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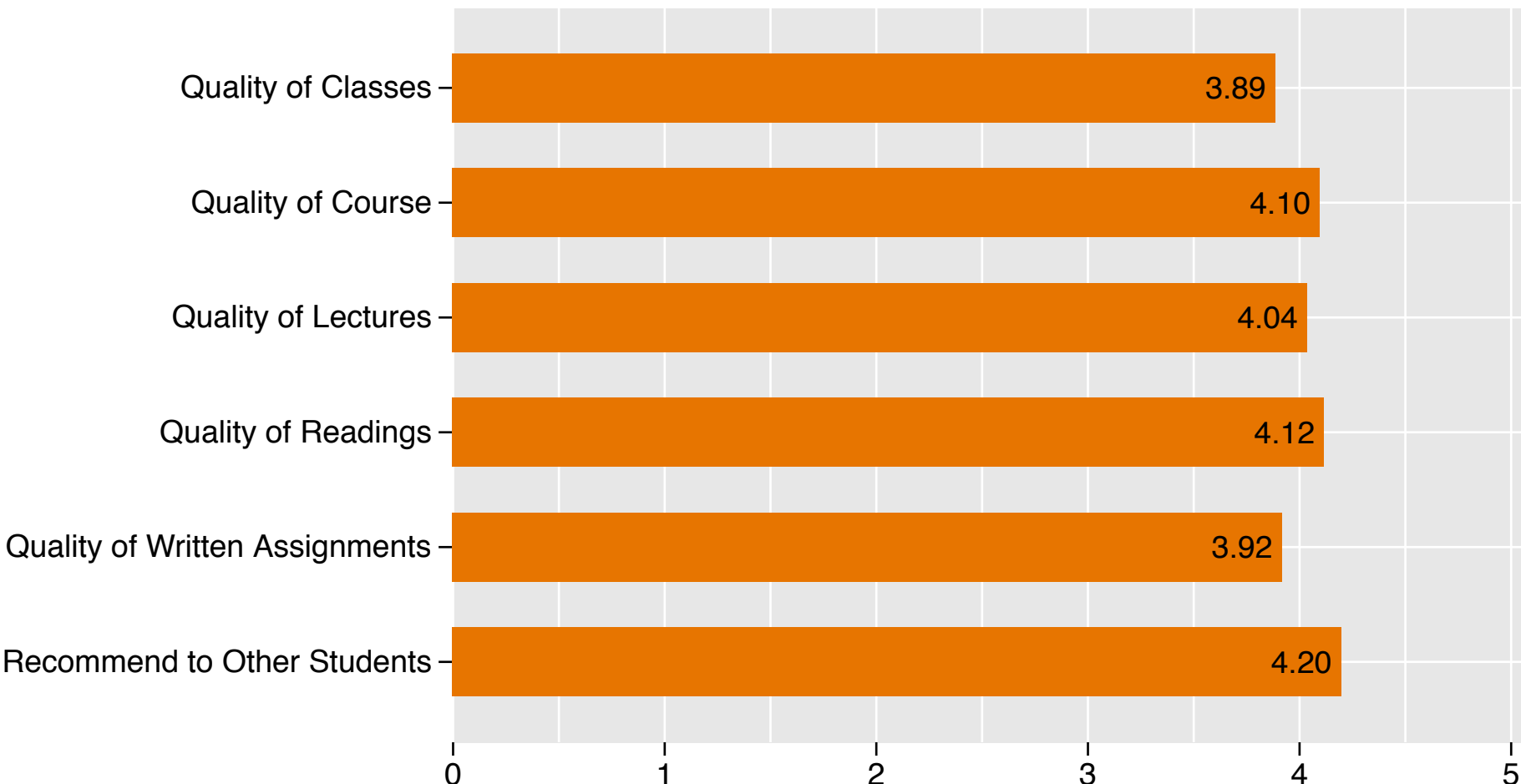
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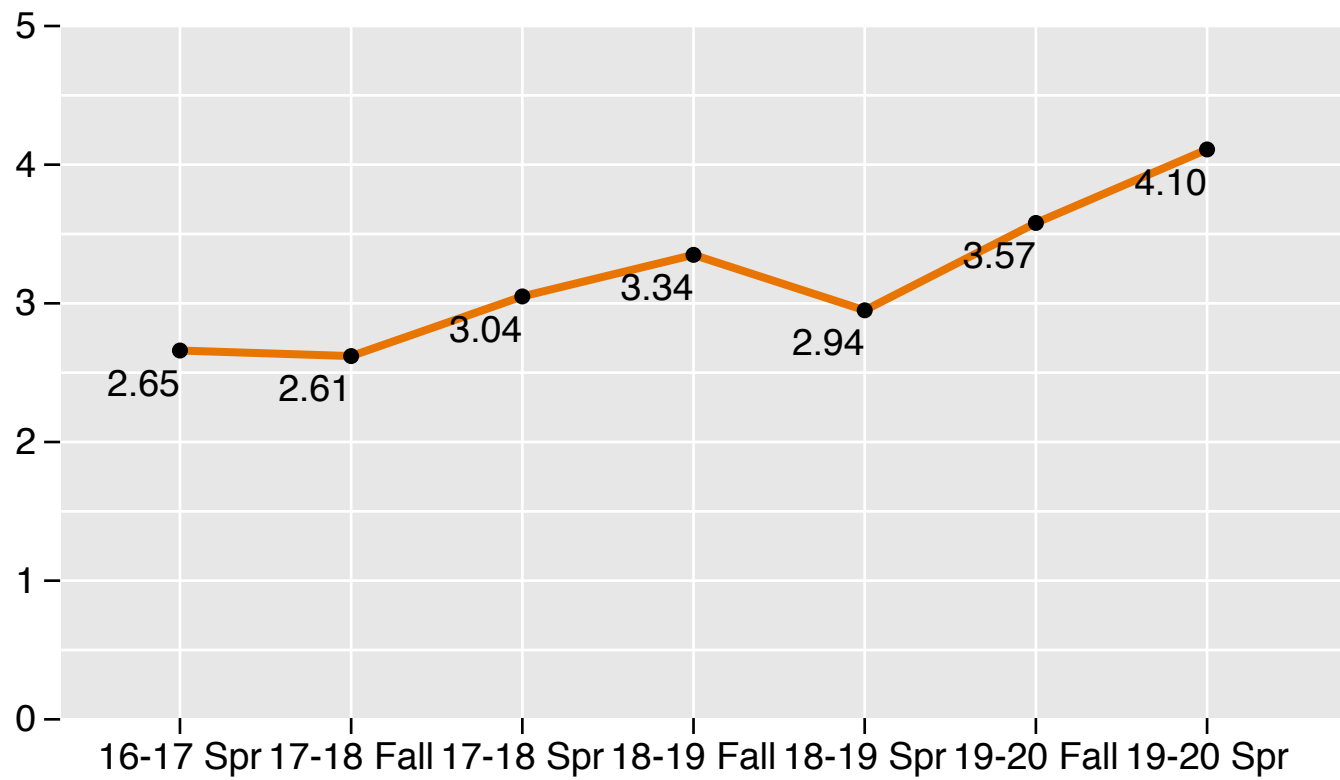
ECO 310 Microeconomic Theory:A Math Approach

