

# Selected Comments from Student Evaluations

## Semester 1 2024/2025— Econ 30130 (Econometrics)

“This is one of the few modules I genuinely enjoy; Dr. Hargaden’s passion and dedication are clear in the effort he puts into engaging with students, something most professors sadly neglect. Unlike other impersonal classes, this one feels genuinely connected and impactful.”

“The breakdown of each topic was very helpful as Dr. Hargaden would simplify the topic as much as possible and focus on the little things and then building up to the more challenging material.”

“The classes were engaging and fun to attend.”

“The lecturer provided initiative to attend the weekly lecture and tutorial by doing random pop quizzes and also ensuring no phones were to be out during the class. This helped concentration and actually attending the module.”

“Dr Hargaden was perhaps the best lecturer I have had during my time in UCD thus far – certainly top 2. I liked how he explained all of his slides in detail and did not expect the class to know how to do things that he had not comprehensively discussed”

“Honestly the assignments was really good, the tutorial materials are as well, Professor Hargaden is also super passionate about teaching so I greatly appreciate it especially the content isn’t something that is fun to teach, but his style did help us focus more. It really is a stimulating module and I honestly did learn a lot in terms of having to do data analytics.”

“I liked the way everything was taught to make it easy to understand using real world examples for each new idea. I also liked that there were quizzes randomly during the classes as it encouraged me to attend them all.”

“I really enjoyed the lectures.”

“Lectures were very good, slides and teaching by the professor were really informative and interesting”

“Lecturer explained everything very well and very clearly. The ‘mid season’ feedback which he listened to and implemented made a big difference and shows he actually cares about the students learning. Gave some very wise advice about life during some lectures. The continuous pop quizzes encouraged me to stay on top of the content all the time. Lecturer gave some

potential job opportunity/ career paths you go into with econometrics in the future. Was very inclusive when students would ask questions and would never slate somebody for asking a question (even for repeated questions).”

“Lecturer did a good job conveying information in an understandable way, any questions that were asked were answered in detail. Lectures were interesting, some modules it can be difficult to pay attention for the entire lecture, I didn’t have this issue in Econometrics”

“Professor is very engaging.”

“Really like the in class tests at random times as it forces you to attend and keep on top of the work, great strategy.”

“The pop quizzes were incredibly helpful for my learning, even if my results weren’t always the best. They kept me engaged and gave me a clear sense of the module’s difficulty. Dr. Enda Hargaden’s unique approach—teaching without a microphone—creates an atmosphere of absolute focus, which really made me pay attention.”

## **Semester 2 2023/2024 — Econ 30190 (Public Economics)**

“Professor Hargaden delivered the most informative, engaging and overall enjoyable lectures that I have attended in my three years at UCD. The illustrations of economic theory through real life examples enabled me to thoroughly understand the implications of what was being taught.”

“Prof Hargaden is probably the best lecturer I have had in my time at university. He has a real skill of making subjects that are seemingly dull very interesting. I loved his approach to teaching, love the pop quizzes. They do make you pay attention and come to class which in turn enhances your education. Prof Hargaden has reminded me of the real joys that come with accumulating new knowledge and putting your best foot forward in education. I also like how he makes an effort to know his students. Unfortunately, this is a rarity in university these days but it always makes a lecturer stand out.”

“Enda is great! I would say he is my favourite lecturer I have had during my four years in UCD. He makes the class engaging and adds a bit of fun into the classes.”

“I would have taken as many modules with Prof Hargaden as I could have if there were more on offer.”

“Dr. Hargaden is an excellent lecturer. He was energetic and engaging. I enjoyed his teaching style. His lecture notes are up to date and kept relevant. He is obviously always well prepared for class. He clearly sets out his expectations from the beginning. The problem sets are excellent and released in plenty of time.”

“Excellent taught module. Loved the teaching style and content. Periodic anonymous check-ins to see how everyone was finding the course were excellent. Felt like being spoken to about the topics rather than being spoken at. All round brilliant module!”

“Professor Hargaden is clearly a very passionate lecturer and he was always engaging while delivering the course content as well as in answering student queries.”

“Prof. Hargaden clearly just puts that extra bit of thought and effort into creative ways to deliver the material, with the student in mind.”

