
TEACHING COMMENTS

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INTRODUCTION

I have taught 8,112 students in a number of finance-related courses since 2002. Many students have provided very encouraging comments at the end-of-term evaluations. I have compiled some of the nice things that my students said about these courses. It is indeed very gratifying to receive student endorsement of my work, and flipping through those comments also urges me to do even more to enrich the experiences for future cohorts of students when they embark upon the journey of learning finance with me.



PART I

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES



CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTORY FINANCE - BBA CORE CLASSES

1.1 FIN300 (Fall 2002)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“Qin was by far the best professor I had at this university. Despite having class at 8:30, he was always prepared & enthusiastic about lessons. It was obvious he really cared about how each one of us did in the course, which is rare for an instructor at this university. Qin gets 2 thumbs up!”

“Instructor was extremely helpful & very dedicated to making sure the students learned.”

“The teacher went out of his way to make sure everyone understands the material. He made many sacrifices for the students.”

“Qin was a nice guy. Qin enjoys teaching more than my professor I’ve had at UofM. I learned a lot. I enjoyed the course. Qin did a great job of making himself available. He obviously is outstanding at finance. I think that this made some parts of his lectures go over people’s heads.”

“Lei did all he could to try and meet students’ needs, especially outside of class. He did a great job of making himself available. Everyone felt very comfortable going to him for questions. Whenever I emailed him a question, he always got back to me & took time to answer questions. Great job, Lei.”

“Qin is one of the best instructors I’ve had through high school and college. Provided great, original supplemental material and always available.”

“Qin was one of the most caring & responsive teachers I have had at this university. He was always willing to help offering endless hours. He was completely committed to helping us learn.”

“Qin was a very good teacher. He seemed very enthusiastic about teaching us and did all he could do to facilitate the learning process. He spent more time in his office hours for us than any other teacher of mine has.”

“The teacher is very passionate about finance & teaching. This is displayed by his enthusiasm when teaching in class & during office hours. He is well prepared for the class, much more well prepared than other instructors I’ve had. Brilliant teaching!”

“The instructor set much time outside the course to help us. I learned a lot about finance, the market, and all other matters related to the course. The course pushed me because of the competitiveness of it to know the material as best as I could. I could also apply what I learned to real life actions.”

“Lei was good instructor. He cared for us and that’s basically all you can ask for in a teacher. That they be able to emphasize wish what we go through as BBA’s. I learned a lot in this course which I am proud of, but the course should not be designed in the way to instill a good deal of competitiveness within students. It needs a more laid back approach. I had fun though.”

“Teacher was always willing and able to meet with students. Class was well structured.”

“Qin, thank you for caring about your students. It was through your excitement and passion for the material that motivated me to excel in the course. I look forward to keeping in touch with you.”

“Professor Lei did an extraordinary job making himself available for additional help.”

“Qin made himself very available for us to get help. Spent many hours preparing us.”

“I enjoyed the course very much & I really learned a lot. You were very responsive to your students, which I really appreciated, helped us all along the way.”

“The course was very exciting and well organized. More than enough time was dedicated to assisting the class in learning the material.”

“The material wasn’t always easy to understand but you explained it well, especially during office hours. Thanks for being so available outside of class and persisting until we understood the material, as long as we sought for help. You are a very effective teacher.”

“Thanks for a great intro to finance and good luck with your dissertation!”

“Instructor was very well prepared & highly knowledgeable in the subject. He also went out of his way to provide all the help he could give. Overall, this course was excellent and Lei should be a model for other instructors in the school.”

“I really enjoyed your teaching, Lei. I hope for the best in your future teaching career!”

“Good luck in the future. You will be a great professor.”

“The instructor’s overall approach and devotion to the subject matter, as well as class, gave me and others I think a desire to do well in the class. Extra office hours provided tons of financial knowledge conveyed beyond the classroom. The instructor was more than an instructor, he was my friend, mentor, and a true teacher. His first semester teaching display excellence and true devotion beyond professors that have taught for more than 10 years here.”

“Best course ever taken in my life. One of the best teacher I have ever seen. Have students desired to continue studying finance because of Qin.”

“Qin, you are the Man. No words can be conveyed to show the thanks and appreciation. Have a good summer and good luck of your future endeavors. I look forward to seeing you in the future as a mentor and friend. Much luck.”

“The quizzes were helpful as they forced me to go over concepts and to always be ready for a possible quiz. Qin provided a great amount of time outside of the classroom for

students to meet with him. Also, the review sessions he held for exams were extremely helpful.”

“Thank you for having so many review sessions, study groups, & office hours. I wish other teachers would do this more often.”

“I think you are an excellent teacher. I truly appreciate all the time you put into this class & the time you allotted for out of class help. I wish you all the best in the future.”

“The professor really made us – the students – his life. He spent a lot of time and effort in teaching this class, and was very very helpful.”

“Thank you Professor Lei. You were an excellent teacher and I loved this class.”

“The instructor was concerned about whether or not students were learning material.”

“The instructor was very helpful and was willing to meet outside of class often. He cared about the students and made efforts to help them understanding material. Qin was a great instructor.”

“Instructor was phenomenal. He was extremely prepared and knowledgeable. He went out of his way to always be there to help.”

“I thoroughly enjoyed Finance 300 taught by Qin Lei. His enthusiasm and concern for his students made the course all the more enjoyable and interesting. It is a pity that he is not going to teach again in the near future.”

“A great course and outstanding professor.”

“GO QIN!”

“Everything! I really appreciate the time/energy that Qin so selflessly sacrificed in order for us to gain a better understanding of the materials. He presented the materials in a clear & often creative manner, and was always so open to suggestions/criticism.”

“Qin is the best professor ever! CAPM rules!”

1.2 FIN300 (Fall 2024)

What were the strengths of the course?

“I think Professor Lei provides us students with a plethora of resources that we in fact have no excuse to not do well. This course has provided the most support to its students compared to any other Ross course I’ve taken in the past.”

“Qin clearly puts in so much time to make this class what it is. You can just see the sheer amount of effort it takes to code the website to be so specifically adjusted to each student. Whether it is the emails we get to see when we have submitted something, being able to see the records of our scores/attendance in one place, all the resources for exam prep, and seeing what percentile I am in the class, are all so helpful. I really appreciate that. I think he deserves a lot more credit for this.”

“I have not had many professors who are as genuinely invested in their students’ success as Qin. I appreciated his passion and the abundance of practice problems”

“Professor Qin had clear outlines of expectations, and practice of the materials guaranteed success in the course. His systematic teachings and ways students can study on their own, especially the asynchronous zoom recordings, made this course so much more efficient and effective for students like myself who struggle taking in information spontaneously. He makes finance fun for people afraid of finance.”

“Qin is an incredible teacher who is very passionate about his subject. I have learned so much in this class its crazy. It has greatly increased my interest and knowledge in finance”

“Dr. Lei’s personalized website and automated emails made the course exceptionally straightforward. At all times, I knew what was expected of me and how to access ample

resources to support my learning. Additionally, Dr. Lei was very available outside of class, through Office Hours, which improved my ongoing learning. His lectures were engaging, and I enjoyed the way he approached attendance. He was highly knowledgeable, very patient/considerate, and made learning Finance enjoyable.”

“I am so thankful I had Professor Lei, as he is a wonderful and very intelligent professor. He explains the material very clearly and is dedicated to his students. I have heard so many horror stories about poor professors in this department/for this course, but I am happy that this did not apply to Professor Lei in the slightest.”

“I really appreciated how our course feedback during the middle of the semester was taken into account. I think it was clear that our professor appreciated and read through every single thing that he could improve on to make this course better for his students.”

“Expansive problem bank unlike any other course we have seen at Ross and detailed breakdown of course material available synchronously and asynchronously make it easy to succeed in this course, even if one does not intuitively understand the concepts. It is not hard to discern the amount of effort that went into making this happen, and I only wish that other instructors at our school would strive for the same (if applicable).”

“Professor was very good, explained clearly and class was structured very well. Had zero interest in finance before this class but really glad I took it and enjoyed the class”

“Course website, instructors care for students”

“Qin Lei was an amazing professor who explained topics thoroughly and was available in many forms to students.”

“The website was incredibly helpful. Professor Lei is such a thorough professor and he explains the material very clearly. The practice exams for each chapter and video solutions really help”

“Professor was always super prepared and organized, and genuinely wanted students to succeed. Plenty of office hours.”

“I am very grateful for the lecture recordings and videos that are available”

“I greatly appreciated the setup of this course. The Finance website was easy to follow and allowed for an organized format.”

“Very well organized website and always clear in terms of expectations.”

“This course was very well organized, I really like that we can drop an exam if we do the homework it provides a great incentive. There are also a great amount of opportunities for office hours.”

“I really liked how organized the course was, and how many resources were available to students before the midterms. Additionally, I liked that there was trivia every week to encourage students to learn the material weekly.”

“Many forms of practice, allowance of video recordings for athletic missing, homework practice incentive, great professor”

“All of the exam-style practice problems were incredibly helpful in preparing for the exams. I also liked having more exams with less material on each because I had the opportunity to learn all the content and spend time learning the content. Also Prof Lei was great and super helpful throughout the course. I would really recommend him as a professor.”

“Course website was well organized and really helpful for all sorts of questions I may have had. Also, I felt like the work and assignments prepared me well for the exams/exams reflected the content of the course well.”

“The course website and piazza and homework problems were all organized very well and I felt like there was so much to pull from if I had issues.”

“I really appreciated the amount of material we had available to us, including the slides and recordings of lectures, practice exams, and our forum for questions. I was scared to

take this class, but, with the material provided (and some hard work), I was able to do well in the class.”

“Having the course website made things very clear and succinct as to where we should expect to manage all of our responsibilities”

“regular homework and practice problems. so many resources for exams. i liked frequency of exams too which helped me keep up with material”

“I think the professor was very supportive and clearly is passionate about finance.”

“The strengths of this course were the all the resources Professor Lei had for us to use on his finance website”

“Obviously a great setup with course website, etc.”

“Professor was always prepared for the course with lots of outside resources to aid learning.”

“I think it taught me a new way to think.”

“The system for completing work and getting notified and getting information about the course was all very structured and helpful”

“Professor Lei was a very organized teacher which aided my understanding of knowing what was expected of me.”

“Good cadence of work and materials available to learn”

“While the McGraw Hill homework assignments were difficult, incentivizing students to complete them truly did help. Additionally, the TA office hours occurring so frequently was very helpful!”

“The attendance policy is good, not super clear, but once understood, makes sense.”

“I do appreciate how this class had a multitude of practice problems available to give us an opportunity to learn how to approach the homeworks and exams.”

“Very organized”

“Well organized and expectations were clear.”

“I liked the amount of practice materials given through the homework, trivia, and practice exams. It helped me feel prepared for the exams.”

“The HW and resources on the course website, although optional, was helpful to learn some of the technical content for exams”

“There was plenty of practice material for all units”

“very clear guidelines on absences and what you need to do to be able to drop a midterm/get better grades”

“Good practice provided”

“Lots of practice problems provided.”

“Trivia and question walk-throughs were helpful.”

“Nice guy and explains somewhat well”

“Lei makes a diverse set of resources available to students, so they can review and learn in any way they please.”

“Practice problems and incentive to do homework”

“Finance is very practical.”

“a lot of content to learn material with”

“Very organized.”

“I think the strenghts were the exam review stuff and all the practice material available to us.”

“Good amount of work load and option for async class”

“The McGraw Hill homework.”

“Having written and video solutions of the homework and practice exams.”

“Clear outlines of assignments, tasks, and expectations at most times”

“lots of review”

1.3 FINA3320 (Spring 2007)

Please identify 2 or 3 things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

"This is the best instructor I have had in my last four years of college; he offers extra study session on Sundays, creates narrated videos & posts them online, and offers help in every way possible. Students in his class have no excuses!"

"The videos are ABSOLUTELY amazing. They help so so so SO much because you show exactly how to do the problem and we can watch them at our own speed ... now I know to consult the videos for topics I didn't understand. I cannot express to you how appreciative I am of you for making those videos. They help SOOOOOOOO MUCH!"

"I wanted to know if there would be any way that I could keep access to our course website after the end of the semester? I think that the videos in particular would be useful to me in the future so I just wanted to know if I would still be able to access them in the future or if we will lose access after the mid-term tomorrow."

"The videos are very helpful outside of the classroom when trying to figure out the homework. They are easy to follow and help in determining how to set up the problems as well as work through them, without having the actual instructor present."

"The instructor provided tremendous help to the students with his lecture notes, homework problems, video solutions, and review sessions before every graded assignment; very well thought out and planned class which helped me learn a lot"

"I love the course website & video solutions"

"He was very organized. He spent time making sure that all concerns were taken care of. He made sure to continuously point out major points to be taken from this class."

"Helped the students & review sessions"

"Very quick response, did all he can for students, always present, long office hours. best instructor I have ever had !!!"

"Very good use of class time, excellent website with video solutions, graded very quickly"

"Video solutions, review sessions, using survey feedback to change policies"

"Always willing to help out !!!"

"Great slides"

"Communicated well, very helpful; good chances to improve grade"

"Video solutions, posting notes; email notifications; timely grading"

"Continue to provide review sessions and continue with the constant upkeep of the course website. Continue to offer help and maintain the well-designed, extremely effective course. I have NEVER had a professor who was so willing to help students as much as Professor Qin is. Professor Qin sought our input through blackboard surveys and implemented those suggestions."

"Very efficient, always willing to help"

"He was passionate about the subject; he was always readily available"

"He explained everything thoroughly, gave excellent examples, and even gave shortcuts."

"I liked how he made many attempts to give extra help"

"Timely grading, lots of posted notes and review sessions helped"

"Offered many review sessions & office hours; very willing to help; made video solutions for problems"

"Video solution, relation to real world, practice exams"

"Challenged students and required that they perform at a certain level. He also was constantly available to help students outside of class and more than willing to assist."

“Very quick turn around on grades; gives 110% for students; good and patient teacher”

“Was always accessible; helped with anything asked of him”

“Great use of course website; enthusiasm and thorough preparation”

“Always there for students; he tells you what you need to do to succeed and shows you how to do it”

“Very available to help; study sessions before quizzes”

“I have never had a professor that went out of his way to help his students as much as Professor Lei. Very organized.”

“Good power points. Very good availability and use of website.”

“Review sessions, fast grading, quizzes /tests online so we can see what we did wrong, surveys.”

“Review sessions, timely feedback, organized, course website, enjoyed what he is teaching”

“Qin was very available to his students and always willing to devote more of his time to helping us”

“Class website very useful. All the review session outside of class were very helpful”

“He really wanted us to learn and provided us with numerous opportunities for us to receive extra help. He went above & beyond my expectations as a professor.”

“Presented relevant topics and connected them to each other; great teacher!”

“His review sessions were great; his timely grading helped a lot; I love the video solutions”

“The instructor did an amazing job into helping students via office hours, video solutions, etc.; cared very genuinely about students knowing the material; best business professor I have had – amazing effort & genuine care!”

“The online videos help a lot. Review sessions. Homework checkups.”

“He knew so much and made every effort to help everyone! His review sessions were very thorough and he had great communication. I’ve never had a professor who cared so much about a class before.”

“Very organized, went about & beyond to be accessible & helpful”

“Always went out of his way to help students with problems; holding extra office hours and review sessions”

“He’s very helpful; always there for office hours”

“Excellent review sessions; fast grading and view of tests and quizzes”

“Homework checkups good; makes sure keeping up with material”

“Very willing to help outside of class. Always provided slides to take notes.”

“Provided prompt grading; very willing to help”

“Organized, communicates with students well, ample out-of-class help sessions”

“Professor Lei is extremely organized and very helpful. He does everything he can to make sure you succeed and tries to keep the class interesting.”

“He was interested in the material and would take time to help”

“Dr. Lei was such a wonderful professor. He truly cares about the performance of his students & how much they take away. This is a hard subject but I think he makes it very attainable.”

“He used all the technology aids in a way that I’ve never seen before. It was most helpful.”

“Slides, videos, always willing to help, quick response to emails/calls”

“The video online; the review sessions”

“Video solutions = AMAZING! Review sessions. Practice exams”

“Very knowledgeable of subject”

“Video solutions are great”

“Great response & feedback times, great website”

“Videos; surveys; he cares more than any teacher”

“Great feedback, always available, great slides; one of the hardest working professors I’ve had at SMU”

“Very involved; had video solutions & plenty of office hours”

“Homework check-ups relevant to homework and helped us keep on track. Great communication/availability in office hours. Very helpful and approachable, like able person.”

“Keep up the good work! SMU should consider increasing the amount of web space/server space given to Qin Lei because he makes the best of it. Other teachers should consult Qin on how to be better instructors!”

“Listened to the students!”

“He did everything possible out of class to help us.”

“He is very knowledgeable & goes above & beyond what we need to do to make sure students understand the material”

“Timely feedback. Good internet interaction.”

“Dedicated”

“Was available; good website”

“Timely return of assignments and tests; organized; accessible; knowledgeable and genuinely interested in our success”

“Very available to student, beneficial course website, lots of review session”

“Good course website and communication with students. Helpful homework review sessions.”

“Great organization & presentation of the material; professor really cares about his students’ comprehension of the material”

“Was always available if needed help. Posted videos to help figure out problems outside of class. Timely feedback of grades.”

“Amazing availability to help students and inform them about what’s going on in the class; good reviews and willingness to help”

“Review sessions, video solutions. Basically the whole website.”

“Video solution to questions, etc”

“Very helpful and explanatory”

“Good use of time; always willing to help”

“He was always ready to help you with any troubles you had in the course. Always offered great study sessions before homework checkups and midterms. You could tell that he really wanted us to succeed in the class but he never made the course easier. Always had high expectations.”

“Helped out students a lot; video solutions”

“Website big help! Hardest working teacher I’ve ever had”

“A lot of extra help”

“He is the most passionate teacher I have ever had. The review session are extremely helpful and the website is outstanding. He genuinely cares about students. He is the best professor at SMU.”

“Office hours, real world examples”

“Feedback was amazing; incredible how much time he spends helping”

“Everything; the slides really helped; the group sessions were good too”

“The videos are of great help and they make studying so much easier.”

1.4 FINA3320 (Spring 2008)

Please identify 2 or 3 things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“Never had such a devoted professor. Always available for office hours to help. Handed back tests very quickly. Very organized and prepared for every class.”

“This instructor was by far the best teacher I have ever had. He was so prepared and gave you everything you needed for success. I believe there is nothing he could do better.”

“He was very willing and very available to help outside of class, and he graded very quickly and fairly”

“Amazing teacher! Very caring and helpful! One of the best professors I have ever had!!!!”

“Provided real world examples; worked out similar problems on the test”

“Extra office hours and review session; these two things which help us a lot”

“Lots of office hours; review sessions on weekends; Lei is very dedicated and probably the best SMU has”

“He was great; one of my favorite professors; he offered lots of extra help”

“Great time usage and always available to help; very doable course”

“Excellent knowledge of material; dedicated to helping students”

“Video solutions & in-class videos about finance were very good”

“He had really good notes – they were organized and concise; he talked through examples in class and highlighted tricky areas; he covered what would be on the test and told us what to study”

“Let him teach more advanced finance courses! He’s great!”

“Very fast grading; always available for help.”

“He was always available for help; Professor Lei provided exam review sessions”

“Provide an incredible amount of resources; really genuinely care for his students”

“Hands down the most willing to help professor I have had; have a open door policy; wants everyone to do well; great online videos; they helped ton especially when you get stuck”

“Best teacher ever in life; made students feel important and worth his time; great instructor; very patient”

“Ability to present concepts that we can easily understand”

“This is by far the best, most fair, most knowledgeable and most dedicated professor in the business school”

“Was always available for outside help; really passionate about work and eager to teach; diligent worker; went out of his way to accommodate our needs”

“Be so dedicated to class and offer to meet students at all times; have review sessions for exams -> so much help! stick to syllabus as well as he did.”

“Lots of review sessions, very fast grading, always available for questions outside class.”

“He’s awesome!”

“Had plenty of resources available to students – office hours, online videos, etc; very approachable and willing to help”

“Good timely feedback; very willing to help; very knowledgeable”

“Goes out of his way to be helpful and to help us succeed; well organized and got tests back timely”

“Graded tests very quickly; taught amazingly well; always available; excellent”

“Plenty of examples; very accessible”

“Offered a lot of extra help and gave out practice exams”

“Was extremely helpful with exams; gave out practice tests; held many review sessions and office hours and went out of his way to help his students”

“Good lectures; thorough examples”

“His online calculator help was very well done. He was always available for extra office hours.”

“The most helpful instructor in this school.”

“Very well organized in presenting and providing material; very motivated in teaching the subject at hand; very compassionate to the students”

“He gave students almost every opportunity to succeed”

“Very dedicated to his students; many office hours and availability to help with any questions”

“Excellent understanding of the material; true passion for finance shines through; very available for help”

“Made himself available all the time; cared about the students doing well”

“Communicated constantly with students outside of class; extended office; very quick response in grading tests.”

“I have never had a professor so dedicated to helping his students; we got our tests grades back so quickly and he always held review sessions before tests that were so helpful; I could not have asked for a better finance 3320 professor”

“Professor Qin Lei is more than willing to help you with his extra office hours and review sessions; he is encouraging and wants all of his students to succeed”

“Good notes; interesting lectures; good sense of humor made it easier to learn”

“Captured the interest of the students; provided extra office hours and was easily available; provided video solutions; was an excellent professor”

“Posted plenty of practice exams and homework solutions; posted the lecture slides; made sure his students understood the material”

“Gave many additional office hours and study sessions; had online video solutions for many hard problems; was very kind and explained everything exceptionally clearly”

“He really cares about his students; the review sessions really helped”

“This was probably the most interesting and intellectually challenging courses I have ever taken. The instructor was by far the most helpful instructor I have ever had. I thoroughly enjoyed the course.”

“He is so willing to help students; website was very helpful!”

“Very open to questions, lots of extra office hours and review sessions; difficult course but explained well.”

“Timely response; good website; very genuinely interested in teaching course”

“Very willing to help; very timely; really did everything well”

“Always ready to help anyone and had lots of office hours; never got annoyed with questions in class and kept patiently explaining”

“He did very well on providing video solutions for us; very helpful professor!”

“Put in a lot of effort towards his students, was the best instructor I have had at SMU”

“Videos were great; very knowledgeable about subject”

“Professor utilized technology in ways that should become standard in all courses, but won’t for at least 5+ years; one of the best courses I have ever taken”

“He was genuinely interested in his students and was willing to do anything to help! Very timely feedback on exams”

“Excellent PowerPoint; thorough review sessions; generous with his time”

“Professor Lei gave lots of office hours opportunities and recorded videos online of how to solve homework problems”

“Excellent teacher”

“Was always willing to help his students succeed; was incredibly knowledgeable; inspired me to love finance”

“Most helpful teacher I’ve ever had; from his website to extra hours and everything else”

“Best instructor at Cox.”

“Office hours were great along with the website and video solutions”

“The instructor was genuinely interested in helping the students in any way he could. He cares about the subject matter and the students a lot, you could tell!”

“Graded tests very quickly; excellent communication with students; provided video solutions to homework problems”

“The most helpful teacher I have had. Always offered office hours. Good real world discussions.”

“Extra practice problems; practice problems in class; always available for help”

“Took suggestions and questions of the students. Did whatever he could to help students understand. Provided video solutions. He was the best professor and most genuinely concerned in student’s understanding.”

“Great videos and review sessions before test. He explained things very well and thoroughly!”

“Always was available to help students; cares about class and content. Best teacher I have had thus far at SMU”

“He taught from real life situations and helped us relate the material to the business world of today”

“VERY fast with providing feedback on tests; video solutions are helpful”

“Graded test promptly; extra office hours before tests; organized”

“I liked all of the online materials available and this was the most useful course”

“Great coverage of material; very well organized”

“He was willing to help his students in every way possible and communicated very well”

“Passionate about the course and students”

“Timely grading; enthusiasm for course; PowerPoint”

“Video solutions are a great help; the provided slides are a good review of the textbook.”

“The announcements online were helpful; the e-mails kept me informed”

“Finance is horrible. You are GREAT!”

“Very smart and helpful; always made himself available”

“Graded tests promptly; very supportive to help students; good articles and supplemental readings”

“Always returned quickly; always offered help”

“Got the tests back to us the next day; review sessions; example exams; video solutions”

“The website and video solutions were extremely helpful”

“He had great knowledge and took time to slowly explain things to students”

“Availability to help; quick feedback; great presentation”

1.5 FINA3320 (Spring 2009)

Please identify 2 or 3 things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“He went over many example problems during the lectures to help the class better understand the material. The homework assignments greatly prepared me for the exams.”

“Dr. Lei is very responsive to our class surveys which he uses to improve his classes. He also responded to emails quickly and very considerately. He made great use of his website, and had many opportunities for us to get better help (TA sessions, office hours, and test reviews)”

“Professor Lei is one of the most caring and hardworking professors at SMU. The course website is really helpful so are the review sessions. Thank you for taking our suggestions and working the homework problems in class.”

“It is obvious that the professor is passionate about teaching finance and really cares about his students!”

“This is the hardest course I have ever taken... The instructor did well to put the slides up and give good examples. he was very careful to use our feedback to shape the course.”

“very dedicated, tons of online material and extra office hours”

“One of the best teachers I have ever had. Great use of technology and always available for questions and help. Really understands the material and clarifies the concepts. Takes feedback from students throughout the semester and adjusts according to recommendations, likes, and dislikes. Really cares that each student knows and understands the concepts.”

“Professor Qin Lei is by far THE BEST instructor I have had in 4 semesters at SMU and I would be surprised if I have another whose fervent desire to see students succeed surpasses Professor Lei's. I have never been challenged so much in a course before and have never felt so good about the prospect of only getting a B/B+ in a course before. This is the most rewarding class I have taken at SMU. The university would be utterly foolish not to keep Professor Lei as a full-time lecturer for the Core FINA class. His effort to excel as a teacher and to see EARNED success of his students is unsurpassed in my experiences so far at SMU. 1) The PowerPoint notes outline the particular material in the textbook that should be paid much attention to. The professor's lectures were incredibly interesting and his use of the slides, the whiteboard, and his computer drawing tool allowed for visual learning that is surprisingly very helpful in this course. 2) The professor's availability outside of class was fantastic as was the number of review/study sessions before tests and during the semester. His video examples, recorded lectures, posted previous exams and notes, detailed homework solutions, and incredibly helpful website gave students every form of help they could need. 3) Tests truly reward the hard worker and inspire students to excel. Lack of homework and quizzes also ensures that students work hard to learn the material outside of class in addition to lectures. Professor Lei, I thank you for the best semester I have had at SMU and for the way you encouraged me to work my hardest. I earned my grade all on my own and am happy to have met you. I truly hope we can remain in touch and I wish you all of the best!”

“He provided a lot of examples, ample review times for tests, and plenty of material available online.”

“He was extremely accessible, and eager to help every student. He was also very passionate about the course and very knowledgeable.”

“The instructor truly cares about his students, and he is one of the best professors I have ever had. He was always available and helpful, and I learned a ton from him this semester.”

“He genuinely cares about his students and it is nice to know that. He goes out of his way to help us and is always there if we need help. He spends the time to explain things which avoids problems in the future. But if there are any misunderstandings on how to do something he always addresses the problem and makes sure we do understand it. Just my favorite part about him is that he genuinely cares about us and you can read it all over his face.”

“He was awesome. Was there to help students in every which way possible.”

“I like how he graded our papers very quickly. I also liked how towards the end of the semester, we would go over homework problems in class to make sure we understood the

concepts. He also provided so much of his time when the exams were coming around in case we had a question here or there or just wanted to attend a review session.”

“posting the tests online quickly was awesome. The past exams and podcasts of the study sessions really helped me study. Taking advantage of all of the technological gifts he brought to the class definitely helped my grade.”

“The practice tests were of great help. He really made sure that the tests matched the materials that we did in class, the homework, and on the practice tests. He was willing to do anything to help and make sure we were prepared.”

“Professor Lei always made himself available for students. He held numerous office hours and review sessions on the weekends. He also has a passion for teaching that makes the student care about the material.”

“Although my grades are not so hot in this class, Professor Lei is, by FAR, one of the BEST professors at SMU. I never had the chance to really meet with him at office hours, but I did get to talk to him during out of class events. He dedicates as much time as he can to his students and has a genuine interest in teaching his students. He understands that students coming into this class have little to no experience in finance and transitions into the class very well. I really wish more professors were as dedicated as Professor Lei because I am a slow learner. There aren’t many things that a professor should keep same for all classes just because every class is different. Professor Lei should continue to give evaluations and cater to each class’ learning style because it was, to me, extremely effective. Second, I think he should continue to offer many TA sessions and office hours because it was nice to know I could get help anytime I needed. Third, he should continue to have real-life situations put into the classroom such as the stock trading game.”

“Professor Lei has taken the time and effort to promote the success of his students. Despite the course material being difficult, he provided ample study material for our use and taught in a well organized manner.”

“Qin Lei is one of the best professors I have had at SMU. He cares about ALL of his students and he genuinely cares about their success. Prof. Lei’s website is an amazing resource for students. The stock trading game gave us first hand knowledge about finance and how it is used in the real world. He provides countless office hours and review sessions. I would recommend prof. Lei to everybody!!”

“He genuinely cares about the students and he adapts to the needs of the class”

“He really did a good job telling us what he expected and showing us how to do well. I feel that he is honestly the best teacher I have had at SMU, and really made me want to work hard and do well in the course. I feel that the professor did his best to help us do our best and really proved that if we did everything he said (read the text and supplemental readings prior to class, took notes, did the homework, and went to him or several of his TA office hours) that we would do well. THose students who did this I feel are the ones that did the best, and those that feel differently probably did not spend their time doing the hings he suggested. He is a great teacher- and made me want to do well.”

“The review sessions were extremely helpful. The instructor also did a good job of assigning homework problems that were relevant for the test. Also, the review sheets the instructor handed out for the last two tests were extremely helpful.”

“He was very organized and helpful. He was always want to improve his teaching style to better the students and always wanted to help the students”

“Grade tests in a timely manner. Provide lots of resources on his website.”

“Professor Lei is very knowledgable, and willing to help students to learn better in this course. The usage of technology is really helpful.”

“Qin Lei was the absolute greatest. His course website, dedication to his students, and love for teaching are instantly apparent. He has been my favorite professor at SMU even though his class was incredibly difficult. I HIGHLY recommend him.”

“Very knowledgeable and great online resources”

“very organized- always made it possible to stay on top in the class; excellent use of internet for communication”

“The most resourceful and helpful professor I’ve had to date.”

“Used class time well, great at introducing topic in a stimulating way”

“Lectured very well. Had video solutions for tough questions and would try his best to teach us the material. The most caring and best teacher I’ve ever had at SMU.”

“he offers so much help to students, I think that is great. The video’s were very helpful.”

“This is by far the best professor I’ve ever had. His website was very helpful that had many useful material and tools that enhanced my learning experience. He also would go out his way to help you understand the material by hosting review sessions on weekends. In addition, this was the most challenging course I’ve ever taken and I loved every second of it. After completing this class, I feel like I have been brought to a new level and have expanded my mind. Since this survey said 2-3 things, I’ll leave it at that. However, I could go on and on how great this professor is.”

“great teacher, learned a lot”

“Course was structured very well. Taught with precise and clear instructions”

“It was a very difficult class, and professor Lei definitely expected a lot from us, but he was always more than willing to help at any time.”

“Patience and clarity.”

“listened to the students and met their needs, held tests review sessions over the weekend when it was most convenient to students”

“He provided a great website which helped keep the class organized and informed. He also provided video solutions on the website which were perfect for solving problems at your own pace.”

“Professor Lei is one of the best professors I have had at SMU. He is so helpful and is willing to do anything to help you understand the concepts. He posts slides, audio clips in class, and video solutions in case you don’t understand anything. He is also very motivating. He is also a very nice teacher! His grading was fair and his tests were also challenging too! I really enjoyed this class.”

“This is probably the best/most important class that I have taken at SMU, because of the professor and the content. I will use what I have learned for my major and in everyday life. The professor cares so much about the students and wants to make sure that they learn as much as possible. I can’t believe how much extra office hours and review sessions he held for us.”

“Qin Lei is probably the best teacher I have ever had in any level of school. He obviously cares about what he teaches, and also cares very much for the student’s even outside of the classroom. His website and office hours are extremely helpful and informative and I thoroughly enjoyed the class.”

“Professor Lei is the best teacher I have had throughout all of my education. He cares about teaching and about his students doing well. He knows what he’s teaching and provides all his time to help students before exams. Professor Lei held countless reviews for exams during weekends, and was always open for office hours.”

“good website, good communication”

“He was very personal with his students and did everything he could to help us. I can honestly say he is the best instructor I have had at SMU.”

“You were incredibly helpful throughout the entire course. You were always sending emails offering to help out – this is the most help I’ve gotten from any professor before! You also explained things very well. Course materials were always posted on time and exams were always graded very quickly. You stayed on top of everything throughout the entire course, which is greatly appreciated.”

"This professor was excellent. I will be recommending him to anyone I know that is not afraid to work hard, but is looking for a grade A professor."

1.6 FINA3320 (Spring 2010)

Please identify 2 or 3 things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

"this class was absolutely perfect, by far the best professor I have ever had"

"Definitely the best teacher I have had at SMU so far-can tell he truly cares about his students and will do anything possible to help them succeed in his class. Is very knowledgeable about the subject and wants to give students a thorough understanding of finance."

"Professor Qin Lei is best professor I have ever come across. He truly cares about the success of his students. He goes to the extreme to help his students. When he tells you that he is here to help you he truly means it. Amazing professor, very intelligent, funny, great teaching styles. I love this professor. He is the best ever."

"He was extremely organized and very knowledgeable on the course matter. He demonstrated an interest for the subject matter and genuinely wanted his students to understand the content. He was very accessible and did everything he could to help the students understand the material. He had excellent turnover time for grades."

"Qin Lei is a FANTASTIC teacher all the way from all the extra support he offers, the extensiveness of his personal course website, to the talks of encouragement he gives. It is all above and beyond and extraordinary!"

"Best class I have ever taken. Professor Lei went above and beyond in teaching the course! He truly wants his students to succeed and provides students with the tools to learn the material. Great professor!!"

"hands down, most accommodating professor and truly wants people to succeed even when they doubt themselves. A+++"

"The assignments were very representative of problems from the test, and the professor was also readily available to help students. The video solutions also helped to clarify more difficult subjects."

"This is the best instructor I have ever had in college, high school, middle school or anything. I have never seen a teacher that is so genuinely interested in being the best they can be and that truly cares about the success of the student. I cannot put into words how much he cares. The best ever."

"I have NEVER had a math based course that I did not dread. His class was the first math course in my academic history that I did not dread or hate despite being weak in the subject. He is patient, interesting, fair and a really nice guy overall. He easily would rank in my top five professors here at SMU."

"best professor I have ever had. Extremely organized and well prepared. Never seen a professor work as hard as Qin Lei."

"Extremely available to help students. Very accommodating, helpful and dedicated"

"Professor Lei is a great instructor who wants to spread his passion for finance to all of students. He is one of the most helpful teachers I have ever had because he continuously extends office hours and schedules review sessions in order to help students better prepare. He also always keeps students updated on what is happening in the class or what changes need to be made."

"Dr. Lei is hands down the most dedicated professor I've had at SMU."

"Professor Lei was so on top of things and wanted the students to succeed. He knew what he was talking about and was excellent."

"The timeliness of feedback as well as the genuine interest that the instructor showed were both very impressive traits. The course was very well designed and the instructor truly did a superior job."

"Professor Lei has been by far the best professor that I have had while at SMU. I feel that he is the most passionate about teaching the course material and he outlines the course very well and fairly. He has been the most organized and helpful teacher that I have had."

"He really tries to encourage students. Even when I zone out and stop listening in class, he finds a way to grab my attention and motivate me to work. Best teacher I have ever had in Cox. This is my second time taking this course. At first, I hated it. He has changed my view of Finance. I now enjoy the class and subject matter."

"Dr. Lei provided an abundance of resources to ensure the success of his students. His humor was a pleasant interlude during a time of less than exciting material."

"The review sessions before the test were extremely helpful! Great feedback on the test and a very timely return. Course website is very helpful and working homework problems in class is also very helpful."

"Professor Lei held a great class which really made me more aware and interested in the financial world. He really presents material that seems to be relevant to real world concepts in business. He is very passionate for the subject he teaches."

"Used real life examples for our sample problems and had the most enthusiasm you could ever ask for in a teacher."

"Exhibit passion for students, teaching, and course material. Keep up the outstanding work. Also, interjecting a unique quality of humor into the lectures."

"Professor Lei was the best professor I've had at SMU. He went above and beyond to make sure he was doing everything possible to help out every student. He constantly asked for our feedback and had lots of reviews and office hours before every exam. I also loved how quickly he graded the exams."

"Professor Lei is probably the best professor I have had thus far at SMU. He is unbelievably organized, which makes it easy to keep up with the hard coursework. He also cares more about his students than any other professor that I have had. Great professor!!"

"Great use of class time, I really liked all the practice problems in class, awesome reviews for the test and final."

"the video logs helped a lot when going over the homework as well as genuinely wanting to help the students and offers ample time to talk to them."

"This instructor does an awesome job of teaching this course! He had approx. 200 students between 2 classes and would have our tests graded and scanned into his course website for us to retrieve them within 24 hours of having completed the test. One of the best professors I have encountered at SMU this far in my education. He seems to have a real interest in teaching, his students, and in finance, which makes the class enjoyable! His organization skills are incredible. I wish there were more professors like him on campus."

"Was very enthusiastic about the class and graded exams incredibly fast."

"he cares so much about the students and is willing to do anything to help us"

"Professor Lei has plenty of office hours and TA sessions. Timely video solutions and course slides posted online. Basically, all the effort professor Lei did make the hard course easy to understand."

"Great teacher. The best I have had at SMU by far. I have never had a teacher do more for his class's success more than Prof. Lei."

"Mr. Lei explains concepts very well. He is very organized. He goes well beyond expectations to assist his students. He is a phenomenal professor. He dedicates a significant amount of his own time to his students and his classes to ensure that everyone can succeed."

"Best professor I have had at SMU hands down. Genuinely wants everyone to succeed in his class and gain real world knowledge. Provides every opportunity within his capability for students to do well, it's just a matter of taking advantage of these opportunities. The PDF test corrections were extremely helpful and timely. Test were graded fairly."

"Always made himself available for questions; Took a genuine interest in the success of his students; Took creative criticism from the class throughout the course"

"The instructor was always available to answer questions and help when needed. I feel like the instructor genuinely wanted all of his students to succeed and was always motivating students to do well."

"He was so helpful. He provided so many resources that we could utilize to help us learn. He also had plenty of office hours and review sessions. I also really like the use of a 'cheat sheet' and how he provides previous years exams that we can use as practice."

"I'm glad you started to go over the homework assignments in class...it was very helpful. I also really like that you post those videos on the course website so if I need help I can check there first to see if you have covered that certain problem/issue already."

"Professor Lei is very organized and has a well designed class. The powerpoint slides from class will be very valuable in the future as they are simplified but thorough. Everyone has the opportunity to be successful in his class because he has been willing to help us in any way he can. He also knows everyone in the class by name and recognizes when someone is not in class. One of the top three teachers I have ever had and the best in Cox."

"This instructor was really interested in the subject matter and making students learn. Finance is a difficult subject to learn, but the instructor was always available for help and seemed to really care about the students."

"Absolutely outstanding in every way. I hope professor Lei continues to teach at SMU -he's the best I've ever had, at any grade level. Truly a top-notch professor. Give him a raise!"

"the organization of class material really made it easier to learn in this class; the instructor truly wanted the class to understand the material and always made himself available to his students"

"I really enjoyed when you played the stock game, while I did not have time to play in it, I think that that gave students an opportunity to talk about what we are doing irl. I also think you did a great job in posting grades, your website is so helpful. and you have always made an effort to have extra office hours and be available to students after class. Also the practice tests you gave us helped enormously. I hope students really utilized them, because I found them to be great practice."

"He was extremely timely with grading and very efficient all around. Absolutely the best course i've taken at SMU."

"Hands down the best professor I have ever had at SMU. Smart and funny, engaging, thought-provoking, and most importantly, Prof. Lei puts it in current terms so we can actually apply the course to our everyday life. Awesome Job!"

"The instructor is very well organized and willing to help. His examples are contemporary and interesting."

"He did a really great job, and I really wouldn't say that he should change anything. He provided periodic class surveys in which he improved his effectiveness throughout the course of the semester. Great professor, and I would definitely recommend him to anyone."

"I love this guy, great teacher. The only negative feedback you will receive is from students who failed to put in the effort and performed poorly"

"Most thorough professor I have ever had. I have never even heard of a professor going to such lengths to help students. The videos online helped so much, the slides were organized, the website was easy to access, the lectures were timely and precise. He never

messed up during a lecture. Amazing professor, I wish he could teach everyone else how to run the background portion of course preparation.”

“The instructor was very efficient in teaching the information for finance, and always made it clear exactly what we needed to know for exams.”

“Professor Lei goes above and beyond what is expected to help students get a better grasp of the material. He always returns our exams very quickly and is always there to help if we seek it. He has a great teaching style (I love the personal stories he sometimes incorporates into the lectures), and there is no doubt Professor Lei wants all of his students to succeed and will do all that he can to help them achieve their goals.”

“Very organized and teach the material clearly. Tremendous commitment in helping student succeed by providing extensive office hour, review session and material to enhance studying. relates the material to the real business situation which promotes interest to the subject. GREAT Professor.”

“Continue providing all of the online resources regarding homework problems and video solutions. This was extremely helpful if you were working on an assignment and got stuck on a difficult problem. You are very approachable and seemed genuinely concerned that we do well in your class. The overall quality of the class was superb. You put a lot of time and energy into your teaching and it shows. I honestly feel you provided us with so many tools and resources to enhance our learning that no one has an excuse to not understand the material in this course. Also, it was great how you incorporated our feedback about wanting to work more homework problems in class.”

“Professor Lei had a very good class structure. Fair and easy to learn. He was also very adaptable accommodating for different learning techniques.”

“Professor Lei always made himself available to provide extra help for anyone. Since he genuinely is interested in his subject, his lectures were never dull even with more trying topics as he provided real-world examples that were relevant and well known so that we all could understand.”

“The genuine desire to do anything to help the students succeed was so refreshing as was a professor that was willing to work as hard as the students regarding grading papers etc”

“always more than prepared and returns graded exams faster than any professor I have ever had. also gives example reviews that are very helpful for the exam”

“The instructor is very thorough and returns tests incredibly fast! He is open to ideas and suggestions. He genuinely cares about his students and has plenty of office hours! He responds to emails very quickly.”

