

ECONOMICS OF EDUCATION (2019-2020 Winter)

Instructor: **Wallskog, Melanie**
Subject: **ECON**
Catalog & Section: **146 1**

Enrolled: **21**
Responses Incl Declines: **21**
Declined: **1**

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Melanie Wallskog

During the quarter, about how many hours on average per week did you interact with this instructor in section, class, lab, office hours, and other meetings?

2

Melanie Wallskog

How much did you learn from this instructor?

A great deal

Melanie Wallskog

Overall, how effective was the instruction you received from this instructor?

Extremely effective

Melanie Wallskog

What skills or knowledge did you learn or improve from this instructor?

Melanie really broke down the different kind of regressions in a clear concise way. She simplified complex material and make it so easy to understand.

Melanie Wallskog

What aspects of this instructor's teaching were most helpful to you? (Please type one idea in each box below.)
Aspect 1:

She makes herself available. Melanie is the most perfect TA in every way. She genuinely wants to help and goes above and beyond when it comes to being helpful. She will stay after her office hours if she sees students are desperately lost (a common thing in this class). She also schedules one on one meetings during her free time to meet with me. It is also quite unbelievable how quickly she responds to email.

Aspect 2:

Melanie is the absolute best TA I've ever had. This course could be frustrating at times given we needed to use Stata but were never trained to. She took the time to actually help us with commands and tried to make our lives easy.

Aspect 3:

The handouts she printed out for section were so helpful and useful on problem sets.

Melanie Wallskog

How can this instructor's teaching be improved? (Please type one idea in each box below.)
Aspect 1:

Melanie should TA more frequently. I would say at the start of the quarter she was good but inexperienced. By the third week she was the BEST TA anyone could ask for. A PRO.

Aspect 2:

None. She will make a fantastic Professor one day.

Aspect 3:

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Melanie Wallskog

How much did you learn from this instructor?

A great deal

Melanie Wallskog

Overall, how effective was the instruction you received from this instructor?

Extremely effective

Melanie Wallskog

What skills or knowledge did you learn or improve from this instructor?

Really helped me understand the nuances and issues about implementing my strategy

Melanie Wallskog

What aspects of this instructor's teaching were most helpful to you? (Please type one idea in each box below.)
Aspect 1:

Thoughtful comments

Aspect 2:

Responsiveness via email

Aspect 3:

Clear explanations

Melanie Wallskog

How can this instructor's teaching be improved? (Please type one idea in each box below.)
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Aspect 2:

Aspect 3:

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Melanie Wallskog

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1

Melanie Wallskog

How much did you learn from this instructor?

A great deal

Melanie Wallskog

Overall, how effective was the instruction you received from this instructor?

Very effective

Melanie Wallskog

What skills or knowledge did you learn or improve from this instructor?

Reinforce class material

Melanie Wallskog

What aspects of this instructor's teaching were most helpful to you? (Please type one idea in each box below.)
Aspect 1:

She was great!

Aspect 2:

Aspect 3:

Melanie Wallskog

How can this instructor's teaching be improved? (Please type one idea in each box below.)
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Aspect 2:

Aspect 3:

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Melanie Wallskog

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Melanie Wallskog

How much did you learn from this instructor? A lot

Melanie Wallskog

Overall, how effective was the instruction you received from this instructor? Extremely effective

Melanie Wallskog

What skills or knowledge did you learn or improve from this instructor?

Melanie Wallskog

What aspects of this instructor's teaching were most helpful to you? (Please type one idea in each box below.)
Aspect 1:

Aspect 2:

Aspect 3:

Melanie Wallskog

How can this instructor's teaching be improved? (Please type one idea in each box below.)
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Aspect 2:

Aspect 3:

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Melanie Wallskog

How much did you learn from this instructor?

A great deal

Melanie Wallskog

Overall, how effective was the instruction you received from this instructor?