“The lecturer was very detailed and good at explaining the topics. His examples were very beneficial and easy to remember.”

“Dr. Hargaden made the lectures engaging with tax facts, real world examples of the theory, and step-by-step mathematics & graphs. He helped me to finally understand topics of economics that I had been doing for years but failed to understand until I experienced his way of teaching. I have very much enjoyed this module.”

“This was the first economics module I’ve done where I looked forward to going to class and felt I was more than capable of doing well. The way it is taught, along with how it is assessed makes economics enjoyable for anyone.”

## **Semester 2 2023/2024 — Econ 30130 (Econometrics)**

“Professor Hargaden was amazing, answered all questions clearly and I never felt afraid to ask when I didn’t understand something.”

“Prof Hargaden is a great lecturer. Knows his stuff and explains things in great detail which is necessary for a topic like econometrics. The class was engaging and enjoyable. He always made an effort to keep the material fresh and was fair on students. One of my favourite lecturers.”

“Really appreciated the way the content was explained — plenty of opportunities to ask questions. Review questions throughout the lecture helped judge where my understanding was, which was helpful. Really liked this module, even though its by far the hardest one I’m taking.”

“Enda is a top notch lecturer who cares (about lecturing well, at least).”

“The lecturer is helpful and clear at explaining things. He has a clear knowledge on the topic and can answer any question presented, as well as keeping the class enjoyable.”

“The review questions were a nice way to see if you’re struggling with that topic. I did suggest if we could have a couple extra seconds to answer the review questions and the professor was happy to do so which I was very thankful for. Professor also did an anonymous mid trimester student feedback which I thought was very beneficial. All new terminology/ complex words were very well defined by Professor which made it easier to keep up with the class.”

“There is not much to improve on in this module. I would say that Prof Hargaden is a great lecturer but could be less strict in introductory lectures.”

### **Semester 1 2023/2024 — Econ 30130 (Econometrics)**

“Our Econometrics lecturer Enda was extremely engaging, I really enjoyed attending his lectures because of this. He made a big effort to get to know our names and also made a big effort to ensure that the subject matter related to us which not a lot of lecturers do, so that was very much appreciated.”

“The lecturer is the best I have here at UCD because he is always motivated and brings a lot of energy into the class.”

“The professor is really humorous and always giving vivid examples to help learning.”

“Very engaging and very clear delivery. Dr. Hargaden was neither abstruse nor dry in dealing with even the most dense and mathematical portions of the course. The volume and quality of the material provided was also great.”

“Lectures were very engaging, made possible by the enthusiasm of the lecturer.”

“The lecturer’s focus on where the module takes you after college was a useful push I wouldn’t have deemed necessary until I received it. The lecturer himself was very good at simplifying and engaging in nuanced discussion about the module’s material.”

“The stories used to explain concepts were engaging and help me to remember the material better in a simpler way. The explanations were really helpful, I like how even basic things were

explained carefully as well as the more complicated material too in a clear way that was not too daunting. The effort put into the lectures and the clarity of the module structure is really appreciated by us.”

“The lecturer was very good at explaining concepts using everyday examples.”

“The lecturer was engaging and was always open to questions.”

“Everything in the lectures were explained very well through providing examples. Very clear structure to the class – as in what topics we would cover in each week. Lecturer was very clear and easy to understand.”

“The use of real life applications using the material taught in the lectures was majorly interesting.”

## **Semester 2 2022/2023 — Econ 143 (Principles of Macro)**

“Dr. Hargaden is an excellent lecturer, he explains difficult topics in an engaging and understandable way, he makes me want to do extra work outside of mandatory stuff, and even look deeper into the topics outside the module.”

“Lecturer doesn’t stand in one place the whole class and read off a PowerPoint thus making the lecture interesting and motivates me to come to lecture.”

“The lecturer is engaging and makes the content more interesting.”

“The content is well chosen and interesting. The lecturer carefully chose which parts of macroeconomics to focus on to intrigue student interests.”

“Very real life based and the lecturers a very confident speaker.”

“He’s been very helpful every time I have a question no matter I ask questions in person or I email him.”

“The lecture explains each concept clearly and effectively and that sparks an interest with me because I’m able to understand it.”