“Amazing professor that did an extraordinary job teaching. Would provide great explanations about the subject matter and demonstrate thorough knowledge about the subject.”

“The professor did a wonderful job explaining all of the course material and providing all the tools possible to master the information. The professor was also very responsive and available at all times and really cared about the students.”

“The use of powerpoint slides with lectures was extremely effective. Practice exams were incredibly helpful and a must have for this course!! Professor Lei had constant communication with us and tried extremely hard to make sure that everyone felt comfortable with the course material.”

“Very, very organized and very timely in returning exams as well as exam images! Best use of technology & organization, I have ever witness in my 14 years of schooling!”

“I have no idea where he finds the time to provide everything he does for his students. If you work hard, there’s no reason you shouldn’t make at least an A-. I loathed the subject, refused to study or put much effort into it and my grade reflects that. I only wanted to pass. He’s always ready to help and has our tests grades and papers emailed to us before the class period following the tests-often the morning after the test. Absolutely fantastic teacher. Every FINA3320 class should be taught by him.”

"The instructor was extremely thorough and worked hard to help us learn. At the same time, he expected us to work hard too. He made many resources available to help us learn the material. His quick turnaround time in grading was excellent. His availability before tests was great. His review sessions were very helpful. He is an excellent instructor, and I will highly recommend him to other students."

"Wonderful! Always willing to go above and beyond to help his students! The review sessions before the tests were very helpful."

"He was very well organized, graded tests in an extremely fast manner, and utilized class time effectively."

"Very good professor, good use of visuals, good explanations."

"Very well organized, utilized class time very effectively, updated website with video solutions and online help daily"

"Returned grades on exams extremely quickly. Was always more than helpful in office hours and outside of class"

"communicated well with the students and was more than willing to help out"

"Was very quick to provide feedback to students and went out of his way to make sure everyone was satisfied with the teaching of the course. Was very efficient."

"some days we worked on hw problems and some days were just lectures which helped change things up and keep things interesting; also, he was really good at getting people involved by creating little games while solving problems"

"excellent teacher"

"The instructor's technology to allow the student to learn on their own."

"The instructor provided various aids to help student's learn the material and was always available for extra help."

"Very timely and very good at communicating with students"

"Fair but challenging tests."

"The instructor did everything well."

"Going over the homework problems with us was an excellent way of helping us learn and understand the material. The notes were also very organized, and the video solutions are always helpful."

"Graded super fast, really made an effort to take suggestions from students, made himself extremely available before tests etc."

"Great presentation of material, I liked going over sample homework problems in class."

"great timing on grading tests, good reviews, always willing to help, super organized"

"very committed, very hard working"

"Make himself readily available to the students. He was enthusiastic in assisting any student."

"great organization and timely feedback was great! Always available to help, really wants everyone to do well."

"The professor is very responsible and very helpful."

"try to understand students. offer variable office hours to help students"

"your class website was extremely helpful. i loved the video solutions, they were extremely helpful."

"He provided a lot of real world examples through the supplementary readings, and he was very good at holding the classes attention."

"tests were graded very quickly!"

"great at helping before exams"

"I like the update emails sent to my blackberry and elaborate display of coursework and access to previous year's exams and homework solutions."

“Good lecturer, passionate. Very organized and got things graded quickly”
 “Excellent course organization”
 “1) timely feedback 2) genuine interest in students”
 “Many office hours, graded promptly and explained grading procedures”
 “Was very organized and prepared for lectures. Offered many opportunities for students to meet one on one.”
 “The instructor ALWAYS had a quick turnaround time for test grading. The review sessions were also priceless for preparing for the tests.”
 “He’s so nice and really cares about his students.”
 “I liked all the extra help he gave us”
 “Encourage students to excel”
 “He was very timely. He was good at explaining things.”
 “Continue to provide every opportunity to understand the topic.”
 “provided supplemental homeworks gave lecture slides ahead of class time”
 “Posting all the solutions to homework and old exams. Posting the slides before class. Having video solutions to all the problems”
 “Returned assignment grades very promptly. Willing and very available to help or answer questions.”
 “Great timely feedback on exams. Practice Exams and Review Sessions are extremely helpful in preparing for tests.”
 “The instructor did an excellent job on keeping organized with all of the course information, and issued surveys throughout the course for students to voice concern.”
 “I am satisfied with the way the instructor taught the class.”
 “You are an excellent professor and go above and beyond what is expected. Thank you for a great semester.”
 “HE IS AN EXCELLENT PROFESSOR!!”
 “The Professor is the most thorough and available I have ever had. Thank you for all your hard work!”
 “He is perfect. I couldn’t ask for a better professor.”
 “the prof was very well prepared and very effective in teaching this course”
 “great at communicating outside of class with students”
 “The professor was always available to help. He also provided numerous examples for the course material.”
 “Returned tests in a timely manner, showed interests in students’ success, demonstrated excellent knowledge in the subject”
 “He was very good about getting tests back on time. He also provided numerous resources such as videos, notes, practice exams, and review sessions to give students ample opportunity to do well in his class. He also made himself easily accessible to students through his many office hours. His lectures were very thorough and he did a great job explaining concepts in the class.”
 “The instructor was able to grade and return work in a very timely fashion. As well, towards the end of the course we started to do more homework and example problems.”
 “timely feedback on grades (next day)”
 “Very well organized.”
 “Very great course website”
 “graded really fast, worked problems in class”
 “always willing to help quick feedback relative material”
 “Great website, well organized and structured”

“Very timely in grading.”
 “Great teacher, 5 stars”
 “all of the extra help available (including review sessions, posts on website) was extremely helpful”
 “(1) clear organized slides (2) example problems worked together in class (3) quick test feedback and retrieval system”
 “His availability to help students whenever they need”
 “Change nothing...”
 “good communication skills with website and email notifications; ample test review sessions offered”
 “Held extra office hours and review sessions before tests”
 “did a good job preparing us for the test”
 “Thank you for a great semester”
 “Provided great feedback. He did a great job with his website. He was a very fair grader.”
 “Excellent instruction, teaching, availability, lectures, website, everything.”
 “Teacher prepares you very well for exams but giving great information”
 “great job providing information of notes, old tests, and homework solutions”
 “He is an awesome teacher, everything should be the same.”
 “maybe the best teacher i’ve ever had.”
 “graded lightning fast; taught a difficult subject very well”
 “he did everything really well! i loved this professor”
 “GREAT WEBSITE, was very accommodating”
 “great teacher”
 “Organized the course material well.”
 “I honestly can not find a point in which there is a need for improvement.”
 “this was one of the best instructors I have ever had.”
 “I was satisfied with everything.”
 “Mr. Lei has asked for our feed back at least 3 times this semester in order to improve upon his current processes. I do not think that he needs to change a thing.”
 “Can’t say one thing he should improve on.”
 “... you did everything exceptionally well.”
 “Make the stock game more significant and ‘serious’ in terms of grading. Other than that, wow impressive professor. Great job and thank-you.”
 “No complaints, just an amazing Intro to Finance teacher.”
 “Overall a great teacher”

1.7 FINA3320 (Spring 2011)

Please identify 2 or 3 things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“This is by leaps and bounds the most organized and dedicated professors I have ever had. He has 240ish students, and he pulls all-nighters to grade our tests. He had our most recent tests graded in less than 24 hours (and there are 10 free response problems each test). I have never seen a professor more organized than he is. He has the most organized course website I have ever seen. He genuinely cares about the success of his students and will go out of his way to make sure we succeed in every way possible”

"His class website is very organized and is extremely helpful. His website template should be considered for other courses, it was so easy to use. He does a wonderful job of presenting the material in a logical way that helps explain more difficult concepts."

"The instructor seems genuinely interested in the students and how they are understanding the material. I feel that if I were struggling, he would assist me in any way to help me understand."

"Very passionate about the subject and material. Always organized and well-prepared for every class."

"Best professor I have ever had. Everything about this course was organized, realistic and well thought out."

"The instructor did a very good job teaching the material. I came into the class with no previous knowledge of finance and very nervous about taking the class. He taught the material very well and enabled students to feel comfortable with the course material. He provides very timely feedback on tests and any other questions students have. It is obvious that he is very interested in what he is teaching and he definitely goes above and beyond to help students and provide helpful material to them. I am very glad i took this class with Professor Lei and I have definitely learned alot from it. One of the most dedicated professors I have taken a class with at SMU! He did a great job!"

"Professor Lei is one of the best professors I have ever had, there is nothing he needs to do better than he didn't already correct himself on over the course of the class."

"Qin Lei is by far the best professor I had at SMU Cox school of business. I think he is very passionate about what he is teaching and really takes time to provide students with proper course material in order for all of us to succeed."

"the instructor did so much to ensure people had every resource possible"

"He was a fantastic professor that provided great feedback on all of the exams and provided a great amount of work outside the classroom to help you better prepare for the exams!"

"Wow. This professor is amazing. He is one professor that I will truly miss. You come across a lot of professors but only a few are as dedicated as Prof Lei. He will stay up to 4 o'clock in the morning just to have all of our tests graded and returned to us the next day. He loves his students and that really shines through. He is AMAZING!"

"This class was quite simply what every class should aim to be at SMU. The coursework was clearly outlined and organized in a way that was clear to all students and was also perfectly organized. The use of technology and other systems for efficiency make this class feel like a class of the future, and the way by which tests were handed back was incredible. Offering personal help to any students willing to seek it made this class accessible, possible, and truly a pleasure to take."

"This teacher genuinely cares about each of his students. When the tornado in the south occurred, he sent me a thoughtful email to me expressing that he is thinking about me since I am from the south. Never in my life has a professor done that, and I will remember that for the rest of my life. His sincere words were so kind. He also is a very organized teacher. Finance is a really hard course for students who, like myself, are not finance majors, and I think that he provided the class with as much practice problems as possible. Overall, I was extremely happy with this teacher. I personally disliked the finance course in general, but absolutely loved the teacher."

"he was the best professor i have ever had. i changed my major to finance because of him! he explained the material very clearly and gave many examples. he was the most passionate professor i have ever met. he was always willing to help and went out of his way to provide us with very helpfu course material. he also was very prompt on grading"

"His website was phenomenal. I have never seen anything like it for any class I have taken in high school or at SMU. He graded tests faster than any teacher I have ever had. It was incredibly impressive. He seemed genuinely interested in the course."

"The instructor was very helpful in answering specific questions about the material. The course website was an excellent tool for learning and staying organized."

"he is very engaged in class. he cares about his students"

"Was extremely clear about course material and policies"

"Explained the subject well, always understood his students and helped them to the best of his ability, and always held a positive attitude."

"cared about each student to an extreme level always available for help"

"Very well organized. Provided feedback immediately after exams, and always available to help students. He was genuinely interested in teaching the class and really wanted students to understand the material."

"Great teacher; tests were relevant to the homework and information discovered in class. Almost became a finance major because of this class. Best professor at SMU."

"The instructor was incredibly well organized which made it a very good course. He also asked for lots of student input which made the course even better."

"He spoke clearly and demonstrated much knowledge on the subject. He provided lots of homework examples and posted important material on the course website in an organized way."

"I love the way he teach. keep up."

"1. Passionate for the subject 2. Prompt return of Tests 3. He's the man."

"The instructor was very organized & submitted the assignments back in a very timely manner. In addition, he incorporated the feedback from the class, in order to enhance our learning experience. In addition, he challenged us to excel beyond means. We could really tell that he cared about us, which pushed me & others to give our best."

"I think Professor Lei identifies problems continually and seeks to find solutions. He is one of the best instructors at SMU."

"I loved the course and the professor, no complaints"

"Professor Lei showed a genuine interest in this course and in helping his students succeed. He recognized that not every student would see Finance as their favorite course and was very understanding in this manner. Professor Lei went above and beyond his duties as professor to help any struggling students, and assignments/test grades were always returned with surprising speed, considering the number of students taking the course. Professor Lei was an excellent professor, and I would recommend him for any students taking the FINA3320 course in the future."

"Professor Lei is the best professor I have ever had"

"Qin Lei is amazing & I would recommend him to anyone. This man needs a raise! The extra hours he gives to his students is one of a kind."

"Professor Lei is great. Splitting class sessions between lectures and doing class problems is a very effective way of teaching the material. His willingness to hold review sessions before each exam was likely very helpful for many students as well."

"His interest in the class and in his students was remarkable. His timely feedback on assignments and availability made him a great professor"

"Excellent at posting things on the course website supplying a good amount of test prep including Practice Exams"

"he is arguably one of the best professors that I have ever had. I have decided to major in accounting, but I plan to take at least 1-2 more finance classes because of him."

"Qin Lei is amazing! He did everything possible to help the class with tough financial materials! Posting audio and video of problems' solutions, notes for students who miss class, feedback survey after every exam, stock trading game etc... Those extras really keep us motivated and try our best! Keep up the good work!"

“good enthusiasm about the subject matter -very organized, course website was very helpful”

“Did a wonderful job of allowing students to come find him for help at any time and was very prompt in returning grades. Overall, an awesome teacher who would do anything for his students. I feel like his course thoroughly enhanced my knowledge of the subject matter.”

“He was well organized, funny in class, readily available and willing to help students, and very timely in grading tests.”

“he is AWESOME”

“He really does everything that is possible to help students excel, and I believe the student surveys help a lot because that way he is aware of issues we see and would like to be changed. Offer study sessions for each exam, this is a hard class we as students need all the help we can get.”

“I have never had a teacher that communicated with his students as much and graded our tests as fast. He really wants his students to do well!”

“The instructor goes out of his way to help out his students and he genuinely cares about his students.”

“Professor Lei was very good at adequately preparing us for the exams. The course website was extremely helpful and organized in having all the necessary materials we needed. He was also very committed and always willing to provide extra help to anyone who wanted or needed it.”

“He graded exams 1/2 days after the exam day, which is impressive considering he grades all 200+ papers by himself. He also started doing more homework problems towards the end of the semester, which is great because then students who don’t have time to visit him during office hours will gain from that as well.”

“graded tests extremely fast, video’s online for solving problems, best teacher i’ve had at SMU”

“Amazing teacher who really helped me with the class. His notes he gave us really helped us with the material.”

“He is perfect”

“One of the most efficient professors I have ever had. He is always willing to help and he gives you the tools to succeed.”

“Communicated well, always there to help, and you could tell he really cared.”

“He always provided timely feedback on tests and was always available to students”

“Course website with emails was great. Also, I thought the stock trading game was a great fun way to incorporate what we were learning in class. Lastly, he was an amazing teacher. He was always willing to help. The review sessions were helpful, and I could tell he really loved his job.”

“Very interesting Class! He related the topics very well to the real world.”

“Awesome teacher.”

“This course actually set the standards. No improvements at all.”

“I cannot think of any areas in which Professor Lei needs to improve - I highly recommend this professor!”

“Professor Lei is AMAZING and is one of the best professors I’ve had. He is very caring and thoughtful and takes great interest in the education of his students.”

“He is fantastic wouldn’t recommend him to change a thing.”

“Nothing should change instructor was great.”

“Overall, one of the best teachers I have had.”

“Honestly I can not think of anything for improvement. Professor Lei is the man!”

"I thought his class was perfectly structured. One of the best professors I have had at SMU."

"The class was great, the Professor did EVERYTHING possible for me to make a decent grade."

"He is perfectly organized and very fair."

"he really cares about his students and their success, but without being easy. he graded the exams super fast (like 245 tests in 12 hours). his homework problems and practice tests really help you to prepare."

"- He is eager to help ALWAYS. - He explains everything really clearly and is patient and understanding. - His classes are very interesting."

"Excellent at explaining all concepts and makes it easy to understand Very approachable and great at answering questions"

"The instructor did a great job of providing resources so students could see example problems and solutions, even video solutions. He also was remarkably organized, efficient, relevant, and helpful."

"He provided excellent resources and really good powerpoints. He was readily available to his students."

"Awesome professor"

"The use of the website as a means of communication and getting documents was a tremendous help. The review sessions that were held before each midterm will also extremely helpful."

"he is hardworking and i think he is the best professor i have ever met in SMU"

"Graded fairly and quickly, had a genuine interest and respect for every student, provided reviews before exams that fit into everyone's schedule, made excellent use of the course website"

"Fantastic job on making the tests fair. Graded with lightning speed. Made the class enjoyable and if you listened, it was quickly comprehensible! Enjoyed the class so much I am strongly considering switching my major from Accounting to Finance!"

"Super organized, efficient use of class time, good humor/kept people interested"

"Awesome time management. Never wasted a minute."

"very well designed and interesting lectures audio clips were very useful he was very friendly and positive toward helping students his level of communication was very appropriate First i was so scared of this course but he changed my point of view toward this course and I'm really glad i took this class with him"

"The instructor provided many extra review and help sessions because he was genuinely interested in his students' success. He also provided extra problems to work in preparation for tests. He also provided very timely feedback."

"The professor was extremely organized and willing to help students."

"He was very involved with his students and interesting to listen to!"

"He was very organized. He was great at returning graded assignments back quickly."

"explained topics really thoroughly, even the ones that are seemingly easier. its helpful because sometimes the most obvious things can be hard to understand"

"He loves this class and makes all his students like him a lot"

"He was always available for students when they needed help. He utilized class time so effectively. All of his tests were challenging yet doable."

"He managed class time effectively, was practically always available to help students, and gave many resources to help with practicing problems."

"graded fairly and quickly. taught material effectively"

"Intersperse the textbook examples with real world examples. Make jokes or strange examples so that students remember the material well."

“takes great interest in students, always available, provides clear expectations”

“Offer a variety of helping material for the class available such as the videos for the problems, the homework problems which are similar to the exam questions.”

“awesome class.”

“Fair tests, timely grading, extremely helpful and available.”

“The course website was a great addition to other course materials. He taught in a clear manner and made us feel comfortable with his teaching style. Keep up the good job!”

“The website is FUCKING AMAZING; I use hyperbole and crude language to demonstrate how actually awesome it really is. Also, the online videos are perhaps the most helpful single teaching tool I have yet experienced in college.”

“I love the stock market game. I really like the way the course is set up. I think that it is helpful to have the homework as a study tool rather than a grade. Test grading was the most timely I have ever seen. The class is interactive which helps me pay attention”

“The instructor utilized time very effectively and was always very easy to meet with and discuss any issues or problems.”

“The way the course was organized was outstanding. I liked the HW assignments. The video solutions were very helpful.”

“This class makes me learn a lot, not only the material knowledge, but also how to solve the difficulties when i was in trouble and the study method.”

“Feedback on tests was very quick. Instructor was very approachable.”

“Love that there is the option to drop 1 test grade because my first one I was still trying to get a hang of the course. Working through practice problems during the class periods and setting aside specific classes for that was beneficial”

“Great use of class time! And thank you for grading the tests so quickly!”

“He was extremely organized. Great use of website.”

“listening to our surveys and adjusting the way you teach based on our feedback, being available”

“Provided a website that had a lot of additional resources that helped to learn the material more thoroughly. Had tests graded very quickly.”

“Online Website was helpful if you had any confusion about the course materials.”

“I enjoyed working problems in class as well as the instructors willingness to help students.”

“He graded test and got them back in a very timely manner. He taught from power point slides that were up loaded before the class so that we could have them for the lecture to take notes on.”

“well-organized slides useful homework professor gave test grades in time”

“1) he graded very efficiently 2) provided course materials 3) had a well working and easy to manage website.”

“Really Cares”

“I really liked the online videos of the problems and Professor Lei’s timely responses to emails and quick grading.”

“really good ! i like this class”

“Professor Qin Lei has an excellent website, which kept me informed and helped me study for the exams. Great virtual stock trade exercise!”

“- he keeps the class interested with some humor - gives feedback all the time for everything - the course website is an excellent resource”

“Great professor”

“Stories. Clear explanations and examples.”

“the professor was very efficient and well organized”

“he was always there to answer questions. the examples in his powerpoint were very helpful and he used the board to clear up any miscommunications”

“The instructor made good use of his course website posting a ton of resource files and helpful info pertaining to course matter”

“1. The professor always used each class minute of class time effectively. 2. He graded our tests in an incredibly timely fashion. 3. He began to work more examples in class which allowed students to ask questions about specific applications of concepts.”

“He had a well organized course and knew the subject.”

“The website’s features are amazing and extremely helpful review sessions help alot”

“Goes out of his way to help students Has great enthusiasm Is very organized”

“Promptly grade exams. Provide examples relevant to the tested material.”

“Provided timely feedback with exams and maintained consistent contact throughout the semester.”

“Periodical evaluations throughout the course. Overall teaching style was great”

“Open office hours and review sessions were helpful to prepare for exams.”

“good test reviews, tests covered material without trying to trick us, class time was used effectively.”

“Helping with test preparation”

“Load the slides for all chapters on the test at the begining.”

“great timely feedback on tests very clear lectures great website”

“Organization and quick feedback”

“Prepare the class for exam and the information that was put out on the course website”

“Grades tests very quickly.”

“had many resources for his students”

“He held review sections before each exams He has provided more than enough study materials”

“Great lectures, and the notes provided on the internet were extremely helpful.”

“Post the lectures online, continue to work on hw problems in class and offer enough office hours.”

“organized and clear Power Points and lectures”

“was extremely prepare very knowledgeable posted homework solutions”

“Good power points.”

“be available”

“Great use of technology”

“helpful course website and homework assignments”

“Host review sessions on weekends before exams and continue returning exams in a timely manner.”

“Great at communication”

“quick grading interest in students”

“course notes closely related to exams responsible for students’ questions”

“He posted all of the homework and powerpoint slides for the section in advance. That made it easier to remember to print them out. Also, the exam reviews were very helpful.”

“Very clear lesson plans. Good study guides.”

“Well organized class. Applying what we’ve learned for current financial crisis helps us learn more.”

“Exam reviews are especially nice. The stock game was nice.”

“The class was very well structured. Do everything the same.”

"Always provided great notes online and homework solutions were really helpful. The week up to the test was helpful in that he had review sessions and practice tests."

"Graded fairly, and was very understanding"

"He gave us outline, preview questions, homework and they were very helpful."

"Good examples plenty of help before the test. Good grading tactics"

"Provide video's online, timely feedback, and well organized course notes."

"Making sure everyone understands before moving to next."

"Great notes, practice exams, and communication"

"great at grading/returning tests great test prep"

"great use of powerpoint slides and great use of homework problems to really encourage understanding of the material"

"Returned tests very quickly"

"The homework assignments and practice tests are extremely helpful. Keep working problems in class. It helps everyone understand the problems better."

"Provided excellent material which really helped Very thorough with information"

"1) had a lot of office hours which were helpful 2) Gave a lot of example problems for practice"

"Had powerpoints that followed his lecture, compared it to real world situations, and was helpful out of class."

"very good slides and the sample exams are very useful to prepare for exam"

"Found going over hw problems in class to very helpful Providing a practice test"

"Graded in a timely manner"

"His office hour is very useful"

"He did a great job providing us with materials to prepare for the exam. The assignments were helpful and relevant."

"Timely responses Course website Sample exam review materials"

"Tests were fairly representative of homeworks/practice tests and topic covered were always clearly established."

"Organization, communication, efficiency."

"Just let him do what he is doing?"

"Very well organized course."

"He was good giving back timely feed back and always asking if you needed extra help."

"The website was very helpful with the video solutions"

CHAPTER 2

INTRODUCTORY FINANCE - NON-BBA CORE CLASSES

2.1 FIN302 (Fall 2014)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“As in Senior in the general studies degree track I have had the opportunity to take a wide array of courses with many different professors. I can without a doubt say that professor Lei is the most professional and prepared instructor I have met. He goes above and beyond to make certain that every resource needed is easily accessible and relevant to course success. Not doing well in this class is 100% the students’ choice. Thanks for a great class”

“The best instructor I had in University of Michigan. He is very attentive, diligent, and smart.”

“The instructor was phenomenal. The lectures were well-organized and thought-provoking. The instructor kept students on top of the material by sending out emails periodically. I enjoyed the stock market simulation.”

“The instructor was very devoted to students doing well.”

“It was great, this class was everything I expected and so much more.”

“Most organized professor I have ever had, extremely good balance of efficiency and ensuring understanding. Recitation could have been better (was basically just a third lecture) but overall the lectures were engaging and he managed to make the material very interesting”

“Overall Qin was a great professor and went way above and beyond to make sure that students learned course material. I have never had a professor listen so closely to student feedback and actually act on it.”

“Overall great course!”

“Prof. Qin Lei is so great.”

“Qin Lei is one of the best professors I’ve had here at the University, and I’m very happy to have had the opportunity to learn from him.”

“Qin is perhaps the best professor I have ever had. That is saying something. Keep up the good work.”

“The professor is a very dedicated instructor. I like the fact that he makes sure that the students get the most that they can from the class. So, kudos to you prof!”

“This was an excellent course that helped students learn financial skills and concepts that can be applied to the real world.”

“The material taught was very straightforward with many useful examples to teach students. The professor was highly responsive, students wanted to have lectures recorded on video, and the professor made the change immediately. One of the best professors I have had at this university.”

“Qin was very available and definitely well prepared for everything in this class. I really appreciate his understanding and willingness to help students who are struggling.”

“Really enjoyed the course and the Professors teaching style.”

“The professor was well prepared each class and made himself available to the students, and was responsive and understanding when a student had difficulty with a concept.”

“The structure of the course is very well-thought of. The chapters taught were arranged so that it flows and makes it easier for the students to follow and understand. There are a lot of opportunities for students to learn, like videos, notes, and homework solutions which is very helpful.”

“The survey of topics was perfect for an introductory finance course. The class material was interesting, engaging and never slow.”

“Concepts were easy to learn and practice as much as necessary due to the nature of the homework and availability of detailed solutions; Professor Lei was vibrant while teaching a subject that has the capacity to be incredibly dry.”

“I liked how promptly exams were graded and returned to us, and how the homework system made you keep working on a problem until you got it right, which helped me learn a lot. Trivia questions were also more convenient than making everyone purchase an iclicker just to do clicker questions. The instructor seemed well prepared for each class and dedicated to helping students succeed.”

“Abundance of resources, and a very dedicated teacher who wanted his students to learn.”

“Everything was awesome.”

“Professor Lei was amazing. I never once left the classroom confused about a concept or topic, in part due to my curiosity about the subject, but also due to his ability to translate the material to students. I was very impressed with both the professor’s enthusiasm for the material, and his dedication to his students. Excellent work overall.”

“Professor Lei was extremely organized, well-prepared, and helpful. Best professor I’ve ever had.”

“Professor Lei was incredibly organized and kept students updated on course material and concepts. Electronic communication was highly effective and students had ample opportunities to get ahead on material and prepare for exams.”

“Professor Qin is one of the most genuine professors I’ve had at this university. I’m not even in Ross, but he still cared about all of his students doing well.”

“Professor Qin was always prepared to help students. He always has words of encouragements for the class and made it clear that his goal is for everyone to do well, be it in class or beyond the course. Also, Professor Qin made it a point to listen to what students have to say, just like he did after the midterms. I truly enjoyed the class because students’ effort were rightfully rewarded. Thank you Professor.”

“Professor gave students every opportunity to succeed, with several resources available for learning. Also catered to students’ requests for more mock problems and different exam format”

“Professor gave us a clear structure of basic finance. I really like the trading part.”

“I thought it was a good set up, with the trivia to motivate students to go to class, the homework before exams, and the teaching style. I learned a lot and thought it was reasonable.”

“Incredibly well organized. Test questions have been fair. Very communicative. Fantastic professor.”

“Instructor is very open. Provides a lot of avenues for student to learn. Videos, office hours, etc. Most helpful and available professor I’ve ever had.”

“Lectures were informative. Lecture notes were up and available on the course website. The instructor was responsive to our concerns (ie, putting example questions on the course website to help better prepare for exams).”

“Great approach from the business side of the finance the class was incredible helpful and very interesting”

“Guidance on homework is very clear especially with the help of solutions and videos on the course website , trivia questions make me keep up with the class topics,”

“He had a lot of resources available for learning.”

“I like the structure and exams.”

“I like this professor.”

“I really liked the stock market game. One of the things I wanted to get from this course was to learn how to invest. This was helpful.”

“Material matched book quite well Homework was somewhat reflective of test”

“Online materials”

“Professor is one of the best I’ve had at this university.”

“Professor is really good at helping us learn more and get material from other resource.”

“Professor ran a very organized class. Slides were clear, lecture material was exactly what was on the tests and nothing was left uncovered.”

“Professor’s responsiveness to student challenges.”

“The instructor is flexible and willing to help his students.”

“The powerpoint is useful”

“The professor did a great job in making himself available to the students, making the concepts understandable, and giving a lot of resources for the students to do well in the course.”

“The test were very fair”

“There were a lot of opportunities for practice.”

“Very excellent course.”

“Very well organized and teaching tools were very helpful. He really seemed like he cared about us and wanted us to learn”

“Well done - slides were useful, as well as all of the resources you provided on your website. Very organized class.”

“everything”

“the homework helped a lot”

“the teacher really put in a lot of effort to make us learn”
 “well organized and the materials are useful”
 “Everything is great.”
 “Great class, I really enjoyed it.”
 “Great course, learned a lot. Would recommend it to others”
 “Great professor. Willing to meet with students and help them with any problems.”
 “I feel like I learn a lot about finance from this course. It motivates me to take more courses from the business school.”
 “Very excellent course.”
 “Very good class! Learned a lot and enjoyed it.”
 “good course”
 “i like this course a lot.”
 “it is an pretty good class.”
 “It is perfect.”

2.2 FIN302 (Winter 2015)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“This has been one of my favorite classes I have taken at U of M! Professor Lei is probably the most intelligent and engaging lecturer I have had. I really enjoyed how he focused on the intuition behind the various formulas and concepts developed in this course. It really helped me understand the material better. I also do not think I have had a professor as organized and responsive as Professor Lei, which really shows how much he cares about his students’ success.”

“Dr. Lei did an excellent job ensuring that every student understood the material well. He made sure to go over everything in depth and took his time on the material. If there was a subject that he knew students usually struggled with in the past he would make sure to go a little slower so there wouldn’t be difficulty this time around.”

“Qin is a phenomenal professor. Always prepared for lecture and gives students every opportunity to be successful. His website has everything that you need and more to do well and there is a wealth of information. Qin also delivers straight to the point lectures and gives useful examples”

“The most well put together course I have ever been in. Having your own website for the course was fantastic. I now wish that I could have that for every class. It made finding everything and keeping track of the class much easier. I learned more in this class than I have learned in any other class throughout all my years of schooling. I could rave about this class forever.”

“This course was run like a well-organized business. It was made clear every class what resources were available. I can say there was nothing more the professor could have done to provide a better learning environment.”

“In my three full years here, I have never had a professor more dedicated to their students than you. I am thoroughly impressed with your efforts to make sure that every student in the class has multiple opportunities to master all the material. The amount of resources you make available are great. This was a fairly challenging course, but was still my favorite because I learned so much. In my opinion you have found a great mix. Thank you for an awesome semester in a challenging yet enjoyable course!”

“Everything was very well organized - all the information we needed were online, and he would very often send e-mail updates of the logistics of the class. And the professor was

THE best professor I've had in the University of Michigan - knowledgeable, understanding, prepared, and most importantly, compassionate as a fellow wolverine. I can't think of anything that was "bad" about this course. Great class, even greater man."

"The resources available to students for exams was amazing! I always felt like I had more than enough material to go through before midterms. This is one of the most organized classes I've ever taken."

"Professor Lei has been one of the best professors I have had at this University. His knowledge of finance and way of teaching it worked very well! I am sad for this class to end since it was one of my favorites. Professor Lei also made many extra efforts to ensure that his students were well prepared for exams and understood the course material."

"The professor really knew the material and he really cared about the students. I think he is one of the few professors I have had during my four years here that actually made an effort to observe students' performances throughout the semester and find ways to encourage and help them. I definitely learned a lot and his method of teaching was very good."

"Overall, this is one of the best courses I have taken at this university. Professor Lei is an EXCELLENT instructor."

"I believe Professor Qin Lei did a great job teaching this course. He always makes it a point to make lectures interesting by enhancing the subject material with real life examples and personal anecdotes. I also really appreciate his genuine desire for each of his students to succeed in the class and to gain a deeper knowledge of finance beyond the classroom setting."

"All the materials including video recordings are posted on the course website which helped me a lot when I didn't focus in the lecture or I missed the review session. It's also good that Professor spends his time addressing students' need and concern one-to-one during office hour. The Trivia questions were changed to be flexible during lecture which was way better."

"Qin Lei was a phenomenal professor. He was very organized, and the students knew what to do always expect. I thought his teaching style fit me well too. He was very good at explaining difficult concepts so that they were easier to understand."

"The instructor was one of the best and hardest-working I'd had. He said at the beginning of the semester he would do everything he can to help us learn and he was not kidding. He was FANTASTIC. He took all feedback exceptionally well and even redid the whole website mid semester because of feedback. And grading exams the night of is something that goes a long long way for students. I loved getting my exams graded so fast. He is probably looking for criticism here and ways to improve because he seems like he is always just trying to be better, but nothing comes to mind. He was amazing."

"Loved this class. It gave me so many more tools to evaluate how to view money and look at the real worth of different things."

"Thank you so much for meeting with me so often outside of class! The extra help was very useful for my learning."

"Professor Lei was very responsive to student feedback. He was the best Business School teacher I have had at the University. Thank you very much, and keep up the excellent work."

"One of the most well organized classes I have taken here at the University. Professor was very helpful one-on-one and was willing to make adjustments throughout the course in response to student feedback. Great class"

"Loved it. Would highly recommend. You're the man, Professor Lei. Thank you for all your passion and hard-work."

"Overall, I enjoyed this class, and I hope I get to have Qin as my professor in the near future."

"I feel like not enough people picked up on your occasional jokes, but I thought they were funny! Thank you for being a great professor!"

"Professor was excellent. True expert in the field and went above and beyond any teacher that I have ever had in my entire college experience."

"Professor Lei has been one of the best professors that I've ever had. He is truly passionate about his teaching and it shows through all of the resources available on the course website, in addition to all of the office hours and review sessions he holds. Would definitely recommend this course to friends. Thanks for a great semester!"

"Great class; Wish I took it earlier in my undergraduate career."

"Instructor was passionate"

"The professor truly wants his students to do well and succeed in his class. His communication is impeccable and his video lectures as well as other videos are extremely helpful."

"The professor was very prepared, openly accepted feedback, and had ample office hours. Not only did he request feedback, but he actually listened and implemented it."

"The material covered was very substantial and helped peak my interest in the financial industry."

"Trivia questions were a great way to make sure you knew the material before you left the lecture, or a great way to tell you that you needed to revisit the material."

"The course was very well structured and organized. Every process and step of the course was clearly defined in the syllabus and brought up by Professor Lei several times. The textbook, McGraw-Hill Connect, and lecture slides all matched up very well making this course excellent."

"I would recommend this course to everyone wanting to learn imperative financial information for practical life uses."

"Can't think of anything that needs to be changed or improved!"

"Professor, I loved you and your class, I TRULY did"

"Prof. Lei did everything possible to provide us with resources."

"Professor Lei was very willing to meet with students outside of class to aid in understanding the material."

"You are a great professor and you really care about your students doing well in the course. I like that you provided a lot of office hours as well as multiple review sessions for each exam. I could also tell that you are a hard worker - you would occasionally send out emails really late at night, which shows that you put a lot of time into this class. You could be sleeping but instead you chose to do work for the class for the students' sake. I really appreciate all the hard work you put into this class in order for your students to do well."

"I thought Qin did a great job on relating separate topics throughout the course. He illustrated how it all came together in the end."

"Slides given beforehand, engaging lecture."

"I found the course website and all provided materials extremely useful."

"This class is very structured with many facets. At first it was very difficult, but ultimately I was able to take advantage of the resources available to do well. Professor Lei made time for students outside of class, which was very helpful."

"The organization in the course was beyond excellent. The course website that the instructor created services the needs of students very well."

"Professor Lei provided an extensive amount of resources to complement his lectures. I found his dedication to the course highly impressive. He is clearly an intelligent individual with a great passion to pass his knowledge on to his students."

"Lecturer is very enthusiastic in teaching, He is very helpful in exam review office hour"

"The instructor did a great job!"

"Excellent course and an excellent instructor. Seemed to genuinely want students to learn and succeed and provided all of the necessary resources to help them do that"

"This was overall an excellent course, and I would like to suggest this course to everyone who wants to learn the basics of finance."

"Keep up the good work! This was an excellent course."

"Thank you for a great semester!"

"Great class, fantastic professor!"

"Like the class. Learned a lot. Good for my interview pretty much."

"I think it was well taught and the professor provided good resources for student success in the class as well."

"Overall, I thought this was a good course that improved my knowledge of finance."

"I really enjoyed having Dr. Lei. He was very concerned about his students' learning and made sure to do everything that a teacher can do to make sure that the class succeeded."

"One of the best professors I have had at Michigan"

"It's an excellent course."

"Professor Lei was extremely helpful outside of class. Thank you for that"

"Professor Qin went out of his way to make sure every student could learn and understand the material. This is so much appreciated!"

"Great work, Professor Lei, and thank you for a terrific semester!"

"The professor was really dedicated, committed and caring about student's success. The homework problems through Connect and the practice problems for each midterm really helped solidify the material. Also the virtual stock trading opportunity was golden!"

"Dr. Lei provided so much of his time and practice materials to help us understand the course material, these were really helpful!"

"Professor really wants to help his students understand the materials. He is very approachable and understanding."

"-GREAT teacher. -Really enjoyed how he recognized that students' learning methods vary and teaching many different methods"

"Professor is well prepared for every class"

"Organization and availability of materials. There are many different ways of learning the material to accommodate all types of learners."

"The syllabus flowed nicely from topic to topic. Lecture slides had everything needed for this class. Taught better than the textbook."

"Excellent interactive website and well-done lectures."

"The course was well organized, and the homework, readings, lectures, and recitations all complemented each other. The video solutions and video reviews were also extremely helpful."

"Homework and practice problems creates clear guidelines. Professor Lei also responds to emails in a timely and thorough manner which is awesome."

"The topics covered were enlightening."

"Organized, knew the expectations, made time for students, good at explaining things in office hours. Qin is a great teacher."

"1) The instructor is well-prepared for every class 2) Clear logic & structure"

"Really well constructed lectures and recitations. The videos were very helpful as well because allowed you to see the class even if you missed it for some reason. It had great resources and Professor Lei was very helpful and open to help people."

"a lot of resources available on the course website, taped lectures, fixed homework solutions, ta office hours"

"The homework assignments were actually very helpful for the exams, the practice problems were great as well, and the professor made himself available to students for questions, etc."

"I liked that the instructor was very organized and posted different resources that helped me prepare for the exams, including lecture notes, homework solutions, and practice questions."

"Professor Qin was always willing to help, urging students to see either him or TAs for any questions or clarifications. Thus, I never felt alone when I got stuck with difficult concepts."

"The instructor provided us with so many resources to help us learn that it would be hard to fail. He really cared about our success."

"the instructor explain well in class and doesn't just read the slides all the time"

"Exam review office hour helps me understand my mistakes in exam, trivia urge me to pay attention in class in order to answer the question correctly, recording of lecture allow me to check back parts that i missed out"

"Homework and discussions was very helpful for leaning material"

"I liked the material. It was interesting."

"Course website, lectures, course materials (lecture notes, textbook), homework policies"

"trading game"

"The homework and practice problems were exceptionally helpful and there were always people willing to meet and help you if you had questions."

"lecture and recording helped me a lot such that i could review it as many time as in my desire"

"Online homework helpful"

"covered good topics in class"

"I loved all the extra problems available."

"Everything clicked for me, and all of the resources provided by the professor were a huge help"

"I liked how we had one hour lectures and one hour discussions instead of 1.5 hours of lecture."

"Everything was great."

"The practice problems, additional videos and lecture videos were all very helpful for review."

"They always made themselves available and expectation were made very clear"

"Everything"

"I really liked the material in the course as a whole."

"The lecture-discussion format was good."

"Great class"

"Overall great instruction, great course"

"good class"

"Great course, thanks for a great semester!"

"Great class! Thanks!"

"Great course"

"Great course!"

"Keep up the great work, Professor."

"Thanks!"

2.3 FIN302 (Fall 2015)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“Professor Lei is one of the best professors I have had at U of M. He is genuinely concerned about students learning while setting high expectation that maximizes learning.”

“Qin is one of the best professors I’ve ever had. I will never have a professor that is as organized and dedicated to students’ learning as Qin. I learned so much from him including both finance principles and the real world application of finance.”

“I really loved this class even though it was so challenging for me. I learned a lot about how to study and really appreciated the material despite it’s difficulty. Moreover the professor really wants the best for his students and will make every effort to help them.”

“Qin has been one of my favorite professors here so far.”

“Most organized professor I have ever had. He wanted his students to be successful in his course, which is vastly different from many other professors”

“Professor Lei was dedicated to his teaching and to his students. He was always attempting to get feedback on ways to improve the course and offering additional resources to students who were struggling. I liked having the trivia question section of the course as I thought it helped students stay engaged during lecture. I also found that the lectures in which professor Lei walked through practice problems were the most interesting and helpful.”

“The most dedicated professor i have ever had. Really shows in answering student questions, holding reviews, and office hours.”

“I really enjoyed taking this class, and would definitely recommend it to anyone else!”

“Loved the course. Feel as if it will make me stronger in my professional career”

“This is an excellent course for someone who is looking to learn finance and understand the business world for the first time.”

“Well done course, wish more were like it.”

“Professor was extremely engaging, was extremely well prepared, had very helpful slides, and did an excellent job of sending us periodic emails highlighting important issues regarding the class and adjustments made throughout.”

“The basic finance concepts and many methods learned in this class were very useful, also the instructor teaches the class in a very intriguing and interesting way, which makes taking this class a rather enjoyable thing.”

“In general, a good class to take to learn basic finance concepts.”

“LOVED this class. Would definitely recommend!”

“Qin is a great prof - it is clear that he cares about the course and wants his students to succeed. He provides all the resources one needs to do well in this course.”

“Very nice class, I enjoyed coming daily and appreciate Qin’s understanding for students with an untimely sickness.”

“Everything, professor Qin is an amazing professor. He did everything in his power to teach the material effectively and accomodate students.”

“Excellent teacher. Material was provided in a way that could be learned through practice and repetition. Exams fairly covered material that was covered.”

“Professor Lei is very educated and displayed passion when teaching. It was comfortable and personally uplifting knowing that he cared about our success.”