Andrea Wilson

2019-2020 Spring Course Evaluation Results



Term Comparison: Results for Quality of Course



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Student Comments

What advice would you give to another student considering taking this course?

Andrea Wilson is a very good lecturer; fast, but every sentence has meaning. Usually, lectures go like this: a concept is introduced mathematically and may or may not be clear depending on how math-oriented you are, and the concept is then rephrased in non-mathematical terms. The course is probably on the easy side of things for math and ORFE majors, and I'd compare the workload to ECO 100 (but possibly even less since psets are about half as frequent).

Take it

Take it if with professor Wilson. The course is not amazing but not terrible.

Review the slides

If Andrea's teaching it, take it for Mavi the dog (it's worth it)

Not a terribly hard class if you go over the slides or attend lecture, unless you are averse to math

If you understand Lagrangian's it will be relatively easy. 100 is definitely not necessary as all core micro concepts are reviewed.

Don't take this course unless you have a very strong math background, are very interested in math-based econ, or want to P/D/F it.

take it!

Fun class! Andrea Wilson is a very accommodating professor and has a nice dog named Mavi. COS 445 with Matt Weinberg covers a lot of the same material (but with more math).

Take this course if you're good at math. Not a lot of calc needed, just good math intuition. It's actually interesting and not as hard as you might think.

I loved this class! Professor Wilson is also the best, one of the most kind and helpful professors I've ever had! A great mathematical introduction to Economics

Don't really need to know that much econ to take the course, but it'd help a bit. Andrea Wilson is a good professor who was understanding during the coronavirus period. She's a bit confusing and can give weird problems though. Also she is obsessed with her dog.