“I find Dr. Hargaden very engaging and his lectures are not only interesting but also entertaining. Often I struggle to pay attention for a whole lecture, but this isn’t an issue in his lectures.”

“I’m considering picking economics next year thanks to this module.”

“The lecturer is very good at keeping me engaged.”

“I find the delivery of the material to be very effective.”

“I believe that the fact that the module uses the CORE: Economy free online textbook is a great help. This is as I can directly research the exact material discussed in class and can study it in my own time. From my previous experiences, the comprehensibility of concepts in economics depends an awful lot on framing- the same concept explained using slightly different language can make it very difficult to understand! The fact that I can use the CORE Economy textbook to study the material ‘from the horse’s mouth’ is a great help.”

### **Semester 1 2022/2023 — Econ 506 (Econometrics)**

“Enda is fantastic.”

“Enda is very approachable and helpful. No question is a problem and he provides a great amount of his time to his student’s progress”

“It is clear the lecturer has a strong passion for the subject and conveys this very well both in lectures and outside, via course blog, assignments, etc. He is also very encouraging of further learning and discussion. His own passion as well as the suggestions of supplementary resources inspires me to want to learn more.”

“Enda regularly demonstrates the power and value of econometrics in the real world, with case studies and examples. He encourages us to be ambitious, to impress him, which is a great way to motivate people to learn as much as they can.”

“The attitude of the lecturer welcomes curiosity”

“Topics are covered in a way which includes students in the discussion, generating new personal interest in topics”

“I feel like Enda has opened a new world of statistical analysis to me. Excellent work.”

## **Semester 2 2021/2022 — Econ 143 (Principles of Macro)**

“Each lecture makes me eager to seek out extra information on the given topic such as the reason for recessions, rising inflation, capitalism/socialism, etc.”

“Enda Hargaden has this way of relating macro economics to the real life and how the history of the living standards got Ireland where it is today very clear and effectively. That it's not boring in any way shape or form.”

“I found the professor to be concise and clear in how they convey information and provided encouragement even when it wasn't expected of them to do so, which I personally appreciated a great deal.”

“I like how practical it is compared to microeconomics, I like how broad it is and how it is situated into real life and the history of economy is not just about numbers or graphs.”

## **Spring 2021 — Econ 472 (Public Finance) & Econ 672 (PhD Public Finance) [Note: Half-semester courses]**

“Professor Hargaden is a great, engaging professor. The class was manageable with a few homework assignments and one exam for his section. He is very easily accessible in class or via email. ”

“Professor Hargaden was also such an amazing professor and made learning about a seemingly tough topic so much fun! He was so helpful and awesome and helped me out so much! When I went to his office hours, he was extremely helpful and encouraging and he is just such a great professor and I am so glad that I had the opportunity to take his class!”

“Professor Hargaden organized this class so well and did a great job reaching students. It was easy to tell that he truly cared about us learning the information and being interested in it.”

“Such a fun professor. Definitely learned a lot from this guy. Does a really good job of presenting objective facts and encouraging the class individual from opinions which is extremely important in a class like this.”

“I really enjoyed the first half of this semester, the lectures were always engaging and informative. I learned a lot and had a great time.”

## **Spring 2020 — Econ 472 (Public Finance)**

“Professor Hargaden is phenomenal. I found the course to be (appropriately) challenging and engaging. Professor Hargaden made difficult concepts understandable through lectures and office hours, I do not think I would have been as successful this semester in Econ 472 with a different professor.”

“Dr. Hargaden was easily one of the best professors I have had at UT. I knew the course would be difficult, but his enthusiasm motivated me to do well.”

“Dr. Hargaden is a great professor, who has done a lot to make this course understandable. He has greatly impacted my understanding on the course materials. I wished I had more professors like him.”

“One of the best, if not the best economics professor I have had here at UT. He is a brilliant minded professor that knows his stuff, but is always giving a helping with a genius sense of dry humor to keep the class interesting.”

“The material is boring, but he made the class worthwhile.”

“Greatest Econ Professor I have so far.”

“Dr. Hargaden is such an amazing professor. He is beyond knowledgeable and extremely passionate about what he teaches. His lectures surpassed what we were required to learn, and were filled with cool facts and stories about public finance. I walked out of that class having learned something new everyday, and can honestly say this is one of the most valuable courses I’ve taken at UT.”

