Evaluation Comments and Suggestions by SMU 8363 & NTU EF-720N students (Spring 2000)

- He was very interesting and knowledgeable in his lectures. The material in a way is naturally dry but he made it interesting.
- The real world application of concepts to the text material. Professor did a great job keeping subject interesting.
- A possible addition to the course could be a project or case study. The professor did a great job of teaching this and I was able to learn a lot. However some people have different learning styles, and this might be an interesting change of pace.
- The agendas for each class were very helpful.
- His information over this class was very helpful to use for my financial knowledge especially his material and data during the class was excellent.
- Lifetime experience and knowledge base in subject material.
- Stories relevant to course from the professor personal experience.
- Patient when students ask questions that are sometimes unrelated to course work.
- Very good attitude and disposition.
- Less information, more in-depth.
- Perhaps the use of few detailed case studies of actual companies to illustrate points, like at the beginning of each chapter of the text, but perhaps in more detail.
- Is friendly and makes the course enjoyable.
- His main focus was that we learned what he was teaching. He emphasized the importance of the material we were learning and stressed that we can and should use it in everyday life.
- He made the class interesting and applied to actual situations. This class will be very useful through most of my life.
- Exams should have short answers as opposed to multiple choice.
- Some other instructors have begun to make in-class students wait until a microphone gets to them until they ask questions… this is very helpful for distance students. In this particular class, it would have been very interesting to hear what the students were saying. If that is not possible, make a concerted effort to repeat the questions.
- He does an excellent job of tailoring his teaching style to the video audience. He used supplementary video and web items to drive home important concepts.
- Don’t read the charts. It did not seem to hurt me that much. Therefore I would question the value of the chart pitch. Use the charts to re-enforce those parts of the chapter that you think are important.
- Great class. Great approach of teaching.
- Professor truly enjoys the material in his course. His passion for finance matters along with his years of personal and professional experience provided a solid foundation in his presentation. The fact that he was a former engineer, like so many of us taking the class, ensured that the material was presented in a way that was not insulting, yet challenging and interesting.
- Humor and subject area knowledge.
- His enthusiasm for the subject. His knowledge of the subject.
- His positive attitude towards teaching finance to his students provided an incentive to learn the subject.
- His use of outside, practical, true to life situations helped me greatly. Also the use of current event articles help bring meaning to the current subject. I liked his own person teaching style.
- Instructor had various real world experiences in the dealings with financial issues. He could often apply what we are learning to our own personal finances. Took potentially dull topics and made them very interesting.
- Great communicator, much more useful information in the classes than in the textbook.
- He was very organized. Covered a lot of material in an easygoing manner. Important or complicated things were covered more thoroughly; simple or less important things were covered only briefly.
- Enthusiasm and a genuine desire to impart his knowledge and experience to the student.
- He is extremely knowledgeable in the subject area. His experience in the real world made this one of the most enjoyable classes I have taken. He keeps up to date and relates subject to current news and activities.
- He made the topic interesting and went to great lengths to point out how the class information could be applied to every day life situations.
- He taught the course in such a way to make it applicable to the student’s financial life.
- The method of presenting the material to the class was very effective. He made the lectures interesting by talking about personal experiences, and giving good examples that related to the material.
- Repeat all the questions asked during class or provide a microphone in the audience.
His desire to ensure that the students took away information from the course that they could use both in their personal and professional lives which would help them achieve their financial goals.

A lot of tangent topics detracted from the course content.

Normally I would feel bad about constructive criticism, however I feel that professor is doing a great job and I really can’t find anything to criticize. He has been the best professor I had in the video environment.

Although I had no problems complying, I thought that requiring all distance students to take the exam on the same day as in class is problematic.

I enjoyed when he wandered off the beaten path. Made the class more real. Some found this is negative.

Did not spend enough time in going over the details of the computations.

Continue to make agendas for the beginning of each class. It helps the video tape students keep track of the class.

Homeworks for real marks would help.

Slow down, or make accounting a prerequisite.

A good suggestion would be to track a mock portfolio or to analyze performance of a real company using an annual report. Tie the project to one of the related topic areas for the course.

Increase the opportunity for students to be evaluated by the professor in the form of collected homework.

Continue showing the class outlines at the beginning of each session. Continue using multiple articles, spreadsheets and other auxiliary materials.

Certain computational techniques may need more than one example.

Continue to relate text material back to real world examples.

More value added homework/case study exercises.

Keep up the web stuff.

Some students distracted you often from the material at hand.

The content of the course was good.

The content is excellent.

I enjoyed the content of the class and would not change a thing. Thanks Jack.

Keep doing what you are doing. This has been a very informative class, that I have enjoyed taking.