It is a fairly easy course, since the lecture notes have basically everything you need for the problem sets. The exams are much more difficult than the problem sets, but the curve is very generous. Professor Wilson is also very nice, and her dog is cute. I would say take this course if you are good at basic calculus, because even though it is a mathematical approach, it is not extremely math intensive.

Definitely take! Not as hard as you would expect ? believe in yourself. The homework is definitely on the light side and so is the time commitment.

If you've taken intro micro and multivariable calculus, this course should be an easy A-/A, but there's honestly not much point in taking it and you will likely find yourself bored out of your mind. If you haven't taken micro before and have a decent math background, I guess taking this might be better than taking intro micro?

Pretty easy class as a cos/orfe major. I also found it very interesting, especially the game theory material. Wilson is great and seems very nice.

Prof. Wilson's problem sets and exam questions are sorta confusing. But, she's super accessible outside of class for help if needed - definitely make use of office hours!

good and not too hard

Attend lecture!

I took this with Andrea Wilson and honestly she was the best. I don't think I've ever had such a great lecturer. SHE WAS AMAZING and so understanding with her students. This motivated me so much more to watch her online lectures (cuz of covid-19) and honestly to do the assignments. Take this class with her if she's teaching. Game theory is pretty interesting at the end... BUT I'm not an Econ major so all was interesting to me.

Material is interesting and intuitive if you have a reasonable background in microeconomics, math, and game theory. Personally really enjoyed the course and seeing the professor's dog, and would strongly recommend!

Low workload but the exams were harder than I expected. All ORFE majors should take this as a departmental elective.

It's not a lot of complex math, but be prepared to approach problems in a mathematical way, considering what's known and unknown, what the derivatives of various functions actually mean and what their signs mean, etc. Use office hours and find a pset group!

Wilson is very approachable and super helpful! The preceptors that I worked with, Franz and Denis, were also extremely helpful.

This is a suitable course for a five course semester. The content is relatively straightforward and the problem sets will take less than 3 hours to complete.

Wilson was a great lecturer and explained things well. Always took questions in class and the mathematical intuition was always easy to follow. The problem sets were short, but the exams were significantly harder with little preparation besides the one or two questions reviewed in precept.

The most structured course I've taken in Princeton! Also loved professor Wilson's lecture style. Highly recommend for anyone interested. It's also really easy for math majors

Take this class over 300 if you have a heavier math background. The concepts are very similar but you will definitely learn a lot from delving just a bit deeper into the math as I did.

Not too bad. Prof. Wilson is very nice and reasonable. You don't really need to go to lecture -- most of the material can be learned from the lecture slides alone. Precept is helpful. The p-sets can be confusing at times -- start them early so you can go to office hours if you need help. The exam questions require some creative problem solving, but if you've had success in 200-level math courses you will probably be fine. The midterm was very similar to the practice midterm provided.

Good class on the more mathematical side of microeconomics. Professor Wilson is super nice, and she was always very accommodating with office hours / exam dates / homework adjustments. You don't need to go to lecture really, since the slides are mostly self-explanatory and the homework is pretty easy (one assignment every week and a half or so). Very easy compared to MAT classes or technical ORF classes. Overall a pretty straightforward finance certificate requirement.

Take it with Professor Wilson. She's great and extremely experienced in teaching this class. Slides are very clear and hence you won't need to read exhaustive textbooks. Some preceptors are great if you're lucky.

Good course to learn microecon, not too difficult mathematically (if you have a rough idea of how to use Lagrange multipliers, you're golden, cause Wilson spends a few lectures doing review)

You're probably taking this class because you have to, but if it's with Andrea, you're in wonderful hands. She cares so much, and really puts effort into making the lectures/problem sets/exams produce a coherent class. One of the best economics teachers at Princeton.

The course likely won't have such a high rating, but I thought that the material made the course worth it: if you find economics interesting, then you will enjoy the course. It's not too demanding mathematically (doesn't go beyond partial derivatives and langrangians), even if you took MAT175 like I did, which is the minimum math background required.

Really easy class, less work than eco 100 (which is very helpful background- maybe first half of the class or so has lots of overlap), only basic calculus (ie: simple derivatives), lectures can be boring but Prof Wilson is really nice and the concepts are kinda interesting overall.

With Wilson the class is much more definitional and less rigorous and mathematical. Be wary.

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