Extremely effective

Melanie Wallskog

What skills or knowledge did you learn or improve from this instructor?

econometric methods

Melanie Wallskog

What aspects of this instructor's teaching were most helpful to you? (Please type one idea in each box below.)
Aspect 1:

project advice was very useful

Aspect 2:

econometric methods advice

Aspect 3:

Melanie Wallskog

How can this instructor's teaching be improved? (Please type one idea in each box below.)
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Aspect 2:

Aspect 3:

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Melanie Wallskog

How much did you learn from this instructor?

A great deal

Melanie Wallskog

Overall, how effective was the instruction you received from this instructor?

Extremely effective

Melanie Wallskog

What skills or knowledge did you learn or improve from this instructor?

Melanie clearly explained the specifics of certain econometric models I was struggling with, particularly differences-in-differences.

Melanie Wallskog

What aspects of this instructor's teaching were most helpful to you? (Please type one idea in each box below.)
Aspect 1:

clear, easy-to-follow instruction

Aspect 2:

great availability and responsiveness via email

Aspect 3:

would always stick around after class and section to take in-person questions

Melanie Wallskog

How can this instructor's teaching be improved? (Please type one idea in each box below.)
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Aspect 2:

Aspect 3:

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How much did you learn from this instructor?

A great deal

Melanie Wallskog

Overall, how effective was the instruction you received from this instructor?

Extremely effective

Melanie Wallskog

What skills or knowledge did you learn or improve from this instructor?

Extremely grateful to Melanie. Not only was Melanie clear and helpful when explaining concepts during office hours, she went above and beyond helping me with my final paper through Zoom meetings. She was prompt at replying and set aside plenty of time to help me. She really took the extra steps to understand my data sets and help me fix bugs, while also explain what was going wrong. Best TA I've ever had!

Melanie Wallskog

What aspects of this instructor's teaching were most helpful to you? (Please type one idea in each box below.)

Concise explanations

Aspect 1:

Aspect 2: Patient and kind

Aspect 3: Great feedback

Melanie Wallskog

How can this instructor's teaching be improved? (Please type one idea in each box below.)

Aspect 1:

Aspect 2:

Aspect 3:

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Melanie Wallskog

How much did you learn from this instructor?

A great deal

Melanie Wallskog

Overall, how effective was the instruction you received from this instructor?

Extremely effective

Melanie Wallskog

What skills or knowledge did you learn or improve from this instructor?

Better understanding of mathematical concepts of course, learning STATA, using datasets and guidance on how to write final paper.

Melanie Wallskog

What aspects of this instructor's teaching were most helpful to you? (Please type one idea in each box below.)
Aspect 1:

In person and email help with papers, data analysis and constructing empirical strategy.

Aspect 2:

Aspect 3:

Melanie Wallskog

How can this instructor's teaching be improved? (Please type one idea in each box below.)
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Aspect 2:

Aspect 3:

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Melanie Wallskog

How much did you learn from this instructor?

A great deal

Melanie Wallskog

Overall, how effective was the instruction you received from this instructor?

Extremely effective

Melanie Wallskog

What skills or knowledge did you learn or improve from this instructor?

Research methods for economics.

Melanie Wallskog

What aspects of this instructor's teaching were most helpful to you? (Please type one idea in each box below.)
Aspect 1:

Willingness to share knowledge of empirical research methods (econometrics, data collection, etc.)

Aspect 2:

Aspect 3:

Melanie Wallskog

How can this instructor's teaching be improved? (Please type one idea in each box below.)
Aspect 1:

Knowledge of economics not specifically related to the economics of education. Not super helpful as a reference for the literature about the economics of education.

Aspect 2:

Aspect 3:

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Melanie Wallskog

How much did you learn from this instructor?

A great deal

Melanie Wallskog

Overall, how effective was the instruction you received from this instructor?

Extremely effective

Melanie Wallskog

What skills or knowledge did you learn or improve from this instructor?

Melanie Wallskog

What aspects of this instructor's teaching were most helpful to you? (Please type one idea in each box below.)

Aspect 1:

Aspect 2:

Aspect 3:

Melanie Wallskog

How can this instructor's teaching be improved? (Please type one idea in each box below.)

