

**Course:** EXST 7005 001: Gentimis

**Student**

Dr. Gentimis truly went above and beyond in this course to ensure the success of the students. Statistics is notorious for keeping graduate students awake at night; but Dr. Gentimis made this anything but the case for the past semester. He wants his students to learn and makes that as easy as possible by having detailed notes which he prints as powerpoints for class (I found this to be most helpful as I am guilty of 'wandering' when I use my computer to follow along) and making sure he is available as often as possible. The labs are extremely well prepared and very relevant to research the students in class are conducting. Overall this course was absolutely fantastic and Dr. Gentimis has a zest for teaching that can be felt in all aspects of his approach.

**Student**

EXCELLENT, EXCELLENT, EXCELLENT professor. Extremely impressed by his teaching style, the way he connects to his students, the ability to make the material more relatable and therefore more understandable. Professor Gentimis easily rates in the top 5 professors I have ever had.

**Student**

Dr. Gentimis did a fantastic job explaining and engaging such a foreign and difficult subject for me. I have struggles with statistics for 3 semesters and this course was delivered in such a way that I understand and can apply what I've learned to my investigations. I am grateful to Dr. Gentimis and the department for offering this course taught by a professor who is able to teach those who are lacking in his/her expertise.

**Student**

Excellent professor very easy to understand! Teaching the material in a way that can be applied!  
Recommended!

**Student**

Thanos is great. Very approachable.

**Student**

Dr. Gentimis has been one of the best professors I have had in my nine years of being a college student. It is very rare you come across a professor that is extremely intelligent as well as a fantastic teacher. His dedication and time put into his students are appreciative beyond words. Dr. Gentimis lectures are interesting/entertaining, even when he seemed like he was deathly ill with a cold. Lastly, being a PhD student is far from easy and at times can be completely miserable. He brings the joy back in research and reminds students how much fun it can be as well as helping anyone and everyone that wants to talk about their ideas.

**Student**

Good on LSU for bringing Dr. Gentimis on board. I had heard horror stories about the stats department and was dreading taking this class, so I was more than pleasantly surprised to have such an effective teacher. I have taken stats twice before, and many of the concepts I had never fully wrapped my head around were immediately made clear by Dr. Gentimis. And-wonder of wonders-I actually found myself enjoying stats! For a long time I've felt insecure about my understanding of stats, especially because we rely on it so much in my field; so I can't thank Dr. Gentimis enough for all of his efforts and finally giving me a good foundation. Frankly, as it is, there is nothing about this course that I would change. Thank you!

**Student**

Great prof. Always took the time to explain material clearly. Always was helpful outside of class when asked for assistance. I would go so far as to say I love stats now, but I am certainly not intimidated by it anymore.

**Student**

I was not happy to take stats but Dr. Gentimis is a great professor! Everything was very clear and he used examples to tie everything back together. I wish I could take him for stats II. Only gripe is that we use SAS. My research uses R so that would have been more beneficial to me.

**Student**

This class was the best stats class I've ever taken. Honestly, the material was presented really well and the exam was awesome for how homework is set up. Tbh there's always at least one student with extra quirks and Thanos navigated that really well and lecture and lab was always enjoyable. Thanks for making coding seem realistic and doable!

**Student**

Very helpful and very good class for my first statistics class. Thanks for a great semester!

**Student**

Dr. Gentimis is an amazing teacher. His slides in class are very good, and he presents things in a way that are easy to understand. He uses real data in his examples, which makes them relevant and relate-able. He managed to make a statistics class genuinely interesting and enjoyable. His grading policies and expectations of students are very fair. His jokes are usually good. The class itself was useful for someone in the sciences to learn statistics as they are actually used in practice.

**Student**

For this course, I would more expect information about the mathematical meaning explanation and hands-on calculation experience. By understanding the equations behind each statistic analysis I think it might be more effective to understand and memorize concept which may be more helpful for future implementation. Although SAS is a really powerful tool for statistic analysis, I think for homework it might be better to have more written problems and calculation by hands to better understand the concept.

Also, I think the portion of ANOVA and linear regression should be added. Those two are key vital advanced statistical analysis process which I think it'd be better to learn more about it. Thank you!

**Student**

Dr. Gentimis was a highly effective professor. Statistics can be a daunting course for many students, including myself, but he was able to break it down so everyone in the class could learn and succeed.

**Student**

Dr. Gentimis is a very good teacher, he is always helpful and willing to help student. Personally, if he gave us the full powerpoints of the lecture in the beginning would have been great! For the lab session, I liked him teaching rather than the GA. All in all, I like the class and like the way he is teaching. Thank you!

**Student**

Really liked the teaching style. The lab exercises were effective, but the lab instruction from the TA was not helpful. It was easier to work through the lab assignment on my own and ask questions as I had them.

