and analogies. The test were also fair. Doing the problem sets would prepare you will for them. I recommend taking this class as a introduction to probability.
05/20/2015 08:05 P.M.

I was worried going into this class because I had read reviews about STAT 310 being about programming and R and lots of things that I had no experience with as a math econ major. However, Ernst made the class so that you didn't need programming background to succeed. I learned valuable information in this class.
05/15/2015 04:05 A.M.

Kind of hard, but pretty interesting stuff
05/14/2015 09:05 P.M.

This was a very well-organized and taught course. Four homeworks, two midterms and a final, and everything is geared to being fair to what he lectured in class. If you have to take this course, take it with Ernst next Spring for the best stat 310 experience you could ask for.
05/13/2015 04:05 P.M.

Best class I have ever taken. I didn't know STAT 310 could be so enjoyable. The organization is outstanding, and the lectures and problem sets are closely related to the exams. We had two in class midterms and a take home final. A few of the questions on the exams are challenging but if you understand the lectures and the problem sets you will be fine. And best of all, as long as you attend the lectures and do all the homework you will not get a grade lower than a B even if you don't do well on the tests.
05/12/2015 07:05 A.M.

Good course/overview of the principles and details of probability, random variables, distributions, and basic statistical analysis.
05/11/2015 07:05 P.M.

This course was phenomenal! Highly recommend it.
05/11/2015 06:05 A.M.

This course taught by Ernst is my favorite course I have taken so far at Rice. He makes the class very interesting and fun, all while challenging us to think critically and introducing us to the most important aspects of probability and statistics.
05/10/2015 12:05 A.M.

Challenging, interesting class. The material covered is varied and somewhat difficult, but by no means incomprehensible. This is an indispensable class if you're planning on doing anything quantitative at all.
05/09/2015 10:05 A.M.

The subject material was crafted with such precision that every lesson flowed easily to the next one. This made any difficult concepts requiring previous knowledge fairly easy to catch on to. A lot of real world examples were incorporated, which made any abstract material very digestible as well as very engaging.
05/08/2015 02:05 A.M.

The story-style teaching of this course by Ernst made much more sense than previous offerings of this course.
05/07/2015 02:05 P.M.

Interesting and usually offered a good level of challenge. A lot of support is made available for those who/want or need it, making the course a pretty good learning experience for those who can take advantage of it.
05/06/2015 07:05 P.M.

This class was fantastic. The homework would come in waves and was more difficult than the exams, but it really helped apply what you learned from lecture. Dr. Ernst showed us how statistics is useful in the real world, which sparked my interest in taking a few statistics electives in the future. If you have a chance to take this class with him, DO IT.
05/05/2015 11:05 A.M.

Loved this class. This was my first stat class at Rice and I was nervous because the stat department has a pretty bad reputation for teaching, but I loved everything about it. The material was fun, the examples were real world applicable, and I learned something that is very useful.
05/05/2015 02:05 P.M.

The material in this class is very dry, but Dr. Ernst did a fantastic job with the class organization and such (see instructor evaluations).
05/04/2015 11:05 A.M.
This course is great compared to others at Rice, and extremely good compared to other STAT 310 options. The class gives you a good, solid foundation of both Probability and Statistics. You learn the whys and hows, not just the applications. Lots of cool statistical fallacies are explained and disproved.

05/01/2015 02:05 P.M.
This was the first time that the professor had taught this course, and it went great! STAT 310 is finally not an atrocious class at Rice! This class has EVERYTHING to do with the professor. Scanned lecture notes were super helpful and the course just naturally flowed in a logical, organized direction, and this I appreciated.

04/30/2015 09:04 P.M.
Would learn well as long as put effort and spend time

04/29/2015 11:04 P.M.
Ernst is what made STAT 310 not only bearable but interesting and fun. Actually enjoyed the class and learned a lot.

04/28/2015 02:04 P.M.
The course had a few difficult concepts for those who didn't take AP Stats or STAT 280, but anybody who took either shouldn't struggle. Also, Ernst is the best.

04/28/2015 12:04 P.M.
This is a challenging course for me. I don't really understand this probability concepts.

04/23/2015 10:04 P.M.
Much better than anything I had heard about Stat 310 before, Dr. Ernst really tried to make the material interesting and relevant and so I thought this was a really good intro into probability and statistics. I'm taking more stat classes because of this one.

04/22/2015 04:04 P.M.
Prof. Ernst is the BEST. Literally the best teacher I've ever met at Rice. You learn a lot for the lectures easily, for PAE always tell you the stories behind the abstract probability distributions, random variables, etc. There are problem sets every two week, but you don't have to worry about them because the TA sessions and the problem solving session are really helpful. PAE sometimes would contribute his free time to hold extra HW sessions and review sessions. The exams might be challenging but at least half of them is similar to the HWs or easier than the HWs. If you are going to any stat course, take PAE's if it works.

04/20/2015 08:04 P.M.