Aspect 1:

Aspect 2:

Aspect 3:

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Melanie Wallskog

How much did you learn from this instructor? A lot

Melanie Wallskog

Overall, how effective was the instruction you received from this instructor? Extremely effective

Melanie Wallskog

What skills or knowledge did you learn or improve from this instructor? Improved my ability to construct and run a difference in difference regression

Melanie Wallskog

What aspects of this instructor's teaching were most helpful to you? (Please type one idea in each box below.) She was always very quick to respond over email with very thorough answers to my questions.
Aspect 1:

Aspect 2: She is very committed to ensuring the idea she is trying to convey is understood by the student, using multiple examples at times to help the student.

Aspect 3:

Melanie Wallskog

How can this instructor's teaching be improved? (Please type one idea in each box below.) Could do a better job of ensuring student's get responses from the professor if she can't answer their question
Aspect 1:

Aspect 2:

Aspect 3:

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Melanie Wallskog

How much did you learn from this instructor? A lot

Melanie Wallskog

Overall, how effective was the instruction you received from this instructor? Extremely effective

Melanie Wallskog

What skills or knowledge did you learn or improve from this instructor?

Melanie Wallskog

What aspects of this instructor's teaching were most helpful to you? (Please type one idea in each box below.)
Aspect 1:

Aspect 2:

Aspect 3:

Melanie Wallskog

How can this instructor's teaching be improved? (Please type one idea in each box below.)
Aspect 1:

Aspect 2:

Aspect 3:

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Melanie Wallskog

How much did you learn from this instructor? A great deal

Melanie Wallskog

Overall, how effective was the instruction you received from this instructor? Extremely effective

Melanie Wallskog

What skills or knowledge did you learn or improve from this instructor?

Melanie Wallskog

What aspects of this instructor's teaching were most helpful to you? (Please type one idea in each box below.)
Aspect 1:

Aspect 2:

Aspect 3:

Melanie Wallskog

How can this instructor's teaching be improved? (Please type one idea in each box below.)
Aspect 1:

Aspect 2:

Aspect 3:

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Melanie Wallskog

During the quarter, about how many hours on average per week did you interact with this instructor in section, class, lab, office hours, and other meetings? 0.1

Melanie Wallskog

How much did you learn from this instructor? A great deal

Melanie Wallskog

Overall, how effective was the instruction you received from this instructor? Extremely effective

Melanie Wallskog

What skills or knowledge did you learn or improve from this instructor? The ability to understand econometric techniques in a clear and coherent manner.

Melanie Wallskog

What aspects of this instructor's teaching were most helpful to you? (Please type one idea in each box below.) Focus on the student's needs above everything else.
Aspect 1:

Aspect 2: Approachability.

Aspect 3: Willingness to explain concepts at length.

Melanie Wallskog

How can this instructor's teaching be improved? (Please type one idea in each box below.) Think of a way to incentivize more students to attend sections.
Aspect 1:

Aspect 2:

Aspect 3:

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Melanie Wallskog

How much did you learn from this instructor?

A great deal

Melanie Wallskog

Overall, how effective was the instruction you received from this instructor?

Extremely effective

Melanie Wallskog

What skills or knowledge did you learn or improve from this instructor?

I learned a great deal about evaluating and formulating regressions. She was extremely helpful throughout the process of completing the final term paper.

Melanie Wallskog

What aspects of this instructor's teaching were most helpful to you? (Please type one idea in each box below.)
Aspect 1:

Extremely responsive and thorough over email and in person.

Aspect 2: Very willing to answer questions and made student feel comfortable asking questions.

Aspect 3: Clearly very knowledgeable about economics studies and strategies.

Melanie Wallskog

How can this instructor's teaching be improved? (Please type one idea in each box below.)
Aspect 1:

Could have been more familiar with PSETs prior to Office Hours

Aspect 2: None

Aspect 3: None

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1

Melanie Wallskog

How much did you learn from this instructor?

A great deal

Melanie Wallskog

Overall, how effective was the instruction you received from this instructor?

Extremely effective

Melanie Wallskog

What skills or knowledge did you learn or improve from this instructor?

