

University of Cambridge, Faculty of Economics
Teaching Evaluation Survey
2020-2021

Preparatory Course - Linear Algebra.

Lecturer - Mr D Wales.

87% Highly Satisfied.

	Definitely Disagree 1	Mostly Disagree 2	Neither Agree nor Disagree 3	Mostly Agree 4	Definitely Agree 5	Mean	S.D.	N
The Lecturer is good at explaining things	2%	1%	8%	29%	60%	4.43	0.79	111
The lecturer is enthusiastic about what he is teaching	1%	2%	14%	38%	46%	4.25	0.78	111
The course is not too difficult	2%	3%	18%	43%	35%	4.07	0.85	111
The amount of material covered is not excessive	1%	6%	16%	37%	39%	4.07	0.89	111
How well does the course fit with the rest of the module	1%	2%	12%	36%	49%	4.31	0.81	102
I am satisfied with the quality of the course overall	1%	2%	10%	39%	48%	4.31	0.76	111

Total number of students: 146.

Student comments:

- Excellent.
- Clear notes and amazing at providing underlying intuition.
- Great introduction to linear algebra and good lecturing style.
- Would have been nice to have longer breaks. One 15 min break in 3 hours is not enough, and students often reached the end of the lecture too tired to truly understand the contents.
- I like the alternative explanations of the concepts, for example by demonstrating the geometric effect of some of the linear operations.
- Excellent.
- Try to make the class more enticing. He explained a lot some easy concepts that didn't require so much time. That time could be used to dig deeper in the intuition and geometric interpretation of linear algebra, in building skills that can add value throughout the course.
- I enjoyed the discussion on the geometric interpretation of matrices as linear transformations.
- This course was well structured. Having started the MRes now, I understand why Daniel did not go into more technical methods like reduced row echelon, as it's not needed, though I questioned him at first. The only issue was enthusiasm, but I know it can be hard to be enthusiastic about linear algebra especially virtually.

- Extremely good lecturer – very structured and really appreciated his strict use of notation for vectors, scalars and matrices.
- I really liked the pace and the structure of the course. Also, the course notes are very good.
- Great start to the Preparatory Course. I particularly enjoyed the focus on graphically explaining linear algebra.