Harvard University

ECON 970
Tutorial - Sophomore Year

Comments

What would you like to tell future students about this class?

Course

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

(for Prof. David Kane's tutorial) The energy prof. Kane brings to the class is infectious and instills an attitude amongst the students driving assignment completion, reading completion, and thoughtful discussion unlike anything I've experienced in any other class. The class is incredibly rewarding, and in it you will form a close relationship with both your classmates and your professor. The class mainly focuses on Affirmative Action (despite being titled Elite Education), so know going in that while we do discuss other topics, the main debate is centered around affirmative action policies. Prof. Kane encourages students to take their own liberties and make the assignments their own. He is supportive, helpful, and able to push the students to reach their full potential, and the final paper is an extremely rewarding experience.

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

Its a very difficult class with a tough curve

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

My Professor was David Kane, and he was excellent. This class taught me A TON, I really can't list everything out here. I learned how to be a better speaker, how to analyze data independently, how to write an academic article, how to argue, how to look at the world realistically, and so much more. I highly recommend taking Kane's tutorial. It is a lot of hours, but it is worth it. Take lighter courses elsewhere!

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

I would tell future students that Prof. Kane was right, this was indeed the most intense intellectual experience I've had at Harvard, and that they'll be better for taking this class. I have learned so much about being a proactive student, working through real academic challenges, and being truly engaged with a course in this class, and I'd take a class like this with Prof. Kane every semester until graduation if I had the opportunity. I entered this class certain that I had no interest in writing a thesis, and am leaving this class excited to write a thesis, because of how proud I am of my final paper. I've never felt this much ownership over my own learning, and would recommend this class to everyone and anyone in the Ec Department.

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

I would suggest that any student who really wants to learn something take this class. Professor Kane teaches you how to do real work, like a graduate student, and it is the most intense class that Harvard probably offers.

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

This class is hands down the best class I have taken at Harvard. In fact, despite the difficulty of the class (8-10 hours), I would take it again. Take this class if you want to have a very exciting class about a debate, as well as learn more about different topics of elite education. We talk about a lot of sensitive topics in this class, and two of the most important things you have to be is open-minded and objective. To summarize, this is the first class that I've truly enjoyed at Harvard. There isn't enough space or time for me to show how much I enjoyed and how beneficial this class is to anything you might do in the future and I'm confident that everyone in my class thinks the same way.
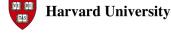
Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Make sure you aren't taking a full course load in addition to Professor Kane's class, because it is worth your time. This class is a lot of work; probably more so than the average tutorial class, but you will also learn a lot more than in any other tutorial. Not only will you learn how to master R, but you will also design and implement your own elite education research project and turn that into a final paper that will be submitted into the Harvard Archive. Take this tutorial!

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Please comment on your Section Leader's teaching.

Kane, David D

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Phenomenal, literally cannot describe it any other way. He sets the standard for accessibility out of the classroom and is incredibly helpful with his feedback. Discussion is enthralling and his professional and topical enthusiasm inspires the class.

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **4 (very good)**

He is a very good teacher and helps with review of work. Solid course overall.

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Professor David Kane is phenomenal and easily the best instructor I have had at Harvard. He cares so much about our learning and takes the time to know us on an individual level. Moreover, he taught me so much about life and about econometrics, data analysis, and argumentation.

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Prof. Kane set an entirely new standard for being accessible outside of class. He is ALWAYS available, and constantly responding to our late night emails asking him to help us parse through our code, or overcome some challenge. I've met individually with Professor Kane almost every other week this semester, and feel that every student has an ongoing conversation with Prof. Kane regarding our progress in the course, and the things we're working through at the moment. I marked not applicable for "Gives effective lectures or presentations," because Prof. Kane has spent almost no time lecturing this semester. We as the students have led all of the discussion, and Prof. Kane really set high expectations that propelled me to take this course extremely seriously. He once pulled me aside and let me know that I was among the strongest debaters in the class, and that he intended to join and challenge me once in a while, and that comment really meant a lot to me. His immense investment in my person growth and success was incredibly meaningful, and the foundation of this course.

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Professor Kane is an amazing teacher. He frequently facetimes and texts the students outside of the course and is available throughout the entire day. I've been on the phone with him at 11pm getting help before.

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Professor Kane is probably the most accessible professor at Harvard. He can immediately help us with any data analysis or essay-based issue immediately. Furthermore, he stimulates discussion through pointed questions.