## **Spring 2019 — Econ 472 (Public Finance) & Econ 672 (PhD Public Finance) [Note: Half-semester courses]**

“Loved his teaching style even though I thought I’d hate it. Challenging course but I’ve never learned so much in a semester.”

“I really enjoyed Enda as a professor and felt as though I learned more in his class than any other course this semester.”

“Refreshing way of teaching which forced me to comprehend the material presented.”



## **Fall 2017 — Econ 318 (Econometrics)**

“Enda was amazing. To teach a combination of stats and economics, and speak in a way we still understood was great to see and be apart of.”

“Best teacher I’ve had in my 5 years at UT”

“Phenomenal professor”

“Enda is one of the most effective instructors I have ever had. He presents information in a way that is accessible and is knowledgeable enough to explain complicated concepts in simple terms.”

“Great teaching style. Really forced me to pay attention in class”

“I believe the course was difficult, but the expectations were well set and he is very fair in his grading.”

## **Fall 2016 — Econ 318 (Econometrics)**

“Absolutely a wonderful class. I learned an incredible amount of material this semester.”

“Great class, I really learned a lot from the experiential learning aspect of the class. Dr. Hargaden expected a lot from us, and it really pushed us to achieve. I wouldn’t recommend his class to a friend looking for an easy A, but would highly recommend it to a student willing and wanting to really learn econometrics.”

“Clearly very knowledgeable about the subject. A great asset for the department. Hire more people like him if you want to be a top research university.”

“The professor is very smart and just know everything about econometrics. I visited him almost every work at the office time so he can explain me again what I didn’t understand in class and he always was available for me. After the first half of the semester I thought of dropping the class because I put so much effort and I still didn’t get good grades in the exams. The professor send me an email to cheer me up and that was very nice. Looking back and see all the things I learned so far in this class is amazing. I never imagined myself using Stata and understand it, but now I do feel like I have a good knowledge in the software.”

“Dr. Hargaden was always well prepared and is a master of the subject. It was a great class.”

“I always complained that we never learn as much in a business class as in a science class...until this semester. I can now proudly say that I know the basics of using Stata and have a basic understanding of statistical inference. I have always struggled with understanding and conceptualizing statistics, but the project really helped with that regard. Overall, this is a great class and I have truly learned a lot of valuable information and life skills.”

## **Fall 2014 — Econ 444 (European Economy)**

“Enda was truly the best GSI I have had at Michigan. He did a fantastic job providing an open environment where students could apply concepts from previous classes and other subjects to the discussion being had in class. I looked forward to this class every week and really thought that I learned something or had my views challenged each session.”

“Enda was the best GSI I have ever had at Michigan. He did a great job at keeping the class engaged, and would help us gain understanding by including more relatable examples. He found creative ways to change the class from week to week, and proved to be quite devoted to his students.”

“One of the best GSI’s I have had here at Michigan. Knowledgeable and caring while still maintaining a fun and relaxed classroom”

“Enda was one of the best GSIs that I have had so far at this university. He does a great job of fostering a comfortable learning environment and keeping students engaged. The Economics department needs more GSIs like Enda.”

“Enda is great, he is engaging and covers the important topics of the class. He is clearly passionate about teaching and his students and it shows through our discussion sections. One of the best GSI’s I have had.”

“Enda really is a wonderful GSI. He is extremely knowledgeable about the subject material and about the topic in general. I would love to see him as a professor of Economics one day. Highly recommended.”

“Enda is fantastic. He knows a lot about this topic and was always excited to get us involved in discussion. It was a very friendly atmosphere in his classroom. Clearly meant to be a teacher.”

“Enda was easily the best Econ GSI I’ve had to date. Each section was engaging and he really facilitated discussion that exposed who did the readings and who didn’t, but in a meaningful

way. It was also very interesting having the perspective of having the course taught by someone from the EU. Lastly, he was incredibly helpful in office hours”

“Enda really made the material approachable and understandable. I really enjoyed this course.”

“I really enjoyed having Enda as a GSI. He knew the material well and explained it well; He will make an excellent professor in the future. His grading system was fair and clearly explained, and I feel like I learned alot and benefitted from Enda a great deal.”

