

## Department of Economics: Grad Student Course Evaluation Form

**Course #: ECON 360/370 Module**

**Course Name: Matlab for Economists**

**Instructor: Tyler Ransom**

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The problem sets follow the lectures quite closely, but a lot more familiarity w/ econometrics & statistics is crucial to code correctly

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*I'm more interested in Econometrics by this module*

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*More proficient in optimization methods, realization in Matlab.*

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*Far & away the best grad student TA I've had at Duke. Well done.*

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More references on the slides for  
some derivations/equations could be useful.

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Very useful thinking/work/assignments

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Very nice interactions/very helpful

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*Comments on specific knowledge, skills, etc. acquired, new appreciation of/outlook on previous knowledge.*

Thanks for the course!

*Thank you for your time. We appreciate your candor.*

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*Comments on the amount and type of thinking you did, usefulness of readings and assignments, etc.*

*The course in general was very stimulating and I think it will be useful for my 2nd year PhD courses, even though I will not specialize in applied micro.*

*Comments on clarity and organization of course, student/instructor interaction.*

*Taylor is a good instructor*

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*Tyler is very good at explaining things.*

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*This is a very good class for preparing rising 2nd year PhD students. Thank you very much!*

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