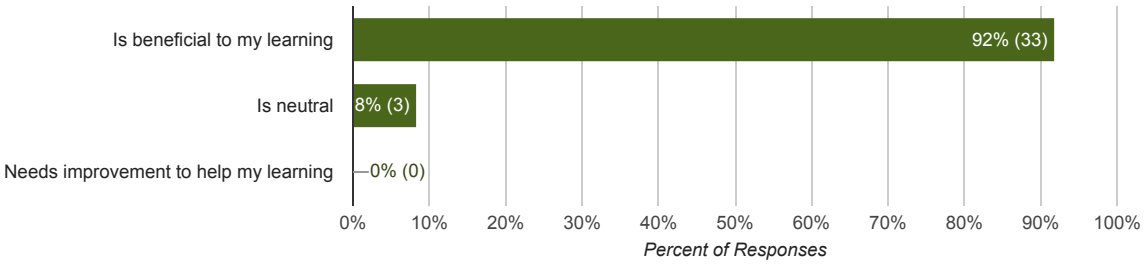
Prob/Iss Dev Economies (Fall 2025 E-SES)

Instructor: **Rojas, Jose**
Subject: **Economics**
Catalog & Section: **390 11737**

Enrollment: **80**
Responses Incl Declines: **36**
Declines: **0**

Teaching and Learning Elements

The inclusiveness of this course:



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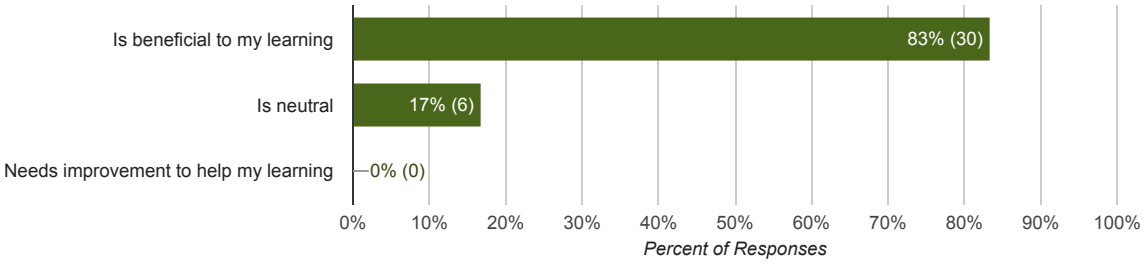