Melanie did a great job helping me with my annotated bibliography. She was particularly patient and helpful in helping me think through my empirical strategy.

Melanie Wallskog

What aspects of this instructor's teaching were most helpful to you? (Please type one idea in each box below.)
Aspect 1:

Effort- It was clear that Melanie put a lot of effort into her TA role for this class. She delivered smooth, informative section presentations and more importantly provided ample assistance with our annotated bibliographies. She sent out sign-up links to set-up in-person meetings with her, and she responded to students questions via email in a very prompt manner. Excellent TA!

Aspect 2: N/A

Aspect 3: N/A

Melanie Wallskog

How can this instructor's teaching be improved? (Please type one idea in each box below.)
Aspect 1:

N/A

Aspect 2: N/A

Aspect 3: N/A

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Melanie Wallskog

How much did you learn from this instructor? A lot

Melanie Wallskog

Overall, how effective was the instruction you received from this instructor? Very effective

Melanie Wallskog

What skills or knowledge did you learn or improve from this instructor? Learned about how to research and write an economics paper from start to finish

Melanie Wallskog

What aspects of this instructor's teaching were most helpful to you? (Please type one idea in each box below.) Willingness to meet one-on-one
Aspect 1:

Aspect 2: Knowledge of methodology and ability to give sound advice on it

Aspect 3: Being approachable and friendly

Melanie Wallskog

How can this instructor's teaching be improved? (Please type one idea in each box below.)
Aspect 1:

Aspect 2:

Aspect 3:

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Melanie Wallskog

How much did you learn from this instructor?

A great deal

Melanie Wallskog

Overall, how effective was the instruction you received from this instructor?

Extremely effective

Melanie Wallskog

What skills or knowledge did you learn or improve from this instructor?

Melanie helped me troubleshoot coding errors with my annotated bibliography and final paper.

Melanie Wallskog

What aspects of this instructor's teaching were most helpful to you? (Please type one idea in each box below.)
Aspect 1:

Melanie gave specific advice about how to move forward when I was having challenges on my annotated bibliography/psets.

Aspect 2:

Melanie was very supportive of student needs. I felt that if I was struggling, I could definitely talk to her about it.

Aspect 3:

Melanie was always very prompt in her responses.

Melanie Wallskog

How can this instructor's teaching be improved? (Please type one idea in each box below.)
Aspect 1:

Honestly, I can't think of anything. I felt like Melanie taught me something, was supportive, and was responsive to my needs. She never made me feel dumb and never seemed to have a negative attitude. I appreciated her!

Aspect 2:

Aspect 3:

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How much did you learn from this instructor?

A great deal

Melanie Wallskog

Overall, how effective was the instruction you received from this instructor?

Extremely effective

Melanie Wallskog

What skills or knowledge did you learn or improve from this instructor?

One of the best, most engaged TAs I've had!

Melanie Wallskog

What aspects of this instructor's teaching were most helpful to you? (Please type one idea in each box below.)
Aspect 1:

Took a really individual interest in me, my questions and my research paper; she helped me a lot and went out of her way to do so

Aspect 2:

Provided really valuable insight and input into my research paper

Aspect 3:

Melanie Wallskog

How can this instructor's teaching be improved? (Please type one idea in each box below.)
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Aspect 2:

Aspect 3:

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Overall, how effective was the instruction you received from this instructor?

Extremely effective

Melanie Wallskog

What skills or knowledge did you learn or improve from this instructor?

Melanie helped me tackle the exercises and concepts with more confidence.

Melanie Wallskog

What aspects of this instructor's teaching were most helpful to you? (Please type one idea in each box below.)
Aspect 1:

Melanie is very knowledgeable and she was quite invested in making sure we felt supported.

Aspect 2:

Melanie is great at explaining hard concepts and making them more approachable. The day she explained propensity scores to was great!

Aspect 3:

Melanie is very responsive and helpful.

Melanie Wallskog

How can this instructor's teaching be improved? (Please type one idea in each box below.)
Aspect 1:

Aspect 2:

Aspect 3: