

## Summary of Teaching Qualifications for Tristan J. Nighswander

- Independent instructor of record for courses in Intermediate Macroeconomics ( $\times 4$ ), International Economics ( $\times 2$ ), and Introduction to Econometrics ( $\times 1$ ).
- Awarded the Graduate Teaching Fellow Teaching Award during the 2015-2016 Academic year.
- My evaluations for instructional quality and course quality represent the unique maxima in department history for each of the respective courses that I have taught (available data covers all courses taught from 2009-2017).
- Across each category of student evaluation (listed below) for every course I have taught, my median evaluation score has been a 5 on a scale of 1-5, with 5 being characterized as “exceptional”. Further, my average score in each category has exceeded the departmental average relative to every other class taught concurrently and for each individual course across all terms.
- I have experience conducting research as an undergraduate paired with a faculty member and as a graduate student paired with undergraduate researchers (see CV for further detail).

Course	Term	Enrollment	My Instructional Quality	Course Average <sup>1</sup>	Previous Course Max <sup>2</sup>
International Economics	Sum '15	57	4.44	3.99	4.30
Intermediate Macro	Win '16	49	4.60	3.94	4.46
Intermediate Macro	Spr '16	88	4.78	3.94	4.46
Intermediate Macro	Win '17	98	4.68	3.94	4.46
Intermediate Macro	Spr '17	90	4.79	3.94	4.46
Intro to Econometrics	Sum '17	37	4.72	4.00	4.58

<sup>1, 2</sup>Course Average and Previous Course Max refer to the average value and max value of Instructor Quality across all graduate students and faculty excluding my evaluations (2009-2017).

### Course numbers in the table below:

EC 380 is International Economics, EC 313 is Intermediate Macroeconomics, and EC 320 is Introduction to Econometrics.

Course	Course Quality	Instructional Quality	Organization	Effective Use of Class Time	Outside Availability	Clarity of Guidelines	Amount Learned
EC 380	4.39	4.44	4.42	4.34	4.46	4.44	4.37
EC 313 <sup>3</sup>	4.60	4.71	4.59	4.65	4.66	4.60	4.56
EC 320	4.67	4.72	4.67	4.61	4.67	4.67	4.72

<sup>3</sup>**Note:** Reported values for EC 313 are averaged over the four times I have taught the course.

## Selected Student Comments

For a complete list of student comments from every course I have taught, please visit <https://www.tristannighswander.com/teaching/> and click "All comments from all courses".

### EC 313: Intermediate Macroeconomics

*"Very organized and well prepared for each class! Very well articulated lectures that flowed well."*

*"Excellent at bringing the class into the real world."*

*"By far one of the most engaging and knowledgeable economics teachers I've ever had. Tristan did an excellent job of making topics interesting and easy to follow... even if the topics were otherwise tedious."*

*"Tristan is by far the most approachable and passionate instructor I've had the pleasure of studying under at the University. The rapport he has with the class and his matter-of-fact way of explaining the content really help in maintaining interest AND comprehension levels even toward the end of the term; furthermore, Tristan truly is passionate about the field and is always available outside of class if you ever want to talk with him about any questions during the class or the possibility of pursuing a future in the field. "*

*"Tristan is the best professor I have had at UO. He knows the material really well and is very good at explaining it. He consistently relates what we are learning to real world examples, which makes the class more exciting and useful. He is a very engaging and social person which encourages discussion."*

*"Tristan is a great teacher and has been my favorite teacher thus far at the University of Oregon. He is extremely helpful and cares a lot about his students' success."*

*"Tristan did an amazing job relating the lessons to real world examples that were interesting, which helped me understand the content. His enthusiasm made the class enjoyable as well."*

*"Tristan was very enthusiastic and helpful. Very open to questions, very open to criticism... and was humble enough to take each and every one to heart."*

*"The energy he brought everyday to class made it easy to learn. Teaching style is concise but also helps develop reasoning behind the steps."*

### **EC 320: Econometrics**

*“Awesome Instructor! He was able to keep me engaged in the Econometrics lectures every 2-hour class, which is quite impressive! Also, he was very helpful whenever I had questions, and even stayed after class a few times to make sure that we understood the material.”*

*“Tristan is a great instructor. He engages with all of us and gives us plenty of examples and ways that we can incorporate what we’re learning in class in real life situations.”*

*“You can tell he’s passionate about what he’s teaching us and he genuinely seems like he wants us all to succeed.”*

### **EC 380: International Economics**

*“Great communicator, very energetic and passionate about his field of study. Thanks to Tristan’s efficient use of time, we were able to learn and master a significant amount of material in only four short weeks.”*

*“Tristan is an excellent instructor! Besides his clear competence with the material he is teaching, he is wonderful at getting students engaged in discussion which is one of the most important factors in how students do in a class, and how well they retain the material.”*

*“For the first time since I started at the U of O, I feel like I got my money’s worth for a class. I came out of this class more knowledgeable on the study of economics and am able to engage in real world material with a better understanding on how the economy works.”*