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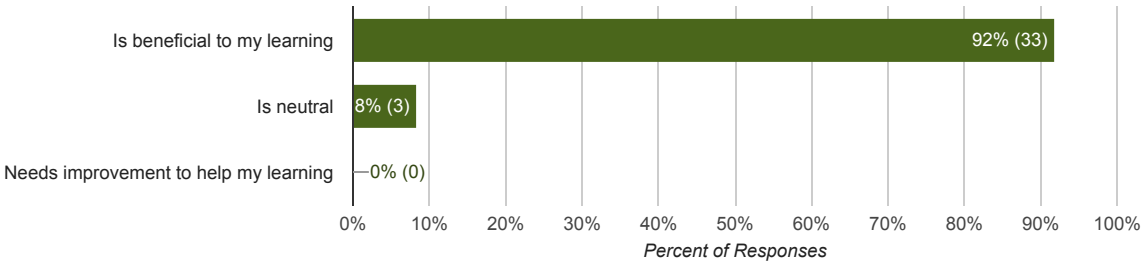
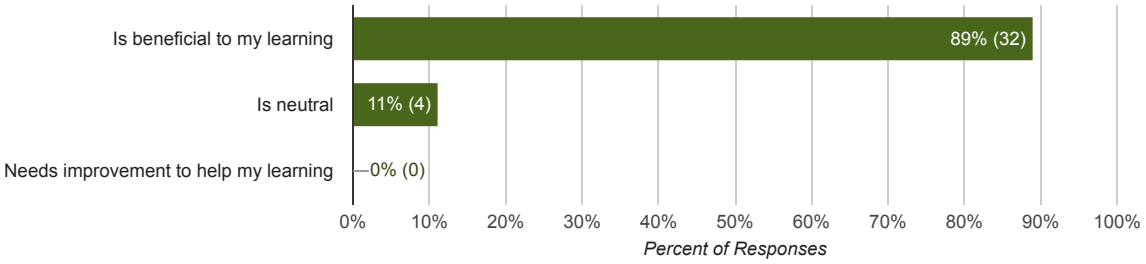
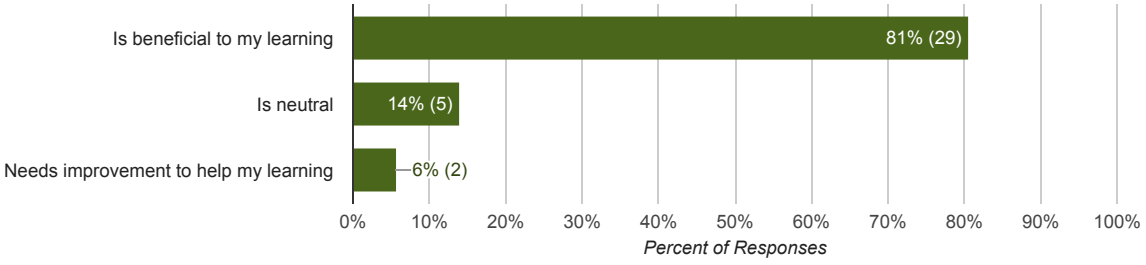


The clarity of assignment instructions and grading:



The degree to which the course includes active learning:



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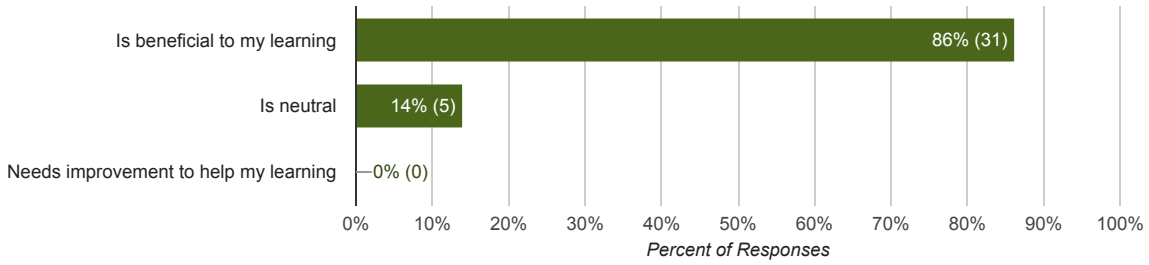
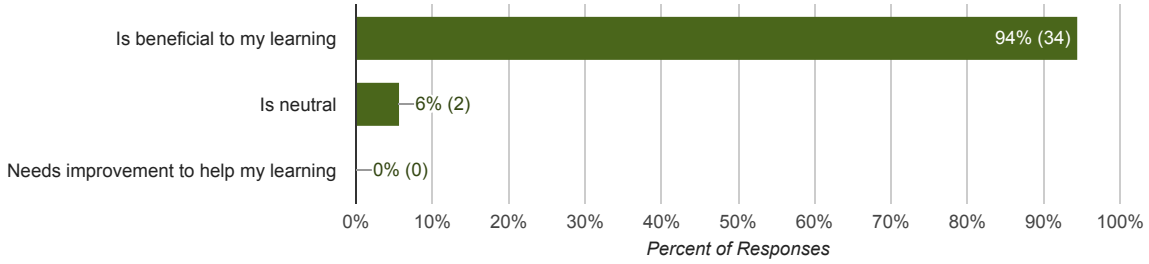
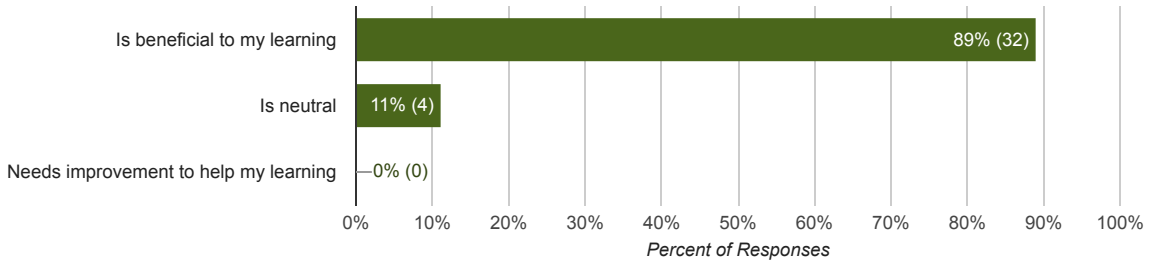