“Professor Lei was always well prepared, he always finished his lectures in a timely fashion and did not rush and made his thoughts and notes very clear. He almost allowed a lot of time for office hours, especially before exams and always welcomed students to

come to him. Also the practice hws, trivia questions and practice exams were very good to practice for the exams. Overall I really loved the course.”

“Qin structured the course very nice and laid out expectations very clearly at the start. The material was always well taught and there were ample opportunities for clarification. I liked the material in general.”

“There are many different materials that really helped us to be successful in this course. I also really liked the structure of this class which is very well organized. The instructor also explained the material really well.”

“This class was extremely helpful for preparing for the CFA.”

“I really did not think anything needed to be improved. Overall the course went really well.”

“I really gained an interest in finance even from the start. Led me to pursue finance internships for next summer.”

“Top professor for an introduction Finance course.”

“I like Profesor Qin’s attentiveness to the students’ needs. He is a very caring teacher with a strong passion in finance.”

“The material was interesting and Qin was always very prepared and organized.”

“Instructor was very well prepared for every class and made himself available for office hours far more than any other teacher I’ve ever had.”

“Qin Lei was awesome.”

“The material the professor provided was all relevant and useful and the professor made an effort to be there for the students and provide any help in their learning.”

“It was a great class! The professor was very committed and the textbook and lectures complemented each other. It was easy to see that the class had been designed carefully”

“Everything was great in this course! I could not have asked for a better professor and everything that was provided by the professor was very helpful!”

“Exams are fair, lectures are clear, resources are abundant and instructor was willing to go way out of his way to hep students.”

“I like how Professor Lei provided so many resources. Although it’s overwhelming at times, he really tries to make sure that we are given an ample amount of relevant information and applicable articles of what we are learning about in class. Furthermore, having the homework solutions available is a huge help in doing the homework because it clears up areas that I am confused on, and then I can go back and redo the questions I did not understand. Professor Lei also does a great job communicating with the students and adjusting to our comments/suggestions throughout the course of the semester.”

“Instructor was very well prepared to teach the class, he was encouraging and readily available if anyone had any question. Methods of teaching were very effective!”

“Professor was available no matter the time or day.”

“Qin communicates with his students very clearly and makes his expectations very clear from the beginning. Qin is a good lecturer and responsive to student feedback. The homework assignments were fair and a good tool for teaching the material.”

“The math and how to use the calculator was explained well. The online textbook and homework tool was great. The online practice exams were also great, though I wish there were more challenging problems in them”

“The online connect website offers great follow up material for the lectures and the questions test all aspects of the concepts.”

“The professor was one of the most committed professors I have ever had. Even though sometimes he spoke too fast to cover the material and I lost track of the topic, he always made himself available to answer question. The course evaluations during the semester were very useful as the professor could tailor the class according to its needs.”

“There were many available resources”

“I think the course is well structured.”

“I think the professor really listened to student’s needs during the evaluation and made the necessary changes.”

“Pretty satisfied with the class, don’t feel anything in particular needs to be changed.”

“The course was great! I can’t think of any improvements.”

“Improved my general knowledge and learned a good amount”

“very dedicated professor!”

“The homework was great allowing us to see if we had the correct answer, but not giving it to us if we were wrong. This made me learn what I was doing wrong, instead of just seeing the answer.”

“The lecture slides, readings, connect homework, and practice exams were all very helpful.”

“The course is extremely informative, and provided a holistic introduction to finance. I enjoyed the material we covered, and how Professor Lei delivered the information.”

“The homework helped a lot, and the instructor provided a lot of practice problems for the exams. He really went out of his way to make sure the students were prepared for exams.”

“The lecture slides and additional practice problems that Qin provided were extremely helpful.”

“Great lectures and loved the course material!”

“I enjoyed this class and learned a lot.”

“Qin is very good at explaining the concepts presented”

“A very committed and dedicated professor”

2.4 FIN302 (Winter 2016)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“Qin is a really excellent professor. And he is the best professor I’ve ever met in U of M so far. He makes me feel confident and comfortable studying this class. And he is also very open to suggestions. He is an excellent instructor in general and I’ve also recommended my other fellows to take the class with him.”

“I thought Professor Lei was extremely passionate about finance. He did a fantastic job with organizing the course, and the course website was so transparent and interactive that it was very easy to navigate through and find what was needed for each class/to succeed in the class overall. Professor identified what each student wanted better or wanted improved on about the class through surveys and he acted on it. He is one of the professors who I have seen go above and beyond to help his students succeed.”

“This is one of my favorite classes I’ve ever taken at the University of Michigan, mostly due to Professor Lei. His passion for the subject, as well as teaching, was very apparent from day 1. In turn, his energy made me more attentive in class and motivated me to do well in the course. Expectations for this course were very clearly outlined on his website, which he frequently updated. He also made sure that each of us were aware that if we ever needed help or clarification with the material covered, that he was available to assist our learning needs. It’s very apparent that he genuinely cares about each of his students, which distinguishes him from a majority of the instructors I’ve had in the past.”

“Qin is a really great professor. He expects A LOT out of his students, but I really think that is because he knows people can reach that level of excellence. I completely failed the

first exam due to an overly busy schedule and just not knowing how to study. Meeting with Qin after that test was pretty hard, but I picked myself up and listened to everything Qin told me to do. I doubled my score on the next exam. I then scored slightly above the class average on the next exam. I don't think I would have been able to do this if Qin hadn't made me slightly nervous when I first met with him. I could feel that he expected more. After the second exam he was very happy for me, and encouraged me to reach even higher, and so I did. I don't know what I'll get on the fourth exam, but I'm still using Qin's suggestions and I am so proud of myself for how far I've come."

"Overall a fantastic class. Professor Lei was one of the best professors I've had at this university."

"There was a tremendous amount of resources available to help students study the material. Professor Lei also provided plenty of office hours if students needed to come in and talk to him. Professor Lei was truly invested in all his students and he wanted us to succeed."

"I enjoyed the class thoroughly. It is taught well and with passion."

"The professor was very organized and was on top of the materials he was teaching in the course. He taught from the students' perspective and was very approachable in his methods of teaching. I am glad I took this course as an elective before I graduate college this term. Very valuable knowledge and perspective."

"Great class, Professor Lei is clearly passionate and wants his students to learn."

"Prof Lei was incredibly invested in the course and truly wanted his students to succeed. He was a very clear lecturer and was always prepared and willing to answer questions very thoroughly so that students fully understood topics."

"Great instruction, a top notch professor. U of M is lucky to have him."

"The instruction was amazing, the slides were helpful and the pace of the class appropriate. Also the format of the course as a whole was good, doing the homework was not part of the grade but the problems & ebook combination helped to fill in any questions I was left with from lecture."

"The instructor is incredibly open to constructive feedback and makes adjustments to the course according to students difficulty. That is much appreciated. He makes tons of time outside of class to help as well. I think this is a very good course to get a solid foundation in the basic principles of finance and I thoroughly enjoyed it."

"Professor Lei is great! The course was really well organized, and students were well informed of the progress of the course. He was also really helpful out of class, really nice and willing to help you improve."

"Qin is a great instructor. Thank you for an awesome semester."

"Thank you for being so passionate about wanting students to do well in the course! Your own passion about the material and your dedication to pass that along to the students is what helped inspire me to perform well on the exams!"

"This was one of my favorite courses I have taken so far in college. I feel like I learned a great deal!"

"I've never taken a class that was as well organized. Qin presented the concepts very well!"

"Professor Lei had an incredible ability to spur interest in finance and stress the important topics in the course."

"Professor Lei was a great professor and made this course interesting. His enthusiasm in the course helped me when learning."

"The course was well designed and taught by a caring professor who was very knowledgeable on the subject."

"The online homework assignments were a great way to get some practice and reinforce concepts presented in the readings. The trading game was also extremely fun and one

of my favorite parts of this course. It was a great way to get my feet wet in the trading world."

"The professor provided numerous resources for the students— one of the best that I have seen including full lecture notes, recorded lectures, hw assignments, review sessions, and practice exams. The professor was an expert in the subject."

"GREAT PROFESSOR!"

"I really enjoyed this course and how Professor Lei made so many resources available for the students. I really appreciated how considerate he was of his students understanding the material."

"I'd recommend this class to all of my friends."

"It was nice to see a professor passionate about what he was teaching."

"Overall a great introductory course in finance."

"Thank you for a great semester, Professor Lei. I will definitely apply what I've learned in this course in my later career."

"Thank you so much for a great semester Professor!"

"Thank you so much for teaching this course, Professor Qin Lei! :)"

"Having the framework of becoming an entrepreneur was extremely helpful."

"He was willing to meet with students outside of class. He was very passionate about the material. The discussion section really helped to practice the concepts with some extra help."

"I understand all of the basic concepts extremely well as well as the mathematical intuition behind them."

"It was very clear that Qin has taught this class many times. It ran smoothly and efficiently. The course website was incredible and I was able to learn a lot in a short amount of time."

"Professor Lei offered many resources for students to utilize. Whether that be powerpoint slides, videos of lectures, review sessions, and practice exams, it seems that we had many different routes available to fit each individual's learning style."

"The amount of learning resources available to the students was outstanding. Helpful textbook, discussion section, online homeworks, recorded review sessions. So many different ways to learn the material."

"The material was well chosen and built up nicely to the final exam material. Although I did not personally enjoy the subject, I know the knowledge will be very useful in my future career, so I'm glad to have a solid foundation from this course. What I found best about this course was Prof Qin's responsiveness and eagerness to help his students succeed in the course. He made time for his students and encouraged them to go to him for help whenever."

"Good,good job! Best teacher at Umich."

"Great class. The professor provided plenty of resources that were beneficial to the class."

"Great Professor and very interesting class!"

"Thank you for the fantastic experience!"

"The professor was so organized and personal it was a bit worrisome. To not ace this class seems unbelievable the way that Qin set this class up. It becomes very disappointing if you don't get an A or B because Qin left no space for not being responsive and helpful. He was always proactive and ready to help every single day."

"lectures were captivating and helpful"

"Professor Lei did an excellent job teaching this course. The lecture slides were extremely helpful, as was attending lecture. I appreciated how he took students' complaints and difficulties into account and made the changes necessary to rectify them."

"The practice problems are the most valuable part of class, and I think it's great that Qin is so willing to meet outside of class."

"The professor was so organized and personal."

"instructor was very receptive to feedback and immediately incorporated it into the curriculum - course was very well structured as well"

"Qin Lei is a very nice teacher who always understand his students and help in the best way."

"Very well organized, all expectations were clear"

"Great course! Highly informative and I actually learned a lot from it"

"I really liked the class, and the trading simulation was a great way to get trading experience!"

"I think the instructor gave a very good amount of resources to prepare for the exams."

"Professor provided as much as material and resources that might be helpful for the course."

"Qin Lei always made time to help students; there were lots of office hours and review sessions, especially around exam time. The homework solutions and exam review problems usually had detailed answers. He seems to read these reviews and wants to improve. I like how he tried to personalize each email he sent us."

"The course website was great. The practice exams were helpful and I liked the structure of the class being 4 noncumulative exams. The class was designed for you to succeed if you worked hard and that isn't always the case."

"The lectures were very good and there was lots and lots of help outside of class."

"The material was well taught and there were plenty of resources to help prepare on exams. I also don't think I've had a class that's offered more office hours and review sessions than this one."

"enjoyed the class, learned a lot"

"Great class, great teacher."

"Lectures were concise and taught well"

"Professor was very helpful, fast-paced - learned a lot in this class"

"Good Job!"

"Excellent professor-student interaction, especially outside of normal class time."

"Fantastic and engaging lecturer. A great experience taking this class."

"I had fun studying with you"

"PowerPoint summarizes everything in the chapter clearly"

"Professor Lei did a great job introducing new topics."

"The amount of resources available is phenomenal. It was very useful throughout the semester."

"The professor put a lot of work into the practice exam materials and he always made an effort to change things based on everyone's learning style collectively"

"The professor was very nice to the students. I really appreciated the lecture recordings."

"This course was so well organized and I found the abundance of resources great! There were a lot of opportunities for office hours which was nice as well."

"I honestly thought it went really well."

"The trading game is fun especially when you see the standings. It made it more than just another class."

"Lots of resources which makes the material in the class accessible."

"The practice exams were very helpful for learning for the exams, and I really appreciated the solutions being available for the homework as it helped me to work through the problems at home and understand what the process was."

“Everything was done well, very professional and helpful”
 “Gave me a strong understanding of how companies work on a financial basis.”
 “Instructor was well prepared and explained concepts sufficiently.”
 “professor is so nice”
 “Professor Lei’s willingness to meet the needs of his students, and provide them with a variety of resources to help them to prepare.”
 “The class is well run”
 “The online homework with the solutions was the most helpful part of this class.”
 “This class is very well organized and has reasonable exam questions”
 “No improvements needed!”
 “Thank you for a great semester!”
 “Thank you!!”
 “it’s a great class”
 “Lectures are informative”
 “The homeworks and practice exams were very helpful.”
 “Overall, great course.”
 “- enough office hours/help available - clear lectures & lecture slides”
 “Homework assignments helped me to grasp the material.”
 “The homework were useful in preparation for the exam.”
 “The review sessions, office hours, and practice problems in class were very helpful.”
 “Great class”
 “Great class!”
 “Homework were helpful in learning material.”
 “Practice problems were helpful”
 “The homework and practice exams were very helpful”
 “I had fun”

2.5 FIN302 (Fall 2016)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“one of the best class that I’ve taken in U of M”
 “Professor Qin was definitely one of the best professors I’ve had at Michigan. He is a great teacher and a very nice man. I would highly recommend taking his class to a friend because is great at explaining complex financial topics and is very energetic.”
 “Professor Qin went through the essential framework of making financial decisions in my opinion. He knew what to emphasize on and when he did, he would explain it well and thoroughly. In addition, the daily trivia questions were a good way to stimulate the brain in the early morning which I thought helped with the rest of lecture. I kept wanting to come to class and I believe that was so because Professor Qin was so enthusiastic about teaching.”
 “I found the class to be one of my favorite classes I have taken at Michigan and enjoyed it very much.”
 “Loved this class!”
 “Overall a great teacher with great dedication for seeing his students succeed.”
 “Professor Lei was incredibly invested in the success of his students. He allotted for a large amount of time for outside class office hours and was very well organized.”

“Professor Lei was passionate about teaching finance and helping his students.”

“Professor Lei was very prepared for every class, and provided more than enough resources for the students to succeed. He was also very accommodating to the needs of the students, providing more resources, etc. if needed. Overall, I thought Professor Lei did a great job teaching this course and I’m very glad I took it.”

“Qin is always very prepared for lecture- he is very organized and responsive, and always makes time to meet with students outside of class.”

“Qin Lei is always very prepared for each class and makes it known that he is there to help students learn. His methods of participation are good and his tests are quite fair. He creates AWESOME powerpoint notes that are easy to go back and understand.”

“The materials available to us were helpful. The course website that the professor had made it easy to find all of the materials.”

“The textbook is a helpful resource, but Qin’s preparedness for class made everything very clear. He has outside resources easily accessible with materials helpful for class, homeworks, and the exams. Mainly everything was clear and he made it a great class to learn in.”

“Very good logical progression of topics both within lectures themselves and the class as a whole. The slides were well made and easy to follow. The professor also did an excellent job of supplementing the information on the slides with his own knowledge and information to help reinforce the main lecture topics.”

“Class is great and would highly recommend taking the class.”

“Everything. Professor Lei was great. One of the best professors I’ve had at Michigan. Extremely reasonable and talented at teaching.”

“I really like this course, and I learned a lot from it. I already recommended this course to my friends.”

“I think the professor is extremely well prepared and encouraged students to give feedback about the course.”

“It was very helpful that the professor provided a plethora of resources outside of the classroom. He uploaded all of his lecture slide, posted videos of hard homework problems, provided outlines for each chapter, and uploaded practice tests.”

“My favorite class, and a great professor so far. I will definitely continue taking finance classes.”

“Prof Lei was always well prepared for classes connecting each concept taught with real world applications. He also made sure he could provide any help necessary to students if required.”

“Professor Lei was a great instructor. You could really see his enthusiasm during every lecture, and this helped facilitate my learning as it was nice to see an instructor have great interest in what he is teaching us.”

“Professor Lei was very knowledgeable and eager to help students.”

“Professor Qin took time to make an appointment with me and meet with me outside of class to help with going over my test, which I really appreciated”

“Professor takes time to accommodate students’ needs. Puts so much effort into his classes.”

“Professor was engaging and explained things well.”

“Qin cares a lot about student performance and you can tell he wants his students to succeed”

“Qin was always very receptive to student needs and did a great job of explaining certain concepts, as well as providing relevant examples to allow students to see the application of different concepts.”

"The course was very straight forward and organized with many resources available both on line and in the form of office hours. The professor was very receptive to our feedback and dedicated to our success and was incredibly flexible in his approaches and methods to try and help us succeed. The tests felt like an accurate representation of the material we covered and the work we did."

"The guy knows what he is talking about and teaches well, gives you enough chances to get a good grade and learn."

"The instructor was very well prepared for lectures everyday and made himself, as well as relevant materials, very available throughout the semester"

"The lectures and lecture slides were very thorough and I felt that I was able to learn a lot from even just the two hours of lecture per week. I thought the exams were also fair."

"The written and video homework solutions were very helpful to study for exams."

"There were many resources, and Professor Lei made himself extremely available."

"This course was taught well during lectures and the professor did a good job in explaining the concepts and information we were learning by relating it to real world examples and scenarios."

"Trivia was a good way to get students thinking about concepts before the exams/homework assignments. The class was very well organized and Qin was always available to meet with students."

"Dr. Lei was a fantastic professor. He was very organized and really cares about seeing his students succeed. Overall, a great experience!"

"Good class and strongly recommended to take it. It is the class that as long as you put effort in, you can success."

"He is a really good prof"

"I believe that Qin Lei has taught the course for a long enough time now to know how to get the best out of his students. He has seen so many cases and gave us examples of what to do and not to do to be succesful in the class. Class was straightforward and fair."

"I enjoyed having Qin as a professor."

"I learned a lot about finance from this course."

"I really enjoyed all aspects of this course"

"I thought that the lectures were interesting, as was the materials. The real-world examples helped to understand the material."

"I thought the teaching style was excellent for the course as the difficult concepts were explained well."

"Instructor was great. Very hard worker. Great responding to students and would grade the exams the same day they were taken"

"Instructor was very prepared and made the class interesting."

"Overall a good class."

"Overall an excellent course."

"Overall, this is a pretty good class."

"Prof. Lei was very invested in the course it seemed. He seem to really like teaching the material which is a good thing to see as a student."

"Professor Lei has put a lot of time and effort, in ensuring that this class is perfect with a lot of resources! This helped a lot."

"Professor made the class very enjoyable"

"Professor was made very available to meet with students"

"Thanks for a great semester! Hopefully I will have other classes with you as the professor."

"The instructor was very informed and provided many ways outside of the classroom to extend your learning."

"The professor always made himself available outside of class for questions that we do not understand, which really helps us in improving our knowledge in finance."

"The professor's lectures are helpful"

"There are abundant recourses that we can use to study for the course."

"This course is well organized, the instructor is really helpful, and he explain the question clearly."

"very organized online resources. Good amount of resources as well."

"Very organized, lots of resources to succeed."

"Everything has been great in this course"

"EVERYTHING. I love how everything we need is online so different people with different study methods could utilize them."

"Excellent, learned a lot"

"Good class, learned a lot. Happy I took this class!"

"good course"

"I really liked the lectures and teaching style he was very involved in the course"

"I think the Homework is extremely helpful and doing practice problems in discussion"

"Instructor is well organized and provided clear instructions for each assignment."

"Professor Lei explains concepts well. Discussion section was very helpful."

"Professor Qin did great. He really knows his stuff about finance."

"Really enjoyed it"

"The course material is interesting, and the corresponding excise is helpful. The instructor explains the things well and in detail."

"The practice exam problems helped me prepare for the exams"

"The structure of the course and the material that we can study is rich too"

"very organized, video solutions and explanations beneficial in understanding course material"

"Very useful course!"

"Dr. Lei is excellent, he knows his material and much more beyond that"

"Homeworks having solutions that walk you through the thought process was very helpful."

"Thank you for a great semester!"

"The class was taught in a very well structured way"

"He did a great job providing examples to help me understand and go through and understand the homework materials."

"doing problems in lecture, making sure students knew how to use calculator functions was helpful"

"I like how you can recover after doing poorly on an exam."

"plenty of resources to go over"

"resources and explained solutions to homework"

"great course"

"Great lectures and teacher."

"great tacher"

"Did Well"

2.6 FIN302 (Fall 2017)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“Professor Lei is INCREDIBLE. He is so kind and engaging and I hope that he knows he is very much appreciated by all his students. I love how encouraging he is, he sincerely wants us all to succeed and I really appreciate his commitment to his students. Professor Qin I want you to know that you truly are one of the best professors I have had at this university, not only because of your teaching style but more importantly because of your character. You are truly one of the kindest people I have had the pleasure to meet. Thank you very much.”

“Qin was an excellent instructor. He is knowledgeable and passionate about the course content and the success of his students. He made all the material very accessible to students of all levels. He was constantly updating and improving his teaching methods to accommodate student needs. He went above and beyond solely for the learning of his students. Overall, he is an excellent instructor and I’m glad I took his course.”

“Professor Qin Lei cares so much about his student’s success. He made extra time to meet with students who were struggling, and he worked hard to address everyone’s difficulties. I struggled with this course, but I appreciated knowing that the genuinely wanted me to succeed. He obviously knows the material inside and out. He is so kind.”

“Really enjoyed Mr. Lei’s professionalism and his mastery of the subject. Excellent teacher - really knows his stuff. Very much enjoyed the course - very well taught and on subjects that we all want to learn.”

“Thank you for the semester, Prof. Lei was the best prof I’ve had since being at Michigan.”

“I would like to personally thank Qin for the way he taught this course. It was always wholly apparent that he not only genuinely cared about the subject matter, but also made it his mission to ensure that students were actually learning the material. This kind of passion from a professor makes learning come much easier, and is something that I will be very thankful for as I hopefully pursue a career in which I will make use of themes and concepts learned in this course.”

“Professor Lei has been one of the best professors I’ve ever had at the University of Michigan. He’s extremely organized, helpful, and a great teacher who genuinely cares about the students. The practice exams and the recorded lectures were very helpful.”

“The class is well organized and Lei is well-prepared for every single lecture, best professor ever!!”

“Professor Lei was an incredible professor, probably the best one I have had at Michigan. He made the class interesting and allowed students who put the time in to do well. The class was extremely well organized and the course website was impressive.”

“The course was extremely well organized. It was clear that the professor cared about students and wanted everyone to do well. I felt like I had every possible opportunity to learn the material, and that effectively, I chose my own grade by deciding how much effort to put in. The lectures were engaging and covered the most important content. The homework was similar to exam questions and the practice exams were very helpful. I also really liked that the homework was due the day before the exam. This allowed me to work on it on my own time and really learn the material, instead of having it due at arbitrary times throughout the semester.”

“Professor was extremely organized. Website was incredibly helpful in managing coursework and understanding material. Excellent class. Investing game was awesome”

“I’ve never taken a course that was so well organized. It actually made me want to perform better. Also, Prof. Lei would send just the right amount of emails informing us of deadlines and upcoming due dates.”

“Great class. Thank you for your hard work and for being such a caring professor!”

“I can’t think of one negative thing about this class or Prof. Lei’s teaching methods. One of the best classes I have taken at U of M thus far.”

“Qin did a super job of taking feedback during the year and changing the way information was delivered based on the needs of the class.”

“Really loved how Qin went the extra mile for his students. Anytime a request was made outside of class to meet or to provide more examples, he spent the time and effort to fulfill the request. Another thing I liked was how the professor was understanding in that he knows not all students can attend review sessions, so he posts them online. He also provides the lecture videos so that we can rewatch later, which is really crucial for understanding some of the conceptual topics.”

“Great lectures and fair grading for exams. The professor was always prepared, professional, and you could tell his passion and love for teaching and his students.”

“I was very excited to take this course and I learned so much. Professor Lei was great every single lecture. I loved the format of the class with the online homework, recorded lectures, online textbook, and practice tests. I thought it was set up for us to be successful as long as we put in the work. Excellent class that I would recommend to anyone with a slight interest in finance.”

“I thought everything in this course was great. The instructor made a wealth of resources fully available to students and everything was very clear. I learned a lot.”

“Professor Lei provided an incredible amount of resources for students to adequately learn the material. His course website was extremely professional and easy to navigate. By consistently providing live videos from lectures and video solutions to homework problems, he allowed us to thoroughly learn the course material at our own pace.”

“I think this was a good course, and Qin Lei did an incredible job teaching. There were tons of resources available, such that whenever I felt confused, I knew exactly where I could find the answer. I thought the website was great, and very helpful.”

“The way that the resources are made available to students makes learning the material very easy. Students are given everything they need to succeed.”

“The professor was very responsive to students needs. After the first two exams he sent out a course evaluation of his own. Most of the time when I fill out a course evaluation I do not really feel like there is anything that comes out of them, but after the first exam this was not the case. The professor took time to read through our concerns and ended up changing the TA for my section because of the feed back that he received, which I really appreciated. I also liked how much extra materials we had for this course. He would post video lectures, the practice exams, and the powerpoint slides. He always added more office hours when it was getting close to the exams.”

“Overall, this course was extremely informative and truly helped me expand my knowledge of finance. Through the course readings, assignments, and exams, I was able to learn so much about different aspects of finance that I had previously wanted to know more about.”

“Professor Lei did an excellent job. He was extremely well prepared for each lecture and was able to relate the concepts to current events. Additionally, the class organization as a whole is good because the homework and practice exams prepare you for the actual exams.”

“Honestly, I don’t think that anything needs to be changed. Thank you for caring about us students and going above and beyond to make this an excellent course!”

“I have no interest in finance but Professor Lei’s enthusiasm and well wishes on his students at least kept me motivated to complete the course.”

“I really think that this course was as close to perfect as can be reasonably expected.”

“I really enjoyed meeting Professor Lei in office hours. He was very friendly and helpful.”

"The instructor was very organized, the lecture material was very relevant to exams and homework, and I felt that I learned a lot over the course."

"I really enjoyed the course and how the homework didn't have a weekly deadline, but rather a reward to completing it before the corresponding exam."

"Professor was engaged and clearly cared about the students. He put in the effort, and it was a course where you could do well if you did the work."

"Course website was excellent."

"Qin is a great professor who definitely knows what he's doing."

"Lectures were interesting and informative, homework website was easy to use and helpful for studying."

"The lectures, while moving very quickly, were very organized and clearly presented the material in a way that I could comprehend."

"The professor provided a great deal of resources to learn the material. He went above and beyond to have video explanations of slides, hw problems, etc. Only wished the best for his students."

"He as a really good teacher"

"The online textbook was very useful to gaining an understanding of the material. Also the fixed solutions were really helpfully when learning how to solve specific problems. Everything in the course was very well organized and transparent."

"Very organized!"

"Professor Lei is an expert on the material. Exams are tailored to the homework assignments and practice exams that he provides."

"Prof. Lei is amazing."

"Professor Lei ensured that all student questions were answered so that everyone had a good chance of being successful in the class."

"Good course, REALLY appreciate you withholding tests so frats etc.. cannot hoard them. Additionally, helped accommodate a test time when it was not required, really helped my finals schedule. Thanks so much Qin."

"Professor Lei is a great professor! I would highly recommend people to take this class whether they are getting a degree at Ross or not."

"Thank you Qin, it was a pleasure taking your class."

"Great class and amazing teacher."

"Professor Lei has definitely been one of the more encouraging professors I have had. He was always relaying stories of his younger days and his struggles to us, in order to encourage us."

"Everything is very well organized and taught."

"really enjoyed the course."

"Overall, the course was very well organized and gave an informative yet broad introduction into the fundamentals of finance."

"Awesome class"

"Professor Qin Lei was always very prepared and willing to adjust to students needs."

"You have done a good job organizing the class!"

"Overall I liked the set up of the class and the discussions were helpful in doing example problems."

"I enjoyed this course, thank you Professor Lei!"

"Really interesting, but not easy by any means."

"I really appreciated the recorded lectures they were exponentially helpful while studying for exams."

"The topics were clearly taught and explained with many real world examples. The class allowed me to see beyond the textbook and what happens in the real world. The homework problems were a great resource, especially when studying for the exams. Recorded lectures were a great addition for me to go back and review parts of the lecture."

"Very organized and expectations were clear"

"The course had a lot of resources, and the overall structure was helpful in terms of the homework and allowing students to drop their lowest midterm if they do the homework."

"The online resources were endless and helpful especially for studying on my own."

"Instructor very organized and provides resources to help learn material"

"Great material. Like recorded lectures. Good homework."

"I think the homework and lectures provided the perfect assessments for measuring one's comprehension of class-related materials."

"Course website was very well organized and helpful."

"Reading the textbook was super helpful for me. Additionally, having the solutions to the homework was really helpful as well—it enabled me to learn the core concepts and not just be "stuck" if I couldn't figure it out on my first try. Lecture recordings were also really helpful."

"The course was very well organized"

"I like the structure of the exams and how you aren't expected to learn more than 3 chapters for a given exam. I also like the accessibility of the class via the website"

"I think the homework assignments provided an excellent chance to review and study the applied concepts."

"Dr. Qin went through all topics very thoroughly and was considerate of other student's questions."

"I really enjoyed this class and look forward to continue to take classes in Finance."

"I do not have any specific things that I feel need to improve. This was a great course."

"It was a helpful and enjoyable class"

"Professor explain everything clear and the assignments help me a lot on preparing the exams."

"I felt like this was a useful class and I feel like I learned a lot. Good material. Professor Lei was a good instructor and replied efficiently with a lot of help."

"material and online textbook were helpful"

"The website was organized and helpful for studying."

"The lectures were interesting and not boring."

"Resources on the course website were very helpful."

"The layout of the course was great and there were many tools that could be used to guarantee success in the course including lecture slides, lecture recordings, office hours, the course website, practice exams, several forms of homework/practice problems, and example problems to guide through the homework."

"The material was very informative and useful"

"I definitely enjoyed learning what I did. I am a CS student, and I enjoyed learning something different."

"The structure of the way the class is grade is nice, with the ability to drop the exams if you did the homework."

"Organization of the course"

"Really interesting material"

"Great Class"

"Professor Lei makes time to meet with students and really does take into account student feedback!"

“Great course.”

“Excellent organization, professor outreach, and resources available”

“Really well organized, I appreciated the course website and the course material website (HW and Book)”

“The learning material such as videos are helpful.”

“The Recitations were very helpful with learning how to do the connect problems.”

“I thought the homework assignments were helpful.”

“Covered a lot of material”

“did a good job of providing a lot of material to help with learning the course concepts”

“Overall our instructor is patient and did well.”

2.7 FIN302 (Winter 2018)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“Professor Lei has been by far the best professor I have ever had in my undergraduate career. He is well organized, articulate and does a great job of ensuring all students, regardless of their background in finance, have all the tools necessary to succeed. The course is challenging, but I’ve learned so much. The Professor also surveys students throughout the semester and makes changes accordingly based on our suggestions”

“There isn’t enough good I could say about professor Qin. He is so knowledgeable and puts so much into this course, his website added so much, including all lecture notes, videos, and even challenging notes that explained where the concepts came from. Furthermore, I think he may care about his students more than any other instructor I’ve come across, just what a fantastic guy.”

“The website and the professor are both amazing. The most organized, well thought out class I have taken at u of m. If I wasn’t graduating I would definitely want to take another class with him. I can not offer enough praise to predecessor Lei. He was always available and made it possible for anyone to do well in this class.”

“Professor Lei is unbelievably organized and is easily one of the best teachers I’ve had at Michigan. The level of organization, resources available, pace, and care given to students are unmatched and make this a must-take course.”

“Before I took the course, I knew approximately nothing about finance. And after I took this course, I successfully gain a big picture of the finance world. The professor Lei is great!! He is so enthusiastic teaching students and helping students. He knows well about finance in both the academic aspect and the realistic aspect. He represents the course material very clearly and gives some really helpful advice which I think will influence me a lot in my future investment career.”

“Professor Lei is amazing. I loved having him as my professor, he was very helpful and always made an effort to meet with me. He also gave students so many online resources that it became tangible to do well in this course as long as you put in the effort and utilized the many resources given to you.”

“Dr. Lei is one of the most organized and knowledgeable professors I have had at Michigan. Everything went well!”

“This course cannot be improved. Professor Lei does an incredible job of gathering student feedback throughout the year and has clearly made iterative changes to the course over years that clearly show: this class and teach are amazing.”

“I really liked the way this course was designed. The website was definitely a great learning tool, and the trivia questions were very helpful for keeping on top of the course. Also, having the ability to drop an exam was a major plus.”

"This course was the most organized class I have taken at the University! Professor Lei's website is extremely useful. He truly cares about the success of the students by giving a wealth of online resources and videos for students to learn and understand the material in addition to office hours every week. He also holds exam review sessions before every exam which are very helpful because he clarifies any questions the students have."

"Professor Lei has done an amazing job of preparing materials for the class and making sure that the information is presented in different ways so that everyone can use the resources that work best for them. He also does a good job breaking down concepts and explaining the reasoning behind them instead of just showing how to solve it on a calculator"

"The instructor did an excellent job in lecture. He was well prepared and accommodating in the event of technical difficulties. Phenomenal instructor"

"loved the website and having all the information so you don't have to scribble down something in class that you inevitably cannot read later"

"Professor Lei truly cares about his students well-being, which was palpable throughout the course."

"Everything. In my six semesters here I have never seen a more organized course and course website."

"Professor Lei was an excellent, passionate, and responsive instructor that genuinely cared about our performance and learning environment in class."

"Professor Lei seemed to really care about student's understanding the big picture and real world implications of the material rather than just teaching to the formulas, which is a breath of fresh air in a formula heavy class."

"Dr. Lei has so many different learning materials. He is incredibly organized and gives students more opportunities to learn the material than any other professor that I have had."

"The class was well organized and the homework assignments were very helpful in solidifying my understanding of the material. Additionally, the website for the course is by far the most comprehensive that I have seen at my time here at Michigan. The lecture recordings, lecture slides, practice exams, etc. were all extremely helpful in helping me learn the material."

"Unbelievable course site and resources. I have never had a teacher who was so overly prepared."

"I do not personally see any room for improvement."

"keep doing what you're doing, it's fantastic"

"Many teachers talk about being there for students, Professor Lei is truly always there for students and cares about their learning. Easily one of the best teachers at Michigan."

"Amazing course. Was intimidated by the idea of Finance, but found Qin to be an incredible teacher and my interest in the subject has skyrocketed."

"Overall, I thought that Professor Lei could not have done a better job."

"Teaching instruction is top quality, explanations are easy to find and detailed!"

"I thought the lectures were well-prepared and educational. I also liked Qin's website a lot. It was very easy to navigate and had all the class information on it."

"The professor was very well organized and the course site was set up with many various resources to help students learn the material. The professor also made sure to keep up updated on timelines and office hours that he held as well as the extensive hours offered by the TAs."

"I have not been in a course this organized before. With the resources in the course website and the lectures strictly following the syllabus, learning the unfamiliar concepts was not stressful because we knew where to find the resources we needed to excel."

"I really liked the at home sliced videos and that all the course material was posted well in advance."

"I thought that the number of resources available was very useful when I needed to review things. Also, the website is excellent. I liked how lectures were still recorded, even though there was mandatory attendance since sometimes I would need to go back and review something I didn't catch during lecture."

"The course expectations were extremely well laid out. Every resource you could possibly need was available. At first, I was intimidated with the website but after getting the handle on it I realized how effective and organized it was."

"The sliced video recordings are extremely useful."

"Pretty much everything. The content is (mostly) delivered in an interesting and understandable way. Professor is awesome. I enjoyed the class a lot, in part due to the teacher, in part due to the material."

"The website is perfect"

"Very knowledgeable and organized throughout. Was clear in class expectations and lecturing."

"He's very good at making lots of time to meet with students outside of class and being aware of student's struggles with the material. He's a very nice, genuine guy."

"Professor Lei is amazing"

"Qin is great, makes sure everyone has the ability to succeed in his class"

"The course was challenging but very rewarding. Big learning curve in the beginning, but Professor Lei does a great job helping students at all levels along."

"Prof. Lei clearly put a tremendous amount of effort in constructing this class and has done a great job making all resources available for students to learn the relevant material"

"I cannot think of anything to be improved in this course."

"It is a great course!"

"Incredible class."

"I truly enjoyed this class. Thank you, Professor Lei!"

"Amazing course"

"Amazing course and professor!"

"Overall this was an amazing class that got me very interested in Finance."

"I loved the set up and the ability to drop an exam as well as the homework. Keep it up"

"The resources on the website are very useful, especially the hand-written annotated practice exams (with explanations for the answers) as well as the instant feedback."

"The instructor was very knowledgeable and knew all of the information."

"Professor Lei did a great job making sure that students had resources for success and always supported us towards doing the best we could."

"The professor was extremely organized and provided an abundance of helpful resources."

"The professor was really organized. His slides are clear and the connect exercises are useful. I appreciated the surveys that we had to complete during the year in order for him to take them into account and change his course accordingly."

"Instructor provided an infinite amount of resources for students on the website, from written to video question explanations, practice exams, and outside articles."

"I really liked the number of resources that were available for this course. Personally I used the practice exams the most."

"I liked how much the professor cared about us. Even when I was struggling, he made me feel hopeful."

"The lecture videos were amazingly helpful."

"Course was very well organized, materials were easily accessible. Professor seemed to really know his stuff and felt passionate about what he was teaching us about. Powerpoints were helpful and easy to follow along with."

"The homework with the fixed paper solutions were VERY helpful to preparing for exams and learning the material. It might have been helpful to have some sort of assessment in recitation to make sure concepts were understood each week."

"Very well organized and good structure order"

"so many mediums and materials on course website to help you succeed"

"This course was very organized and straightforward. Once you got the hang of the website, everything was figured out for you. I really enjoyed the e-mail announcements and reminders too."

"Nothing needs to improve. Perfect!"

"Thanks for a great semester!"

"Overall, great class."

"I thought it was great. Keep it up professor"

"Thanks for a great semester and for giving me a solid financial background!"

"This class was challenging for me but the professor did provide a lot of help and concern for his students which I appreciated."

"outstanding professor!"

"Thank you professor for all the effort you put into your course."

"The slides and and textbook were really clear and well explained."

"There was an abundance of help available, along with an abundance of practice materials."

"Great use of the Connect problems to help practice the material. Also great review videos and solutions to help review and check answers independently."

"Lectures clear, Homework helpful"

"website is amazing!"

"Enjoyed the material and found utility in what was learned."

"Organization, online tools, office hours, reviews"

"THought it was a good class that taught me a lot."

"The professor provided enough resources to be successful in this class."

"Overall, I like the class setup a lot."

"Great class. A lot of work come exams."

"Overall really good course."

"Thank you!"

"Thanks for a great semester"

"Great instructor"

"Great guy, expects a lot from his students which is good"

"It was a good class."

"Learning about the stock market, and different ways to invest, and applying investing skills in corporate settings, but also applying the same skills to our personal lives."

"Lots of review material"

"Several resources to help assist everyone's needs""Organization"

"Lectures were very helpful and easy to follow. I appreciate all the resources available on the website."

2.8 FIN302 (Fall 2018)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“Professor Qin Lei is hands down one of the best instructors I’ve ever had at the university. This course is challenging, rigorous, but so rewarding at the same time. From the beginning, I made sure to attend office hours even though I was completely intimidated by his intelligence. After attending, I felt support, relief, and an overall feeling of feeling apart of the business community. As a minor, I was scared to enter a new world of business and math classes since I have been studying Public Health Science for my time here. Anyways, halfway through the semester, I faced some events that really took away from my academic success. I emailed Professor Qin and let him know of my struggles and my inability to attend office hours/focus because of it. After doing this, I got a heartwarming response. Again, he made sure to make it known that if I need help he is there for me. Furthermore, I know my grade in the class may not be the best in the end. I am striving for an A on the final but even if I don’t get that. The experience in the course itself was rewarding enough for me and I’m finally realizing that grades do not show evidence of hard work and dedication entirely. So, thank you for having such an outstanding instructor teach this course. Because of him, I am making it a goal of mine to become comfortable with the uncomfortable and challenge myself in many capacities”

“Qin Lei is the most organized professor I’ve ever had. Although the exams were tough, they were fair. Qin Lei cares deeply about his students. It’s rare to see a professor that appreciates his students in the way that Qin Lei does. Because of this, students had great respect for Qin Lei. He made the class interesting and practical.”

“This was by far the best student experience I have had in any class thus far. Qin is organized in his lectures and in the course overall. He is the professor every other professor should be modeling themselves after. This is a tough subject but, because of the masterful way the information was delivered, I felt this class was my easiest class this semester.”

“This is the best course I’ve taken here in Michigan. Professor Lei is very organized and is always willing to help. I love how exams are doable and cover exactly what we learned in class. Everyone can get good scores.”

“By far one of the best professors I have had at the university. Professor Lei was always well prepared, willing to help students outside of class, and made sure that he was always there to help or answer any questions. His thoughtfulness and passion for this topic showed through and inspired me to want to continue learning about this topic. Overall, Professor Lei is a phenomenal teacher.”

“I really enjoyed this class! It was one of the best classes I have ever taken here at Michigan, it was very well run and prepared and I learned so much! Thank you!”

“My dog died (who acted as my emotional support animal) during the semester and Prof Lei was extremely kind and marked my missed class as excused without my having to submit the documents from the vet and was genuinely kind and supportive which I have never experienced at this university before. This contributed to the class as it made me feel like a person and feel comfortable with the professor instead of feeling afraid.”

“Qin Lei may be one of the best professors that I’ve had at Michigan. I hope I can take a course with him again.”

“Professor Lei is the most well-organized and well prepared professor I have ever had. He genuinely cares about the success of his students and was always more than willing to help.”

“The course Website was absolutely amazing and was up a whole month before school started. I’ve never had a professor be so on top of things. The sliced videos online were also a life saver, allowing students to search for answers themselves and be able to find specific topics quickly and efficiently.”

“The course went extremely well. Professor Lei did an awesome job of making sure students had the necessary information to be prepared for the exam.”

“The website for this course is absolutely amazing. It helps you learn a lot and allows you to learn if you didn’t understand something in class.”

"I think Professor Lei is a smart, capable professor with an awesome course website. He provides all of the materials students need to succeed."

"Professor Lei is an amazing professor and should be nominated for a Golden Apple. Also he is a proud Alum, Go Blue!"