“Enda was a fantastic GSI, very engaged every class period.”

“It is a delight to be instructed by Enda. Always an affable gentleman, his grasp of the material and commitment to presenting that material in a comprehensible, intuitive and interesting manner are readily apparent. Enda’s organization and setting of clear agenda enables him to work through even a densely packed discussion in a timely and methodical manner, while still allowing sufficient time to clarify any sticking points.”

“Enda was a great GSI. He was very knowledgeable about course material and was prepared for every class.”

“Enda is a very helpful GSI. I like how he listed the agenda at the start of each class as it makes it clear what we would be discussing for that particular class. He made sure to answer every question so as not to make anyone feel left out. His explanations of the readings are especially helpful because they give a guide to what kind of perspective we should have when reading.”

“The recitations of Econ 444 were wonderfully taught by Enda, a very engaging teacher.”

“Enda was a great GSI. He came to class organized every day and made class engaging and fun. I was able to participate and ask questions in class with ease because it was a very comfortable environment. Enda answered questions about the material very well. My favorite class of the semester was when we debated the various remedies of the eurocrisis.”

“Overall, this was a fantastic course! Enda explained everything in the discussion sections extremely clearly and handled any questions that arose very well. Discussion section was engaging and supplemented the lectures well.”

## **Spring 2014 — Econ 101**

“Great discussion section. Enda was awesome at explaining everything and helping us understand what was going on, as well as being very knowledgeable.”

“I really like our GSI (Enda) because he’s really good at explanations, his instructions are very clear, enjoyed his class a lot.”

“Engaged with his students and explained things well.”

“I found discussion section really useful in this course. Enda explained concepts really clearly and clarified details from lecture so that I felt completely confident about my understanding.”

## **Winter 2014 — Econ 101**

“Enda was one of the best GSIs I have ever had in three years of classes at Michigan. He was very knowledgeable in subject material and explained it in a concise and easy to understand way. He had fantastic teaching skills (which is really rare for GSIs) used key words, helpful examples, and made the expectations of each section very clear by writing the agenda on the board each day and quickly outlining what the learning objectives were for each day. Enda obviously put in effort to preparing for section and even went beyond the bare minimum expected from GSIs by including extra problems for review, setting up small games/activities to illustrate concepts, using outside events in the news and history to illustrate points and made himself very available to questions from students in class and outside of class. Overall, Enda was an excellent GSI and would be a fantastic professor/lecturer in the future.”

“I wish all GSIs were like Enda. He not only knows the material, but he is great at being able to communicate and teach it to others, which is just as important. He always made sure everyone was clear about a topic before moving on, and genuinely valued each question and did a great job clearing up any confusion. I got very lucky having Enda as my GSI and I am confident that a large part of my success in the course can be attributed to him.”

“Enda was great. It was so helpful being able to go over the concepts from lecture in our discussion every week. He was really clear and made the material much more accessible.”

“Very good at explaining topics thoroughly and working through examples.”

## Fall 2013 — Econ 444

“Enda was a really great GSI. He’s very knowledgeable about the material and he does a good job of trying to prompt discussion. He is a fair grader and explains his reasoning for grades pretty well. He explains concepts in a way I can understand and he is a great clarifying source for student. Fantastic class and fantastic GSI.”

“I thought that Enda was a great GSI for this course. He was very knowledgeable on the topic and seemed to enjoy teaching. He answered questions well and explained topics clearly.”

“Enda was a great GSI. He stimulated discussion in section and presented helpful and relevant information. He also started each session asking whether there were any questions from lecture this week, which was helpful. Exams and papers were explained in depth and he made himself available for additional questions.”

“Enda was a great GSI. He was knowledgeable, positive, and respectful of his students. He sets very high standards for his students and appreciates hard work. He may be the best GSI I’ve had at this university”

“Mr. Hargaden was very open and thoughtful in his discussions. He encouraged participation and demonstrated a willingness to teach to the best of his ability. He is a very genuine person and it reflects in his positive attitude that he brought to class daily. He came to class prepared everyday and class time was very useful unlike in other classes I have taken. He used the time thoroughly and it helped significantly with understanding lecture material at a deeper level.”

“Enda was great, always willing to meet outside of class, handled questions perfectly, explained things in detail. Can’t ask for anything else from a GSI. One of the best I’ve had.”