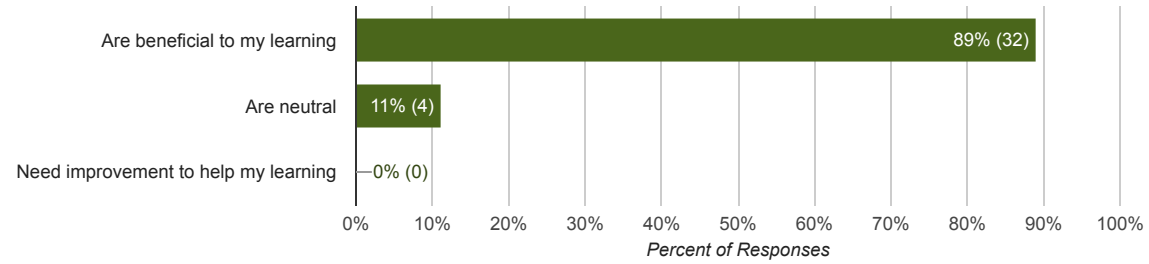
The organization of the course:



The relevance of the course content:



The assignments or projects in this course:



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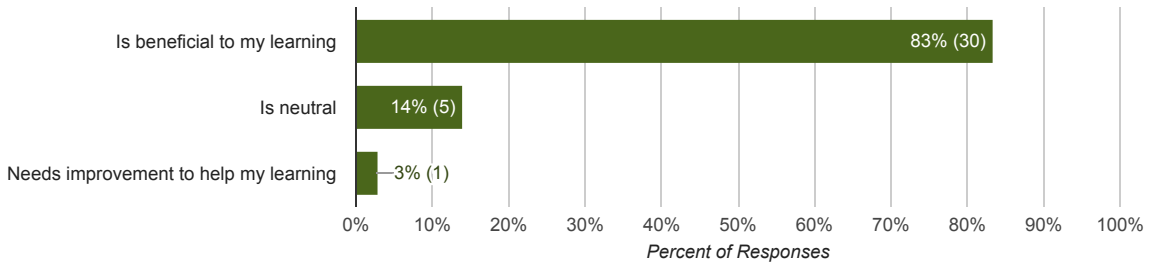
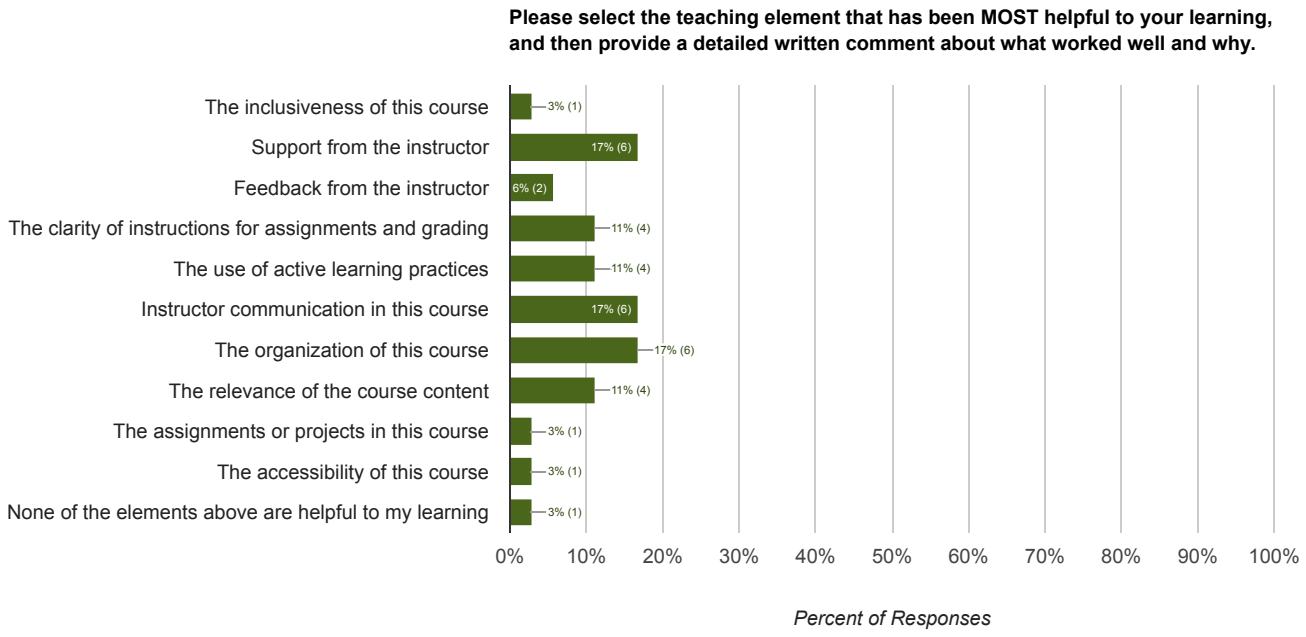


Most Beneficial



Most Beneficial Comments

What's Been MOST Helpful to Your Learning? (26 comments)

Q: What specifically about the inclusiveness of the course helped your learning?

1 Rojas does a great job of including every element on developmental economics so no stone goes unturned.

Q: What specifically about the support from the instructor helped your learning?

1 Jose was an excellent instructor. His feedback on assignments was always so good. He has been one of the most organized instructors I have had, with his own website that made everything super easy to find. Always went above and beyond.

2 Instructor gave helpful feedback, was inventing of any questions, and would provide guidance and clarity when needed. Made things very accessible. Kept class engaging and fun.

3 supported me in a time of need and was always super chill, wish him well with his future

4 I really enjoyed the support Jose gave to me in this class, especially through his office hours, he was always exceptionally helpful.

Q: What specifically about the level of challenge helped your learning?

Q: What specifically about the feedback helped your learning?

1 Every assignment in the class came with feedback along with the grade. Especially on the final project, Jose took the time to make expectations clear and point out any areas that could be improved in order to make the best results.

Q: What specifically about the quality of course materials helped your learning?

Q: What specifically about the clarity of instructions helped your learning?

1	final project was easy to understand