"Professor Lei was very passionate about the course and his students and he pushed me to reach my full potential as a student in his class."

"Dr. Lei was always excellently organized, and the course was just so well put together, the website for one was consistently updated and informative, really every question that I had was answered by the website, which is pretty impressive. Lectures as a whole were informative and straight to the point, and there was really no time where I felt we were not on schedule. Tests were tough, but fair, and it never felt like it was there to just get a good curve, it really was a measure of how much you prepared."

"I was continually impressed by how prepared and passionate the professor was. I especially appreciate the time and effort put into creating a extremely navigable and helpful"

"Lei was extremely well organized and in depth in his teaching. He was very understanding and you could tell he genuinely cared about each and every one of his students, even in a huge lecture like this one. Materials were always provided to use on just about any extra help we needed."

"Professor Lei does a fantastic job of providing us with ample resources to assist our learning. I mean it when I say it—he goes above and beyond to assist us with our learning through the website."

"Professor Lei was always extremely prepared for class and receptive to any difficulties students were having. The course website was very organized and had many tools to further understanding in the subject matter. I was very appreciative of the amount of practice opportunities he provided."

"The access to recorded lectures, additional practice material, reading material, and recorded and written practice solutions all were incredibly helpful when studying and practicing the material learned in this course. This class has so many resources available to help students succeed."

"The course is really well outlined and structured. We know exactly what to expect. It is basically written out perfectly day by day what we should be doing. The homeworks were helpful for studying and he gave us plenty of test material to prepare."

"The course website is a great tool for students. It leaves much to be desired of other classes that do not have such an organized, accessible website for all course materials."

"The instructor was very prepared and always was ready to teach before he came to class. His website was so helpful and organized. I really appreciate all the time and effort he put into trying to help the students succeed."

"The material is structured very well, and Dr. Lei definitely knows what he is doing. Exam material is reasonable in difficulty, and I enjoyed the 4 exam model much more than having a midterm and a final."

"The professor did an excellent job explaining the hard ideas and topics. He also made great use of a combination of powerpoints and interactive notes to help students learn and follow along."

"Very inspiring professor, more in the general comments section."

"i really loved our access to numerous resources and also how engaging and understanding professor Lei is. Seeing how interested he is in his subject matter, makes learning more enjoyable."

"Great course. I believe anybody can benefit from taking this course, whether they choose to go into Finance or not as a profession. Professor Lei does an exceptional job of making sure his students have the resources they need to thrive."

“Really glad I could take this course, I’ve learned so much, and I couldn’t imagine a better teacher than Dr. Lei. It covers so much integral to finance, business, etc. that i’d recommend it as a core class for anyone studying those topics.”

“All the resources – like the recorded lectures, lecture slides, homework video solutions, practice problems/exams – were very helpful and contributed nicely to the course.”

“I liked how examples were done in class of concepts we just learned. By using the “whiteboard,” it allowed for us to understand how concepts applied to problems we’d see on exams.”

“I think everything went great. The teacher taught well, and everything was easy to follow. I knew what was expected of me.”

“I think that the course website was essential to being able to follow along with the class. We were often expected to do extra readings or listen to extra material outside of class and I found these extremely accessible. I also thought that the professor was understanding of student’s difficulties and went above and beyond to accommodate.”

“I think that we spent the right amount of time on each subject to prepare us for how much of it we would see in exams, and I really liked that all lectures were recorded so we could go back through if we needed to.”

“Most organized course I have ever taken!”

“Prof. Lei shows that he cares about the material and wants to make sure that students are absorbing the material. Great instructor.”

“Professor Lei was always very well-prepared for lectures and did a great job providing resources for his students on the course website.”

“Professor Lei was very organized and all the course expectations and materials were clear”

“Professor was well organized in lecture and discussed concepts proficiently for all students to understand. On time, was well prepared and is helpful in office hours.”

“Super organized and covered every topic thoroughly.”

“The adjustment in materials to prepare for the tests and additional meeting times were extremely helpful. I hope that they will be just as beneficial to prep for this final test as well.”

“The professor is very organized and prepares very well for each class. Also, he is very active in helping students outside of class.”

“The professor was always prepared for meetings and answered student questions in class. The class was well organized and I learned a lot.”

“The resources for this course are great. I like that the lectures are posted online, the homeworks keep you up to check, and the tests are fair.”

“The resources given, such as lecture slides, practice problems, homework problems, and office hours were extremely helpful in preparation for exams and the class was set up where if you studied, you were rewarded.”

“Trivia, homework, and practice exams were all very useful practice tools to master the course curriculum. Lecture material is presented very well in slides. I appreciate that the lecture slides are available to students.”

“Very organized and all of the material was available.”

“the consistent and organized structure of what is required of us for tests and homework and assessment.”

“the homework is really helpful along with the practice exams. they are very relevant to the actual exam and representative of the material.”

“I like the website and all the information we get throughout the week. It was a good class, just not my strong-suit. I think I did the best I could because of the support and extra materials we get in this class.”

"I loved this class! It greatly increased my interest in future finance courses."

"Overall I enjoyed this course and have recommended it to others."

"Qin is a good teacher"

"Really enjoyed the class, and it definitely increased my interest in finance."

"Thank you Qin. I appreciate how hard you work for the students."

"The professor is very responsible and provides many sources in order to help students understand better the knowledge, such as reviewing video webinar, extra office hours and video solutions."

"There is nothing I would like to change about the class. I was always given clear instructions and guidance of what to do to excel in the class."

"Class structured very well. Flow of topics makes sense. Thanks for having so many office hours available."

"Class website, availability of professor and section leaders, amount of resources to help students understand material"

"Everything, very well run and the homeworks were especially helpful."

"Great instructor, great course. Learned a lot"

"I liked the professor providing personal anecdotes during class"

"I think that the quantitative part of the course went really well. We were always given enough examples to learn the quantitative pieces of the material."

"Learned the fundamentals of finance to a detailed level"

"Liked the set-up of the homework assignments and practice exams."

"Organized, knowledgeable professor."

"Overall this was a great class."

"Plenty of resources were made available to students to learn and practice the material."

"Tests reflected material"

"The connect book and homework problems were extremely useful along with the paper solutions."

"The connect homework was a good way of learning concepts and professor Lei was good at explaining concepts clearly. Trivia was a nice way to keep up with concepts while receiving a grade, and having an exam drop is always nice too."

"The context contained in this course is helpful."

"The lectures slides were very well made. The problem solutions were also helpful."

"The slides, homework, and reading prepared students for the exams quite well."

"The slides, readings, and instruction were great."

"The subject matter was taught well"

"When the online homework worked very helpful to work through all the solutions without feeling stressed about getting it right the first time"

"there are a lot of useful resources provided"

"very well organized"

"Overall great class."

"Overall great course, learned a lot."

"Overall, a good course."

"Overall, it is a great class."

"Thanks for a great class!"

"Thanks for the great semester!"

"Well done course"

"really enjoyed this class"

“COURESE PLANING”

“Clear material”

“Clear structure and useful practice problems.”

“GOOD”

“I enjoyed the readings.”

“Instruction, class structure, topics”

“Lectures were well-organized”

“The exams were fair”

“Good!”

“Great class”

“Great job!”

2.9 FIN302 (Winter 2019)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“Qin Lei was one of the best professors I have had at this university. He put forth an amazing effort to make this class the best experience possible for students and went above and beyond in doing things such as online review sessions. He was a huge reason for my success thus far in this course.”

“Professor Lei has extremely high expectations of us, but he gives us all the tools we need to succeed. His high expectations and difficult exams made me feel that he believed in my capabilities as a student. It was clear through the course website that he put considerable time and thought into the different ways that students learn, and there were materials available to accommodate my learning style very well. Great class + great professor!”

“With no exaggeration, Mr Lei was my favorite professor here at Michigan. He was extremely dedicated towards student success and was always willing to meet students outside of class should they need help. He was very friendly and approachable. His organization is unparalleled by any other professor I have seen. Definitely recommend him and hope to have another class with him.”

“Qin Lei was a great professor and will probably rank as one of the best I will ever have before I graduate.”

“As a junior having taken many courses at the University of Michigan, Prof. Lei was by far the most organized and passionate teacher I have ever had. I felt he truly cared about the learning of every student and tried to make the learning process easy for every student.”

“Thanks for a great semester! It’s classes like these that I am able to see the most growth in my learning. I definitely will be applying the knowledge from this course in my internship this summer.”

“Nearly everything, I love this class. The website Professor Lei prepares for the class is extremely robust and has everything a student could ever want. The lectures are up, in two different formats, and the homework video solutions are also extremely helpful. Additionally, I find Professor Lei’s lecturing style to be very interesting and I have absolutely loved being in this class. I thought I would not like finance, and now I can’t wait to take my next finance class.”

“Professor Lei was a great instructor. He was always well-prepared for class and he made the logistics of the class as easy as possible. I don’t have much else to say besides that I wish all professors were like Professor Lei.”

"This course was the most organized I have taken at the University of Michigan. I knew exactly what was expected of me. I enjoyed that there was more than enough material for me. From recorded lectures, lecture notes, homework, additional problem sets and practice questions, I never felt lost when trying to understand and practice a topic."

"Prof. Lei is the arguably the best and most organized professor I have had at the University of Michigan. I am glad I was able to take this course with him and will be sure to recommend it to other students interested in finance. Thank you!"

"Professor Lei has been the most helpful professor I have had at umich - he makes so many resources available to do well in his class"

"The professor really made this course doable. He wanted everyone to succeed and put effort into his students. I had no desire to take this class but I am now happy I did and came out the other side better."

"Qin Lei is a great teacher who clearly cares about this course"

"This is a very great class and Professor Qin is a great professor who goes out of his way to make sure his students understand the concept. He truly cares about his students doing well."

"The course website with all of the necessary information, including slides, guided solutions to problems, and other helpful exam prep tools, allowed me to know exactly what was expected of me as well as be able to see where I was struggling and provide ways for me to improve. This course website is the best organized a class I have taken has ever been and it made learning the material so much easier and interesting."

"I loved the organization of Mr. Lei. Everything was organized perfectly on his website. You knew exactly where to go when you wanted to study, do Hw, or review a lecture. I also appreciated the fact that he posted his slides as well as sliced lectures and whole ones. He also posted plenty of practice material with explanations of how he got his answers. During lectures he explained all course material expertly and had us focus on the intuition rather than rote memorizing problems."

"Professor Lei is extremely organized - arguably the most organized professor I have ever had at Michigan. His course website is flawless and very helpful. He is also available to help students and explains concepts clearly. It is clear that he is an expert and leader in his field."

"Qin Lei was extraordinarily organized. I always knew what was expected of me, when I was able to receive extra help during office hours, and how to best prepare for exams with the material that was provided."

"Great lecturing style by Dr. Lei, balancing explanation of concepts and theory with working through examples together in class."

"Professor is really knowledgeable and knows so much about what he is talking about. Made learning easy. Also there is so many example problems and videos that are really well explained it is really easy to catch up and gain understanding of material."

"The course was well structured, the textbook helpful and overall the material helped prepare for exams adequately."

"I think it was very well structured and run very efficiently from emails to lessons themselves. Loved the class."

"I thought the lectures, homework, and trivia questions prepared me very well for success in this course. I also thought the online practice tests and review sessions were very useful."

"The online website was great – lots of great resources to do well in the course."

"Professor Lei is willing to meet with students outside class. He responds to email quickly with all the information needed so that there is no need for me to spend time writing email back and forth. I really appreciate that!"

"He is a really respectful professor. I like him."

"The professor seemed to genuinely care about our well-being; health-wise and academically."

"Fantastic class, learnt a lot and really enjoyed Qin Lei's lectures."

"The class is really well taught. The many videos, recording of lectures, worked out example problems with videos its such a privilege to have. That is really helpful."

"I had a great time! The class was very helpful and really sparked an interest in finance."

"I loved the amount of resources available on the website for us to get help. It was so thorough and organized."

"Qin Lei is super organized. Most organized professor I've ever had. This made the class transparent and easy to follow along. His website was helpful."

"Pro. Lei is awesome lecturer in presenting material and conveying intuition to his students. He introduced basic financial ideas clearly and intrigued me to learn more about finance in the following semesters."

"Super interesting and well taught"

"Adequate helpful course materials. In-time class announcements. Complete video recordings."

"The course was well structured and almost always explained very clearly."

"The course website was very helpful and organized to allow for extra studying"

"Literally everything went well"

"Professor Lei provided a lot of opportunities to learn and was very helpful in teaching the material and making it interesting."

"Nice website, instructor provides everything necessary for students to succeed"

"Super organized so there was always resources. Professor Lei was super helpful and tried his best to meet student's needs."

"The instructor does really care about the students and wants everyone to learn."

"The professor does a great job making sure we are prepared, providing us practice exams, handwritten notes, and power point slides well in advance."

"This class expanded my understanding of this concept and increased my interest. I found tutorial videos that were made available to us very helpful."

"Professor offer us enough practice for preparing exam"

"I think lecture was very useful in helping me prepare for both the homework and tests. I think the in class problems helped solidify my knowledge the most."

"Great course! Thank you, Professor Lei!"

"The course was run very well"

"This was a very good class with plenty of opportunities to learn and get better at the material."

"Thanks for a great semester!"

"The homework and book were very helpful in my learning"

"Professor was very passionate"

"Very well organized class. The lectures/assignments prepared students for the exam, which fairly tested knowledge."

"Lots of practice problems are made available. The text explains the material well."

"Instructor was very clear with what was expected, and conveyed information clearly"

"Video recordings and the solutions are helpful."

"Everything was super organized and accessible."

"Organised"

"I like the additional resources that were provided outside of class."

"Everything went well!"

"The topics covered are great. The discussions help clarify and doubts and go over examples."

"The homework assignments on connect were incredibly helpful."

"I think there was a lot of practice that could effectively prepare us for the exams."

"Lots of content"

"The mathematical practice questions were helpful for the exam questions."

"The presentation during the lectures"

"the video solutions and all other recordings are very helpful."

"The homework option was nice"

"Overall, great course."

"Great class!"

"It is a good course"

"Good in overall."

"Super well run course"

"Teacher was good at explaining material."

"Problem solving"

"The homeworks were helpful in figuring out class material."

2.10 FIN302 (Fall 2019)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

"Prof. Qin is the best professor I can have at University of Michigan. I love the daily email after each class so that I could have an idea about what I need to do and what I expect from this class. Even sometimes when I'm too busy, checking these emails will help me catch up. Moreover, Prof. Qin is so responsible and do care about students' success."

"This course was one of the most well-organized courses in all my courses here. The website was very well laid out and easy to maneuver through. Also, Professor Lei was very good at making his points clear and concise. Furthermore, the professor presented his lectures with a sense of excitement and positive energy, which radiates in his students."

"I'm so impressed with Qin Lei's meticulous teaching style and attention given to this course. His organization of the material was methodical, tidy, and made it so that if you wanted to succeed in the course, you could."

"Qin Lei was an excellent professor. He provided countless tools to help us achieve in the class. The sliced lecture videos and the option to retry the hw problems as many times as you wanted were particularly helpful. He was also very understanding and helpful when my computer crashed during an exam."

"Prof. Lei was one of the most organized professors I've ever had and it was clear he wanted to do everything in his power to get his students to truly understand the material he was teaching. My experience in this class would have been wildly different had Prof. Lei not been the professor."

"A strength of the course is that it challenged you to think deeper than any other class I have ever taken. My knowledge has greatly expanded and the class is not one that someone can slack in. Also there is so many opportunities to get help which is very helpful the teaching team overall did a great job."

"This course was very comprehensive and really helped me to learn a lot in just a semester. I enjoyed being able to use a cheat sheet on the exams as well as being rewarded with the

option to drop an exam per the qualifications, really encouraged me to work hard on the HWs and pay attention in class. Great class.”

“The professor was very good at explaining the material. His website, while at first intimidating, was incredibly helpful and well-organized. He provided ample materials with which to study and went through examples in class.”

“This was a great course that challenges you to fully understand concepts.”

“Dr. Lei’s asides were always insightful and interesting. I liked when he brought in material from outside the lecture slides that gave us a different understanding of the material.”

“The content and teachers. This class is the gold standard for content is both volume and efficiency.”

“Very organized and a lot of materials to do well in the course”

“Great textbook and learning platform. Flexible OH. Prof ALWAYS available for students at nearly every seconds.”

“organization. Qin Lei had a ridiculously well built out course website, automatic emails, etc. that made it easy to access materials and made it very clear what was expected”

“Very well organized, light work, plenty of resources both online and in person.”

“The access to resources was incredible”

“Extremely well organized with exceptional resources available to the students. Course website was awesome. Also, exams were graded the day of, which was fantastic.”

“Qin Lei was very professional, offered a lot of resources, and was very available for office hours outside of class.”

“Clear video recording and sliced videos with script. Detailed exam information prepared before and outline.”

“Professor Lei is incredibly organized, the most organized professor I’ve ever had. His website is super impressive and works very well.”

“The organization of this course was fantastic”

“Accessibility of all content online for review, extensive office hours, many practice problems before exams”

“Professor Lei always made himself available to students if they needed extra help understanding course material. I can tell that he is extremely passionate about Finance and has gone out of his way to help students.”

“Everything is perfect but i wish to have more time spent on the last 3 chapters.”

“was ran in a very organized manner, no real complaints”

“Overall, this was a great course. I had a very strong desire to take it, and I feel like I am much more educated in finance now.”

“I believe the course design is optimal.”

“Very well organized. I always knew what was expected of me”

“homeworks and practice exams available”

“A lot of practice material to strengthen understanding”

“There are lots of practical and useful financial knowledge that can be helpful for the future.”

“Clear outline of course concepts, excellent teaching, and good material available to study for exams.”

“It is well organized.”

“The professor can explain concepts in details, which helped me a lot. Exercises for this course are very helpful”

“Lecture videos are very helpful to review the material.”

“Honestly I don't see many places for improvement this was the most organized class ive ever taken at this school.”

“This course is great”
 “Homework and discussions are helpful”
 “All materials provided on website”
 “Fair amount of examples to draw from.”
 “We have been receiving more practice exam material recently which has been tremendously helpful.”

2.11 FIN302 (Winter 2020)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“Prof. Lei was an elite teacher and had better instructional infrastructure than any college course I’ve taken.”
 “The website has been an incredible resource throughout the course and allowed for a smooth transition from in-person to online teaching. I think that overall, the flow of the class remained uninterrupted.”
 “Probably the best professor I have had in my two years here at UofM.”
 “I have never seen a professor more prepared and well organized. It went a long way in helping me to learn and succeed in this course.”
 “A reason why this course was so successful in transferring over to remote learning was that everything was already online to start. That was very useful. I like the fact that before remote learning Professor Lei took attendance. However, he also ensured that everything was online and recorded to be used as a reference. Furthermore, the amount of practice problems was extremely beneficial.”
 “asynchronous interaction worked well. As of for the video, I believe that you have been on top of this way before the outbreak of the virus, with videos and pdf available.”
 “Professor Lei is absolutely amazing. One of the most caring professors I have ever had, give this man a raise.”
 “I really liked the live zoom lectures. We were able to ask questions in real time.”
 “Everything. Prof. Lei is super organized and clear about everything, and his website is very helpful. Also, the trade game is great.”
 “Everything. Lei was extremely organized, helpful, and receptive to student needs. One of the most well-run classes I have taken at Michigan”
 “The professor and his structure (course outline, website, trivia, connect homework, etc.) The professor clearly has the course down to a science and it is extremely impressive.”
 “I think that there are so many effort that Professor Qin put for the success of students in the class. Great work on that.”
 “Professor Lei is a great instructor. He clearly is dedicated to his students and their understanding of the material. I really enjoyed this lecture and Lei’s ability to effectively communicate the most important material within the 50 minute time frame. Also, the online homework really helped me learn throughout the quarter, as did the trivia questions.”
 “The professor’s organization of the course in that he created his own website and had made so many materials available to us; he also was very prepared to go online which was impressive”
 “Great professor very able to teach large groups”
 “Professor Qin, knows the subject in and out.”
 “The amount of practice problems was amazing. Professor Lei was an amazing teacher and it was very evident he is very knowledgeable and passionate about the class and course material.”

“Extremely organized course.”

“Written and video solutions for homework problems to help students learn the material”

“High standards. I appreciate that.”

“A good combination of theoretical knowledge and empirical practice.”

“everything is so organized and planned out; full access to lecture recordings/solutions, whole and sliced, nice and thoughtful”

“Extremely well organized, more so than any course I’ve had before.”

“Very prepared.”

“zoom lectures with accompanied notes”

“Constant email communication helped to assure I was on top of coursework as supposed to lecture.”

“Recorded lectures allowed me to study on my schedule”

“The recorded livestreams worked well, especially having the sliced videos from past years to supplement when necessary.”

“All the review sessions he hosted”

“extensive review sessions.”

“Videos detailing homework questions helped with understanding challenging homework questions.”

“The website allowed for a smooth transition to online teaching.”

“The website was setup pretty well and had all the information that was necessary. If professor Lei set it up himself, kudos to him!”

“The website was well organized and had plenty of resources”

“the depth of the topics covered”

“Many practice problems and comprehensive course website.”

“The amount of resources given to students to learn and seek help.”

“Organized”

“The excess of material always available and the professor always being accessible. Additionally, how many review sessions that were available was very helpful.”

“Active learning.”

“Well organized website.”

“Structure, engagement, fun activities (Trading Game)”

“Benefits those who try hard in the course with grading policy”

“The instructor”

“Live, online lectures were handled pretty well.”

“Lecture recordings were helpful”

“Recorded lecture material”

“zoom worked well”

“Online video lectures”

“sliced lecture videos and hw problem video explanations”

“Everything is readily available online.”

“the lectures were delivered in an understandable format.”

“Professor very committed to maintaining same class meeting schedule as in-person”

“Live lecture and maintaining course structure really helped”

“The website was great”

“Very thorough and detailed”

“Real-world examples such as analyzing financial reports”

“Homework as an aid to drop an exam rather than graded”
 “Fairly tough”
 “Built grit”
 “Website”
 “great material”
 “The homeworks were very helpful”
 “I thought having discussion was beneficial so that we could practice problems presented in class and in the homework.”
 “Homework problems, practice exams”
 “recorded video lectures, no live attendance requirement”
 “Live lectures was hard, but having recordings was nice.”
 “Website”
 “Videoconferences, homework assignments, trivia, review sessions, removal of attendance policy so it could be watched at our leisure”
 “recording lectures”
 “Asynchronous interaction”
 “videoconferencing”
 “Video conferencing”
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2.12 FIN302 (Fall 2020)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“Professor Lei has an amazing website with so many resources to keep students informed about the class. Also, the access to practice questions before the exams was very helpful. Simply having a discussion section was so helpful. It was a place to go deeper into concepts we learned in class and practice them at a slower pace so everyone could follow.”
 “amazingly well into the online format. I really liked how accesible TA’s and Prof. Lei were despite everything being virtual.”
 “Everything about this course worked well. The lectures were informative and there were seemingly unlimited resources outside of lecture that supplemented the learning.”
 “Best course website I’ve seen.”
 “Qin is a very well-prepared and organized leader. He is a master of this material and is an excellent course administrator as well.”
 “The course website and all of the content on it. Very helpful! Thank you for a great semester.”
 “I really liked how Dr. Lei asked for feedback throughout the course and made an effort to implement suggestions from students. I also feel like he really cares about his students’ performance and was passionate about the material, which is rather unique. I also liked the Trivia questions, because they helped me to make sure I understood what Dr. Lei was teaching in Lecture, and also held me accountable for watching the lectures.”

“Keeping a very organized website with plenty of resources (including the lecture slides and sliced videos of the lectures) to ensure students have the necessary materials to succeed outside of lecture.”

“It was great that all of the lectures were recorded and that they were uploaded to the site so quickly.”

“I think that Professor Lei is a very good lecturer and I really enjoyed how he provided a lot of materials for us to study.”

“I loved how everything was organized on the website and how the lecture videos were slices. The homework and practice exams were very helpful.”

“The course website is great. I really appreciated all of the practice exam materials.”

“The abundance of material was excellent, and everything you needed to know for the class was online. Prof. Lei was always extremely well prepared for every unit and wanted to help his students any way he could, and made sure to emphasize that.”

“Qin Lei was a great teacher, it was obvious how much he cared about his students.”

“Course is extremely well organized with lots of available course materials (homework solutions, sliced videos, etc). Homework problems are useful for understanding content and exams reflect what is learned through lecture and practice problems.”

“Lots of additional resources were provided on Professor Lei’s website—very helpful.”

“Most of the synchronous lectures went smoothly and felt as though they would in person.”

“I think the edited videos and the sliced videos really helped. It made it easy to find topics that I needed to focus on more and contributed to my success in the class.”

“The materials online were really insightful and helped me understand the course material.”

“The trivia and homework assignments were a wonderful way to keep students on top of the topics we were learning. Giving students groups to discuss trivia and class concepts with was very helpful because it gave us a direct outlet with which to discuss problems with, one that many people wouldn’t have had unless it was given to us.”

“The resources provided for the exams was amazing, I thought the homework was very helpful as well.”

“I liked that lectures were recorded, because some times the pace of lecture was a bit fast, and watching the recorded video was nice so I could pause and absorb more of the material.”

“The teaching overall was pretty good.”

“I honestly think it is great and that Professor Lei really wants students to succeed.”

“Lots of resources for independent studying and practice exams for each section within each exam allowed me to feel like I had done everything in my power to prepare for each exam.”

“The staff (Professor and IA’s were excellent) and so was structure”

“Very well organized, slides were clear and concise.”

“The course provided a lot of practice on problems before the exams. The course was also very well organized and had a lot of resources”

“I think Qin Lei was a great teacher.”

“Professor Lei’s preparedness and clarity in explaining things. He also provided many opportunities for us to get help.”

“Having a OneNote doc so that professor can show his work.”

“Offer slides and pdfs for further studying, as well as lecture recordings.”

“Structured website with content to review”

“i think everything is great”

“Extremely well-organized! Tons of resources to help students succeed!”
 “as I said before the trivia questions were great and helped reinforce what we just learned”
 “Professor Qin Lei was really helping, and tried his best to encourage students to do better.”
 “daily homework with assigned groups”
 “The amount of resources available”
 “Great teaching, and available materials really helped.”
 “Well-prepared and knowledgeable instructor, office hours, informative course website.”
 “Resources, lecture notes, examples, teacher was always accessible outside of class.”
 “Well prepared professor”
 “All the resources to succeed are easily accessible.”
 “the professor explains the concept very clearly”
 “The discussions were helpful as we went through practice questions.”
 “the trivia questions and teams were a great way to help all of us get to know a few classmates that could be a nice resource”
 “fully online”
 “Watching Zoom synchronously with a mix of slides and OneNote problem breakdowns.”
 “The TA’s at office hours were great!”
 “Great job sharing slides and lecture recordings”
 “All great”
 “Showing how to do problems on the calculator”
 “Great communication and resources.”
 “Course website, email communication, lecture recording.”
 “I think the synchronous lectures along with the recorded lectures were extremely helpful.”
 “Asynchronous, and a rule that you should watch the recordings within a timeframe.”
 “fully online”
 “very comprehensive”
 “I think the HW style is very logical and helpful.”
 “SO many practice questions.”
 “All great”
 “flexible teaching format.”
 “website, resources”
 “Quick to reply to students and abundance of available material online to review”
 “Having all assignments and course outline organized.”
 “The material is useful”

2.13 FIN302 (Winter 2021)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“The biggest strength of this course is the quality of Qin Lei’s instruction and organization. I have never experienced a class or instructor that was so quick and responsive to emails, attentive to issues, and detail-oriented. He is incredibly organized. I love how there are sliced versions of lectures up, his slides are clear, and he gives incredibly great

lectures. He describes everything so well! He is an excellent instructor, and I really appreciated all of his efforts this semester to teach us finance. Thank you!!!!”

“Qin Lei is one of the best professors at this university. The class was also just very interesting and has inspired me to take more classes in this area.”

“The organization of the class is superb: class website, emails/reminders, lecture slides, assignments are well organized and structured. The real-life examples and current market news are great, and the virtual stock market simulation actually pushed me to start investing in the stock market. Before this class, I had no background in finance and now, I feel as if I am more financially literate. Thank you Professor Lei for the challenge to educate myself.”

“The organization is the best in any class I’ve ever taken.”

“I really appreciated Qin Lei as a teacher. He went above and beyond to make sure his students felt respected and that he was rooting for them to succeed. Although I personally did terrible in this class, I felt like Qin Lei was understanding that finance isn’t for everyone and was willing to help.”

“I really liked how Professor Lei would always come to class ready to get down to business but how he also often took time to share stories from past students and his own life so that we would know it was okay to maybe have done bad with one topic or an exam because everyone has been there. I also appreciate how realistic he was when presenting challenging topics by letting us know that they would be hard. He prepared us for each exam with great resources and while I was not excited to take this course, I’m glad he was my professor because I truly believe that he and Lan were how I go through it.”

“I did really enjoy Professor Lei’s teaching method. He is incredibly organized. I love how there are sliced versions of lectures up, his slides are clear, and he gives incredibly great lectures. He describes everything so well!”

“It’s absolutely amazing the amount of resources for this class. I really appreciate everything.”

“The amount of resources we had available to us to review and understand the classes. The class website also made it very easy to navigate the course and it was always clear what was expected of us. I also think that Prof. Lei was very attentive to the feedback that students gave him which was very nice and showed that he cared about his students.”

“I loved this course. I think it covered a lot of general financial knowledge that is good to have for life and gave students a good foundation in finance, and it was taught very well.”

“The strengths of this course were Professor Lei’s teaching techniques, the vast resources, and the content that was well prepared.”

“His use of technology is top notch”

“The website was very helpful. I especially appreciated that there were solutions to the Connect homework so that when I was working on it on my own, if I got confused I could check to see how the professor did it instead of just blindly guessing. I appreciate all the practice exams on lockdown browser and on the website.”

“This is a really interesting course, and I really enjoyed how organized it was. The course website was excellent with all the resources anyone could need.”

“Professor Lei is a great professor and for sure makes the class better”

“The course was extremely well organized and the website was an incredible resource for anything course related.”

“It was helpful to have so many practice problems and solutions available. Qin made it really easy to succeed so long as you were willing to put in the effort”

“I think the recordings of lectures were very helpful, as well as the abundance of resources available on the course website such as problem solutions.”

“The organized layout of the website really helped me know exactly what was expected and what materials were available for the course”

"I thought the course was very well structured. The recordings were a nice resource to have so I could re watch anything I wanted to. The solutions posted were helpful so as to see what work I was doing wrong, as opposed to just seeing I got a wrong answer. Overall I thought there was a lot of support in this class which was very appreciated."

"The professor was very engaging throughout the class and explained lecture material clearly until students understood the material."

"Professor Lei is a great teacher and the content/examples he uses are very useful."

"Professor is so approachable and well-prepared for the class. The sufficient practice questions are good for students to ace this course."

"The course website was phenomenal"

"Qin Lei's teaching, the highly navigable course site and interface, the wealth of knowledge linked on the course site, and the clear communication between the instructor and the students."

"The course website, very knowledgeable teacher and good progression of concepts"

"The strengths of this course was the instruction of the material and reinforcement through multiple practice problems and questions available online."

"A lot of information and topics packed into one course, definitely a robust learning experience"

"Requiring 100% completion of homework assignments for the ability to drop an exam grade was very effective in pushing me to prepare for exams."

"The professor provides tons of resources for us to learn. Also, through synchronous lectures, we could become more engaged with the material and ask questions directly."

"Lei's website was quite thorough and had tons of material to supplement lectures"

"I thought the trivia questions were a great way to test my understanding and work with other students in the class."

"Having unlimited homework attempts as well as the option to drop your lowest exam score if you complete all the homework gives great incentive to learn the material for all the homework and therefore advanced my understanding of the material by default."

"The lectures, daily trivia, and homework were very good at getting information across"

"Teacher was very interested and invested in teaching this class"

"I think Professor Lei kept things very organized, especially the course website which provides all the information needed. I also thought it was nice that we see the Professor's written notes on the website."

"The synchronous lectures that required attendance were very beneficial for my learning."

"I liked that we had video recordings and splices of the lecture to go back to because I could revisit topics as needed."

"every resource possible was on the website including HW help made the semester much more manageable and alleviated a lot of stress"

"I really liked the approach to homework assignments. I felt nice to have a lot of review and opportunities to understand the problems and how one would arrive at the answers for them. I also liked the assignment of trivia groups as it was nice to have an assigned group of classmates since classes are all online."

"Asynchronous offerings and edited recordings helped me go back and understand the parts of lecture that were more confusing"

"I thought having trivia to complete after each class session was helpful in checking my understanding of important concepts. It was also nice to be assigned to a group in the beginning of the semester to get to know and ask questions to improve understanding."

"The availability of video solutions to problems was helpful and should be continued."

"I liked the Trivia was assigned by groups because it was nice to be able to consult with them before submitting an answer."

"I think Professor Lei should continue to post video solutions to homework problems and practice exam problems. I found those to be particularly useful."

"The course website was very helpful to find materials to review any topic you might have confusion on"

"I thought having the library of video and written solutions for the homeworks and practice exams were really helpful when studying"

"The professors knowledge and smooth ability to explain concepts was certainly a strength. We would not ramble on a topic and instead were given the focused material of what we needed"

"Rigorous entry into finance"

"Continue to use homeworks to drop the lowest midterm, as it encourages us to do the homework. As well, they have proven very useful in studying for the exam."

"The lectures"

"There were always a plethora of resources available through the website, which was very helpful."

"brought in a lot of real world examples"

"I thought having a trivia question and small groups to work with outside of lecture helped keep the material fresh in my memory."

"The online aspects were actually pretty nice, although I prefer in-person"

"Teaching was clear and easy to understand"

"Having daily office hours was really nice."

"I liked how there were sliced lecture videos available on the course website."

"I really appreciated that the lectures were recorded. Before every exam, I typically tried to rewatch all the lectures to make sure that I wasn't missing key information"

"it was very helpful that professor lei allowed us to drop our lowest exam if we got a 100"

"Having access to recorded lectures, notes, and slides were beneficial"

"The zoom call or recorded video served the lecture format of this course well"

"I liked easy access to office hours with Professor Lei or any of the GSIs."

"The lectures were very efficient and detailed on Zoom, would have been even better in person!"

"Writing on the slides and whiteboard was very helpful!"

"It was great that we had daily office hours."

"I like how the material was easily available on the class website"

"The homework was very helpful and it was nice having the fixed solutions."

"Everything worked well for me."

"I think the lectures were great and the discussions were helpful"

"The professor was very prepared"

"This course covered a vast amount of material and acted as a good introduction to the subject."

"The extraneous resources, and Professor Lei's dedication to the course, and his very organized lesson plans. His lectures were also informative."

"fixed solutions were very helpful in learning how to do the homework problems"

"The material was taught very well and engrained through the lecture and practice in discussion, trivia, and homework."

"Very interesting and well taught"

"The availability of resources on the website and GSI office hours."

"The organization of the class and website."

“The ability to drop an exam was really useful, because if you had a bad exam you could still maintain some confidence that you can do well in the course.”

“Lots of resources to do well, regular work to keep you on track”

“It was helpful”

“synchronous works for this course”

“Many office hours”

“I like the synchronous!”

“Im glad we had an asynchronous option”

“They went very well”

“Good teaching - going over problems.”

“liked the trivia teams”

“Trivia is nice”

“Organized”

“Lots of practice problems for exams.”

“Clear teaching and tons of resources for review”

“Daily office hours and more around exams are nice.”

“The structure if the class is very clear, so we always know what are expected from us.”

“Thank you!!!”

“the content was very straightforward and interesting”

“The homework reflected the exams”

“Online homework, slides, and handwritten notes”

“Comprehensive.”

“Office hour availability”

2.14 FIN302 (Fall 2021)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“The organization of this course was phenomenal. This is the best I’ve ever seen it from any professor. The slides were very informative and understandable. The practice exams made available to the students was also a plus in this course.”

“The access to sliced videos really helped me find extensions and explanations when I would come across issues during the homework. The software to do the homework was also pretty nice because of the access to the textbook and hints there too. I enjoyed the lectures because they seemed to go at a great pace for me. If you have the time and desire, there are enough resources available on the course website to do incredibly well in this class and learn a lot.”

“Professor Qin Lei was an excellent teacher. He really does set students up for success by offering many resources that enable students to learn better. Fixed solutions, video solutions, fixed assignments, and practice exams all were very helpful.”

“Best course I ever had so far. Covered a variety of fundamental finance concepts. Had a lot of resources for learning.”

“Amazing content and one of the best professors I ever had (Qin Lei).”

“Thank you so much Professor, I learned everything I wanted about investing. Your personal stories were amusing as well!!! Also thank you for writing such good exams with straightforward questions. The book is excellent too.”

“The website was an amazing resource. I have never seen a course this well organized. this is why I can’t think of any improvement. The website had everything and helped you make the most of the resources available.”

“Qin was very clear about expectations and grading policies. He wanted the best for his students and was extremely helpful with his communication and speed of grading. Overall, an excellent course.”

“Qin Lei – he’s engaging and enthusiastic about the course material and it radiated to all students.”

“This is the most structured course I have taken in the university.”

“I think the course offers a great and thorough introduction to finance, and that it was suitable for students of every background”

“Professor Lei did an amazing job keeping the material engaging.”

“The review sessions were very nice. The one note white board was great! It was also very nice to have the sliced lectures and extra videos to better understand the course material. Thanks for a great class!”

“The course website was great. I was a little overwhelmed at first but having all the course resources on a centralized website was really convenient and made it really easy to keep track of things. I also really appreciated how many resources there were to practice for the exams. I feel like nothing was more effective for my own learning of this material than practice, and practice exercises were easily accessible. I also appreciated the speed of grading and how Qin made himself so available for students. This was overall a very well designed course.”

“It can’t be improved! Qin Lei was an awesome perspective.”

“Qin Lei has had countless years of teaching this course and has worked in every way possible to make resources available to students struggling with the material. This course is perfect as is and needs no improvements.”

“This has been a very helpful course by mathematically conceptualizing and modeling so many incredibly important topics relating to the financial decisions of companies. I will truly retain and build on techniques of valuation and capital structure in my career.”

“It was very well structured and well taught.”

“This course is well established and the information is presented in a clear way through lecture slides. The homework is also a great way to check your understanding of the material.”

“Definitely in Professor Lei’s and the TA’s passion for finance”

“I gained an understanding of finance that I didn’t have before and was able to apply that understanding in job interviews.”

“Organization. This class was very organized, specifically the course website.”

“the website!!!!”

“Really organized course website and clear course setting.”

“Structure, great teaching, well written exams”

“We have chances to redeem ourselves throughout the course in the different aspects and grade distributions.”

“The professor was respectful to students”

“Professor Lei is always patient with students’ question. The exam outline provides a good start point for constructing cheat sheet. The video solution for homework is very helpful”

“Good organization structure”

“Strengths of this course were the extra help”

“I thought the step-by-step examples given during lecture were very helpful in my understanding of how to approach and solve the problems.”

"i think that all of the available practice problems including the homework and practice exams were helpful"

"Good balance between the lectures and discussions, they each taught their own thing."

"Working through sample problems in class helped increase understanding. As well as having the slides and notes posted on the website, and solutions to homework problems."

"The ability to drop one exam. It is a very stressful and high intensity course and I think the ability to drop an exam takes a lot of stress off of people who struggled on the first exam or with one subject"

"I think that the actual course information was pretty interesting and applied well to my real-world life."

"This course was taught very well."

"great professor"

"The amount of resources"

"everything"

"The content and the course website"

"the amount of practice problems available"

"I think the strengths were the discussion sections and the online homework for practice."

"in person discussions"

"How organized the course is"

"amount of material we learned was great"

"sufficient materials."

"helpful teacher."

"great teaching"

"Practice exams, homeworks, and trivia"

2.15 FIN302 (Winter 2022)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

"Professor Lei was clearly very passionate about finance and thoughtful about how he structured this course. I really appreciated that he made all materials, lecture recordings, problems, etc. easily accessible for students and encouraged their use. I also really loved the days of class that were more applicable to daily life, like tips for investing in stocks and how to determine which investments are worth making."

"The organization of the course was one of its biggest strengths. I also think the number of resources available (i.e., sliced lecture videos, Connect problems and their solution videos, and practice tests) helped me succeed in this course. Another strength was how prepared and knowledgeable Professor Lei was. A final strength of this course was Professor Lei's ability to be understanding, responsive, and kind. I emailed him on many occasions because of issues and worries I had, and Professor Lei was always accommodating and made sure to go above and beyond to help me. He always wrote emails that were meaningful and that showed he cared."

"Professor Lei is an awesome professor. He's great at conveying the information in an interesting way and helping you to understand it later in a review session or office hours."

"Qin Lei was very passionate about the subject."

"Truly appreciate how accessible Dr. Qin has been: he has been accessible late at night and on weekends, which is truly remarkable."

"The course was extremely well organized. I always knew what was expected of me and appreciated that there were no "surprises" in terms of structure or expectations. The course is set up in a way that if you work hard and stay consistent your performance will reflect that."

"I think the online homework was very helpful for preparation for the exam. Additionally, this course was highly organized thanks to the course website which was very nice and there was plenty of supplemental examples or support for homework solutions and practice exams."

"Phenomenal overview of finance. I feel really well equipped for holding my own in a conversation about finance and better understanding how firms make investment decisions."

"The broad spectrum of material that is offered in this course is a big strength. Professor Lei is very knowledgeable and passionate about the course."

"This class definitely provides a good overview and allowed me to gain a basic understanding of finance. I like the student-led recitation sessions, as the session leaders were aware of what problems were likely to stumble first-time learners. They provided solutions to those problems that were very helpful for the exams."

"This class definitely introduced me to Financial concepts in a structured way. It is a challenging, but ultimately fulfilling class."

"I really appreciated the overall organization of the course. While there was a lot to keep track of at first, I got used to it as the semester went on. The course website was very helpful with regards to that."

"The clear and concise nature of the course design and the mere benefits you get out of the content as it can be applied everywhere in life."

"There were ample resources and everything was super organized and easy to access on the course website"

"The course site was very organized and everything was organized and accessible."

"The biggest strength of this course was that students were given the opportunity to learn valuable, real life skills. Even though I didn't do great on the exams, I still got a lot out of this course and learned good skills."

"The strengths of the course were the organization of the course and it really advanced my understand of financial concepts."

"Professor Lei did a fantastic job explaining material to students clearly"

"This course was very well organized and provided so many resources to get the most out of the course"

"course was very organized and professor Lei explained things very well"

"Organization of the class and the class website. Professor is amazing and cares greatly about his students."