“Enda was well informed, clearly brilliant in the realm of Economics, and taught a ton to a class that was often quiet and unprepared (myself included). One of the most valuable GSI’s I have had in my time at Michigan.”

“Enda was a great teacher and had a great handle over the mood and the structure of the class. He steered discussion to the important points and was receptive of all types of comments. Great at explaining concepts and made the learning experience enjoyable.”

## **Spring 2013 — Econ 101 — Primary Instructor**

“Enda Hargaden is an excellent instructor. He struck a perfect balance between giving explanations and examples on the board, and allowing students to attempt problems and ask questions. He didn’t waste class time. He was friendly and approachable. Highly recommended as an instructor.”

“Great instruction. Enda definitely made a great effort to explain concepts using many different examples to help students understand/apply the ideas in a new or more accessible way. He also seemed to genuinely care about our overall education in economics - what we need to know generally to understand current events and what we should know generally to understand the context of the field. In other words, we weren’t just learning how to pass the exam; we were learning about its application in the real world, how its proper or improper application affects us outside of class, and why we should care about economics.”

“Although this course was one I dreaded taking, I found the material interesting and relevant. Enda did a wonderful job presenting the material in the most engaging and straight-forward fashion. His use of the chalkboard (vs. slides) was especially effective because I could see him generate graphs and tables authentically. Watching his thought process facilitated my understanding in a way lecture slides could not have done. Additionally, he seemed genuinely invested in our success and was willing to meet anytime that was convenient to go over material or discuss concerns. He actively sought out feedback to better teach the course immediately and in the future.”

## **Winter 2013 — Econ 101**

“Enda Hargaden is awesome. Period.”

“Enda did an extremely good job with explaining concept.”

“Amazing”

“Enda is very strict when he needs to be, which is a good thing. He also provides a lot of practice problems and answers for the students. Very well done!”

## **Fall 2012 — Econ 444**

“Enda is very sensitive to student difficulty with given topics, and is always open to questions and differing opinions.”

“Enda is super smart and well versed in the field of economics. He was always on top of his game and made discussion section really interesting. He was very good at facilitating discussion and getting students to think about big ideas.”

“The quality of instruction in this class was great, Enda allowed me to broaden my knowledge about the European Union and how to think about current issues using historical examples.”

“Enda really helped me to discuss and understand the topics on a level beyond the surface of the material. He is obviously very knowledgeable on the subject and offered to help us whenever he could. It is refreshing to have a GSI who knows so much about the lecture topic.”

“Awesome course. Discussion was just as useful, if not more useful, than the lecture. People were free to have different opinions and those opinions were addressed in a respectful manner. Really seemed to help students get at the concepts that the instructors wanted us to learn.”

## **Winter 2012 — Econ 101**

“Enda was a great teacher, always willing to answer questions and also introduced us to economic topics outside the range of what was covered in lecture, which was both interesting and helpful.”

“Enda’s section was very well organized and implemented. He is very knowledgeable and an engaging instructor. The quality of instruction was great!”

“Enda presented material very well in a concise and efficient manner without leaving any concept unexplained. His examples were key to my success in this class.”

“Excellent. Enda was always available after discussion to answer our questions, gave us multiple opportunities during discussion to ask any questions we may have, cleared up any points of confusion with plenty of examples, didn’t move on to another topic until we were done asking questions, had an interesting take on the material covered, helped us understand the concepts by working out problems, etc. etc. etc.”

## Fall 2011 — Econ 101

“My GSI was awesome. Very smart with good communication skills.”

“I felt very lucky to have Enda as my GSI. I don’t know how well I would have done on the exams without him.”

“I LOVE ENDA! He was such a good GSI and I was so grateful that I had someone who would actually help me out. I really enjoyed the discussion portion of this class and I didn’t mind going over.”

“I learned all my stuff from Enda because he explained it way better than in lecture. I gained most of my knowledge from him and he made games which was a really nice touch. He knew his stuff and made 101 much easier and more fun to learn.”

“Enda tried really hard to make sure that he went into more detail on whatever economics we had studied that week in lecture. It was very beneficial for him to work out example problems or questions from the homework on the board. It also made the course more interesting when he added in extra more advanced material.”