2	You made it super clear what we needed to do, and gave clear feedback as course went along.
3	N/A

Q: What specifically about the use of active learning helped your learning?

1	I was a big fan of the term project of this course being a research proposal. It was a low-stakes (in that you didn't have to complete an *entire* research project) way of exploring what beginning research in the economics field might look like, something I haven't had the opportunity to do at this point in time and honestly didn't know much about. It dove-tailed well with the econometrics class I was taking at the same time, giving me an idea of conceptual and practical ways to execute economics research. Very cool!
2	I wasn't sure what to put here because I absolutely loved Jose. I took this class last minute as my other upper division Econ to finish my degree, I'm an Econ minor. Jose was absolutely hilarious in class. I thought his dry and sarcastic sense of humor kept all of us engaged and made discussing really sad and deep topics in a way that felt like something we could follow. Genuinely he was the reason I continued to go to class in a class without required attendance. I also want to highlight that his feedback throughout our final presentation processes made a really daunting assignment feel easy and stress free. I was extremely stressed about the midterm because I thought it would be difficult with a lot of concepts and graphs. I couldn't believe how prepared I felt working through the practice because of the way the HW and Problem Sets were set up. I was beyond prepared and was successful. I thought the entire structure of the course from policies, to lecture, to assignments were just perfect and I truly would recommend Jose to any class.
3	The lectures were my favorite part

Q: What specifically about the interactions between students helped your learning?