"Easy-to-consume content, seamless connectivity between course lectures, McGraw connect online homework, and exam questions."

"The expectations were clear, which was nice, especially concerning the exams."

"Provide fundamental knowledge on virtually every part of finance"

"Professor Lei's organization and clarity - loved the website as well"

"I liked the structure of this class!"

"Students are given a handful of resources to help advance their studies. Professor Lei and recitation leaders are always willing to help."

"The organization of this class is great! Also, having additional office hours before exams really helped. Additionally, I appreciated being able to go back to recorded lectures to revisit material and having 10 attendances dropped."

“extremely well organized”

“Professor Lei is great at teaching the material. He explains stuff well and is usually take some time to make sure we understand the concepts.”

“Many different topics were covered and real world applications were talked about and demonstrated.”

“The wide array of resources available to practice and studying.”

“It covered a broad range of concepts and was a friendly starting point for those like me who were intrigued about finance but did not have prior experience in the field.”

“Covered an abundance of materials so I do feel more knowledgeable in the topic of Finance. Professor Lei would also go over mistakes on previous exams in order to promote better scores on the following exams which was helpful.”

“Truly enjoyed the class format and flexibility.”

“The online review and thorough explanation of Connect Problems, and many past exam problems with great explanation.”

“The homework assignments were helpful. I also really liked recitation and the opportunity to see practice problems.”

“assignments and what was expected of you was clearly defined, good access to practice exam material”

“very organized and accessible”

“The organization of resources on the class website”

“Teaches you excellent intermediate financial values”

“The course was very well structured.”

“The application towards financial structure and business models.”

“The content was explained well, just very quickly.”

“Professor Lei explained very specific details of each chapter’s equations and concepts, which was very useful for understanding the material.”

“the organization and practice problems”

“The course was always instructed clearly and I found discussion sections were a great help and a great way to practice the math of the course. Professor Instruction.”

“The trivia was very helpful to check understanding throughout the course.”

“There were a lot of other materials available to students that needed practice outside of lecture and recitation.”

“The strengths of the course was that it was very continuous from the start to the end. The material seemed to be cumulative.”

“Recitation was always very helpful. As was the review sessions Professor Lei held before each exam.”

“Professor was very open to student feedback and well organized.”

“The varied assignments are good for learning.”

“- The materials to peruse to help with homework and stuff - Talking through The exams

- The records of The lectures with captions”

“We can choose the attendance mode”

“Lots of resources for exams”

“Very well organized!”

“This course is great as it is.”

“This course is already great. The format, inclusion, content. I think it’s really good”

“The trivia questions were helpful”

“Friday recitations”

“I felt that the lecture material covered what was expected in the exam and homework.”

“Lots of practice problems.”
 “Interesting course”
 “Going over examples in class”
 “Lectures were great”
 “Connect assignments”
 “Very organized”
 “The course had a very strict schedule on what was suppose to be done”
 “trivia”
 “Lectures”
 “It was good overall”

2.16 FIN302 (Fall 2022)

What were the strengths of the course?

“Dr. Lei had tons of material available for studying and understanding the course. His website was incredible, and I never once felt like I did not have the resource to understand something I was confused about. It was great to have video solutions and written solutions to every problem even when they could be perceived as easy. The practice exams were very representative of the exams as well which was extremely helpful. I really appreciate how much he cares for his students as well.”

“I loved that there was a focus on the equations in class. The one note documents that were accessible beyond the classroom were especially helpful for me. typically, teachers wont release such notes because they want students to write down the solutions themselves. However, I personally find note taking very distracting and this class was the first time I had a professor that acknowledge my struggle. Thank you! I also felt that Professor Lei was extremely approachable and contactable after class. Professor Lei consistently remained after class to answer a number of personal questions that students had. Most Professors would not spend the time to stick around for that long. Additionally, Professor Lei was quick to respond to all emails and posts on piazza, which was very helpful. Lastly, it was always known what was expected of each student in the class. If you put in time and effort, your grade will most likely reflect your true level of knowledge because Professor Lei clearly outlines what needs to be know. This class was really enjoyable to take, thank you!”

“This course introduced me to many concepts that I think will be useful in my personal investing career. I came in looking for information on how to value stocks and bonds and ended up learning and being interested in so much more. Professor Lei emphasized in the beginning of the course that intuition is incredibly important in finance, and I think he did an excellent job of conveying his financial intuition to us as well as anyone could in 1 course that effectively meets for 100 minutes per week.”

“The professor was clear, helpful, and I only wish we had more exposure.”

“The knowledge of the Professor was outstanding. The class was friendly to each other and embraced the struggle together.”

“High standards and demanded attentiveness.”

“Top tier resources on the website! More resources on the website than students would ever have time to go through. No lack of additional ways to learn material.”

“Qin Lei really challenged me. I appreciated that. it is clear he cares about the success of his students. He was very responsive to me, open to meet and to feedback. I appreciated having practice problems, frequent office hours, and especially the ability to drop one exam score given the completion of homeworks.”

“Being objective, I think the professor was well prepared for lecture and gave fair exams that tested what we needed to know to have a strong foundation in finance. I thought the GSIs chosen for this class were very good.”

“Challenging but that is the nature of the material. Interesting material and useful for personal life.”

“Fast paced. I learned a lot quickly.”

“The homework really helped for the exams”

“Material was applicable to everyday life.”

“clear structure”

“All assignments and tests are given with very clear instructions”

“It was well organized. I felt like if I missed a deadline, I had no excuse because it was communicated well.”

“I really liked how we were able to choose a course format that best fitted with our schedule (being able to be in-person, remote, or async). I wish I had known this earlier when registering for classes because this provides a lot of flexibility.”

“discussion sections were very helpful”

“This course was well designed for a novice in the finance field, which I feel was a good fit for myself.”

“Lectures were thorough and practice questions before exams were clarifying.”

“The subject and content of this course is relevant to work outside in the real world.”

“the amount of resources we had (sliced videos, textbook, office hours, in person class, review sessions, homework, trivia, etc)”

“Recitation was really helpful and the practice exams!”

“I would say that the recitation sections were super helpful to me”

“Ability to take the course asynchronously”

“The strengths of this course is that it challenged you.”

“Good lectures, good office hours”

“teach me a lot with finance”

“There was plenty of time for students to go over material outside of class and discussion sections helped me understand what was covered in class more thoroughly.”

“Valuable lectures and homeworks that reinforced the material”

“Organization.”

“the course schedule and resources available”

“Lots of things make up the grade!”

“Very detailed”

“informative”

“the exams are very difficult, but there were lots of practice offered.”

“All aspects”

“discussion”

“material”

2.17 FIN302 (Winter 2023)

What were the strengths of the course?

“Professor Lei’s commitment to students, detailed explanations and deep knowledge of finance”

"This course is taught by a veteran. Professor Lei knows EXACTLY how to run this course and I can only imagine how much harder this course would have been had anyone less prepared/knowledgeable been the professor. Professor Lei was very accommodating and responsive to student needs. One of my favorite professors in college (saying this as a second semester senior). Thank you!"

"I really appreciated the depth and passion Professor Lei managed to fit in such concise lectures. It's hard to find something that he has not already improved and worked on throughout the years. I feel like I learned more in a shorter amount of time than any other course - and about things that will have a great bearing on my future career and personal finances! He also gave us the materials we needed to go further than what was covered, if we chose."

"The professor is always well prepared and makes the material easy to digest. He explains multiple ways to do the same problem and lets us pick which method we prefer. He also clearly explains the shortcomings or common pitfalls many students will run into with any exercise. He does his best to make us prepared for the course material."

"This course had the most thorough course information site I've ever seen. I am very impressed with the amount of resources Professor Lei gave to us. I think he really cared that we did well in this class. Also, his exam policy regarding dropping one if you do all the homework is genius. Makes us want to do the homework and get 100

"Prof Lei is very enthusiastic to teach a morning class the introduction to financial concepts. It made mundane topics seem more interesting and lively than it typically is taught."

"The slides used to teach the content were very informative and there were lots of resources for help outside of class"

"It was clear that Prof. Lei had a deep understanding of the material and explained things clearly in lecture. Very energetic and passionate about what he was talking about, which was refreshing. I also really like how students were given the option to participate with their preferred lecture mode, whether in-person, synchronous, or asynchronous."

"Course site is nice to have everything located on one platform"

"The plethora of learning materials that are available to students online at all times."

"Students held to a high standard; professor available to meet with students during office hours"

"Lecture material used a lot of real world examples to hammer home concepts, a lot of practice questions for exams, the homework allowing unlimited attempts for questions, ability to schedule office hours outside of the designated office hour times,"

"I would say the course has its own website and every information are well displayed. Also, there are different kinds of materials that can facilitate our understanding, which is pretty good."

"The plethora of resources on the website and it was easy to navigate. Also there were always a lot of office hours to ensure a student could find time to meet after class."

"Very in-depth knowledge of the subject, and notes are very well detailed."

"I liked the asynchronous option, and that's what I opted for."

"Ensuring fairness across the board."

"Very well organized."

"I thought there was a lot of information available in this course and felt like I had access to a lot of knowledge and material"

"Foster my interest for the field"

"Made sure students were always engaged with a lot of smaller assignments. Was very fair in terms of grading and gave students the opportunity to drop an exam grade"

"Professor Lei clearly knew the material, was able to explain it clearly to the students, and was motivated in helping them do as well as possible to succeed in this class."

“This course greatly expanded my knowledge in finance. I particularly appreciated the opportunity to drop the lowest midterm exam with completion of the homework. I still studied for every exam, but it eased my nerves knowing that if for some reason the exam did not go my way, it could be dropped.”

“The teacher has his own website, which has everything you need”

“The teamwork problems were a great addition to this course, and it really helped me a lot.”

“There was a lot of resources and really strong structure.”

“The content is very relevant, the professor is well-prepared and very organized.”

“Very organized”

“The studying and learning habits I had to develop were very valuable”

“Very organized course with clear expectations”

“The practice exams were helpful”

“Many practice questions”

“Strengths of this course was the trivia and homework assignments to help study.”

“Like that the homework was optional and an exam could be dropped”

“Multiple options for remote, asynchronous, synchronous, or in-person lecture”

“Josh was a great TA. I feel like I was really able to learn in his recitation. The website has a lot of resources which is great.”

“The trading game was a good addition to the course.”

“The material is the strength and the fact that students have interest in the subject.”

“The discussions were extremely helpful!”

“I learned about a lot of relevant world concepts”

“Amount of information.”

“The textbook was helpful.”

“Practice problems”

“homework, # of exams”

“Trivia exercises every day of lecture”

2.18 FIN302 (Fall 2023)

What were the strengths of the course?

“The professor providing an abundant amount of resources for the students outside of class to further engage with the material was particularly helpful. I also believe that providing the class slides in advance of the class period was very helpful in being able to focus on the auditory part of in-person lecture and not worrying about getting everything down from the slides.”

“Incredible and knowledgeable professor. The course runs like a well oiled machine. The website and use of technology on the whole is incredible.”

“The trivia in groups is a great way to make sure kids are meeting each other and just good way to learn.”

“Clear lectures & recordings of lectures. Lots of solutions and practice available”

“Clear objectives for every class, many ways to test understanding of topics, many practice problems available”

“Professor Lei’s teaching and commitment to this class”

“I believe the idea of trivia groups and weekly trivia questions is smart because it definitely helped me feel like I was on pace or what my questions were in the course. I also

liked the wide range of office hours provided throughout the week and how the professor or TAs were able to promptly answer my questions. The professor also provided us with a decent amount of study material before exams, so I knew what was to be expected of me even if the exam was going to be challenging.”

“The rigor of the content and the overall structure/organization of the course.”

“I really liked the opportunity to retake the midterms though I never actually retook the exam. I thought having the normal exam on a Monday and the retake on Friday was a good amount of time for people who had to study more. This also encouraged me to complete and understand the homeworks as they weren’t submitted for credit.”

“This course was definitely very organized and structured, which I really appreciated it. I knew what was expected of me and Professor Lei delivered material in a clear, thoughtful manner.”

“The connect problem help, and the past lecture recordings for the class were very helpful for studying before exams.”

“strengths of the course include learning about practical knowledge in one chunk of time in class, having an extremely straightforward textbook that applied to our course material, straightforward nature of the slides used in class, great collaboration between professor Qin Lei and students. Professor Lei was so helpful and supportive to students and their understanding”

“I really liked how the 3 hour section was split up into information and problem solving. It was very helpful to have problems to solidify what the material was and how we would be quizzed and tested on the material.”

“This course was very organized. It was always clear what was expected of us in terms of trivia, exams, and in lecture. The professor was also very prepared for every lecture and had plenty of material to discuss throughout the lecture. Moreover, there were very good resources accessible to students in order to prepare for exams.”

“Qin Lei is very organized”

“The resources were very well laid out”

“The variety of information and the context in which Qin Lei put it in.”

“providing extra materials for practicing outside of class”

“Clear expectations, helpful practice exams, recorded lectures so students can go back and rewatch certain concepts”

“Professor provided many resources that helped with test preparation. Exams felt fair and of a reasonable length.”

“I thought that the material was presented clearly and there were plenty of resources if students wanted extra help.”

“This course presented a wide range of financial concepts that will be applicable in students’ everyday lives.”

“The enormous resources Professor Lei provides are really helpful. I am confident that every student will say Professor devoted a lot of effort in this class.”

“What is expected is very clear and made super obvious every week.”

“extra practice material + course website”

“Clear expectations and syllabus.”

“The examples relating to the real world”

“Enjoyed the trivia/group work aspect.”

“Content connected well to the real world”

“I liked the math in this course.”

“Applicability”

2.19 FIN302 (Winter 2024)

What were the strengths of the course?

“Extremely well-structured - the website is thorough and there are more than sufficient resources to ensure success. The exams are hard, yes, but the concept of finance itself is a hard and new topic in itself. Saying the exams are hard does not mean the exams are unfair - the professor gives plenty of examples, homeworks, and practice exams to prepare. That is a great strength of this course: you set yourself up for failure or success. The concepts are explained well by the professor, and there are opportunities for you to do it yourself too. It is structured very well, and there is a sense of independence and steering your own wheel.”

“Professor Lei was the most organized and clear professor I have ever had. His site and the plethora of material he provided us was above and beyond. Truly an incredibly structured course that made me extremely confident in navigating any introductory finance topics. Would recommend this course to any UM student.”

“Qin Lei truly cares about his students’ performance and tries to motivate us as much as possible. The class is also designed to be adaptive to multiple learning styles so regardless of whether someone worked better alone or in a group, there were options for both.”

“Instructor INSANELY well organized, super clear with objectives and policies, graded consistently and fairly.”

“Qin is extremely organized as a professor. He is also very transparent about what is required and how to succeed in the course.”

“Incredibly organized website with all course materials easily accessible”

“Team trivia was helpful, good to work with other students. The stock trading game was fun, and forced me to learn about how to trade stocks. Practice exams were helpful but should have been emphasized to students. Cheat sheets on exams were plenty fair and helpful, and appreciated.”

“The lectures provided an abundance of information that aided in understanding the text book. Additionally, Prof. Lei did an excellent job of incorporating real world examples that connected to topics to aid in understanding their real world application.”

“It’s clear that professor Lei has modified this course over time to make it the best possible for students. He puts a lot of thought into this class.”

“I appreciated the groupwork aspect, as it gave me a built-in support network that I could always ask questions to my classmates for. I also appreciated how Professor Lei was very timely with responses on Piazza. And, having practice exams for each chapter of the course was very helpful.”

“I like that this course heavily relied on the textbook because I always had a reference to check when I missed something in class. I also liked the remote option, as I pay attention a lot better when it’s not early in the morning so it was nice to have the option to watch the lecture throughout the day.”

“it is just a near flawless course”

“Office hours were extremely helpful. All the materials on the website were also really helpful for learning. I liked how the homework was all due before the exam with unlimited as it gave students the flexibility to learn at their own pace.”

“It was very comprehensive and broad in its scope which allowed me, who is not necessarily interested in becoming a consultant, to learn about things that are applicable to my desired profession, while still having more specific lessons to learn if I were to want to become a consultant or something similar.”

“The course provided an abundance of resources for students to utilize, like practice exams, videos, and a dedicated website.”

"I believe that the McGraw-Hill Connect assignments were very valuable for learning. Incentivizing students to learn while doing the homework rather than focusing on getting the right answer immediately was also very beneficial. I thought the organization of this course was really well done."

"The resources on the course page were extremely thorough and I feel like I could've found the answer to any of my questions almost anywhere."

"I think it was very organized and the professor seemed like he wanted everyone to do well in the class."

"The nature of the homework questions and exams were very consistent across the course and I thoroughly appreciated how the textbook actually reflected what was taught in the course and I never had to double check what was different across the lecture material and textbook material."

"the preparation and the resources available to students made it easier to succeed with potentially challenging subject matter"

"The subject matter is interesting and important knowledge to have."

"I thought that Professor Lei was clear about the guidelines for the class, and midterms exams were very fair given our practice exams."

"The PPT slides are well organized, the practice exams are extremely helpful."

"The strengths of this course was its organization and parallel to the textbook."

"quizzes and homeworks assignments as well as practice exams gave me a lot of practice opportunities"

"very organized"

"Covered all formulas and outside information showing the practicality of the course."

"Very clear set of content and expectations, good grading scheme."

"lots of opportunity for points"

"Lot of material covered, very interesting."

"The content was interesting and the instructor was knowledgeable."

"clear in what is required of the students and plenty of practice and review"

"The format was easy to follow and questions about the course were easily answered"

"Lots of material to study which was very helpful in preparing for exams."

"Instruction was always very clear"

"Very organized and structured."

"Very organized in terms of what was expected of you and materials you had access to."

"The trading game was a good way to apply the skills that have been taught in class"

"covers a wide range of useful financial material."

"Easy (I'm aerospace engineering and CS so the math covered was easy)"

"The access to practice exams"

"It was interesting"

"Ample resources to help students"

"depth of knowledge and contextual learning"

"I liked being able to check each question individually in the homework so I knew exactly what parts of the problem I was doing wrong and I could focus on fixing that."

"Understanding how finance works in our everyday lives."

"Interesting topics"

"Promotes collaboration, interactive"

"The content was interesting"

2.20 FIN302 (Spring 2024)

What were the strengths of the course?

“I appreciated that although this class was remote there was a synchronous option to maintain engagement and encourage a more active learning style where you could ask questions in real time. I also appreciated the team work because with the remote structure, my group really functioned as my only connection to the class and a study group. Professor Lei was also prompt with his responses and willing to meet outside of class. It felt as though he genuinely wanted us to succeed.”

“The homework and trivia helped my understanding of the concepts very well”

“Some strengths of this course were how organized the materials and resources were located. Having organized modules to access resources makes it efficient for better access and understanding of the materials when needed.”

“The professor was regimented and prepared for lecture and could handle our inquiries confidently and accurately.”

2.21 FIN302 (Fall 2024)

What were the strengths of the course?

“Professor Lei ran a very structured class with clear expectations on the website. There were plentiful resources on that site. I felt I learned a lot from this course.”

“The course was extremely well organized. There is an up to date website that is greatly helpful in navigating the course. Qin Lei is also incredibly knowledgeable when it comes to finance which shows clearly.”

“I thought Qin was always very prepared. I strongly enjoyed how the assignments and expectations were abundantly clear. I always had a desire to learn the content in this course, but was intimidated by it. After learning it through classes with Qin, I realized that the topics were manageable and my interest in the subject matter grew. He is a teacher that has compassion for his students and wants them to always succeed. He was really accessible with office hours and respond to emails in a timely manner.”

“The ample resources for learning and getting help via Qin’s website were crucial. If I was ever stuck on an answer I had many different accessible avenues to obtain a clear solution. I also really liked how the course was organized, it allowed us to digest a lot of information in four quarters which personally works better for my learning style.”

“Dr. Qin taught me so much about the basics of the market and I think its been the most fun course I’ve taken yet, the work wasn’t very heavy and the flexibility of the HW dates made it a lot more bearable for me since I was also out of the class for like 2 weeks. I really cannot stress how much I’ve enjoyed learning the content and listening to Dr. Qin :)”

“The trivia was a nice weekly review of the content. Homeworks were low-stress practice. Professor Lei was very knowledgeable in the subjects and I always felt comfortable asking questions. He also answered Piazza questions in a very timely manner.”

“The office hours and other resources were very helpful. It was so nice having office hours virtually every night, as well as fixed and video solutions, and a Piazza, for answering homework questions. It made it very easy to get help when you were stuck, as opposed to having to wait around for an answer.”

“The examples done in class”

“Qin’s knowledge of course material.”

“lectures were great, and the example solutions were a big help.”

“Lots of material covered, lots of opportunity to raise your grade”

“Lots of resources for students to use to study. Frequent and clear communication from the professor.”

“The amount of support for the material was great. Lots of practice via homework, review sessions, and practice exams.”

“Interesting lectures, great explanations of course material and engaging conversations by bringing in real world examples that were relevant to current things we were studying.”

“homework and practice exams were good prep for the exams”

“Many avenues for practice problems”

“The large amount of office hours available.”

“There are a lot of resources and Professor Lei is supportive and encouraging, especially since I had a tough time with this course and understanding the subject. I appreciate his encouragement, and he provides an incredible array of resources on the website.”

“Great exam preparations with lots of content to help prepare.”

“Interesting material and topics”

“Lots of office hours with TAs to get extra help, clear explanations in class.”

“Practice Exams, Homework Questions, In-class Practice Problems, Exam Outline sheet. These were very helpful in understanding the content better.”

2.22 FIN302 (Winter 2025)

What were the strengths of the course?

“I believe the main strength of this course was Professor Lei. He was incredible clear and enthusiastic in class. He was also very accommodating for students by offering lecture and office hours via Zoom. He was also very accessible and helpful outside of class. I regularly attending his exam review sessions and personal office hours. In these sessions, he was very kind and allowed the revision of mistakes made in prior exams. He was also very encouraging and truly wanted his students to learn the content and improve on exams. Additionally, Professor Lei was extremely prepared with his website entirely set before the beginning of the semester.”

“This class is one of the best university courses I have taken.”

“Professor Lei is a great instructor. He clearly explains course material and walks through examples during class. His use of the OneNote document and computer version of the BA II Plus Professional calculator helped me better understand each step when solving challenging problems. The class had a great structure as well. I always knew what I was going to be tested on for each exam, and Professor Lei provided plenty of practice exam questions.”

“It was engaging and Prof. Lei is very committed to his students. He is always willing to help and clarify. He is extremely knowledgeable and enthusiastic about finance. The focus on practice problems in class was very helpful.”

“It was a good finance course. I learned a lot, and I feel I now have a much better understanding of finance than I did going in. So, for an intro to finance course, it seems successful.”

“Professor Qin was extremely organized and I appreciated the consistent class structure. I like knowing what to expect each week and thought all the exams were reasonable.”

“Having an assigned study group in which we communicated each week to work on the trivia questions was extremely helpful. Also, accommodating to certain situations for students, for example, allowing them to join the class zoom from home if they cannot come in person that day but can still get attendance points.”

"I believe this was an excellent course with incredible instruction, specifically because of the preparation and clarity provided by Professor Lei."

"Professor Qin actually cares about his students, it can be evidenced in the opportunities he offers and in the well detailed responses he makes on piazza"

"The content was very interesting and the professor explained material very clearly"

"Very well taught, and built upon concepts to increase overall understanding."

"The professor, structure of lecture and homework and exams, as well as the solutions being posted and available. The accessibility to more practice for exams was also wonderful."

"The professor is very kind and understanding of situations. He always gives help when you need it."

"Professor Lei writes very fair exams, with questions that reflect concepts learned in class, on homeworks, in trivia, etc. It has never felt like exam questions were impossible or not gone over."

"Lots of options for how to attend class and weekly check-ins to test your knowledge of the material were very helpful"

"This course is great because it allows you to be self paced based on the resources offered outside of live lectures."

"The website is really clear"

"The course was predicatable, every week was the same expectations which was useful. This course got through a lot of material and Qin Lei did a good job in explaining how many of the concepts would play out in the real world."

"The homework taught me a lot, and the website had so many great resources on it."

"The course web I believe helps a lot, which includes all materials we need."

"The expertise and experience of Professor Qin."

"I think it's a very well-taught course. I really enjoyed the trading game."

"It covers a wide range of topics that provide students with a broader knowledge of finance than before we took the class."

"The online problems were very helpful for understanding course content."

"The information was explained very clearly and there were real-world examples used to help support the information we were learning."

"Qin Lei was a great teacher, just sometimes hard to understand. I clearly understood expectations and where I stood in relation to the rest of the class in order to get a good grade. I am not very interested in finance but I found this class a lot more engaging and manageable over some of the other classes I have taken recently (like accounting). I also really liked how he incentivized attending class - you can drop your lowest exam grade if you miss fewer than 3 classes, but also sometimes that can be avoided by attending synchronously over Zoom. It was a great way to make sure the class was accessible and doable and to ensure no one was coming to class sick."

"The course provided me with a basic understanding of many new finance topics."

"Trivia, homeworks, and practice exams were a strength of this course. Offering students ways to practice throughout the semester."

"Making the homeworks optional was helpful. The course helped me understand how time influences money, and how the stock market works."

"Lots of resources to practice and engage with the content."

"Practice exams were helpful"

"The curriculum"

"Amount of practice material."

"The structure of the course material."

“The strengths of this course were its organization, however that was almost to a fault. The incredibly high standards for students hurt my understanding and participation in this course.”

“The Textbook”



CHAPTER 3

FINANCIAL MODELING - BBA ELECTIVE CLASSES

3.1 FIN475 (Fall A 2016)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“After spending a summer in an investment bank, it is clear that this course is teaching Ross students things that students from UPenn, Harvard, Princeton, etc. are not covering. This is keeping us very competitive!”

“Amazing instructor who is passionate about teaching and helping students learn. Looking forward to taking more classes with Mr. Qin!”

“Best class I have taken as an undergrad!”

“I learned a lot, focused a lot less on the grades and more about getting my hands dirty and learning. Absolutely a better learning experience than any other Ross Course I have taken”

“Instructor was incredible, super helpful and explained complex concepts very effectively.”

“Thank you Professor Lei! Absolutely love this class and have learnt so much.”

“Gained many transferable skills in this course and the in class exercises on the screen for each group was always very enjoyable.”

“Good and really practical course.”

“I thought the class time was very well planned and the trivia questions were clearly related to class material. The professor was also very dedicated to helping the students understand the material.”

"Most practical course I have taken."

"Professor Lei is extremely intelligent and has a thorough understanding of the material."

"Professor Lei is very dedicated to teaching his students and he clearly explained the concepts. He relates the class concepts to real-life example frequently and enables his students to comprehend the materials better. Furthermore, he made a course website and record every lecture; the materials are extremely organized and also the recorded lecture makes studying a lot easier."

"Professor Lei made himself available to the students at pretty much all times of day, which was both incredibly generous and helpful. Having his own website with announcements that are sent to our email was also great."

"Professor Lei was extremely willing to help students outside of class. He went above and beyond to set aside extra time and meet with students even outside of office hours."

"The concept of the course - this is an extremely valuable class for all of us looking to go into IB or PE - definitely a class that stands out in Ross' offerings. Also like the idea of working in groups to tackle problems - resembles the real world well."

"A lot of practical involvement, which is the best way to learn."

"Ample materials provided Proceeded at a good pace for the average student Enjoyed the team-based structure Learning Excel shortcuts was a bonus"

"I liked the hands on nature of working on models in class"

"I really like this course. It is quite useful and interesting."

"It was great to work in groups to solve the models"

"It was well taught with good examples"

"Professor Lei did a great job of making himself available to help with questions we had during the course. He would be in his office the entire evening some days so he could help us. I also liked working in groups for our Excel spreadsheets I thought that made learning how to build models easier."

"Professor Lei was extremely responsive and available to students. He was very prepared for lectures and clear in his teachings. Great overall quality"

"Qin was extremely prepared for every class and was really good at making himself available."

"The models were all sufficiently challenging and the instruction was clear."

"Though it was probably scheduled at 8am due to a lack of available times, I think it was a good time for the class. It was good to have to wake up early because it simulated actual working conditions."

"Very organized tutorial material and detail guidance. Trivia question after class is also good for exercising. Professor is also very responsive and always offer timely help"

"10/10 would recommend"

"All the course materials are well explained and can be reviewed anytime."

"Enjoyed walking through the exercises in class"

"I thought this course was great for learning complex modelling concepts, I learned a ton!"

"I would like to thank Professor Qin for offering this course at the undergraduate level."

"Lots of excel resources. Lecture recordings."

"Much needed course content to go through excel sheets and shortcuts to build financial models."

"Professor Qin has been very helpful in assisting students inside and outside of class."

"The group aspect of the course was really nice because we just made a groupme and any questions I had on assignments could be answered in there."

"Overall, great class."

“The book was a very good addition to the lectures”

“The organization of the class went well.”

3.2 FIN475 (Winter B 2018)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“This is probably the most useful course that I have taken during my time in Ross. I think it will prove to give me a major leg up during my first few years on the job in investment banking, propelling my career to a much higher level. Classes such as this one are part of what helps to differentiate Ross students from most other BBA students and Ivy League economics majors in financial careers.”

“I can feel the teacher’s passion in the course. The materials are very well prepared and useful. The structure of the course is well thought of. This is one of the best course I’ve taken here.”

“This is the most practical course at Michigan.”

“I really appreciated the video solutions uploaded. I found them very useful when re-viewing the lessons and attempted to solve the problems. The examples were also very useful. There was also interesting additional documents that I read when I had the time and I found useful too.”

“The material is extremely interesting, and the project felt very doable and manageable. This course has served to further prove to me that I want to do financial modeling in my full-time work, as I find it to be very intellectually stimulating. Qin is also an extremely nice and caring guy; when he says that the class is a family, he means it. He also responds to all emails with incredible promptness.”

“The class is very well structured and the materials are so helpful. The website was phenomenal and had step by step instructions on everything which made the learning process easy. Great job in terms of course content and design from Professor Qin! Very useful class”

“Really liked the professor in that he was honest and practical. Professor Lei was a genuine enjoyment and he made ample time to answer any questions and just discuss life. He’s a solid professor and an even better person. I felt like I was ‘family.’”

“I really enjoyed this class and hope to take more finance classes. This class has helped me to confirm my desire to enter a career in finance.”

“In class Excel examples were very helpful for completing the trivia questions. Power-Points used in class were very thorough. Instructor was very knowledgeable on subject being taught.”

“Clearly the professor really knows what he’s doing, and the content is incredibly useful. Breaking up the class with excel/modeling exercises really helps the time go by.”

“Great professor, extremely accessible. Really enjoyed the class, and I thought I learned a lot!”

“The enthusiasm and energy from the instructor were extremely helpful in making the course more enjoyable and engaging. I will draw upon the lessons learned from this class extensively during my job in investment banking.”

“I really enjoyed the spreadsheets and website laid out for us with all of the examples. It was very easy to use and really helpful for understanding the course.”

“Great list of supplementary materials. Professor Lei was very organized and committed to helping students.”

"I really enjoyed working on spreadsheets in class because I got to practice real problems and have the instructor there to answer any questions."

"Tons of office hours and resources."

"Very intelligent and knowledgeable professor."

"Passionate professor."

"I enjoyed having a hands on approach to learning multiple concepts in finance and getting a better look into what investment bankers do on a daily basis."

"The teacher was well organized and knows about what he is taking about."

"Good course and I would recommend it to my friends."

"Great course"

"Solid course"

"Good information and exercises"

"The class was good and applicable to the real world/work."

"I really enjoyed the class, Prof. Qin made ample time outside the class to meet and help us."

"Instructor had a lot of time to meet with and help students"

"Learned a lot in a short amount of time"

3.3 FIN475 (Winter B 2019)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

"One phrase: The professor is what made this course. Best professor I have ever had hands-down. Enthusiastic about class concepts and structured so clearly that the only way students do not achieve a high grade is a lack of effort. Professor Lei is always beside students to help them, challenge them, and expand their understanding of financial modeling. He responds quickly to emails, provides feedback on assignments instantly, and teaches the course in a way students are able to understand difficult concepts. If you see this in the future, professor, I truly appreciate everything you have done and your care and hard work shows. Please give this man a raise!"

"I loved how structured the course was. The teacher is great at communication and keeping students up to date."

"Professor Lei clearly is very experienced in financial modeling. He knows what he is doing, and he does a good job of explaining how the whole process works. He also provides plenty of resources for students to reference while working through the homeworks/projects and he is very responsive to questions."

"This class and the teacher have exceeded my expectations. It is incredible to see how a teacher puts so much effort to make a class learn."

"Professor is clearly very knowledgeable about the subject matter. The exercises are well-thought-out and are highly relevant."

"The support Professor offers is tremendous and in a difficult class I felt like I mastered the material because of his availability/materials he provided"

"Well-designed course materials; instructor very familiar with the relevant fields, very responsible and responsive, and gave a lot of practical advice to students; nice and neat course site, useful information shared and timely announcements made."

"An amazing professor that made a seemingly mundane finance course fun."

"Overall very good course! The instructor is super responsible :)"

"I learned a lot by doing the final project and discovered a topic I'm really interested in."

“The in class modeling and final project are good”
 “great class for people who want to learn the basic of financial modeling; great balance of qualitative knowledge to support the actual financial modeling exercise”
 “thought course was interesting and taught well”
 “This course was great. Very helpful and should be a full semester.”
 “Very interesting and sometimes humorous professor.”
 “Overall, I feel as if Professor Lei did a great job with this course. I enjoyed taking this class, and I feel as if it has well prepared me with tools that I will use in my career.”
 “The concepts for this class are challenging and applicable.”
 “Good breadth of concepts covered. Lots of hands-on exercises.”
 “Professor has a truly big heart. Tough class though.”
 “Very useful and great professor.”
 “The excel templates helped.”
 “Great enthusiasm and the modeling and projects are great.”

3.4 FIN475 (Winter B 2020)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“Fantastic professor, great pace of lectures, helpful to work in groups throughout the 7 weeks.”
 “One of the best classes i’ve ever taken”
 “Assignments were incredibly relevant and practical. Qin made himself available to students at all times and was truly invested in helping us develop our skillset”
 “Always willing to help, and his update emails were motivating!”
 “recorded lectures and review sessions. Professor seemed very prepared”
 “The constant office hours were very helpful.”
 “Project was cool to work on. Interesting content.”
 “Office hours almost every day was very helpful”
 “Recorded lectures helped me watch on my own schedule and pause when necessary (especially with 3-hour lectures)”
 “Interesting class, and improved my modeling skills”
 “The amount of resources on the website was useful.”
 “pdf file with a solution”
 “Recorded lectures, TA Bluejeans office hour”
 “video recordings”
 “Videoconferencing”

3.5 FIN475 (Winter B 2021)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“Online actually helped this course a lot by allowing us to see Qin walk through the model and visualize the equation in context.”

“Professor Lei was great! He was extremely accessible to students, and I really appreciated how he had office hours EVERY day for students! I also really liked how he mentioned he was part of the Ross family and understood what we were going through.”

“Amazing teacher was ready to teach!!”

“I thought Qin was very well organized, and everything done was structured which was nice.”

“Small group work was amazing!”

“I liked that lectures were recorded. This made it more manageable for me because I have trouble paying attention for the full class. I also liked working with my team in breakout rooms.”

“Honestly it was a very well put together course all around.”

“Great teacher and class.”

“Extremely insightful course had a great experience”

“The students were held at a high standard and the professor ensured that the students had ample resources outside of the classroom (office hours, etc) to get help”

“The teacher was very prepared and organized on his website.”

“The website has rich resources from recording to extra readings. It was very helpful.”

“Thought the course was great! Gave me a much better understanding and improvement in financial modeling.”

“Professor and his team of TAs are very willing to help during office hours, and that made it a lot easier for us students to follow and understand class material.”

“small group work was great”

“Office hours are super helpful!”

“All the resources available”

“Qin actually cared about his students.”

“Interesting information. Engaging modeling exercises. Having lectures recorded.”

“Ton of modeling exercises.”

“Thought the team structure worked great for the course”

“Professor Lei was extremely knowledgeable and willing to help at any moment. I enjoyed the in class trivia and final project.”

“Strong focus on hands-on knowledge, really practical, loved that.”

“Really enjoyed the team structure of the course and real-world scenarios of the models.”

“Very intense and helpful for modeling in finance”

“This course was very difficult but very helpful. Strengths were the amount learned in a short time.”

“I enjoyed how the class was taught. I liked going into breakout rooms with my team to work on problems.”

“Lecture recordings helped me review the materials.”

“The overall coverage of financial modeling. It gave me a pretty good idea what financial modeling was about”

“lots of material”

“being able to access lecture recordings was very helpful”

“The in-class exercises worked best for me”

“The break out rooms were helpful to be able to try to work together and figure out some of the more difficult problems.”

“It did a great job of having actionable steps to learning the material”

“The lectures were very thorough”

“Teacher answered emails outside of class, breakout rooms in class were good.”

“The trivia was a great way to recap learning!”

“The asynchronous mode was great!”

“The example questions helped with the trivia questions”

3.6 FIN475 (Winter B 2022)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“The material and content provided by the professor was of the highest quality and very accessible.”

“The knowledge of modeling I learned in this class is very solid combined with in-class exercises and trivia questions for further enhancement. The final group project and group spreadsheet submission also improve my teamwork ability.”

“Course encouraged students to put in their own efforts to learn the modeling skills beyond the classroom setting. Course does an excellent job scaffolding up to dealing with more complex concepts that would otherwise seem daunting”

“Prepared professor, good infrastructure (website) and very well written slides.”

“Very interesting course content. Very competent lecturer”

“Splitting lecture time between the mathematics and financial theory that underlies the modeling exercises helped a lot in developing a deeper understanding of how these financial models work.”

“The resources were very well organized, and there are lots of opportunities for further reading on the topics I’m most interested in.”

“For me, it taught me that I do not like financial modeling. I know this sounds like a negative but to me it is more testament of the great teaching, exercises and available resources. The material was taught really well and was made as interesting as possible, the trivia were grounded questions, Professor Lei made a very welcoming and family-like atmosphere, but I still did not like the material.”

“Fantastic accompanying materials and staggered learning style where current material builds off of previous understandings.”

“I thought the biggest strengths were the group work components and thorough in class examples.”

“Abundance of office hours to help with course material.”

“Great website - very easy to use and understand. Everything seems very coordinated”

“I think having so many practice examples made this course easier to understand”

“Learned a lot in a short period”

“The course site was very organized and had a ton of resources.”

“It’s one of the best ever”

“I like the trivia and application based learning with hands on excel.”

“I learned so much”

“Qin is a great professor.”

“Excellent course.”

“Clear explanation”

“Great course materials, good final project”

“Good lectures”

“Lots of real-life examples.”

“The classes”

3.7 FIN475 (Winter B 2023)

What were the strengths of the course?

“Professor Lei is one of the most passionate professors at Ross I have had, he had a great teaching style and explained things clearly, always happy to answer questions as well.”

“Professor Lei is an excellent lecturer that displays a high level of expertise in the subject matter of the course as well as adjacent areas, making it possible to approach him with questions that go far beyond the core topic of the course. His enthusiastic style of teaching and encouraging manner make attending his class very enjoyable and discussing ideas and recent market developments always proves highly insightful. Moreover, he is very readily available to support students, contributing to a positive classroom environment.”

“The lectures were great to attend. I really enjoyed the content and the delivery. The LBO project was tough, but I had a great group and was able to get help from the TA and professor. I did find some value in the additional readings and should have taken the time to read them all, but the course website was very helpful! This is the second course I have taken with this professor and it was outstanding!”

“Professor Qin was never stumped by any question and there wasn’t a single topic I didn’t feel comfortable asking him as long as we were in a rush to cover something else.”

“Professor Lei demanded a lot out of students and made this a rigorous course, which it should be. I took this course to prepare for my career post-grad, and being constantly challenged to engage with difficult material and work through the problems on my own was the best way for me to do this.”

“The instruction. I specifically took this course because Qin Lei is a great professor. He is organized, consistent, and provides more than enough material and available support to succeed in his class. I guess that’s why he’s paid the big bucks. The course website is very well designed and provides all of the aforementioned information on everything you need to know and more on course policies, course logistics, course material, and how to get help if you are stuck.”

“Professor Lei was the most accessible professor ever and I can tell he really cares about his students succeeding.”

“This course really advanced my understanding of financial modeling. I like how our class examples were simpler versions of models where we could try them on our own, then go through them as a class. It let me gradually build up an understanding of how to complete the model on my own.”

“Great professor and good examples used. Especially liked the final project as it helped me learn what an LBO is much better.”

“Amazing, everything included slide decks, templates, and pace”

“Made me more comfortable being naturally uncomfortable working with difficult models.”

“Qin is a very patient man and is happy to answer questions at all times. The final project is also engaging and encapsulates a lot of topics from class.”

“The slides were very clear and there were plenty of examples that were accessible on the course page which I found helpful.”

“well organized lecture slides, material, and course website.”

“Extremely in depth coverage of the subject matter”

“Very action based learning!”

“Professor’s enthusiasm for the subject was extremely helpful in getting through the 3-hour sessions”

“The course is very versatile; We didn’t just learn about modeling and how to build a DCF or LBO model, we also learned a lot of things about corporate valuation (WACC calculation, Enterprise value, debt types, sensitivity analysis ...).”

“The content of the course was very interesting and advanced my knowledge of the subject a great deal.”

“The course described the process of building an LBO model in good detail.”

“The amount of office hours available for students was incredibly helpful in completing the final project.”

“Group project helps for the interviews as well.”

“Great materials / exercises prepared from the Professor”

“Really nice and caring professor.”

“I really liked how there is no one right way to get the proper result on the final project - this emulates the real world really well.”

“made accessing info very convenient”

“a lot of good practice for financial modeling in general (not necessarily LBO)”

“Really practical and applicable in work.”

“Lots of example excel tools available to use for concept understanding”

“The interactive excel models and how available extra help was.”

“rigor of modeling.”

“Very good.”

3.8 FIN475 (Winter B 2024)

What were the strengths of the course?

“Prof. Lei is an elite teacher whom I would take more classes with wherever possible. His clear-cut style of teaching was easy to follow while still offering depth in the material. His lessons transcend the slide decks as well, giving PRACTICAL takeaways for students going into banking.”

“I learned so much about LBO’s and the IB/PE/VC industry. I am going into IB, so this course was very helpful to understand the kind of work I will be doing in the future. I loved Qin’s use of real world examples in class as well.”