Q: What specifically about instructor communication helped your learning?

1	Loved your class Jose! Pura Vida
2	The instructor does an amazing job at keeping his students engaged during class.
3	he's hilarious and makes class fun
4	kept it very clear and straight to the point
5	Specifically, the fact that we are pushed to actually understand economics rather than memorize it has helped me immensely. I truly appreciate the actual learning that I have achieved this term.

Q: What specifically about the organization of this course helped your learning?

1	The course flowed well and everything felt very organized.
2	The website and canvas were very organized, allowing me to have a clear understanding of what needed to be done. All assignments were easy to complete due to the content discussed in class. Professor Rojas was also available for support on our assignments, which was very helpful.
3	Having a separate website outside of canvas made everything very easy to locate.
4	The website Jose set up is very useful for assigments and slide decks

Q: What specifically about the relevance of the course content helped your learning?

1	Course content was very relevant to the class and engaging.
2	Course concepts were tied to real world applications very nicely

Q: What specifically about the assignments or projects helped your learning?

1 easy

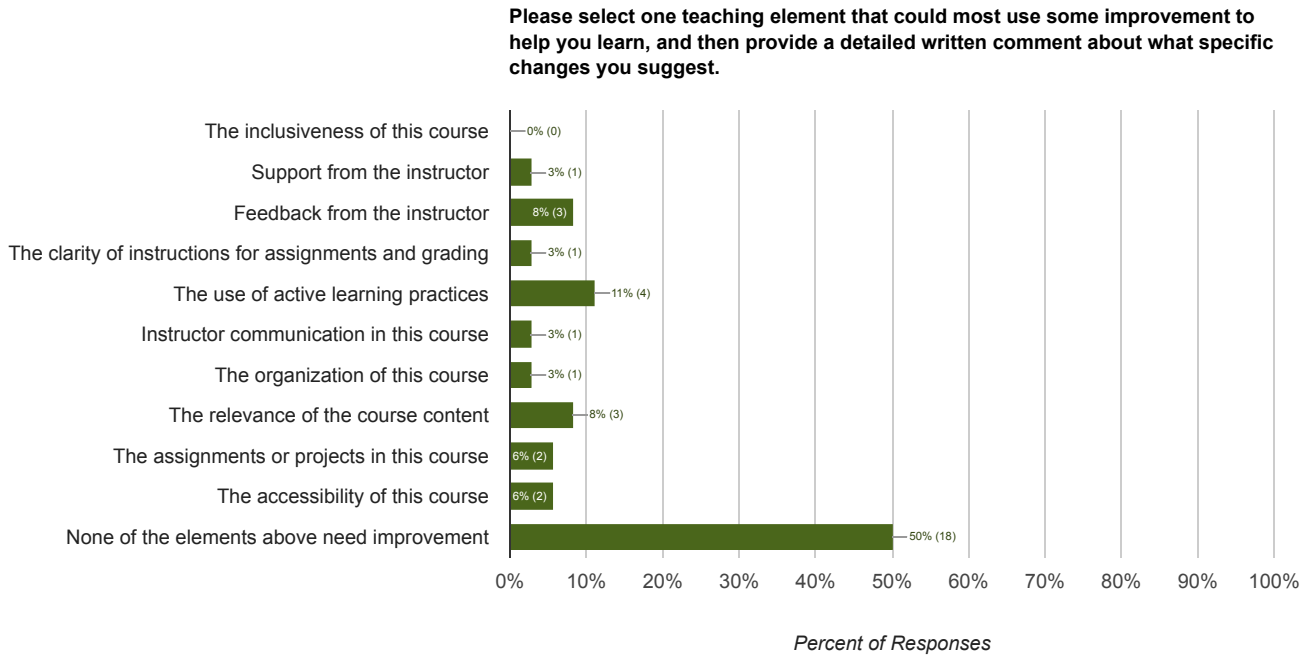
Q: What specifically about the accessibility of this course helped your learning?