“I enjoyed the assistance throughout modeling. Personally I did not have lots of knowledge of financial modeling and this class had a very user friendly way of teaching it. I also really enjoyed all of the other optional material that the professor recommended. I took the time to engage with most of the material and found that I became more interested the more I read.”

“I think that the course was very organized by the professor”

“The class was extremely organized. I knew what all the requirements were all the time and course website had everything we needed.”

“Was a good class to get better at modeling with”

“The course was super intense and I learned a lot from it.”

“Discussions of trivia questions in class but leaving a good amount left for us to do and understand on our own.”

“I liked that it was all modeling and very little to no theoretical stuff”

“Nice course website, Professor Lei has a strong passion for teaching and is a pro in financial modeling.”

“This course was very relevant to students going into finance. Qin was always available to help, quick to reply to email, and his TA Jorge was phenomenal. The final project was extremely helpful and the weekly trivia questions were strong learning checkpoints as well.”

"The course is very well organized and provides great additional background to lecture contents. Lectures include relevant real world examples to supplement modeling exercises. I was able to learn more a great deal of material in a shortened class."

"I really liked how instructions were clear and that we had a lot of practice problems to do. I also liked how the professor used many real-life references to help explain different concepts."

"I liked trying modeling problems first and going over them as a class with the professor"

"Great materials, customized course website!"

"class recordings are really useful for me since im not english native."

"I liked the in class models we did. The TA office hours were also extremely helpful."

"Professor Lei is very responsible for the students!"

"Good class schedule and plan."

"Challenging yet done in team environment so not as bad. TA and Teacher are most accessible I've seen and most organized as well."

"I learned dynamics and modelling of an LBO confidently!"

"Thorough"

"challenging and frequent modeling practice"

"(1) In-class working examples (2) Bonus Materials (3) Context provided before practice"

"useful and hands on"

"The subject matter is preparing me for my internship."

"The trivia and project were great learning opportunities."

"Lots of deep exploration into LBO Modeling, and daily office hours available"

"Clear, great course organization"

"Relevant to real world"

"teaching, examples, final project"

3.9 FIN475 (Winter B 2025)

What were the strengths of the course?

"This course was SO well structured. Everything was incredibly clear and the quality of the teaching was something I've literally raved about to my friends and family. Additionally, this was easily the most useful course that I've taken at Ross to prepare me for a career in financial services."

"Very hands-on that is going to be applicable to anyone entering the finance industry. Went thoroughly through concepts and topics over 7 weeks."

"this course is very robust financial modeling course done excellently by Prof Lei."

"Excellent teacher, always super organised and ready to teach in a logical manner!"

"I have no elements of the course that can be improved. It was absolutely incredible."

"Strong modeling fundamentals, slowly builds towards the final project, strong teaching in regards to the LBO."

"Very frequent office hours, and a lot of dedication within both office hours and lectures."

"Professor had a great grasp of the subject matter and despite having problems with the project initially, attending office hours always helped. It's also great that there's office hours so regularly."

"It is a great course and taught me a lot about the material, particularly on modeling and accounting."

"Having a course long project where we can apply the concepts we have learned in class."

"Very practical"

CHAPTER 4

FIXED INCOME SECURITIES - BBA ELECTIVE CLASSES

4.1 FIN409 (Winter B 2019)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“I thought the class was very well taught and the concepts built on one another, which helped the students to learn more than the general fixed income overview information. Prof Lei did a great job of communicating with the students to ensure we knew the expectations and deadlines of assignments and materials.”

“Professor Qin does well preparing strong material for the course, being very thorough with everything he does.”

“Professor Lei is very thorough and the website is well organized. He explains concepts in class well, and I appreciate the video recordings to review material and explanations at a later time.”

“Professor is amazing and the friendliest guy ever. Also in his Fin 475 class and he is one of the best teachers I’ve had in Ross.”

“The professor was very well prepared and made the material easy to understand”

“The course website is actually incredibly useful, efficient, and user-friendly.”

“materials, team assignment, readings all went pretty well”

“He is a great professor. This is a very hard topic and he makes as much as he can to help students understand it”

“Everything. Phenomenal course, great professor.”

“The professor was very knowledgeable and answered all questions effectively.”

“Overall, excellent course and excellent professor.”
 “Different topics about fixed income were covered. The instructor was very responsible and organized the course well. The course site included lots of useful information and materials, and announcements for future arrangements were made clearly and timely.”
 “This course taught us some useful details on how the debt markets work in the US.”
 “Overall was a very great course”
 “A great intro. class to the fixed income securities for sure!”
 “Excellent instructor”
 “Very engaging stories by professor.”

4.2 FIN409 (Winter B 2021)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“I have really enjoyed tying everything into the real world by talking about the housing crisis and other events because I can now see why these events happened.”
 “covered a lot of material in just 8 weeks and the slides were really well put together in addition to the excel templates provided”
 “Unique yet relevant topic in Ross/business.”
 “really feel like I have a better understanding of fixed income after this course”
 “Making lecture recordings accessible was very helpful”
 “I enjoyed having the recorded lectures because I would re-watch them after lecture.”
 “The interesting topic and real world application.”
 “very detailed and challenging”
 “I enjoyed the group work and trivia.”
 “examples in class were great”
 “I enjoyed the trivia because it re-enforced my learnings.”
 “Breakout rooms were helpful”
 “Good class structure.”

4.3 FIN409 (Winter B 2022)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“Any class with professor Qin Lei is an honor to take. This has been my 3rd class with him and I always appreciate how much he cares about his students, the university, and the material.”
 “Professor Lei does a great job explaining course concepts and was always willing to meet with me during office hours to answer my questions. You can tell that he really wants students to learn these financial concepts to apply them in their own lives. Overall a great course!”
 “Professor Lei has been a great teacher! He explains concepts very clearly and provides a lot of real-world examples to support his points which I really appreciate, because it makes these abstract ideas very applicable. I liked the trivia questions and the holistic way we are assessed as students. Very interesting subject matter - I definitely recommend this course!”

“Clear information, clear slide decks, interesting applications to the real world and our lives”

“Course material was taught well”

“It provided a good introduction to different fixed income instruments and markets.”

“quantitative practice, work with excel/factset, technical knowledge”

“Great content and interesting lectures”

4.4 FIN409 (Winter B 2023)

What were the strengths of the course?

“very organized, plenty of resources available to students. Qin Lei was very good at explaining topics and always related them to current events.”

“Professor was easily one of the best I have had at Ross. Very well spoken and explained content very clearly and concisely.”

“It was super informative and detailed and really enhanced my understanding of fixed income.”

“I think the practical nature of the activities and assignments was excellent.”

“The assignments were challenging and relevant which gave them meaning and helped in getting a better understanding of the topics”

“The lecture slides are great and allow for better understanding of the material.”

“The team assignments were great because it helped everyone openly rationalize their ideas and learn from each other.”

“The lectures are very highly informative and relevant to the class.”

“A major strength of this course was the team assignments. This reinforced the topics discussed in class and provided good preparation for the exam.”

“Solid theories plus delicate practice makes it worth taking.”

“very practical for people interested”

“I thought the various practice problems were helpful in solidifying my understanding of the material”

“Variety of topics and the structure of the course was very clear.”

4.5 FIN409 (Winter B 2024)

What were the strengths of the course?

“Qin Lei was genuinely one of the best and most emphatic teachers I have ever had.”

“Qin is a very clear lecturer, and you can tell he has a real depth of knowledge and enthusiasm regarding fixed income, which is essential for a class topic that can be this dry.”

“I like the website he used”

“It covered a lot of material well and was a very good blend of theory and practice.”

“Prof is really knowledgeable”

“Great overview of the fixed income securities!”

“clear model and clear explanation”

“practical excel exercise”

“Very detailed instruction”

4.6 FIN409 (Winter B 2025)

What were the strengths of the course?

“I liked the practicality. Bonds are a huge part of the market and something I didn’t understand in depth when I started the class. Now I at least have an idea of how they work, and it benefits me in the real world.”

“The content was very well spread out across all the fixed income securities, we covered a wide range and gave enough of a base in each.”

“it makes you understand more about securities.”

“online flexibility”

PART II

GRADUATE COURSES



CHAPTER 5

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND POLICY - OMBA CORE CLASSES

5.1 FIN533 (Spring 2022)

What were the strengths of the course?

“Gautam and Qin’s passion for the subject really came through in this course and that definitely contributed to my interest in the subject matter.”

“I really enjoyed the professors. They broke things down in a way that made them easy to understand. The pacing made it so things that might be complicated were simplified. Professor Kaul’s modules were easy to follow and told in a way that simplified issues.”

“Gautam, Qin, and Peter all went out of their way to explain the practical applications of the covered topics. They did so in an upbeat and very approachable way. I greatly appreciated that.”

“Well organized, case helped make material tangible, digestible asynch lectures, weekly quizzes”

“The professors and the ISS did a great job explaining the concepts.”

“I never thought working together with other people would help my learning of finance - however it certainly did! I ended up really enjoying the group project and learned a lot from my classmates. I also learned well from Gautam’s modules as he explained things very intuitively.”

“The professors typically did a good job of emphasizing the conceptual foundation of ideas, which I think gave us the best opportunity to learn material in a way that it could be understood and retained, and the difficulty level of the course seemed appropriate.”

“I thought the course generally laid out formulas very clearly, and used practical examples that we can apply in our lives and in our work. I like how the group project made us

draw from the entire course and apply these skills to a real-world experience. Peter was very responsive and helpful to questions that were asked. I liked how Gautam was very personable and methodical in the videos.”

“Peter is incredibly fast in responding to our emails. The professors are very experienced in both the topic and teaching the topic!”

“Peter Clarke’s support was really great, he was very accommodating and helpful in explaining parts of the material that were unclear for me from the videos or class.”

“Very clear introduction of the key concepts. Provide very valuable tools for the students in the normal business practice. Extensive case study in the live session.”

“All of the teachers.”

“Professor Gautam Kaul is an excellent teacher. He explains hard concepts in such a way that is easy to understand and remember. He should teach more in the live session.”

“Peter is the best ISS. He made sure I understood concepts and helped with the practice problems and the project.”

“Peter the TA was extremely available outside of class and was an incredible resource. I could not have done the class without Peter. He was able to help organize the material in a way that the Professor was not. For example, the final project involved many different documents with different parts of the directions, making it difficult to understand what was expected. Peter was able to guide us to the essential information.”

“The teachers are great! Very helpful in explaining the work and the live class was very interactive. Videos are so fun to watch and Professor Kaul should really consider doing standup comedy.”

“The team project definitely helped with learning. I also liked having the team to work with in class. Peter was very informative, responsive and helpful.”

“The first modules and deliverables were very clear.”

“The way Gautam presents material - both in the asynchronous modules and during the live sessions - makes this course a real gem. Everything was always very clear, engaging and aligned with the case material and quizzes. Expectations were always very clear - especially around where a student should be on their learning path during the course. I would also like to highlight that there was no unnecessary stress created by poorly designed assignments. The quizzes were quite challenging, but having 2 chances really enhanced the learning derived from each.”

“Stepwise progression of material.”

“Very thorough”

5.2 FIN533 (Summer 2022)

What were the strengths of the course?

“This is hands-down the most well-taught course I have taken so far in the OMBA program. I love that the examples very closely match the quizzes, and they reflect exactly what we learned in the videos/lectures. The professors are so good at teaching the content, and the ISS was probably the most involved, responsive, and helpful ISS I have had as well. I will look for another course taught by this team regardless of the subject. They are among the best in Ross.”

“Gautam clearly has a strong passion and interest in the subject, which made it more engaging for me - especially when he would relate the topics discussed to real-world issues (such as how corporations are able to deduct expenses prior to taxes, but people cannot). This made the concept feel much more applicable to everyday life even if I was unlikely to remember the formula for WACC in 3 years.”

“Learned a lot in this class; Working in the group was great; Group project helped tie everything together; Asynchronous as well live classes - all very helpful”

“Gautam, taught during the asynchronous videos relaxed and connected the concepts to real-world and bigger picture scenarios.”

“The modules very clear in their explanation of topics and the professor made the material very interesting. Expectation were always clearly stated and every student was given adequate time and resources to complete all tasks.”

“Teamwork concept was helpful, practice quizzes gave sample problems”

“The videos and examples were excellent and easy to follow.”

“The asynchronous modules were perfect to help students understand the basics of finance.”

“As noted, Peter was an amazing ISS, I can’t thank him enough for all the help he gave me. It did broaden my knowledge of this topic and I did learn a lot.”

“Peter Clarke.”

“I think this course gave a good broad understanding of the types of financial instruments and their advantages.”

“Peter was an outstanding resource. He was extremely helpful.”

“The free textbook by Ivo Welch was of very high quality.”

“Feel like I learned a lot in a short amount of time, transparent grading system.”

“quiz structure and module videos”

5.3 FIN533 (Spring 2023)

What were the strengths of the course?

“The subject matter was taught in a way that was very clear (async videos were incredible and the sync sessions with their practice problems did an excellent job reinforcing the topics) and the faculty were all so extremely friendly and passionate about the material that it made learning it fun. The ties to the real world and why so much of this matters was refreshing and made you want to keep coming back to learn more. 5/5 stars to the staff for this course.”

“High quality asynchronous modules done in video format and excellent use of whiteboarding by Qin and Gautam.”

“The synchronous sessions were very well used and placed in great spots throughout the learning in the course.”

“great faculty that is concerned about learning and treats the students with a great amount of respect. ISS Peter was excellent and extremely efficient in his communication with questions and feedback.”

“Gautam is very likable and engaging”

“The concepts are widely application across industries and job spheres.”

“Professor Kaul explained the material in asynchronous modules in great depth and with clarity. He also explained what each term in major formulas meant and that made remembering the formulas effortless. Choice of problems selected for async modules and practice tests were great. Practice tests really helped us prepare for the quizzes.”

“Videos were engaging and informative.”

“Utilizing previous knowledge from statistics and applying to real business cases”

5.4 FIN533 (Summer 2023)

What were the strengths of the course?

“The professors seemed to be excited about the course material, which bolstered my engagement.”

“Good content, easy to understand as long as you kept up with the readings and the excellent reference book by Ivo Welch that was chosen, getting to hearing from Prof Kaul and Prof Lei both was great.”

“The cases were all based in reality, which I appreciated. I thought the professors explained concepts very clearly in class and in the videos. It was very apparent that the professor have a strong understanding and strong interest in the subject, which helped me be more interested as well.”

“The videos were fantastic! I was brand new to this material, and I found the videos accessible and helpful to gain a strong foundation. I loved working with the same break-out team for each of the live sessions we were able to gain a good cadence together. Peter was a fantastic ISS he was responsive to questions via e-mail and his available office hours were well-timed - I greatly appreciated his guidance.”

“Clear explanations, shorter length videos, very insightful and a perfect workload.”

“I absolutely loved the online lecturing portion of this class. Professor Kaul’s explanations were clear and assisted in learning complex material. Professor Kaul and Peter were very accessible and made this course one of my favorites at Ross.”

“The module videos of Gautam were excellent and all the example problems were very useful.”

“I appreciated the heavy focus on foundational concepts prior to applying with excel. Especially grateful to Peter Clarke for his knowledgeable and friendly assistance and availability for office hours.”

“The way the asynchronous modules were taught was very helpful. The professor focused on pace, repetitions, analogies in order to ensure students learned the material. The course also removed pressure and stress by allowing students to take quizzes multiple times, and use notes.”

“I think the powerpoints provided at each module were very useful when taking notes and the speed of the lectures were perfect.”

“The ISS Peter was phenomenal and I wouldn’t have made it through the class without him”

“Teaching quality, online modules, group work format”

“I really enjoyed the way the course was structured and how the videos were paced out throughout the course (except for M11)”

“Compounding Interest that’s my take away from this course.”

“This is such an interesting topic!”

“Each module was clearly explained.”

“I thought the amount of practice questions is extremely helpful and beneficial for learning the material.”

“I liked that we were able to take the quizzes twice, this made quizzes less stressful and I felt I was better able to learn the material and apply it to the problems provided”

“The PRACTICE problems helped solidify understanding of the subject.”

“The subject was interesting at parts.”

“The first half of the course was well placed and the flow of material made sense.”

5.5 FIN533 (Winter B 2024)

What were the strengths of the course?

"This was by far the best experience I have had in a Finance class. The way the content was presented and the attention that went into ensuring students could focus on learning rather than take notes was a huge help. I appreciate that professor Kaul showed the process both using excel and writing out the process, Great class!"

"I liked the structure of the course in that students were expected to prepare for class and help teach each other in breakouts during the class. The professors and ISS did a great job answering questions and explaining the material clearly."

"Good time management in class. Helpful to go over the material in class but very fast paced."

"Greatly increased my Excel skills"

"excel focus of the applications."

"The video lessons were detailed and helped to understand the concepts."

"I really enjoyed the asynchronous modules. The teacher's passion for finance was clear."

"Gautam's videos were helpful but they could use more detail and examples."

"I appreciate how Peter was always available."

5.6 FIN533 (Spring 2024)

What were the strengths of the course?

"Both professor Kaul and professor Lei seem very knowledgeable. I appreciate the real-world wisdom and critical thinking that they brought to this class."

"The group breakouts during the live sessions were great for fostering discussion and reinforcing learnings from the discussion."

"Asynchronous modules are great!! Prof. Gautam explains the concepts very well."

"Asynchronous material is easy to understand and well paced"

"The modules provided were very interesting and easy to approach. I appreciated that most of the videos were broken into smaller chunks."

"great teacher and ISS, can always answer my question clearly and fast."

"This is a well structured course with good support staff. This is a course that I know the goal is to help students learn. I can tell that you all really care."

"Gautam's passion for finance is evident."

"The ISS was fantastic! Peter was extremely knowledgeable and did a great job of summarizing the concepts from the videos. He came prepared to each office hour session. Having a great ISS + teacher combo really helps me understand the subject material more. I have taken courses where the ISS was not as helpful, and that impacted my ability to deeply learn the subject material! Thank you all for a great course."

"The breakdown of the material in modules and application of course concepts in the live classes via the cases were extremely useful and did a great job of illustrating how the material should be used. I also think the questions and layout of the course allow a student to not get lost in an abstract environment where one isn't able to connect the dots or not understand what is expected of them."

"Dr. Gautam's videos are outstanding."

"Very clear expectations upfront"

“Detailed videos explaining formulas and applicability of the content in the real world. Provided material (readings, formulas, templates, and practice quizzes). Session hours with the ISS.”

“Covers a wide range of financial topics. Applicable at both the project and enterprise level.”

“The first half of the course was very informational and I think all people should receive that kind of financial literacy early in their lives. The second half of the class was more confusing and more unclear of what was expected of me.”

“I took physical notes on printouts of the slides for each module that Gautam went through- I really loved this approach because it requires/encourages active learning and participation.”

“very organized and easy to work through”

“Gaining good knowledge of management of financial aspects of business.”

5.7 FIN533 (Winter B 2025)

What were the strengths of the course?

“Amazing lectures. Very thorough teaching guidelines. Easy to understand and follow guidelines.”

“The mega examples, the lectures, and learning how to create excel models for the problems was super helpful. I thought the instructions was great between Gautam and Qin. I look forward to taking FIN electives after this course.”

“I think your videos are 10/10 quality. The pace is slow if I need it and faster if I get it, but the conversational tone and Professor’s jovial nature really makes me fly through the content. The supporting slide decks are useful and I am grateful for the extra readings that come at the end of the module. Those readings are harder to get through, but they do really help solidify the content that our modules cover.”

“The videos were well done - and much better than having to read canvas pages.”

“Laying a strong and structured foundation in Financial Management, applicable to both personal and professional finance. Clarifying concepts instead of giving away merely formulas and templates to solve problems.”

“I think the course was great overall, not much I can add to improve a course that I believe is formatted well.”

“The modules are a great way to present material in that it can be paused and rewatched. It was also excellently organized and clearly explained.”

“Clear expectations, easy to follow asynchronous modules, the course also builds on itself. The live sessions, and the group work also helped to solidify what I learned.”

“- Very clean and structured organization of course materials and assignments on Canvas;
- No busy work assignments, straight to the point”

“ISS Peter was extremely helpful and accessible.”

“Well structured and clear asynch content.”

CHAPTER 6

FINANCIAL MODELING - MBA/MSF ELECTIVE CLASSES

6.1 FIN575 (Winter A 2016)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“I recommend requiring this class before Valuation because many of the challenges I had in Valuation would have been addressed by the material in this course (i.e. forecasting cash flows). Thank you, Professor Lei, for your time and dedication to this course. I really enjoyed it and you are one of the best professors I have had at Ross (certainly the best Finance one).”

“Professor Lei thoughtfully constructed the course with virtually flawless organization and accuracy for a topic that is very difficult to do that for (financial modeling - combination of art and science). I appreciated that he provided overviews of the theories behind financial models because that enabled me to truly understand all the drivers of a model.”

“Absolutely take this class if you hesitate to create financial models!”

“Nothing to be improved. Professor Lei is great.”

“I think Professor Lei does a great job of making himself available to students and is highly responsive to email questions. I also think that Professor Lei does a great job of organizing material on his class website, as well videotaping classes and review sessions to make available to students. This is excellent.”

“Professor Lei was extremely organized and provided great notes.”

“This course was excellent in allowing me to really understand how to model financials in excel. I really recommend it to all students.”

"I like the course a lot and appreciate what professor has taught us."

"Professor Lei is really great. He can make tough knowledge easy to learn and he uses a lot of time to help us with the course."

"Professor Lei was very prepared for each class and if extremely knowledgeable about the subject matter."

"Professor Qin devoted significant amount of time to teach this class and utilize almost all available on-line tools to make the learning experience more efficient for the students."

"Instructor was extremely organized, and very responsive to queries by students."

"Professor Lei is incredibly responsive to email communications. He is very reliable with that!"

"Teacher was very very open to making time outside of class. My teammate and I always appreciated how he genuinely wanted us to learn the material and do well."

"Thank you for posting slides ahead of time, and videos after. Thank you also for choosing a good textbook to follow along with."

"The class power point slides are excellent guidance, the professor is well prepared for the topics discussed at the class, and extra resources for further study are provided. The professor is very responsive and helpful to help students outside class even during weekend (via email)."

"Good lecture slides, quizzes are helpful; website is good and really like that Professor posts the lecture videos."

"Well organized, excellent website and prompt feedback"

"Helpful professor, good material."

"It was a well structured class. The contents are useful."

"It's a great course that provides much value. It's something I really want to learn and the course gives a great foundation."

"The textbook is amazing. It is incredibly well laid out and easy to go through. I wish I had it in my other finance classes. Prof. Lei was very well organized and it greatly helped with the flow of the course. Also, the projects were appropriately challenging."

"I think a lot of people came into the class with finance backgrounds and/or solid understanding of financial concepts, so the review of financial theories was unhelpful for them. They would have rather been in Excel for the entirety of the class. However, for someone like me without a finance background, I found the class extremely beneficial and am glad I took it."

"I learned a lot in this course thanks to Professor Qin's instruction and answers to my questions."

"responsible and dedicated professor, a lot of takeaways"

"It's a useful course. Very good content."

"The material was quite useful in learning the mechanics behind what analysts actually use in their valuations. Prof. Lei manages to make a dry topic a lot more interesting."

"I think it is good that the instructor had a video record of the lectures so that students can watch it again when they didn't understand part of the teaching."

"Group works helped my learning a lot."

"Overall, the materials (lecture notes, textbook and excel files) are well-organized so I think they can be useful even after graduation."

"I like how the projects taught new modeling techniques without being overly difficult"

"Prof. Lei is very responsible to students' questions."

"Qin is very organized and dedicated. He seems very knowledgeable too."

"The professor was organized and responsive"

"great course!"

“Excel files have been helpful to learn. Course website is very organized and straightforward.”

“Good template for valuation was provided”

“Professor Lei covered all the relevant valuation methodologies”

“The professor’s explanation is well-organized and also since he divided excel into steps, it is easy to follow.”

“The teacher’s slides were very good, and he did a great job of giving context to the models”

“The topics covered as part of the course are well picked. The use and application of factset was helpful.”

“Great teacher!”

“Movie upload and interaction in web site were good”

“The introduction to Factset and Bloomberg was very helpful. Thank you.”

“I like the trivia questions because it helps reinforce some of the important concepts. I also appreciate the video recordings and Factset”

“The handout with all the excel shortcuts was great”

“Weekly projects and trivia seemed to be only applicable way to learn.”

“I found the trivia questions are helpful to digest the course contents and enhance learning, maybe, more questions will give students more opportunity to reflect and practice what have been taught at the class.”

“- Covers topics relevant to investment banking”

“Overall I felt the class was great for those who have limited exposure to modeling and want to learn how read and eventually build them. It also served as a good finance refresher.”

“Team exercises were very helpful.”

“The professor makes very straightforward and detailed speeches and class notes help a lot in self-studying.”

“The course served as a good review for concepts learned in other finance courses.”

“1) The spreadsheets used for our assignments were good, easy to understand.”

6.2 FIN575 (Winter A 2017)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“Best teacher I have had at Ross! Ever! Ever! Ever!”

“He is the best professor I have ever had at Ross. His teaching is so clear and inspirational. Love him! Love this course!”

“It is a perfect class. The professor encouraged us a lot and he is always there to help. I will definitely recommend this course to other people.”

“Overall the course website is a fantastic trove of resources and Prof. Lei includes content both directly related to the course subject plus broader context, which is helpful and interesting. It also makes the course very organized. Prof. Lei clearly puts a lot of energy into his communications with students, and makes a strong appeal for putting in the effort and rewards of this class. He really makes himself available, up to hosting office hours every day of the week leading into finals. The templates are very helpful in building incrementally on the concepts that we learn in class.”

“Professor Lei is very responsive and helpful. The contents included in this class are very practical and useful. Love this class!”

“Great combination of theory and spreadsheet exercise. Provide a lot of useful reading & resources. Professor is really dedicated and enthusiastic about helping us.”

“Thank you very much for kindly teaching us, with your lecture, I became interested in Finance. Thank you again.”

“I think professor Qin showed an extraordinary knowledge and interest in the quality of this course. He responded very quickly to all of the questions related to the course and was willing to help the students by arranging multiple question hours.”

“I enjoyed working on the models in class. It helped me learn much better than just listening to a presentation. This class is more relevant than most for future bankers and consultants.”

“Qin Lei is a very knowledgeable professor with a great heart. He goes an extra mile to help students that are in doubt with something related to his course.”

“The course website is very organized and provided with me almost all the materials I need. Professor Lei is very organized and he recorded videos for each class, making it much easier for me to review the content if I missed anything in his class. I had no finance background and I remember when my learning experience with my Valuation course last year was very painful, but now with the financial modeling class, I feel many confusing concepts get much clearer for me! Getting hands dirty on spreadsheet really helps me understand those concepts.”

“Overall, it is a great course. I appreciate Professor Lei’s hard work. His energy and devotion really surprised me.”

“Great class, great professor!”

“I like how he provides extra office hours to help students with the model. I also like how he sends out announcement and recorded lectures online to keep us following the paths of the course.”

“the trivia is helpful to get hands-on experience, and groups are helpful. I liked the linked income/balance sheet/cash flows; that was helpful for my other finance classes that didn’t teach that. I also liked the iterative method instead of goal seek. The video recording was also helpful since you go through the excel sheet really really fast”

“I thought that the models used in class were useful for understanding the material and I thought it was useful that he recorded all sessions and put them online. Additionally, I liked the use of the course website.”

“The instructor is well-prepared, organized and enthusiastic, and the course is really helpful.”

“Great class. Definitely useful.”

“very insightful instruction”

“This is a great course. Thank you professor!”

“Prof. Qin goes above and beyond to help students understand the material and model better. It’s a tough subject to teach.”

“Appreciated for your thoughtful and insightful lectures as well as course materials that will be useful in my actual business scene”

“Professor Lei spent a lot of time with us on modeling exercise, and he taught us many useful tools like some functions in excel and factset.”

“Professor Lei is clearly very interested in the course content and is willing to assist students at any point.”

“The material is hard but the professor is willing to help.”

“I have not modeled before, so for me it was beneficial to come through whole process and learn the most important aspects of FI. It was challenging and thus I spend the most hours for this course although it was only 1.5 credits. Nevertheless, I am happy it was a good course.”

“The introduction and exposure to different models and step by step examples of those were really helpful”

“The professor explained well how to calculate NPV, IRR, and how to think about LBO. These information made me understand and became interested in it.”

“Getting a better feel for working in Excel with models that I will undoubtedly be using this summer at the bank.”

“The course website was unbelievably well organized. Materials and supplemental materials were very easy to find.”

“Now I can understand how financial statements were inter related deeply.”

“Prof Qin is very approachable and has many office hours available to help students clarify questions. He would record his lectures and put them online for our reference.”

“I like the bonus files which professor provides us.”

“Lots of information, learned a bunch”

“I think it was useful to further understand concepts that were taught during fast track. The content is great and it covers a wide range of financial models.”

“The professor gives a very detail illustration on the content and provided a good database of learning materials. The trivia question is very suitable as a exercise.”

“Videos and bonus material really useful”

“Love the financial modeling part a lot because they are very practical.”

“Many of the functions on excel were useful to learn.”

“The videos and trivia are great.”

“Great materials, almost too much.”

“The exercises are good to learn how to model.”

“Well structured.”

6.3 FIN575 (Winter A 2018)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“The professor is excellent and very helpful. He explains things clearly without over explaining. I was only mildly familiar with finance and this class not only taught me about modeling but explained intuition behind important concepts that I had previously just memorized formulas for. The class wowed me!”

“The cases in the course are practical and close to real life. Well structured. The professor is very helpful and always patient to answer all the questions. Lecture resources are abundant and useful.”

“The professor did a fantastic job making himself available to help students”

“Being forced to do work in excel made me really learn concepts that I was supposed to learn in other classes (Valuations, accounting, Finance) but didn’t actually cement into my head. The prof is also really really accessible. I like the set up of the course too, with the final project and trivia. The class site is good too, because I could go and look at videos for concepts I didn’t get right away.”

“Excellent professor. He goes out of his way to make time for students and help them. Also, he is genuinely interested in dedicating himself completely to the learning of his students.”

“Outstanding professor. All students, even if they are not taking his course, should utilize him to master finance”

“Good layout, perfect slides, understandable content. Qin could use extremely simple familiar and simple cases to help us acquire some abstruse concept.”

“Instructor truly cares”

“I think I learned a lot about how to set up models and some good Excel techniques”

“Very useful course especially for students going to work in the finance industry soon.”

“Content was exhaustive; covered a lot of important concepts from basic and corporate finance, valuation. Trivia questions forced us to review each class’s concepts.”

“Professor took substantial amount of time outside class to address questions”

“The professor clearly cares about his students.”

“I really liked the practical application of the Excel modeling. The class is not based in theory, but in practical application. You also really learn how to use different excel functions and see how to link everything together. I feel I have a much better understanding of financial modeling going forward.”

“The final project was interesting and challenging, requiring to apply all the finance concepts.”

“The professor was available at many times to discuss the final project, etc. I now feel I could have a discussion about real-world finance, rather than just knowing the theoretical underpinnings. This class extends those to multiple years, multiple financing structures, etc. Glad I enrolled in this course.”

“This is an excellent course!”

“Building an LBO model from scratch was the best activity/project of the class.”

“Great skill set to learn at Ross - video and lecture website were great”

“I really liked how all the materials were available online”

“Very competent and relevant subject matter.”

“Overall a great and useful course.”

“Keep it coming. Instructor is proficient.”

“The materials are really helpful to me to master skills and knowledge in the course. And the instructor is really patient and willing to help us deal with difficulties.”

“Instructor well-prepared for class, always available outside of class, and provided comprehensive set of preparation materials”

“The final project is worth sparing time although only 20 points are allocated for the grade.”

“Overall it’s a very helpful course. Thank you for all. :)”

“Lecture from the basic concept; Well-organized assignment”

“The exercises were useful.”

“Trivia questions were a great way to gauge progress in the course and make sure that I was staying on top of all essential topics. Thank you for being so willing to stay after class to help us work through some of the models.”

“The in class examples were great and the trivia was helpful”

6.4 FIN575 (Winter A 2019)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“Professor Lei is, in my opinion, the best professor at Ross. He presents difficult course material in interesting and easily understood ways. He bases his course on actual work we do when leaving Ross (something that sadly cannot be said of most professors). I would

encourage his modeling course to become mandatory for any student taking a finance job.”

“I would recommend this course to anyone who wants to deepen their knowledge of how the three financial statements are related, how models used by IBs and PE shops are constructed, or if you are just generally interested in finance. This class is a lot of work, but you will be well rewarded with the knowledge you will learn. For example, the final project is very long and has a lot of intricacies, but after completing it, you will have advanced your knowledge of financial modeling to a whole new level. Also, Professor Qin is an awesome teacher and it is easy to see that he really cares about his students and wants us to succeed in learning the course material.”

“This is one of the best class I have taken at Ross. Challenging, yet fair. Professor Lei truly pushes his students, however provides them plenty of resources (including office hours and materials on his website). The course is designed incredibly well - I enjoy how he gives pdfs of solution without giving excel files. It gives students instantaneous feedback without giving the underlying solution. Great course!”

“This was the most organized class I have ever taken at Ross. The workload was evenly distributed throughout that it was never overwhelming.”

“The concepts were taught pretty well, and the project definitely made things challenging, but was a massive learning experience, and one I am proud to have accomplished with my teammates.”

“I thoroughly enjoyed Professor Lei’s energy, humor, and directness. The quarter-long leveraged buy out model served as a nice wrinkle for the course. Many of my peers also appreciated the weekly trivia questions—a nice way to implement concepts taught in class.”

“The professor’s course materials provided were extremely detailed and well-organized.”

“The professor’s teaching materials are excellent and he is well-prepared for every lecture like always. And the models he taught are interesting and useful.”

“The instructor is very knowledgeable, helpful, and clearly passionate about teaching this course.”

“Assignments were helpful to remind the concepts learned in class. Also, the instant feedback from the professor was impressive.”

“Enjoyed the final project. It has been the most real-world exercise I have completed at Ross to date”

“Professor Lei is an excellent lecturer in that he is extremely organized and methodical in the way he teaches. There is a great balance of lecture versus demonstration versus actually practicing skills that suits at least my learning style very well”

“The numerous examples that were done in class, as well as the significant extra resources on the course website, enabled students to practice on key topics before and after class. The professor also did an excellent job of offering help to students both in and out of class.”

“Very hands-on instruction about building financial models. Good final project and homework to help the student digest what was taught in the classes. Very organized website created by the instructor to replace Canvas.”

“1. Modelling exercises are really nice way to practice. 2. I struggled on the final project but actually really enjoyed doing it. I think this is a good part of the course to keep and even build into more robust exercise throughout the class. 3. Prof Qin is extremely structured and responsive in students’ learning process. Office hours were always helpful. Recorded lectures are good to prep before class and/or review afterwards.”

“Everything went pretty well in the course.”

“Prepare the course so careful and work so hard to help students”

“The instructor was very responsive to students’ questions.”

"Trivia Qs keep students engaged during the course. I like the continuous evaluation. Communication with students was very strong and there was lots of guidance and encouragement for the final project."

"Generally, Professor Lei is very kind and helpful throughout the course."

"Great course, excellent professor!"

"I like this course since I have learned a lot from it."

"Thanks Prof Qin for a great semester. I decided to take this class because I thought it's something I "should" know - but I actually enjoy the learning process more than I thought I would."

"Great materials, exercises design, great final project"

"I loved learning in depth about how the three financial statements are related and modeling them out to see how they change in different scenarios: changes in sales, costs, financing structures, etc."

"The online videos and resources were great supplements"

"Very organized, great support, learn a lot"

"Overall great to learn the financial modeling concepts."

"Thanks for the wonderful class!"

"Very helpful class not only on modeling but also excel! Strongly recommend"

"Course provided a good learning experience to learn about an LBO model"

"Lots of available content to learn modelling."

"Many materials available on the course website to support learning."

"Trivia assignment every week was helpful. They were not too much but enough to review what we learned in the class in the week."

"Keep working. I look forward to taking other courses by Qin Lei."

"Thank you for a great quarter!"

"Weekly exercises helped us to apply what we learned in class, made learning more effective."

"Well-organized materials and structured teaching method (preview materials+ lectures + TA / office hours + trivia questions)"

"I think he is pretty good."

"We have opportunity to do different models"

6.5 FIN575 (Winter A 2020)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

"I love how passionate and considerate you are. You really care for your students learnings and success. You are a master of this content and really love to do it, and we can all tell!; You are very easy to talk to and help with problems directly when we had them in class and via email. Thanks for your great responsiveness and care for your students, it means so much to us."

"The level of accessibility that Professor Lei affords to students is phenomenal. Recording class lectures, hosting office hours every day between him and the T&A, and providing more resources to the students on the website was instrumental to my learning in this class. I wish more professors put in the level of effort that Professor Lei does to help students learn. Thank you!"

“Professor Lei was extremely knowledgeable in all topics we covered in this class. He did a great job of going in depth with the topics and helped the class understand these topics with good examples and exercises.”

“I really appreciate on the material given in the course website. Everything about the course can be found there also extra material for student who want to extend their knowledge are available there. I would like to say that Prof. Qin is very well prepare and provide student with everything that is related to the class. Even the basic for those who are not familiar with subject can be found in the course website. The material provide by Prof Qin is valuable and I would love to attend more class teach by him. Lastly Prof. Qin is very active and helpful, I am very confident that he will reply my email within 1 day even when the subject is not important such as problem submitting assignment.”

“I came into this class without any financial modeling experience and very little idea of what lay ahead of me. Despite being a 1.5 credit class, I learned a lot through real-world modeling examples. I feel confident pursuing a career and employing financial modeling skills.”

“Qin is eloquent and a strong teacher. I enjoyed the course!”

“the course is well equipped with material for self study and has great examples of different type of model. Additionally, the course is very relevant for real world application.”

“I learned more about valuation in this course than in the valuation course. I learned how to build an LBO from scratch instead of how to fill in blanks on a spreadsheet.”

“The professor is extremely well prepared for this class. He has its own web page with all the content organized for each topic, class, final project, etc.”

“I really appreciated the context that was provided about the modern financial system with respect to our modeling exercises.”

“Qin was very good about communicating expectations, resources, and suggested timelines. It was made very clear that assistance would be made available to those who sought it out.”

“1. Hands-on learning; 2. The balance between breadth and depth of topics; 3. Consistent support by professor”

“Professor Lei was very well organized and has a lot of supplemental material to help students be successful.”

“I really liked going through the exercise of building an LBO from scratch for the project. Being able to put hands on the keyboard and get into the model ourselves was really helpful”

“The professor and TA are really accessible outside of the classroom, and I fully respect the professor and TA's efforts. Also, the material and class recordings helped a lot when student missed some parts of the material.”

“The support from the professor and the TA outside of class.”

“The final project is very useful.”

“Liked practicing models. Applicable to real life/job.”

“The modeling practices are definitely helpful.”

“Enjoyed all of the modeling in the class”

“weekly assignments and trivia solidified our weekly learning.”

“Professor Qin and the TAs had office hours almost daily in order to help with the final. As long as you stuck to his suggested timeline and utilized his office hours, you could still complete the project.”

“The professor's and TA's availability outside of class.”

“Well organized materials and sites.”

“Very useful for my future job hunting”

“Course website contains all the material for the class preparation and review”
 “I really appreciated Prof. Lei holding in-depth review sessions to continue learning outside of the classroom.”
 “The professor is pretty patient!”
 “Charismatic professor”
 “The course help a lot in understanding LBO & M&A better; Great excel models”
 “The hands on learning.”
 “Good practice examples.”
 “Qin has consistent emails to keep students well informed. He provides all the tools for students to be well educated and prepared.”
 “Lots of available content to learn the material.”
 “Teacher, courseload was fair. Final Project was useful.”
 “Clear lecture”
 “Structured”
 “Relevant questions”
 “Experience modeling.”
 “Very practical”

6.6 FIN575 (Winter A 2021)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“This was one of the best courses I have taken at Ross. I will be looking to hopefully take another one of professor Lei’s courses next year.”
 “Excellent class taught by a phenomenal professor! Also, website was great resource. I will be recommending and encouraging my classmates to take this class in the future.”
 “Professor Lei definitely knows this subject matter inside and out. He was very willing to help, which I very much appreciate. The class is also very well organized through the course website. Thanks!”
 “Qin Lei is hands down a great professor. He made it very clear in the beginning that he wanted everyone to do well in the class and that he was “part of the Ross family” being that he graduated from Ross. I enjoyed his willingness to help and near 24/7 availability to respond to your questions or concerns.”
 “Professor was very passionate about both the subject matter, and teaching in general. Truly made attending class a joy.”
 “Clearly taught. Great final project. Thank you for helping me to decide that this is the professional path I would like to pursue.”
 “Felt the class was taught perfectly.”
 “Qin is a great professor.”
 “Website was very well organized and detailed.”
 “The professor is willing to help and accommodate students, and provides ample optional material to advance the students’ understanding of the subject.”
 “Professor Lei did not waste our time with breakout rooms for unnecessary reasons. He taught the material in clear and linear way. The class was efficient with no frills.”
 “I loved the final project. So relevant and great.”
 “I was challenged and learned useful skills for excel modeling that I will use over the summer at my internship.”

“Prof made the class recordings available which was a huge relief. Managing time with recruiting activities became much easier because of that. The course takes quite a bit of work so recordings were helpful for that too.”

“The professors accompanying website was great for this online course.”

“The vast number of reference materials and video explanations”

“Consistent teams for the group project and trivia was helpful.”

“I like that the classes cover topics in a progressive way. Also, it was useful to have all the solutions in the excel format.”

“It was project-based, which is very helpful in the real world.”

“Lots of group work”

“Fully online”

“well organized”

“Class was fully online.”

“Good example problems”

“The videos”

“The trivia assignments worked well.”

“study groups; trivia questions; step by step financial modeling”

6.7 FIN575 (Winter A 2022)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“I wanted a practical modeling course, and that is exactly what this was. I had a safe and productive environment to struggle through a first LBO model, and feel excited instead of nervous to attempt a 2nd.”

“just an all around well put together and executed course. Ross should offer more like this course here. very practical and useful skills.”

“I think this was one of the best Finance courses I have taken. Thank you for the great class Pro. Lei.”

“Professor Lei treats you like an adult and expects a lot out of you, which in turn caused me to step up and be successful, to really get into the material. I also understood how this would benefit me in my career, which I found refreshing.”

“The material itself is very helpful and useful for diverse MBA students. The class does a great job of reinforcing an understanding of how different line items in financial statements interact with each other.”