1 Course is very accessible, with clear deadlines and assignment instructions. Everything is organized and planned out ahead of time.

Q: Please say more about how none of the teaching elements above were helpful to your learning.

1 just kinda pushed through it

Most In Need of Improvement



Most In Need of Improvement Comments

What Could MOST Use Some Improvement to Help you Learn? (26 comments)

Q: What specific change in the inclusiveness of the course would help your learning?

Q: What specific change in the support from the instructor would help your learning?

Q: Was the course too hard or too easy? What specific change related to the level of challenge would help your learning?

Q: What specific change in the feedback would help your learning?

1	Feedback on problem sets

Q: What specific change in the quality of course materials would help your learning?

Q: What specific change in the clarity of instructions would help your learning?

1	Sometimes I lost points on problem sets and was unsure why

Q: What specific change in the use of active learning would help your learning?

1	Maybe some more in-class activities to encourage attendance would be cool
2	I feel like the slides just kinda of put a bunch of info on them and I think there is. better way to potrey the topics such as using examples
3	slides can get a little boring

Q: What specific change in instructor communication would help your learning?

1	Really loved this class and the instructor. Felt like a very fun and comfortable class environment. But sometimes the execution of the slides and homework were lacking, like alot of misspellings or misplaced information, and sometimes contradictory information in class. Just made it hard to take notes, are study later on.

Q: What specific change in the interactions between students would help your learning?

Q: What specific change in the organization of the course would help your learning?

1	I am disappointed that 1 late assignment by just one day is enough to only receive 50%.

Q: What specific change in the relevance of the course content would help your learning?

1	did not feel connected
2	Would love to incorporate some more real world examples.
3	I think Jose did all he could to make the class apply to our lives and economics as a whole. However, the class itself is such a niche topic that I do not see myself using much after.

Q: What specific change in the assignments or projects would help your learning?

1	I didn't like the final project for the course and felt that it was weighted too heavily.
2	felt a little tedious sometimes

Q: What specific change in the accessibility of the course would help your learning?

1	The only issue I would sometimes have in this course was trying to review class content from the lecture slides posted and those slides not including all the information that should have been (or were on them from class) there. I wrote my notes by hand and couldn't always keep up with the pace of lectures, which isn't a problem, but it means I need to catch up after class and that wasn't always as easy as I wish it was.
2	It was a little difficult to need to access a different website to view all assignments and work.

Q: Please say more about how none of the teaching elements above need improvement to help your learning.

1	I have no notes.
2	I really don't have anything at all. Maybe the only thing would be making the Quizzes true quizzes and implement actual discussion posts because that's basically what they are.
3	I believe he did a good job at all of the teaching elements
4	absolute perfection
5	I did worse than I than I should've on the midterm and my grade was kinda just set around that.
6	good
7	n/a
8	Really great course!
9	10/10
10	N/A
11	Everything Professor Rojas did benefited my learning
12	Nothing really needed glaring improvement and I thought the course overall was very beneficial to my learning.

Student engagement in their own learning

COVID Impact

Is there anything else you would like to say about your learning experience?

Final Question (2 comments)

Q: What else would you like to say about your learning experience in the course? Please avoid personal comments about the instructor.

1	I really like how you made assignments to give us feedback on our final project throughout the term, if you hadn't I probably would have started the project week of.
2	Engaging teacher who does his best to keep the class involved and interested.