“- very established and balanced course material - teacher has a lot of experience and knows what questions students might have”

“Really tied theory with practical application (excel exercises and final project). Really great course.”

“Excellent summary of financial modeling methods and how to integrate financial statements.”

“Professor Lei is very dedicated to the success of his students and puts in significant amount of time to ensure that. Topics are broken up into smaller pieces better than other finance classes”

“Excellent teaching, High commitment from the professor The professor was also patient”

“The TA was very accessible. The Excel templates are well organized and very professional. The prof does a really good job answering students’ questions in class during the modeling breakout sessions.”

“Very practical. The professor is very passionate and kind”
 “The professors intimate knowledge of the subject.”
 “Great resources, helpful TAs and prof Lei was very thorough and helpful. The actual model we built gave me a great sense of achievement.”
 “Thank you professor for teaching such a great course!”
 “1) Very well structured 2) Prof. Lei is amazing”
 “I really like the real world examples and the trivia homework model.”
 “Professor Lei (and TAs) provided ample opportunities for students to get help outside of the classroom - both through items posted on the course website and virtual/in-person Q&A.”
 “The resources available were ample (e.g., archived lecture recordings, FAQs, examples)”
 “The class is well structured”
 “Complicated subject but well taught. You get out what you put in.”
 “The incremental nature of the course, with each week building on the previous week’s material.”
 “Provided class recording to students to be reviewed. Also proving a pdf solutions to some trivias would help guide the path and ensure one was in the right path.”

6.8 FIN575 (Winter A 2023)

What were the strengths of the course?

“Professor Lei for course FIN 575-002, has developed a course that allows him to break free of school resource constraints and instead have a very navigable website of resources (a massive amount of resources!) instead of relying on the absolute misery of Canvas. Professor Lei’s website should be used as a model for how to deliver resources to students for other faculty, along with his automated email messaging system. Professor Lei’s ability to lecture for three hours straight on Monday evenings (after a three hour lecture with section 1 a couple hours prior) with such absolute focus and mastery was very inspiring! He supplied the right amount of jokes with valuable insights weaved into his lecture allowing the whole class to stay focused and learn. His support of students across the class including myself, sets a bar for other faculty. His accessibility and responsiveness again was very high. The excel modelling was slightly fast in lecture, but with all the resources provided you can keep up if you set up your screen as he suggests. If you recruited IB in the fall, this course is the best next logical step in solidifying banker concepts in a safe supported space created by Professor Lei.”
 “All of the practice and real hands on experience were vital. I would recommend this course to become part of the core, I think this would really distinguish Ross as a School.”
 “1) The course teaches us how to build financial modeling from the basics and gradually add more content to build a full LBO model. In this way, I think it is easier for us to digest the materials and build confidence along the way. 2) I found very helpful that Professor Lei has well-established archives of learning materials on the website, including class recordings in past years, excel templates, and extra reading materials. 3) Besides modeling, Professor Lei taught financing theories which is helpful for us to understand the reasoning behind modeling. 4) The classes are always well-structured and easy to follow with practice. 5) Professor Lei is very patient with questions. 6) Overall, I wanted modeling training in my MBA experiences and the course provides exactly what I needed. I would recommend the course to other students who are interested in learning how to build financial models”
 “The greatest part of this course is we get to work on some challenging yet practical modelling exercises with gradual increase in difficulty. Previously I have taken some

modelling courses with too steep learning curve and I do not understand the logic and modelling methods behind which makes me feel frustrated as I cannot construct a proper financial model. This course actually gives me a clearer picture and clarifies my thoughts on financial concepts like capital structure and LBO, given Professor Qin's outstanding teaching standard. It would be great if the course can be structured a bit longer to cover concepts like depreciation and operating leases, and study some real-life examples/ financial models."

"The combination of theoretical and hands-on finance content. It is absolutely a great course, and the professor promotes participation and active enrolment in the class."

"The professor was great and taught everything with high passion, commitment, and one goal in mind -> make us all better professionals!"

"It was fantastic class and I can only be sorry it is over."

"I loved the fact that we did in-class exercises as it greatly enhanced my learning and increased my confidence when undertaking financial modeling assignments. Professor Lei was very patient with the class and he did an excellent job explaining topics."

"The materials (videos, spreadsheets, instructions, and reading materials) are hands down among the best I've ever seen. Given the short amount of time in class, I had to rely on these materials to study the topics on my own. Professor Qin Lei was also extremely helpful in class. He could quickly pinpoint almost every issue we encountered in our modeling exercises."

"This was an excellent course and Dr. Lei was a very engaging teacher with obvious passion and ability."

"Professor Lei is a great teacher - he manages to make the course engaging and interesting"

"Professor Lei is very passionate and knowledgeable about the course material."

"Very hands-on learning with the trivia questions and group project. I also felt like I learned a lot about leveraged buy-outs and increased my general knowledge of the finance industry. The professor and TA's were also very accessible with office hours basically every day."

"Professor was very entertaining"

"Lots of office hours, clear access to material, templates provided, doing modeling exercises in class. Professor Lei is clearly passionate and cares a lot about the course and ensuring students are successful."

"The professor was very helpful and knowledgeable about the subject."

"Lots of course materials and resources were made available and the communication was very clear and thorough from the beginning of the course to the end."

"Course website is super well organized and clear"

"It was interesting to learn about the various players involved in a leveraged buyout and their motives."

"The course contents are concise, accurate, and practical."

"Complete and comprehensive class materials."

"Well structured, incremental examples"

"Covered a wide range of topics and provided hands-on work to put it into practice."

"Very practical and useful"

6.9 FIN575 (Winter A 2024)

What were the strengths of the course?

“The professor has exactly the sort of academic enthusiasm for this subject that a person should seek in a professional master’s program. He understands the application of his subject, but he also appreciates the nuances of it and teaching the basic ideas of it to first-timers. Others with more experience modeling decided to drop this course because they found it too basic from a modeling standpoint. I think that is a bad way of valuing what this class has to offer. I am glad I took it because I better understand how to set up a model to optimize for a specific quantity and how to think critically about an LBO deal. I’m sure that better, more refined models exist and that in the course of doing this sort of a job I’d learn those methods, but this course provides a fine lens and way of thinking that has set me on a right path.”

“I enjoyed the modeling exercises. Additionally, I appreciated the professor walking us through the exercises each class and offering a significant amount of resources. The professor was knowledgeable and always well prepared for class.”

“There were plenty of opportunities to learn - it was very helpful to have the class recorded and posted each week so that I can go back and try to understand the more difficult concepts. It was also helpful to have office hours available everyday. Thank you!!!”

“Learning heavy. Enjoyed the learning mostly.”

“I was impressed that the professor’s dictation was clear despite the mask he wears, few to no issues understanding his speech.”

“Prof. Lei is the best!”

“I really appreciated the flexibility to join the class in person or on zoom - thank you for recognizing the realities of life and the fact that it is tough for us always to be in Ross in the evenings for class. I also really liked the many practice opportunities and step by step explanations available on the course website. I appreciated Professor Lei was available for questions and help every week. I just wish I had had more time to take advantage of the opportunities for support. This was a really tough class for me and I didn’t learn as much as I could have if we had slowed down or if I had taken it as my only elective because I had to get other work done at the same time.”

“Great course!”

“Built on existing finance knowledge.”

“This was a very hard class for 1.5 credits.”

“Real application”

6.10 FIN575 (Winter A 2025)

What were the strengths of the course?

“The course structure is brilliant. The trivia questions help us play with financial models, thus making us understand how the concepts of finance that we learned in our previous classes, play out in the real world through excel models. Final exam will be based on fundamental concepts of accounting and finance which makes this course a complete package of modeling, accounting and finance. There is copious amount of information provided by Prof. Qin to us through his website. Couldn’t have asked for more thorough course material which I could access even after the course is complete.”

“I greatly appreciated Qin’s diligence with this class. The passion he had for modeling really brought the best out of this class and I am very appreciative of that work ethic - it makes me excited to use this in my career.”

“The course is perfect!”

“Tons of resources! Very much appreciated. Never felt like I was out of the loop. Provided more than enough to gain a solid understanding of the topics.”

“Perfect experience.”

“LBO modeling that we learned this course was simply excellent. Through the course, we could learn not only technique of modeling but also the situation behind the M&A. Personally I'm very pleased that I could refresh my knowledge especially relationship between BS, IS, DF”

“LBO modeling was my eye-opening learning in this class and many of us may think same thing.”

“Very well organized class and website that makes it seamless to find and submit all the necessary materials.”

“The course website.”

“Incredible course and lecturer!”

“The content and what we were being taught”

“Discussion of real world finance stories by the lecturer”

“I think course is very good for understanding the DCF, LBO models and someone has previous finance background”

“You can acquire strong Excel knowledge as long as you are serious to the Final Project. In addition, you can familiar with the topic in the daily news and understand what is going on the business transaction in terms of the purpose, process. (MBO, LBO, Normal M&A, etc...)”

“TA and professor availability outside of class. The flexibility of the course and all the online learning materials / video recordings.”

“the sources and video recording of the course”

“know more finance knowledge in a short time”

“prof :)”

“utilization of excel”

“exposure to real life examples”

“real-world material”



CHAPTER 7

FUTURES - MBA/MSF ELECTIVE CLASSES

7.1 FINA6219 (Spring 2012)

Please identify 2 or 3 things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“This person is the most organized teacher I had in recent times. He is well prepared and bend over backwards to help students. I almost felt bad when I didn’t do well enough in tests because he has done his part and some more. Teachers like these are what COX needs to get ahead in the race. Whoever on the top reading should understand that Mr. Lei is an asset to this institution and should be rewarded accordingly, not those guys who plays politics and just talk. I would definitely take more courses with him because he values my time, is very organized and get across the material very well.”

“Honestly, the best professor I have had in the program thus far. Incredibly well organized and fair.”

“This is the best instructor I have had at SMU. If other professors cared as much as him, everyone would learn much more.”

“Overall, Qin is probably my favorite teacher at SMU. I think he should get a raise because he is truly one of the sharpest people that I have ever met.”

“The instructor did a great job of keeping the class interesting. I enjoyed the two breaks to allow the class material to stay fresh and not have to sit for an extended period of time. I also enjoyed the multiple tests to instead of all material being crammed on one or two exams. Professor Lei is by far the best teacher I have had in the MBA program. His ability to make the toughest material understandable and interesting is incredible. There is not a professor who cares more about his students and their learning than Professor

Lei. Recommendations from other students are the reason I took this class and after this class I am excited about taking his Options class next module. Thanks professor Lei you exemplify everything a professor should be."

"Very well organized, materials were very helpful, and teacher was dedicated to our learning everything was amazing, i was surprised by the amount of work the professor put in. The resources available and the time he took to create them showed an unparalleled dedication that I haven't seen in a professor."

"Organization and timely feedback were incredible. Multiple breaks help me refresh and stay focused. Engaging teaching style. Thoroughly enjoyed the course."

"Prof. Lei explains very complicated material in a manner that is easy to grasp. Additionally, I appreciate the fact that Prof. Lei would stay up all night to grade our tests. This eliminated the anxiety associated with waiting to find out how we scored. Prof. Lei is the most approachable professor I have had at SMU. He is always available to answer questions and he held multiple review sessions before each exam. A++ professor!"

"The instructor is the most hard-working prof I've ever come across. Exams are graded in a day, he provides us all sorts of channels for learning including video."

"Professor Lei offers the most well planned courses in the MBA program. I liked the structure of the course (multiple exams). He gives everyone the opportunity to do well through the extra work he does to aid students such as audio clips for lectures and review sessions."

"1. He was one of the most organized professors I've ever had. 2. I really like how he split the class up into 3 sections with a 10 minute break in between each one. 3. He was always extremely organized and helpful. I also really like how he made everything accessible online and made videos how he did all the practice problems"

"Course was well organized and grading feedback was extremely quick and fair. Professor was very flexible with pre-exam reviews and was a pleasure to talk to during and after classes about topics covered. He also changed to having exams at the beginning of class instead of the end of class after listening to student feedback."

"- Extremely well organized. - Always available to help - Extremely timely with returning assignments, feedback"

"This was by far the most well organized course, both in terms of class time usage and materials distribution, I've taken at Cox."

"Great use of website very well organized course material like the grading system and in class quizzes"

"I love all the different videos and recordings he provides."

"The investor did an excellent job of providing current economic events to keep the material relevant."

"He is very timely in returning tests & assignments, which is very much appreciated. Also, it is very useful to have the video solutions of assigned problems. He has put a lot of effort into designing and maintaining the course website, which makes it very easy to stay up to date."

"I like that Qin is always organized in the way that he teaches. I also like his enthusiasm for the subject and the way he is always available to help with questions we have."

"Well organized course, with good lecture notes. There weren't too many HW problems, so we only practiced what would be tested."

"1. Provided additional lecture material on his website. 2. Structured class with 2 x 10 minute breaks. Better learning environment Highly recommend this instructor and copy his teaching methods and use them in other classes!"

"Great class, the website and all the material on the website were extremely helpful. One of the most organized classes I've taken"

“Good class format with periodic exams, great use of supplemental website and support”

“Great use of technology and quick feedback”

“I liked the trivia because it prepared us for the exam. Lei grades very quickly and fairly. Lei’s online website, videos, homework, and homework solutions were all very useful. I learned a lot in this class; one of the best courses in the finance department.”

“The tests were very fair as long as you were prepared for them. The notes are straightforward and at an appropriate level for the course. Great prof and I’ll definitely take another class with him.”

“Fantastic instructor”

“This is the most organized professor I have ever had.”

“I like the layout of the trivia questions in every class and multiple exams. The website is great!”

“Working through problems during the lecture, trivia questions, and video solutions were all very helpful”

“Very well organized class and instructor helped us a lot to learn. The questions were thought provoking.”

“Very thorough in his explanations of concepts and great use of class time”

“The trivias and biweekly tests were very useful in reviewing and understanding the study material.”

“I like the structure of the course and having tests every 2 weeks. I love how the reading is specified by section instead of chapter. Allows a better understanding of learning objectives.”

“Course website is an excellent resource. Professor is very good at communicating with students through messages on website.”

“Very proactive, like the videos he created: of solving problems and the test review sessions. News section is very helpful on his website. Out of the 3 FINA teachers i have had, he is the best so far. The teacher has a strong desire to teach and ensure his students are learning the subject matter”

“Great class and I enjoyed (just like the previous Options class). Great presentation, explanation of materials, and availability to review any questions.”

“Good explanations. Keep doing the trivia and it was nice having the tests graded so promptly and I liked the online reviews”

“- Break exams into pieces was very good. - Trivia kept us concentrated - Homework problems also helped us learn more.”

7.2 FINA6219 (Spring 2013)

Please identify 2 or 3 things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“Professor Lei is by far one of the best professors that I have had in my time at SMU. He goes above and beyond to make himself available to students with questions (i.e. having review sessions on the weekends and recording lectures so that students can go back and review things that they may have missed or just want to review again). His Trivia questions during class keep students engaged and focused. The homework assignments provide great practice and because he provides solutions on a separate file that go into good detail, I was able to work a problem and then check my work which was very helpful.”

“Professor Lei is a true master of his trade. His course was challenging but demanded the sort of academic excellence that makes me proud to have attended a graduate business

program. Trivia and multiple breaks during class time as well as online review were excellent. Course website was amazing.”

“I loved the organization of the daily classes and the timely feedback.”

“Excellent organization, I loved the course website as well as the video reviews and homework problems. One of my favorite courses yet, and teacher always made class fun! I would suggest other teachers adopt a similar course structure to his.”

“The class is very organized and I sincerely appreciate that fact. I do appreciate the two 10 minute breaks within the class. This allows a time to connect with other students as well as ask questions of the professor.”

“Excellent professor!”

“I honestly can’t think of anything to improve in this class! He was a great teacher, was always available when students needed him and showed genuine interest in the course content!”

“Dr. Lei is a professor with high caliber professional demeanors. He structured the class well under his great organization, his website and his interaction with us. He always respond to students timely and is always ready and willing to help.”

“Professor Lei is very good at explaining the concepts and going through the algebra of the course. He is also very available to the students to ask questions.”

“Has been told time and again! The professor knows the subject and teaches with great passion and organization. He expects excellence and leads with excellence. Keep it up Sir!”

“Dr. Lei is perhaps my favorite professor in the Cox School of Business. His classes are always very well organized, tests & quizzes are graded lightning fast, and he is very passionate about the subject material, which is conveyed through his lectures. The homework assignments are very relevant and helpful in preparing for tests. I do appreciate the in-class quizzes which keeps people paying attention and is a good quick review of the material just learned in that day’s lecture. Overall, I really wouldn’t change much about this course.”

“Very thoughtful and purposeful in presenting material, provides plenty of homework exercises with solutions so we can master the material. Provides good notes and is very accessible. I enjoyed the class.”

“Lei is one of my favorite professors at SMU. He has a genuine interest to see his students learn and succeed in his class. He never shies away from a question and encourages questions. I would continue to recommend the style of his power point presentations, teaching style, and simulations.”

“Very logical ways of teaching linking to real world trading very well materials are comprehensive”

“Professor Lei provided an abundant amount to resources for the students. He did his best to ensure that his students understood the material presented in class.”

“1. I like how this class is very structured. I always know what to expect and what the profession’s expectations of me are. 2. I like how the RIT cases tie into what we are learning in class - real world application. 3. I like how the professor is always available and approachable for questions on the material.”

“I appreciated the professor taking time to work through problems in real time on the board as opposed to clicking through the prepared solution on a powerpoint slide. The homeworks were not excessively long and were extremely helpful in preparing for the exam. The instructor did a great job stimulating my curiosity and desire to pursue a career that uses what we learned in class.”

“Instructor did a really good job of communicating with students and answered question in a timely and efficient manner.”

"The trading stimulation definitely helps us to understand on how complex a trade can be in the real world rather than just studying in the textbook and in theory. The homework assignment give us an idea on the types of questions that is going to be on the exam, which is really helpful."

"The test was a good extension of understanding the class despite the time crunch"

"Instructor did a good job of explaining the underlying theories and basic principles of the course."

"very well-organized. use class time effectively. willing to provide help for students."

"I appreciated the challenging aspects of the course. The instructor is very respectful and willing to help."

"Good lecture structure and clear interpretation of the knowledge. The trading session is helpful for us to better understand the basic knowledge and its application."

"used time well and cared about subject matter"

"Focus on the details and care about the students"

"very logical and good organized lectures"

"Prepared for Class. Always try to make himself available to help students."

"Very organized. Well-structured lectures. Trivia questions good in that required class attention."

"Providing structured lesson plan with good slides."

"Engaged the class. Daily trivia kept students focused"

"Very knowledgeable about subject area and willing to help students throughout the course. Very accommodating in terms of helping students in any way possible."

"Well organized course with relevant documents and activities Efficient communication through website"

"Break at every hour. Trivia Very accessible (office hours, e-mail). Excellent course website"

"I liked the homework assignments and the simplicity of the slides."

"He is very organized and thorough in his teaching. He genuinely cares about his students and wants to help them succeed."

"He makes himself available to answer any and all questions."

"1. Good lecture, clear logic 2. solid knowledge and interactive trading"

"* very organized class * broke the class into 2 exams"

"The slides are very good. The interaction in class great"

"The course was well designed and organized. Challenged students to really understand all the underlying concepts. Virtual review sessions."

"Very well organized structure and material!"

"The lectures were very well organized. The instructor did a great job teaching complex topics."



CHAPTER 8

INVESTMENT - MBA ELECTIVE CLASSES

8.1 FIN604 (Winter A 2014)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“Qin is a phenomenal teacher - he has such great energy, clearly has deep expertise, and is very committed to helping his students learn. I would take any class that he teaches!”

“The trading simulations were great to get students practical experience. Qin is beyond committed to his students and is always available for questions. He genuinely cares about the students, which is surprisingly rare relative to other professors.”

“I enjoyed Qin’s lectures - I thought these did a good job explaining very complex concepts. I also appreciated the guest speakers, who gave an important perspective of the practical applications of what we were learning in class, plus provided an easy networking opportunity for students interested in pursuing careers in different investment management roles.”

“The projects and trading exercises were excellent.”

“Lecture and simulation. I really enjoy simulation as it allows me to put theoretical concept I learned during the lecture into practice.”

“At the conceptual level, I feel very comfortable with all the topics we’ve covered in class. The format and style of the lectures makes it easy for me to absorb even the trickier concepts. I’ve also enjoyed the guest speakers and learning from their experiences.”

“Working with real data and learning the implementation is the part I like the best.”

“This was an excellent course. Thank you.”

“This was a great course.”

8.2 FIN604 (Winter A 2015)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“Professor Lei has a fantastic energy and a lot of enthusiasm for the material. I believe the course provides a great introduction to various investment methodologies and I really enjoyed the simulations and guest lectures. The readings also provide relevant background material and help one to understand the theory behind the investment ideas.”

“Professor Lei is a wonderful professor.”

“Professor Lei was quite exceptional. This is a very well taught course, and he should be commended.”

“Professor Lei is very knowledgeable and did a great job teaching the material”

“Professor Lei was exceptionally well organized, and gave us meaningful / thoughtful readings. His lectures were (mostly) logically structured and well-conceived. Guest speakers were highly – HIGHLY – appreciated and interesting. Finally, he is flexible with regards to students’ schedules, so long as the work is appropriately completed. This was a wonderfully taught course.”

“The projects and material were very interesting. It gave me great hands on experience of working with various strategies and analyzing their performance. Even though I had very little prior experience with finance, the concepts were easy to grasp. Overall one of the best courses I have taken at Ross.”

“This was a wonderful course that gave a great perspective on the investment management industry. I really enjoyed understanding the various arguments on the efficient market hypothesis and the different trading techniques used in the markets. I thought the perspectives were very well balanced.”

“Well organized course and practical. The professor is very passionate.”

“Great class with a wonderful professor. Highly recommend!”

“I really enjoyed learning the different trading techniques that hedge funds used. This is knowledge I would not have been able to gather from my other courses at Ross. It gave me a deeper understanding on how the market trades.”

“Conferences with fund managers were great.”

“I like the assignment that design to get our hand dirty. It help me get some feeling about what will be going on if I want to do the same thing in the future.”

“great industry knowledge and investment techniques”

“its beneficial step to understanding and thinking like investment professionals”

“Good class to take, paid-off”

“Qin is very helpful; he answered mails very quickly.”

“great course”

“it broadens my mind to financial world, especially hedge funds, mutual funds and investment banking side”

8.3 FIN608 (Fall B 2014)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“- Another informative and enjoyable course from Professor Lei. I enjoy Professor Lei’s teaching style and the professor is clearly both well-versed in and has a keen interest in the subject matter he teaches. - The news articles offered were prescient and enjoyable to read. I enjoyed the focus on current events - Professor Lei is very approachable and makes himself available during most waking hours of the day.”

“Bonus readings were good.”

“Class recording was very helpful to review what was discussed in the class. The class covered wide variety of topics”

“Good team projects and good practice lectures”

“Material was interesting and professor brought good perspective from his own experiences.”

“Professor Lei’s explanation of trading theories are very clear and concise”

“Professor really had a strong interest in the material, so his enthusiasm made the course an awesome experience. The case studies really challenged everyone, which is a good thing.”

“The professor did an excellent job picking interesting content. He was also very enthusiastic.”

“Was great to learn about expected returns and different strategies. Makes me want to invest only in ETF’s.”

“very helpful and is dedicated to teaching. thank you!”

“Great support with course materials added to prof website”

“I think Professor knows his subject matter extremely well. Very knowledgeable”

“I hope I can take another class with you in the future!”

“Make sure this professor continues to teach this course.”

“I will recommend students of class of 2016 to take this class.”

“Thanks for everything!”

8.4 FIN608 (Fall B 2015)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“Professor Lei’s course website is second to none. Great setup that I feel should be copied to other courses at Ross. The lecture videotapes were also very helpful. I’m a part-time MBA and sometimes I have to stay late at work. This is because I work in a 24/7 very fast paced Oil Refining operations environment. The lecture videos were very helpful for me this semester, as I had to miss class a few times. I feel all courses at Ross should be videotaped for this reason.”

“Best Professor I’ve ever met”

“The topics covered in lectures provided a nice overview of the markets and projects outside of class really highlighted the course concepts well. Textbook readings were very informative and supplemented well by other articles and academic papers. Projects are fantastic opportunities to apply concepts hands-on and take the investor/traders perspective in decision making. The subscription to FactSet is very useful and encourages students to continue following markets even after class is over.”

“This is the second time I’ve had Professor Lei. He is one of the top professors at Ross in my opinion. Very thorough approach to preparing for class through his intricate course website design. Bravo Professor Lei and keep doing what you’re doing !!”

“I very much enjoyed this course. I have a long history in the investment industry and I learned many new topics in this course, such as the Total Asset Growth Anomaly, which I

had not previously been aware of. I also really enjoyed the instructor and how he provided a lot of historical data for different investments. Overall, I think this was a great class.”

“History and theory of trading strategies were clear and well presented”

“Very well organized from website to handouts to material made available to class presentation. Guest speakers were great and slides presented were fairly easy to follow along.”

“course website very clear, very helpful. Professor always responded to emails very quickly, usually within minutes. The 4 projects are designed appropriately and have clear instructions.”

“I think the projects were good exercises in practicing what was learned in class. I also enjoyed the guest lecturers, it was interesting to hear about every day practical applications of the theories and methodologies we were learning about in class.”

“Professor’s explanations were clear, and an adequate amount of examples were given in class.”

“The projects really helped bring into focus the requirements of the trading strategies”

“Aroused considerable interest in investment strategies for me”

“I think the course covered a good range of strategies and various perspective of portfolio management.”

“I loved the course .Thank you very much professor for the recordings that helped when I missed a class due to illness”

“I thought the projects were useful action-learning opportunities to reinforce important course concepts.”

“I enjoyed the topics and material.”

“The instructor was well prepared and made available plenty of time outside of class.”

“I think a quantitative approach is more appropriate for this course. The historical part can be left in the reading and I think in the class, more practical examples are better. Projects are excellent, practical and useful. The lecture content sometimes get people bored because it involves much too text and history. Overall, it is an excellent course and Prof LEI is very instructive and vivid in the class, definitely the best professor I’ve met so far.”

“The guest speakers add value to the class”

“Interesting lectures”

“The topics and concepts were interesting.”

“Generally a quality class and an outstanding professor.”

“Overall, great class and great professor.”

“Overall, I love the class. Qin is an energetic professor and is clearly passionate about the financial markets and teaching students. I think he has the foundations of a great course and with a few modifications, could become one of the more sought after courses at Ross. The course offers a great overview of the financial markets and should be taken by all Ross MBAs who are not well versed in investments or capital markets.”

“Very good class.”

“Great content.”

“great course”

“Thanks very much for a great quarter!”

“Thanks”

8.5 FIN608 (Fall B 2017)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

"I was extremely interested in the introduction of trading strategies, many of which I did not know before. I also think the projects are interesting."

"Everything is perfect! He is a great teacher!"

"Guest Lecture and a lot of articles related to topics. Especially the projects are very helpful to learn the concepts."

"The content is high quality."

"Very interesting subject. Valuable in both personal and professional investing activities."

"Qin was very enthusiastic about the class. Very helpful."

"group project is motivating, lecture is meanful"

"The projects did a good job of simulating the strategies we learned about"

"I think the different strategies to make a positive return were pretty interesting. I had not heard of many of them prior to taking the course."

"Very structured lecture notes and supporting material. Good design of content. Fascinating content. The hands-on practice to select stocks with the learnt trading strategy."

"This course is a great course for students to learn various trading strategies in capital. Please keep it up."

"Professor himself is very nice, and the course material is very well prepared."

"Professor Lei was very responsible. He spent a lot of time after the class to help and discuss with his students. I highly recommend his courses. He is an awesome professor."

"The information presented in class is very comprehensive"

"I appreciate the professor's hardworking. I can see he has put a lot of effort and time. Maybe he can think for some time about how to make it more interesting for more people."

"Great"

8.6 FIN608 (Fall B 2018)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

"Everything. This is hands down the best course I've taken at Ross."

"Qin is great! He was really engaging. I was surprised how interesting the topic was."

"Overall, I really enjoy that professor applied the Excel to simplify some complicated issues."

"Everything is good, and I appreciate for what I have learned from this course."

"I appreciate all your time and effort for this class, thank you, Prof. Lei."

"Professor Lei is an excellent professor, he is one of the greatest professors I have ever had. Just one suggestion, I would like to go home earlier on cold winter days lol."

"Projects are helpful to absorb the knowledge."

"The course by itself is really interesting and I learned a couple of new things."

"Every course is recorded. Illustration is very clear."

"I think almost everything, especially the professor, he is amazing."

"Excellent instructor"

"The professor has provided many useful reading materials."

"xcellent"

"Enjoyed the guest speaker. Instructor was well organized."

"interesting topics"

"Like this course"

8.7 FIN608 (Fall B 2019)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

"The course projects were an excellent way to learn ways to perform quantitative analysis and learn several different investing strategies. They were fun, challenging, and allowed for students to have creativity in developing the investing strategies."

"Great Structure, the information provided is excellent! All Thumbs up!"

"Professor is very well prepared and very responsive to students"

"Those posted lecture videos are really helpful!"

"The course covers a wide range of trading strategies, from both qualified and quantified perspectives. The projects also trained us to become familiarized with the strategies."

"The projects are great. Please keep them. :D"

"I was familiar with various hedge fund strategies prior to taking this course, but implementing them through the various projects made me understand them a lot better."

"Course website is super structured and well-contented. The video is great for learning. Additional reading material super helpful."

"I like the Trivia aspect of the course. Additionally, the guest speaker was great, it would have been really great to have heard more from the guest speaker."

"There are some projects which could help us understand more."

"great"

8.8 FIN608 (Fall B 2020)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

"I think this class worked well in a completely remote setting!"

"The professor was well prepared for each lecture and the projects were effective ways to learn the investment strategies."

"I liked the in-class assignments and the trivia. It made our group work together and discuss the material driving a better"

"Great class overall."

"Professor Lei is very knowledgeable, and that made the class very interesting."

"Professors teach some basic and helpful ideas of trading strategies. Also, I was impressed by the guest lecture. Furthermore, the projects are well designed which can help us to comprehend the lectures."

"Using real-life scenarios for projects. Class simulates what a professional in the industry would be doing."

"Group work was good for advancing understanding."

"It gives me a overview of investment strategies."

"extra material added"

"Interesting subject matter."

8.9 FIN618 (Fall 2014)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“Great course. Awesome assignments, projects and simulation exercises.”

“Hands-on activities were interesting in this course - particularly the trading rounds with the class.”

“I learned a lot about capital markets. I enjoyed learning about the different strategies of investing along with the posting the bonus materials online.”

“I really enjoyed the simulations and group assignments”

“I thought the topics were very interesting, especially the introduction to the hedge fund world”

“Simulations were exciting and engaging”

“The last few lectures were quite good. The discussion of trading strategies was very interesting - both the TAGA and Momentum.”

“The projects, website, and articles are very encompassing. I found the material to be thorough and well balanced. The teacher was clearly an expert and was appreciative of his balanced perspective. ”

“Good concepts”

“Learning TAG and momentum trading was interesting”

“Simulations are great to show more real life and practical learning,”

“The simulations and team projects were fun and informative.”

“The simulations were exciting and helped tie the spoken and written material in with a tangible experience.”

“The simulations were interesting.”

“The trading simulations were enjoyable and the projects that we worked on helped students to grasp the course material”

“The trading simulations were excellent”

“I enjoyed the class”

“I learned a lot this semester!”

“Thanks for the informative semester.”

“There was a lot of material covered in this course. The textbook was a good research to bridge the gap between residency weekends.”

“Very interesting class”

8.10 FIN618 (Fall 2015)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“I did not enter this class with a strong interest in investment strategy. But to be honest, this was one of the most thoughtfully put together courses I have taken at Ross. Professor Lei clearly thought carefully about how to tie the lectures, readings, and homework projects together to reinforce the principles learned. Posting videos of each class was especially helpful, as was the in-class trivia. I know I will retain more from this class than almost any other, just due to the reinforcement built into the course design.”

“Great course. One of the most beneficial courses that I can use in life after school.”

“I liked the three projects. They were very interesting and applied the concepts well teaching theoretical ways to approach trading. I think Professor Lei is very open to working with students and was always available with questions.”

“This course has a very interesting topic and great guest lecturers. The guest lecture from Fidelity was phenomenal. Additionally, the professor was very passionate and willing to provide help.”

"The group projects were extremely helpful in understanding the course material. I also really liked the guest lecturer."

"I enjoyed and learnt a lot from the course."

"Prof Lei covered a lot of new and interesting material from my perspective, as I had no previous investment or finance experience. A lot of examples are current and the course provides a lot of useful insight on historical aspects as well. I gained a lot from this course."

"The course was very well structured. I really appreciated the course website and it was very user friendly. The professor also did a great job of being available to students outside of the class."

"Projects were helpful in learning the concepts"

"The professor was very responsive outside of class"

"fantastic guest lecture. Interesting course topics. Availability of video lectures to view at convenience was great."

"Going through actually calculations, especially the in-class exercises, were very helpful. The guest lectures provided a real-world perspective that was both fascinating and educational."

"projects are interesting"

"Very interesting concepts on trading strategies, but some lack of clarity as to what the "take home message" is from the course. Really enjoyed the guest lectures."

"I appreciate all of the mini-tutorials and review sessions to assist in learning"

"great application of the material in the projects."

"Great use of cases to tie in class lectures."

"Used FactSet and Excel programs - both of which are used for real world applications."

"Great course. Thanks !!"

"Great introduction to various trading strategies"

"Significant teamwork was required to complete any and all coursework."

"Very interesting course and well taught. More guest lectures welcome."

8.11 FIN618 (Fall 2019)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

"Professor Qin was great and I really loved his knowledge and passion for the subject. I think I learned a lot of cool new ways to think about investing, hedging, and making a portfolio."

"Professor Lei was extremely organized and I loved how he set up his course website. I thought he was super helpful with questions and I really appreciate how much thought he put into the course. He also graded very quickly which is always nice!"

"Extremely organized, easy to follow along with what the expectations were for us. Really enjoyed the team assignments and competing against the other students."

"I thoroughly enjoyed the content of this course, with many great topics covered. The textbooks were great resources and projects were incredibly practical to the real world. Using FactSet and other resources was great for first-timers. Overall, this was a great overview of Capital Markets with a variety of ways to engage with the content for higher learning. Project work was a highlight for me as we got to do the work. Instructor was very knowledgeable and helpful as well."

“The professor went above and beyond to teach. A ton of opportunities to learn on the topics that were covered”

“The professor was VERY generous with his time and hosted many review sessions, which was very appreciated. He was the most responsive professor I’ve ever encountered.”

“Prof. Qin Lei has constructed this course with such dedication and foresight that it made my learning experience immensely smooth and valuable. I would like to thank Prof. Qin Lei for this learning experience.”

“great professor who is able to explain a complex course”

“I appreciate that we have old and new lecture videos available to go back to. I also appreciate all the review sessions he held. Prof Lei is clearly very passionate about this subject. Thank you!”

“Professor Lei is extremely bright and he was very responsive to questions. He does a lot to make sure students succeed.”

“Professor Lei made himself available and did an excellent job communicating expectations and work to students.”

“Great depth of knowledge shared about the topics. You explained everything well. I really like your website versus canvas.”

“Professor Lei provides real insight in to the material and is clearly very passionate about the subject. The course is well organized and there is regular and relevant communication which is helpful.”

“Professor Lei was super organized and very communicative and willing to help in any way he could”

“Professor Lei is so cool! Although I am not interested in banking or hedge fund management for a career choice I think it is a very important subject to understand for personal finance management too”

“The course outline and preparation materials were meticulously laid out on the course website. There was little confusion, if any as to what was expected from students.”

“Projects were interesting. Course site was very well done.”

“teacher’s expertise. material was interesting and extensive.”

“Interesting content. The projects were fun to do. And professor Lei was very accessible whenever I had any questions regarding the projects.”

“Timely and helpful responses and support from professor.”

“Introduced me to a new world of investing strategies.”

“Qin was friendly, and always prepared for class. Additionally, I enjoyed the factset training that he made available to us with Kai.”

“A good amount of material and depth. Projects were well focused to provide opportunity to reinforce learning.”

“Professor Lei’s projects were helpful in understanding the material.”

“Project load and difficulty is necessary to understand the material.”

“Professor clearly dedicated to helping students succeed, and had strong expertise in subject matter.”

“Great information, though dry, I feel I have actually advanced my knowledge of investment approaches and options. One of the few courses for which I feel I received a clear understanding of a new subject.”

“Course structure was great.”

“I liked the fact that we got access to FactSet in addition to access to tutorials on how to use the software.”

“The breadth of material presented was good”

“Interesting subject matter, interesting assignments.”

“factset is fun”

CHAPTER 9

MANAGING THE OMBA FUND PART A - OMBA ELECTIVE CLASSES

9.1 FIN705 (Fall B 2022)

What were the strengths of the course?

“Great videos and great guest lecture.”

9.2 FIN705 (Fall B 2023)

What were the strengths of the course?

“I really like the subject matter and teaching us to use Factset. I had never heard of Factset before the course, but it is such a powerful tool! I love using it for my personal investment strategy. I really hope that the B and C courses expand on how to use Factset more effectively. I also loved the investment competition between active and passive managers.”

“Professor is very knowledgeable. The material covers many perspectives and many historical data evidence to illustrate a trading strategy.”

“Professor Lei is prepared and demonstrates principles of learning very well.”

“Qin explains everything very well and is enthusiastic about his field of knowledge.”

“Very clear structure and delivery of the modules that were reinforced by the projects.”

9.3 FIN705 (Fall B 2024)

What were the strengths of the course?

“Professor Qin Lei does a great job on the recorded lectures and in the live sessions. He is good at explaining the different models and frameworks, and he does not rush through them. He is very engaged with the students and has developed a strong course curriculum. I’m looking forward to OMBA Fund B!”

“Professor Lei is a very knowledgeable teacher who encouraged us to push ourselves and think critically by introducing many viewpoints on different topics. He pushed me out of my comfort zone to learn valuable investment insights that will stay with me for a lifetime.”

“Instructors great ability to articulate a lot of high level financial theories. The videos he created really helpful build my understanding of these.”

“This course covered a lot of material, scenarios, and strategies for an intro elective”

“I liked the guest speaker.”

“I really enjoyed analyzing the data sets.”

“Peter Clarke was super responsive, knowledgeable, and his office hour sessions helped me further my understanding of financial modeling and equities.”

“Good content. We get a guest speaker!”

“Interesting topic.”

CHAPTER 10

MANAGING THE OMBA FUND PART B - OMBA ELECTIVE CLASSES

10.1 FIN706 (Winter A 2023)

What were the strengths of the course?

“Professor Lei is methodical in his approach to teaching the concepts in this course, which built upon his teaching in course FIN 706A - Prof. Lei was thorough when explaining foundational concepts so that we could build upon this to develop more complex and integrative thinking.”

“This class encouraged us to think independently. It’s similar to real life where there isn’t always someone to hold your hand.”

10.2 FIN706 (Winter A 2024)

What were the strengths of the course?

“The Professor is very kind, accessible, and enthusiastic about the material. I also appreciated that the course deadlines were very clear and that there were a lot of opportunities to collaborate with my classmates.”

“I think the project was fun and interesting. I learned a lot about mid cap stocks, and I made some money by buying some of the stocks with my own money. The professor is very knowledgeable. I really liked learning more about how to use Factset.”

“The US Master Screen was nice to see and help filter. The professor had very insightful points and additions and I could tell he researched each of our securities himself too.”

Creating the pitchdeck was helpful for organizing our thoughts. I wanted a template for this deck, but I can see why creating our own from scratch with the factors we deemed important was a good approach”

10.3 FIN706 (Winter A 2025)

What were the strengths of the course?

“The professor did an excellent job of holding students to a high standard regarding the final project and the analysis within. He was not afraid to respectfully push opposing views to challenge our perspective, allowing us to strengthen our arguments and conclusions through his extensive feedback. He was also very helpful outside of scheduled class meetings, and all discussions with him were very helpful and informative.”

“- The use of FactSet and exposure to real-world investment screening tools were valuable and practical. - The stock pitch exercise was a useful way to apply concepts and practice presenting an investment thesis. - The structure of the course encouraged independent thinking and decision-making, which is a key aspect of real-world investing.”

“Professor Qin is extremely knowledgeable”

“The presentation and research part was great!”

“I like the idea of having to make the stock pitch, but I would have rather taken it from a *neutral analyst* position vs what i felt was a give us a reason to buy position.”

CHAPTER 11

MANAGING THE OMBA FUND PART C - OMBA ELECTIVE CLASSES

11.1 FIN707 (Winter B 2023)

What were the strengths of the course?

“Thoroughly enjoyed the course. Provided me with knowledge that has actually changed and enhanced my investing strategy for personal accounts.”

“Dr. Lei does seem to be very interested in the topic of finance.”

11.2 FIN707 (Winter B 2024)

What were the strengths of the course?

“I liked that you get to work with the same group across sections of the class. This made collaboration easier over time.”

“Professor Lei is always prepared and has a very high level of knowledge of the material and subject matter. Some might struggle with some of the openness of the projects where some might feel there is not enough structure. I felt this was more true representation of real world exercises and a valuable experience to the course.”

“I really enjoyed the course. The professor was great, and so was the guest speaker. I feel like part C was an appropriate workload for the credit hours, but part A and B should have more credit hours because the work load was greater.”

11.3 FIN707 (Winter B 2025)

What were the strengths of the course?

“1. Engaged and Supportive Instructor. Professor Qin was a clear strength of the course. He consistently demonstrated enthusiasm, approachability, and a genuine commitment to making the class valuable. His positive energy, responsiveness, and encouragement created an environment where students felt comfortable reaching out and engaging. It’s clear that he cares deeply about the student experience, and I appreciated his willingness to support us throughout the course. 2. Unique Experiential Learning Opportunity. The opportunity to manage a real investment fund and pitch ideas with actual capital behind them is a standout feature of this course. Few MBA programs offer this kind of hands-on exposure to real-world investing. This structure makes the course inherently engaging and meaningful, and it has strong potential to help students build practical investment skills. 3. Student Ownership and Autonomy. The open-ended nature of the assignments gave students room to explore their own ideas, conduct independent research, and form original theses. While the lack of structure could be challenging at times, the autonomy also encouraged creativity and helped simulate a real-world investing environment in which there’s rarely one *right* answer.”

“One of my favorite classes that really forced me to draw conclusions about the changing world around me and tie it back to quantitative investing. The feedback we got in our presentations and getting to interact with Ross Alum in industry was great and a huge learning experience. Shout out to Peter for being a great ISS”

“Excellent information about utilizing data, understanding risk, and conducting research on company metrics. I will use some of the material in my own portfolio research.”

“I truly appreciate the opportunity to participate in the OMBA Fund and want to acknowledge that Professor Qin is clearly committed to making this course valuable. His enthusiasm and approachability came through, and I hope to stay connected to him beyond the course.”

“Qin was very intelligent”

“Describing market conditions in ways that we all could better understand”

“working with a knowledgeable team.”

CHAPTER 12

OPTIONS - MBA/MSF ELECTIVE CLASSES

12.1 FINA6220 (Fall 2010)

Please identify 2 or 3 things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“This instructor was always prepared and made a very challenging class very interesting. The instructor bent over backwards to help the class get the concepts and was always available to go over issues of difficulty. This is one of the best instructors that I have had at SMU in my two years as an PMBA student. Great job!!”

“The videos he posts are incredibly helpful. Actually, his entire website for the course is a great resource. It helps to really hammer home some of the more difficult concepts covered in the class. Professor Lei is also incredibly accommodating to his students. He is always available to meet for office hours and responds almost immediately to email inquiries. You can really tell that having his students truly understand and grasp the principles covered in class is his number one priority. Great teacher.”

“Abnormally organized! Does not allow students to fall behind through quiz/class structure. Very intelligent and passionate about teaching. Great use of technology. This guy gives it his all and cares about students succeeding.”

“Teacher was genuinely cared that students learned material and made himself available as much as necessary. With homework solutions and solution videos loaded on his website, it made the class very much more manageable for PMBA’s.”

“Professor Lei did an outstanding job teaching this course. The course was very well organized. He showed good passion for the subject matter, and real interest in helping

students learn. I was very impressed with him; his efforts made this one of the best courses I've taken at SMU."

"The instructor was very good at communicating how to think through such a complex and difficult subject. He was passionate about the subject and truly wanted to make sure every student had a thorough understanding of the subject."

"Professor Lei did an amazing job! He was extremely organized, and he put a lot of effort into developing his materials. He took a genuine interest in helping each person learn in his class. He went above and beyond to meet with individuals outside of class. He even posted videos of how to solve some of the more difficult problems. This really helped those of us that had work schedules that did not permit us to attend his review sessions. I would say Lei is one of the best professors at SMU hands down."

"The instructor did a good job of teaching the material and making sure that the class understood what he was talking about before moving on."

"Very well organized. Provided plenty of help and even had video solutions to difficult problems on his website Great instructor"

"Keep it up Lei. You are an elite professor!"

"The use of Options Trivia in class was good. The instructor demonstrated excellent scholarship in the topic and generated student interest. The communication and course design were immaculate and the instructor was highly organized and extremely helpful."

"Very organized- you are a very likeable professor- always available, quick response to emails- probably the best teacher as far as availability I have ever had"

"1. Class materials, such as video materials for important problem solving and review sessions, were very well prepared and timely provided to students. 2. I thought 'Trivia' testing was very effective to measure students class participation and their class preparations of reading textbook chapters. 3. The lectures were very clear and straightforward to follow."

"Videos uploaded for solutions was extremely helpful. Also appreciated the various review sessions and in general your eagerness to help the students do well."

"I think the professor paced the material very well, neither too fast nor too slow. The use of visual representations to problems was also very helpful for visual learners. The professor also made himself available to students."

"It was clear Professor Lei went above and beyond to ensure his students learned. Recording the review sessions and providing video solutions to the homework were very helpful."

"Very well organized course"

"The professor quizzed students at each class meeting and provided posted worked problems in the form of audio/visual media. Quizzes are good motivation to stay on top of material."

"Quizzes; In class problems; Study hours and videos; I liked the weekly quizzes to keep you caught up and prepared weekly for the course. Given that this is an elective, I liked that the mid-term was implemented and makes the final non-comprehensive. This helped really focus on learning the material instead of just studying/preparing for a comprehensive exam."

"video solutions for answers, posting homework and lecture solutions."

"use homework questions on quizzes"

"Very helpful and class problems along with class quiz made us all pay attention. Always available for office hours."

"The course website was great. Very quick responses and feedback."

"The posting of answers to questions online was a great idea. Also the review sessions were of great help."

"Class was well designed."

“Very well organized class. Options trivia was very good to keep students up to date. Lecture style was very clear and easy to understand.”

“Great Class”

12.2 FINA6220 (Spring 2011)

Please identify 2 or 3 things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“Best teacher at SMU hands down.”

“One of the best finance professors at Cox. Anyone can plug numbers into a formula, Qin teaches the intuition behind the formulas.”

“the website is amazing...teach other professors how to do it. instant feedback, willingness to work with students, and being very open about how to study and what to expect”

“I thought the use of videos was exceptional. It was great to have the opportunity to go through the more difficult problems with outside instruction (via the course website).”

“Answered questions timely.”

“Great class. One of the first to really combine the strategies of financial management with the quant techniques needed to execute the strategies.”

“Professor Lei’s website is an exceptional resource for students. The video explanations are very helpful and it was nice to have a central location for all of the course information.”

“The course website was extremely impressive and the professor used it to keep the class moving from week to week. From podcasts, videos and emails, I have yet to see another professor this organized.”

“Well prepared for class with notes. Timely response to emails and questions students had. Also put in extra effort and provided video tutorials and review sessions.”

“Professor Lei did a superb job in teaching the material this mod. It starts with his organized course. You can tell that a lot of time and planning went into the course as well as each individual lecture. His comprehensive website which includes all lectures, videos he posts of himself working through specific problems, constant updates on relevant information, and the in class web trivia show a level of dedication to teaching which exceeds that of most if not all professors I have had thus far (and I have only 1 class left in the program). Professor Lei made it very clear from the first lecture that he was dedicated to making sure his students were successful and proceeded to deliver on his promise throughout the mod. I wholeheartedly believe that the value of a Cox MBA would be enhanced if more professors modeled their courses after Professor Lei’s.”

“Overall, course was very well organized and structured.”

“Very simple yet thorough in his lectures. Made available everything discussed in class on his website which is great for PMBA’s. Top notch professor, keep up the good work!”

“Posting of practice problems via online video. Podcasts of lectures. The information provided on the website greatly increased my ability to learn the material.”

“Unbelievably organized and thorough teacher”

“Great Class. Best organization and willingness to help I have ever seen from a professor. He took sincere interest in doing whatever was necessary to help us learn the material.”

12.3 FINA6220 (Fall 2011)

Please identify 2 or 3 things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“best teacher I’ve had at SMU, truly cared about the students learning.”

“The methodical, step-by-step approach was phenomenal for learning all concepts and applying them. As well, the instructor practically ‘bent over backwards’ to ensure that the students had enough time to learn and apply the concepts through various media, and also that students had ample opportunity to meet with him. Probably the best teaching style and method I’ve come across at Cox. It made the course fluid and learning came easy.”

“Professor Lei is an excellent instructor. This was one of the best classes I have taken at SMU.”

“Most organized class I have ever taken. The website was so much better than Blackboard. The instructor really cared about meeting with students and gave students every resource they needed to understand the material and succeed in the course.”

“Lei’s method of 50 minutes on 10 minutes off helped the 3 hours go by in the blink of an eye. Perhaps it was the engaging topic, but I left every class appreciative of the time I spent there. Options trivia was used in lieu of taking roll, which I was OK with, as the questions were never absurdly difficult. Rather than being difficult, the questions just assured that attention was paid during class. I also appreciated the mix of qualitative and quantitative topics, usually the first hour was spent on theory, then the next 2 were spent in Excel. My plan is to use the skills learned in real options trading.”

“Extremely well organized and the website is exceptional as compared to many other professors. Prof. Lei seems genuinely interested in helping students learn the subject matter and goes out of his way to make himself available along with other tools on his website, for example the Excel survival kit and videos. The most engaged professor in the program so far, in my opinion.”

“Qin did an amazing job to bring options down to a simple understandable level. He was one of my favorite professors I have had. The readings and homework assignments were short and to the point, and not too confusing to be discouraging. Video solutions were helpful, too, as was the virtual review session. Also, very much liked having 2 breaks per class period.”

“He explained everything very thoroughly and provided excellent resources online. I loved the website and how much flow of information there was.”

“Professor Lei was extremely organized and well prepared for each class. He spoke clearly and at a level that even a nonfinance concentration would understand. He also made himself readily available outside of class.”

“The use of technology and the option trivia is very helpful. He did well in providing many opportunities to learn the material via his course webpage. Option trivia was well used to keep us engaged in the material.”

“Class timing/schedule with two breaks is excellent - please keep this up; I wish ALL professors did this for the three hour classes. I appreciated the class beginning and ending on-time, every time. Well done. The professors’ willingness to teach and explain ideas has been the best I have seen at Cox. The genuine interest in teaching this course is amazing.”

“I would suggest having additional options trivia and requiring the number right to be higher. It kept me interested and engaged without being a tedious task.”

“I liked the application to the real world. For example, Nick Leeson (Barings) and LTCM. Also, the Option Trivia kept me on my toes and forced me to keep up.”

“The slide decks were great and I appreciate the amount of time you spent during class to walk us through examples.”

“I had a tough time understanding options but this class made it very easy. Professor Qin was very approachable.”

“Great structure for the course. The instructor utilized time very well and was very thorough in his teaching style.”

“Very good at explaining things”

“Great website; Good course”

“Great class!!!”

“Great examples of real world issues. Great that he walks through the problems and helps out a lot.”

“Great teacher. strives for excellence. helps students a lot.”

“The website with the videos and the podcasts were very helpful. The professor went above and beyond providing additional help if needed.”

“Professor Lei was genuinely interested in teaching this course. I enjoyed his options trivia, the homework problems, video solutions, and the review sessions.”

“The use of the online website (trivia, videos, etc) was very helpful; Strong commitment to each students success”

“Enthusiastic, helpful review sessions, interesting assignments”

“Our professor was very organized with the content of the course. He also provided several resources in order to better understand the material and was always available to answer questions we may have had.”

“All the materials available through the website were very helpful”

“great lecturer”

“Favorite class at Cox so far.”

“very well taught course. Impressed with his teaching style and knowledge.”

“The course website was very useful and helped provide structure to the course.”

“I am not sure he could improve much. I could tell he enjoyed teaching and challenging us and I got a lot out of this class.”

12.4 FINA6220 (Spring 2012)

Please identify 2 or 3 things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“This class and the Forwards, Futures and Swaps class taught by professor Lei have been the best classes of my MBA experience. The materials are excellent, he is well prepared to teach and engage with the students, and his classes are as challenging as they are enjoyable. I’ve never given a ‘perfect’ evaluation before, but I can’t think of anything that needs to change for his courses to improve. I look forward to taking his trading course next spring!”

“Best utilization of technology I have seen at SMU. Other professors should learn from him. Provided audio of the lectures in case people missed class. Very helpful. Answered any questions promptly and thoroughly via email.”

“Once again a great class by Professor Lei. Definitely my favorite professor on campus.”

“The organization in this course was the best of all the classes I have taken. Additionally, there is much help on the website to assist in learning the key concepts outside the classroom.”

“He’s got it all covered. He is hands down the hardest working teacher I’ve had.”

“Outstanding structure and organization. Great way to manage expectations and provide access to excellent class materials.”

“Awesome resources on the course page. This professor is the best in this school at walking through material in a logical manner and providing every resource possible to each student. One of the best professors, just keep doing what you’re doing.”

"Professor Lei was very organized, had thorough knowledge of the subject matter, and communicated his lectures very clearly. He also was approachable and answered any questions we had, including offering several review sessions outside of class time."

"Highly organized and logical lecture notes His way of teaching is very understandable and encouraging Best instructor I ever meet in cox"

"Course is well structured. Professor is genuinely interested in each student. He doesn't hesitate to provide timely assistance."

"Professor Lei provides every opportunity for students to learn the material he teaches in class. Whether it is practice problems, recorded lectures, video solutions to homework, etc., there are plenty of opportunities for students to learn and nobody should be able to claim they weren't given a fair chance in this class."

"2 breaks in class were great. He made it very easy to keep up in class by making all the material available."

"Lei's lectures are well organized and go well with the trivia and suggested homework problems. His spreadsheets compliment the course material and help solve real world problems."

"Great utilization of course web site. Was very easy to find everything you needed. Good enthusiasm for the course."

"Making all resources available on the class website is very helpful. Also, timely response to email questions, as well as trivia solutions is also appreciated."

"He had well organized classes and a fantastic teaching website. He is one of the best professors I ever met."

"Great job with the trivia"

"The structure of the class. Very organized and the lectures were straight to the point. You were very efficient with our time and I am glad you maximized the time we had in class. Also, the website is excellent. It was the best designed and utilized site for any class I have taken. Great job on the videos! Every professor should be required to provide these."

"1) Good structure 2) Thorough knowledge 3) Well prepared"

"The trivia questions are a great way to make sure people are paying attention during class. His website is great. The videos that he posts are very helpful if you forgot how he did things in class."

"1. He had good pacing during class. I felt like he didn't go too fast but he wasn't laboring points either. 2. I thought the videos were very helpful because sometimes it was hard to go that fast in class."

"The videos were helpful in helping me work on problems outside of class."

"The videos that he provides for each class are very helpful in preparing for the exam and the course overall. Every professor should do this."

"The extra material available on the website is very beneficial. The structure of the class was very well laid out. I enjoyed the practical projects being take home."

"Enthusiastic, interested in the material, well organized, provides the information in many ways to help students learn."

"- Detailed materials, tailored for course and makes it effortless to follow along and re-view materials at any time - Maintained good pace, yet did not sacrifice clarity - Made subject matter more interesting by sharing narratives in history/business-world/real-world methods. Added to depth of body of knowledge"

"1) Continue to provide video solutions to the problems covered in class 2) Continue to use trivia questions 3) Continue to teach the course in two major sections, theory and practical"

"1. The audio/video that is provided in the course website about the class and homework problems were very helpful."

“Effort was very high. Very good instructor.”

“He is perfect”

12.5 FINA6220 (Fall 2012)

Please identify 2 or 3 things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“This is my last module and this is by far one of the very best courses that I have taken throughout the entire MBA program.”

“One of the best classes I have taken in my life. Dr. Lei makes extremely good use of time. By just showing up and following along, it is possible to learn a great amount. The structure of the class is superb. It is extremely thoughtful and beneficial that all resources for the class, including recorded sessions, are online. Failure is not an option with the carefully formatted structure of this class. I hope to take more classes with Dr. Lei.”

“One of the top professors in the MBA program! The course design and organization of the lectures, homework, assignments and tests was excellent!”

“The instructor was very organized and very approachable and helpful. He was very interested in making sure everyone learned the subject.”

“Best organized course that I have taken so far at Cox: his course website should be a model for other teachers to use. He really cares about his students and makes time for his students; he goes above and beyond to be reached in office, by e-mail, review sessions, or by phone I like his trivia/attendance system. One of top professors at Cox - there should be more like him.”

“It would seem like I just blew through the review and gave Professor Lei all Strongly Agrees for every answer to just get it over with quickly. This is not the case. This is the best professor that I have had at SMU. He went above and beyond to help his students in every possible way. If I receive anything less than an A in this course, it will not be because he did not prepare me well enough. He made himself available at every possible moment. I wish I had had more professors like him.”

“Ultimate course structure! Very well organized. The teacher has set a standard for other professors to match up to. The teacher stimulated my thinking about options and i am fairly confident in my general understanding of the concepts. Salute to you sir.”

“The course was well organized, and Professor Lei seemed genuinely interested in teaching us and in making sure that we understood the concepts covered in each lecture. The assignments were graded promptly and the homework and at home reading was definitely manageable for a professional student. If I wasn't graduating in December I would definitely take the remaining courses that Professor Lei is teaching.”

“The instructor did a great job organizing the course and providing very relevant homework assignments and the practical project. The pace of the course was really good too.”

“Professor Lei is very engaging in his lectures and keeps the audience enthused by the subject matter. The ability to virtually work with options also allowed us to learn and apply what we learned in class to the real world.”

“Dr. Lei was very engaging and a wonderful teacher! I really enjoyed this class. I thought that it was well structured. Dr. Lei was also very helpful outside of class.”

“He was energetic and his teaching style really engaged the class and I think everyone enjoyed it. There have only been 1-2 teachers that I would like to take classes from again, and he was one of them.”

“- very organized - good notes and communicated clearly - by far my best professor this mod”

“Dr. Lei was a fantastic professor—by far one of the best I’ve had at SMU. The class is well structured and very organized.”

“Please keep it up! It is also clear how much he loves teaching and cares about his students learning and mastering the material. I’ve enjoyed this class and look forward to his other classes.”

“The instructor organized the class with material and supporting documents that surpassed my expectations. The instructor was extremely willing to share time to confront any outstanding issues regarding the material. One of the most organized classes that I have taken at Cox.”

“Dr. Lei is the hardest working professor at SMU. He is very well prepared to teach the class and expects the same out of you.”

“The use of technology was amazing. The professor was always accessible outside of class. His use of a virtual account was quite helpful to developing my understanding of option trading.”

“I only wish I had taken other classes of yours’ earlier!”

“Great class! Looking forward to taking more classes with Prof. Lei.”

“Can’t improve on perfection! Maybe Dr. Lei could influence his peers to adopt his style...”

“Great class notes with examples that you walk through clearly. You bring in real-world examples which make the material more relevant and interesting.”

“The teacher was always available and explained the material in an easy to understand way.”

“Really cared about the class. Very impressed with the customized web site.”

“Provides ways to see where you stand in the class. Very interesting and engaging lecturer.”

“He had a well laid out course and was enthusiastic about teaching.”

“Structure of each class period; Feedback and availability outside of class”

“The course website was helpful and well organized.”

“great interpretation and well-built course website”

“virtual trading, trivia questions”

“Well-organized and time efficient course.”

“Trivia makes you listen to class, exams are structured too”

“I like the way the class is structured, with 2 short breaks”

“- Practical Projects and trading strategies portions - Short, concise weekly readings and assignments”

“1. Very well organized materials and course structure 2. The instructor found the way to explain very well a very complicated subject. 3. The instructor made himself available at all times to help with the material.”

“really liked everything about the class, so don’t have any complaints”

“There is honestly nothing negative that I can say here - I wish all of the courses at SMU had been like this one...”

“I can’t think of anything that could’ve been done better...”

12.6 FINA6220 (Spring 2013)

Please identify 2 or 3 things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

"It's hard to be specific when the instruction was so close to flawless. One of - if not - the best professors at SMU Cox. Clearly explained course in details. Provide audio in the course website"

"Once again Professor Lei went far beyond what was required to ensure that each student was given an opportunity to fully comprehend all the subject matter in this course. I have had the opportunity to attend several classes and he has shown that he is constantly evolving his teaching methods in a manner that keeps recurring students on their toes intellectually while not leaving new students behind."

"As always, very well structured class with clear expectations. Trivia questions always great to make sure the class maintains full attention during the lectures. I like how the midterm only covers the theoretical information learned vs. practical projects to assess knowledge and grasp of other concepts displayed in excel."

"I feel like Dr. Lei is the most fair instructor I have had in the program. I appreciate that he is always willing to help, but not give unfair advantages to other students who might ask him a question relating to the answer for the projects. I liked this course and the organization the best of the three courses I have had with him."

"I liked that the professor took time to work through problems on the board instead of walking through a powerpoint slide of the solution. I also liked his strategy of understanding the underlying intuition for every equation or quantitative problem we worked on. I really enjoyed the practical projects and getting to implement what we learned in the theory portion of the class to more real world situations."

"I think the practical question is very helpful in terms of having a better understanding of the subject we learned. Also the example we did in class is very helpful in terms of getting the idea."

"Utilized class time very effectively. Very accommodating in his efforts to help students grasp the material of the class Real world application of topics covered in class"

"The class are very well organized and the teacher has strong professional demeanor. The instructor delivered very clear speeches and are very nice in treating students and grades"

"1. I liked that the trivia questions were actually reasonable/doable and not tricky. 2. I enjoyed lecture seven where we learned about a real-life application of trading/options trading strategies. I think as masters students it is important to be exposed to real-life applications of what we learn "out of the book." 3. The breakdown of when we should have the Final Project questions completed by and approximately how long they would take to complete was so helpful! It really kept me on track and helped me block out the appropriate amount of time to devote to the project."

"Use of more spreadsheets was appropriate. The forwards futures and swaps course could use more of that. The trivia questions were a great way to ensure I stayed on top of the material. The lectures were always interesting. Lecture is really good and understandable."

"all well done "

"provide detailed explanation and calculation about trading strategy effectively utilize time well-organized class structure. give timely feedback."

"Assigning the practical projects is very helpful and challenging. Also the professor's online video and lecture postings are beneficial and facilitate outside revision of the material."

"used time well"

"Good Presentations and Professor helped anyway he can"

"The class is practical and the audio recording is convenience for us to check later."

"I like the practical projects, which enhance my technical skills."

"1. Perfect. 2. well-designed"

“The project and the practice we did in the class are very good, helped me learn a lot.”

“Instructor did a really good job of explaining multiple ways of coming to a value. Instructor was readily available for question and assistance if necessary.”

“Very nice structure”

CHAPTER 13

OPTIONS AND FUTURES - MBA/MFE ELECTIVE CLASSES

13.1 FIN580 (Fall A 2013)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“The professor is the best teacher I have ever met. He can explain everything clearly and he is also willing to answer every single question both in class and outside. I really like this course.”

“Prof Qin Lei is the professor who pays attention to his students the most I’ve ever met.”

“Excellent instructor - one of the best I have had in the Finance Department so far. I think there is a ton of outside course support in the form of academic materials, tutoring, interactive online sessions and other forms. This is a hugely important in any finance course - much less an Options course - and requires a ton of time and effort on the part of the instructor. Lei did a fantastic job going above and beyond. Furthermore, the optionsXpress was very cool and supplemented the learning experience. Also appreciated the 10-question credit threshold for the Trivia, which was a great add to class to ensure students were on top of the course.”

“I thought the Professor Lei’s passion for the material was evident and I found him to be a very good lecturer.”

“I thought the professor was really engaging and was a stark contrast to my core finance professor.”

“Instructor is very dedicated to helping students learn materials in many different ways”

“Instructor was very well prepared. Instructor clearly cared very much about students learning the material.”

“Professor did a great job of teaching through visualization and explaining and conceptualization of the material rather than regurgitate information.”

“Professor was very available, and clearly cared about our learning.”

“Professor was well prepared and knew the material”

“Professor’s website and resources were very helpful to review classes in my own speed.”

“The instructor did a great job explaining how the material was applicable in real life situations”

“The professor was very responsive to the students”

“The slides for each class were very comprehensive and organized. They flowed well with Professor Lei’s lectures and were comprehensive enough to help prepare for the Practical Project and final exam.”

“Excellent course. I did meet my expectations about this course. I was able to learn how options and futures work, and it will be very helpful in my career. The professor always took care of the students, having control of their performance through the course by applying a quiz per class. This forced the students to always be prepared for each class, and allowed us to learn the different topics. The professor offered me his help in case that I need it, and it demonstrates how he care about our learning experience.”

“Great professor. Examples usually good. Trivia questions are a good tool.”

“Professor Lei did a great job of using real life examples to bring course concepts to life and truly cared about our learning. I appreciate that he put in extra effort (weekend review sessions) to make sure that we understood the material.”

“Professor for this course was very well organized. His lectures slides and websites were designed very professionally.”

“Qin was very passionate and knowledgeable on this subject which made the course more exciting as well as made the lectures go by fast.”

“The Prof is very clear and systematic in delivering the instructing material.”

“The course was very well taught, with a very good pace set by the instructor. Difficult concepts were clearly explained, and the professor ensured that all students were comfortable before moving on to a new topic.”

“The lectures were very clear and easy to understand”

“The methodical approach and reading materials. The course website was well structured”

“The professor was extremely well organized. He made it extremely easy to find reference materials and other learning material.”

“Very clear instruction, the learning experience has far exceeded my expectation.”

“Well prepared instructor, passionate about the subject which is nice.”

“the videos on the course website were a great tool providing solutions to the homework questions was extremely helpful in understanding the intermediate steps”

“I really like some of the real life examples discussions in class such the Barings bank and LTCM debacle.”

“Fantastic job teaching. Incredible preparation and execution. Lei should be a pillar in the Finance Department’s new crop of professors.”

“GREAT class. GREAT material & presentation. GREAT professor.”

“Great course which helps understand both theoretical and practical basic of options, greatly stretches the mind”

“Great course, got me very interested in long-term investing and might take Investment Management course.”

“I like the class, and thought Professor Lei was really engaging and helpful. Thanks for the help!”

"You did a great job in prepping and being fully aware of the students need. Greatly appreciated your energy teaching the class!"

"Everyone should take this course, with this professor."

"It's a very useful course and I would recommend my friends to take this."

"Professor was very approachable. I greatly appreciate and commend the effort he put into the course website."

"Well organized courses/lecturers. I recommend that Class of 2015 students take this if they are interested in this area."

"Chances to try the concepts in real life."

"Clear explanations, very concise and to the point handouts, great examples"

"Great examples and exercises (including homeworks and projects), which helped better understand the concepts. Great availability and attitude from the professor"

"Great lecture notes and tools; easy to use and helpful course website, and fantastic lecture quality."

"I like the separation of theory one week, then practice the following week."

"Lectures, Virtual Options Express, and practice problems. The use of past and current financial markets examples was very helpful in driving home some of these concepts."

"Of the topics that were challenging, they were well taught and concepts were communicated effectively. Expectation of intuitive understanding was met."

"The course material was easy to understand. The instructor discussed each topic in great detail and made references to earlier content to re-emphasize the key concepts. The trivia questions were fun"

"The in class instruction and intuitive rather than mathematical approach worked extremely well for the intro course with a short class timeline."

"The practice problems were helpful, and I liked the trivia. I wish there were more of them."

"The theory of the course is pretty good and the professor is well prepared for each class."

"Well organized material and enough quizzes to make sure students understood the concepts behind the material."

"detailed concept and excellent lecture."

"very good"

"A great match between theory and practice."

"Lots of office hours"

"Pretty good lectures. Not very difficult in lectures which can help students to grasp the most fundamental (which are important) concepts and notions."

"Really appreciate the lecture after week5 A. Pretty interesting."

"virtual trade and assignments"

"Excellent!"

"Good course overall! Would recommend it."

"Good professor and useful course!"

"Great class"

"Overall good course"

"Overall, a good course that I would recommend to my classmates."

"Overall, a good mix of theory, math, and the practical applications of options and futures."

"Well prepared; reaction is quick; high-tech, different from the Ctools"

"Very good and beneficial!"

13.2 FIN580 (Fall B 2013)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“Very organized materials of course pack and website. Helpful teaching style. One of the best courses at ROSS that I have taken so far.”

“Great Class, one of the best I have received in the Finance area, mostly because of the profesor.”

“Instructor fully understands students’ difficulty for mathematical sense. I was so impressed with his way of approach for Black-Scholes Model. Open door policy and many chances to follow up outside the class encourages me to understand well. very helpful instructor.”

“The instructor was extremely helpful and enthusiastic about teaching.”

“I hope it could be a longer course so that we could learn more from such a good prof.”

“Professor Lei cares about the learning of his students and does his best to explain concepts.”

“The course is very practical, not just calculations and theory. Good course platform, which has more functions than school platform.”

“Have you ever considered to offer this course in MOOC for more students all over the world?”

“I enjoyed the class on a much deeper level and felt it was opportune in helping me think of about the idea of free markets vs intervention.”

“I really appreciate the professor because he allows me to take FIN580. Also, he was always supportive and well-explained. I really like this class.”

“Prof Qin was very holistic in his class structure. The lecture, notes, real-life examples, cases, textbook readings, articles all jived and fit into the larger and much more comprehensive picture of the derivatives market. This made learning very practical and not merely pedantic.”

“The instructor was very aware of the learning needs of the class and was very happy to clarify questions in and out of the class”

“Very organized instructor, a fact the made a very difficult topic easy to understand!”

“Very well-prepared for lectures. Practical project was helpful. Lecture notes were straightforward and easy to read.”

“Professor was extremely dedicated to student learning and made every attempt to make an otherwise difficult subject very manageable.”

“Concept driven, not just focus on formulas or numbers”

“The instructor offers a very cohesive course, he explains the materials very clearly. Most of all, he is very helpful and always ready to resolve our questions no matter in or out of the classroom.”

“It is great to have access to Options Express. I also felt that the PowerPoint decks were fairly well organized and useful for later review and study.”

“Excellent!”

“I learnt a lot about options & futures (which is something I never understood before). Thank you professor for teaching this course.”

“Prod. Qin was well prepared, professional and helpful throughout.”

“The instructor is very organized and the materials are useful and practical.”

“The instructor was well prepared.”

“Well prepared”

“very well structured and organized.”

“The course was excellent.”

“It was a great course! The intuition training is so helpful!”

“Enjoy the class very much. Maybe would like to see more real-world application or analysis on current events.”

“Excellent class!”

“Excellent course, of really high quality.”

“Excellent!”

“Good course...”

“Great course.”

13.3 FIN580 (Winter A 2014)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“This course is really awesome. Professor Qin Lei is excellent and always willing to help. I really appreciate this learning experience.”

“This is the class with the most prepared professor I have had. It is great to see this type of involvement from a professor. Definitely makes the learning easier. Love the class.”

“Never seen a prof. more prepared for the course than prof. Lei.”

“The class is very structured and professor is very good at teaching. Provides a lot time outside class with office-hours and review sessions.”

“The professor is really well-prepared and organized in lecture. He provided a lot of materials to learn.”

“It was a great course! After it I became even more interested in finance!”

“Mathematical models were highly emphasized and explained very clearly”

“You did outstanding job teaching a dry subject in a very entertaining way. Thank you for the class!”

“I think the homework assignment and the project are quite helpful for further understanding the topics in classes. And the Virtual Trade platform is more than a gift!”

“the prof cares about students so much!! helpful and warmhearted”

“I think the course was very good overall. It's a bit rigorous but was good.”

“This is the only class i have given all 5's to. Very well done!”

“great lecture with clear explanations. Thanks”

“The instructor was genuinely enthusiastic about the topic and it showed in his teaching. He was really prompt in helping students and made the topics interesting and easy to follow.”

“I think everything went well in this course: the professor is incredibly well-prepared and he is really good at making complicated concepts straightforward. For me, additional materials he gave us (including articles, excel files, and videos) helped me to enjoy learning as well.”

“I learnt a lot in this course. Professor Lei was amazing and taught at a pace which allowed everyone to grasp the material effectively.”

“Well-designed course, selected homework problems relevant to learning objectives, identified pertinent textbook sections rather than entire chapters, in-class trivia motivated students to prepare for class, class did not include too much material”

“Instructor was very energetic, engaging, and very passionate about class. The course readings, hw, trivia, and practical projects all helped reinforce the material. Instructor

was very well organized and his website is a very effective course management/learning tool. A+!”

“1) Adequate student-instructor meetings to clear doubts 2) Practical project was helpful in tying everything together”

“I found the lectures very interesting and challenging. I don’t have a lot of background on the subject but I felt like I could still follow along and then work at my own pace outside of class on the questions. I liked that the trivia questions counted towards our grade and weren’t too easy, I think it was good motivation to pay attention in class and I was always very proud when I checked back and realized that I got a trivia question correct!”

“Ample resources to practice the futures and options. Ability to try out buying futures and options on the virtual trading platform was great.”

“The teaching style and approach kept me interested. The addition of the trading application to test theories learned in class was a help accommodating those with learning styles that suit action. Overall very good.”

“Professor Qin was extremely helpful and willing to meet outside of office hours to discuss any topic from the class. The custom website was actually much better than CTools. The layout was easy to navigate and made finding needed resources easy.”

“I appreciated the breadth and variety of resources the instructor used for this course. The online trivia, the class readings, the excel model tools, all were very helpful. Also, the professor was very easy to access outside of class.”

“Website for the course was very helpful. And all the course materials were really helpful.”

“Professor Lei clearly cares about his students and cares about his teaching obligations.”

“- Very structure class - Lots of resources to prepare the class and study - Great professor!”

“Great course. Highly recommend anyone interested in options and futures to take it up.”

“Impressed with prof’s preparation for the course.”

“instructor is energetic”

“Excellent course. Taught very well!”

“Everything is beyond my expectation.”

“Maybe make the HW a graded portion of the class. Not much else needs improment”

“Great course, great professor.”

“Great course notes!”

“Well rounded class”

“Overall a great class. Very interesting with takeaways for future work and personal finance uses.”

“Excellent course, will recommend others to take it.”

13.4 FIN580 (Winter A 2015)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“Prof. Lei is a truly sensational instructor. He is immensely knowledgeable, creates an incredibly good feeling / atmosphere in the classroom, was always willing to meet with students even during the weekends to assist with questions, and I thus consider him a huge asset for the Ross Business School. Overall, Prof. Lei is perhaps the best instructor I have ever come across in my academic life. In addition, I will be recommending this course for every student in my program.”

"Professor Lei was very well prepared for every class, and his passion for teaching and genuine interest in the course topic really showed to me. I also loved a good combination of lectures and hands-on in-class exercises. The use of trivia questions also motivated me to engage in classes and work diligently throughout the course."

"Professor Lei is a very skilled professor who is able to understand the broad student's expectations."

"Great job on all counts, we were lucky to have you!"

"Prof. Qin is great! Very patient and very helpful."

"Professor taught the fundamentals of options and futures in very organized manner. I could learn many important logic and concepts."

"Professor articulated very challenging topics in a clear and straightforward manner."

"Qin is incredibly well prepared for class, with great structure and resources. He also makes time to meet with students outside of the classroom and genuinely cares about how the students perform. The class topics were at time complex, but thoroughly discussed so that all students could understand."

"I really learned a lot of Finance in this course, the instructor is very helpful and always full of passion, which encouraged my enthusiastic on options and futures."

"I think this course was extremely well designed to offer the perfect mix of theoretical and practical knowledge and insights. It offered a taste of the deeper mathematics behind these financial topics without going too far as to scare off students."

"The lectures were very thorough and did a good job at explaining the material."

"The prof broke down the complex topics in simpler (easy-to-follow) concepts. This helped the students grasp the challenging concepts. Plus, the perfect blend of concepts and numerical furthers the learning."

"Overall an excellent course - essential course for the finance track folks."

"Abundant materials to refer to Professor's willingness to help learning"

"Coming from a very limited financial background I found this course very informative but somewhat time consuming, devoting time to catching up on basic terms etc. However Professor Lei did a great job of explaining and re-explaining things in class to give you ample time to internalize it in class and take it home to apply what you learned that day to the homework. I will definitely take him again for future financial studies."

"Great course overall. Instructor did an excellent job of teaching the material. The course-work was challenging, but the amount of work was ideal and allowed students to balance recruiting and other classes. I really enjoyed this course."

"Great lectures and good explanation"

"It's a good course, and provides an interesting experience for a MAE student like me."

"I feel very sorry that I haven't devoted much time to this course. The professor is really helpful, patient, organized and passionate. Many thanks to Prof. Qin."

"I liked the structure of the course, including using trivia questions to reiterate concepts learned in class. The practical projects, though demanding, also helped reinforced the concepts we discussed in class in a more practical way."

"I've previously learnt some materials about options & futures before, but generally they are superficial. Through this course I deepened my understanding of options and futures."

"Instructor explains the material well."

"Lectures were very helpful in bringing the concepts together and providing a strong intuitive framework for understanding the material."

"Materials are well explained."

"Great instructor! Good course website."

"I did not know option & future at all, but through this class, I can understand concept of them. Thank you very much."

“The class was well organized, and very applicable.”
 “clear explanation and good interactions in the classes. Dr. Qin is a fantastic professor in teaching this course.”
 “Clear lectures, good practice problems, great powerpoints”
 “Good learning experience, well prepared course”
 “I cannot think of any necessary improvements.”
 “Nothing on the course material or the professor’s lecture needs improvement. I really enjoyed this course.”
 “Really cannot think of anything for improvement. Tremendous instructor, amazing course.”
 “Great course!”
 “Great professor!”
 “I love this course!”
 “Professor was very kind and helpful to understand the fundamentals of option and future.”
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 “learnt a lot from this course”
 “Generally a great course to such a difficult financial derivative topic.”
 “Great course. Lots of helpful content on course site to reinforce lecture content. Very well organized instructor.”
 “I felt the course was very good. The project was helpful in understanding the material.”
 “Great”

13.5 FIN580 (Winter A 2016)

Please identify a few things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“The professor was well-prepared and explained new concepts/calculations clearly. The lecture handout is well-designed and very reader friendly. Besides, The professor responded to students’ email in time.”
 “There was a lot supporting material to help understand the concepts. This course was a very new concept for me, but having lots of practice problems available, taping lectures to review explanations, and doing examples in class made the process much easier.”
 “Great course to improve understanding derivatives”
 “The class is interesting and helpful”
 “Explanations like the Put Call parity were made in a very clear way. I have learned those concepts before and I do not think anyone had explained me the concepts in such a clear way.”
 “The contents are very organized and easy to follow. Given the concept of derivatives are rather challenging, the layout of the contents saved me a lot of energy and helped to concentrate on the conceptual part.”
 “Well designed lecture”
 “I like the examples given. That makes the course more interesting.”

CHAPTER 14

TRADING - MBA/MSF ELECTIVE CLASSES

14.1 FINA6207 (Fall 2012)

Please identify 2 or 3 things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“This is the first time I play the simulated trade in class. It is very interesting while helpful.”

“The trading part is interesting. The videos are fun.”

“Professor Qin is very responsible and nice. His class is interesting and covers a lot of information.”

“I enjoyed the teaching style as well as the trivia questions. I felt that it made me more engaged during class and gave me a small measure of what I have learned from this class.”

“Really enjoyed the RIT trading simulations- great real world example of strategies learned in class. Enjoyed discussions of recent news.”

“The RIT trading cases were really helpful in seeing how trading really works. Also the OX trading platform increased my interest in the course by having the hands on experience.”

“A lot of things about the real financial events. A lot of training in the trade that is good for the future. The teacher spends enough time to answer the students’ questions.”

“Professor Lei was well versed in the subject matter. He made the material interesting and engaged the students.”

“Use RIT and OX to connect finance theory to real financial world. Help me wherever I need some help.”

“Posted grades on time. Tested questions that related to class material.”

“The use of both lectures and trading simulations in each class are helpful in understanding the concepts. The professor’s willingness to help and his accessibility are greatly appreciated.”

“The professor explained that although not everyone is destined to be a trader, everyone will one day be the CEO of their family. The class and concepts we learned (how to place a limit order, how to interpret news about weather in terms of commodity futures, etc. are applicable to the everyday investor and will help me personally one day establish a stock portfolio and minimize risk. I also liked the trivia questions- they made sure I was paying attention during class.”

“The instructor used real world examples to connect with what we were learning in class. The instructor did a great job of having us using different trading and investing platforms to keep us interested while learning.”

“Utilized class time very effectively; Was very knowledgeable about the subject matter; Answered questions in a very concise, easy to understand manner; Utilized great resources to enhance learning possibilities; Stimulated critical thinking and interest in the subject area”

“The stimulation that we did in class really helped us to get a feel on some of the trading aspect of this class rather than just sit and listen to lecture. I thought that is good and should keep up. I also do like the way that the professor is giving real life examples to illustrate his points”

“Good class structure; Making us see how theory applied in real life through real events”

“He explained the concept clearly and arranged the time appropriately.”

“I like the professor give us several opportunities to do the trading on RIT tool and have fun on Optionxpress.com, which give me the real feeling about the trading works. In addition, the professor Qin usually provided video and ppt to explain the knowledge”

“The professor Dr. Lei demonstrated professional demeanor and organized the class well; He responded to students very well both in and out of the class, to students’ questions and email replying has been really quick and timely. I appreciate this a lot.”

“Course is related to the current world”

“I really think the instructor did a great job in teaching this class. I really enjoyed the course and have a much deeper knowledge for how truly markets work.”

“provide information from the real market; give hand-on instructions about market tools”

“good broad coverage of the trading universe. use of technologies was helpful”

“Graded Trivia Questions quickly. Easy understanding of assignments of Market Trading in OX.”

“I really liked doing the RIT simulations. I would recommend using the simulator even more in future classes. I also liked using OX but I would recommend giving more detailed or structured guidelines for what you expect to see from us as far as what kinds or types of trades to make. I liked the numerical examples and calculations we did in class, but I think there could be more.”

“The RIT and OX systems are great practice for us. We can learn a lot from trading ourselves.”

“real life situations and interesting stories”

“trading simulation and teaching style”

“Examples from the real world, Trivia questions, no textbook”

14.2 FINA6207 (Spring 2013)

Please identify 2 or 3 things that the instructor did well and should continue to do in the future.

“Dr. Lei continues to be one of my favorite professors as this is the third class I have taken with him simply b/c I knew he would make it worthwhile: he didn't disappoint. I really enjoy his passion that he displays for the classes he teaches most. It comes through with his lesson plans and course design. I really appreciate his multiple ways of testing the students knowledge of the material, and I appreciate doing real-time simulations for practice of the techniques and materials we learn in class.”

“A great instructor. well planned course material, great detailed syllabus, provided ahead of course start, timely completion of grading, each class was very well planned, well communicated and time management was great too.”

“Dr. Lei is a very dedicated professor, as evidenced by his class preparation (his course website is very impressive and could serve as a model for other professors), willingness to accept feedback on things that work and do not work and his accessibility. He knows the subject matter quite well and made this an interesting class. I would definitely take another Finance class taught by him.”

“Excellent set up of the course and made the interactive learning very interesting.”

“Obviously the use of the web site is very professional, unique and greatly appreciated.”

“This is my 3rd class with Professor Lei. He has been one of my favorite professors going through the MBA program. It is easy to tell he has a genuine interest in making sure his students are learning the subject. He goes above and beyond to help out students and to discuss topics. It has been a joy to have Professor Lei while at SMU. Keeping doing what you are doing Professor Lei.”

“Very organized. I enjoyed the format of the class - in class trivia, trading competitions each week, virtual OX accounts. This has been my favorite class at SMU. I found the material interesting and the application of concepts extremely practical, as well as fun to practice.”

“Great class! The professor was well organized and a great lecturer. I really enjoyed the class.”

“Was very organized and the course was well constructed. He had his own website and kept it up to date making the class progress easy to follow.”

“Not teaching out of a textbook and using real time simulations is one of the better MBA experiences. ”

“I really liked the course website and how easy it was to find relevant information about the course.”

“1. perfect prof. 2. great lecture”