For the lecture, the teaching style was easy to understand, but I often felt like I understood things in class and then when I tried to figure out what to do with a dataset outside of class felt lost. I would have liked a few more open-ended questions or practice questions at the end of each lecture (like you did at the beginning of class) to further cement ideas learned during lecture.

**Student**

One of the best teachers and best classes I have ever taken! Dr. Gentimis is an excellent professor, has a passion for statistics but a unique ability to interpret hard concepts for the 'nonmath' major, and was always willing and able to help his students succeed.

**Student**

Overall, he did a very good job teaching this semester. My biggest complaint was the notes. It would have been nice to have access to the full notes before class, instead of the "fill in the blank" notes. I missed a lot of what he said in class because I was too busy trying to fill in the slides. He was very helpful outside of class. Labs would be better if we were learning R. After I take the final, I will never use SAS again!

**Student**

Instructor patiently explained course concepts for better understanding during office hours, and provided feedback on assignments and test. Lab notes were very helpful during labs and assignments.

**Student**

I really enjoyed the teaching style of this class. I liked having the shell notes because I knew what we would be covering for the day. When we didn't have shell notes for one day I did focus more on class because I was required to take more notes, but sometimes it is difficult to take full length notes on statistics so the shell notes are really helpful for that.

I didn't enjoy learning SAS, especially since I won't be using it for my thesis. I would have preferred to learn a stats software that people actually use in research these days.

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE  
Student Evaluation of Instruction

SEMESTER: Spring 2018

DEPARTMENT: EXST

TEACHER: Gentimis

	COURSE :7005 SECTION: 002	DEPARTMENT STATS	COLLEGE STATS
1. The instructor provided accurate information on course grading policies, objectives, and requirements.	4.84 25	4.17 / 1.05 461	4.39 / 0.96 2173
2. The instructor was consistently prepared for class.	4.80 25	3.90 / 1.24 450	4.37 / 1.00 2154
3. The instructor presented material clearly.	4.60 25	3.40 / 1.44 456	4.08 / 1.22 2162
4. The instructor consistently treated me with respect.	4.84 25	4.25 / 1.02 442	4.53 / 0.87 2142
5. The instructor was receptive to me outside scheduled class meetings.	4.80 25	4.16 / 1.07 384	4.46 / 0.93 1898
6. The instructor provided useful feedback on how to improve my performance when requested.	4.83 24	3.91 / 1.22 376	4.28 / 1.06 1929
7. Course activities and materials were valuable to my learning.	4.60 25	3.67 / 1.38 458	4.22 / 1.14 2160
8. This course gave me the opportunity to improve my knowledge and skills in this subject matter.	4.64 25	3.74 / 1.33 453	4.29 / 1.09 2152
9. Overall, I would evaluate this course as excellent.	4.56 25	3.33 / 1.44 461	4.01 / 1.25 2167
10. Overall, I would evaluate this instructor as effective.	4.72 25	3.48 / 1.41 458	4.12 / 1.20 2152
	OVERALL	4.72 249	3.79 / 1.31 4399
	MEDIAN	5.0	4.27 / 1.09 21089

Student Characteristics

11. Is this course required for your degree?	17 68.0% Yes	8 32.0% No
12. How many class sessions during the semester did you miss?	12 48.0% I never missed class	7 28.0% I missed class at most once every four weeks
	5 20.0% I missed class at least once every three weeks	1 4.0% I missed class at least once every two weeks
	0 0.0% I missed class at least once a week	
13. What is your expected grade in this course?	18 72.0% A	7 28.0% B
	0 0.0% C	0 0.0% D
	0 0.0% F	
14. What is your current LSU GPA?	23 92.0% 4.0-3.5	2 8.0% 3.49-3.00
	0 0.0% 2.99-2.50	0 0.0% 2.49-2.0
	0 0.0% <2.0	

EXST 7005/002

Gentimis

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	%SA	%A	%N	%D	%SD	%DNA	%_	%*	N
QN 1	84.0	16.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25
QN 2	84.0	12.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25
QN 3	72.0	20.0	4.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25
QN 4	84.0	16.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25
QN 5	80.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25
QN 6	80.0	16.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	0.0	25
QN 7	68.0	28.0	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25
QN 8	68.0	28.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25
QN 9	72.0	16.0	8.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25
QN 10	76.0	20.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25

**Course:** EXST 7005 002: Gentimis

**Student**

I think combining the lecture and lab may be useful for rapidly applying theory as the SAS program has a strong learning curve. The SAS labs also needs more detailed instructions and guidance.

**Student**

I thought Dr. Gentimis was an excellent instructor. The only thing I would change is the pace of labs at the beginning of the course. For someone who had never used SAS before it was a bit fast and confusing. I would have also liked if he provided some additional practice problems for the exam. Otherwise I thought the material and assignments were fair and well covered.

**Student**

I've always loved Statistics and the professor has made me appreciate the subject matter more. He is very approachable and considerate and adjusts to the "least capable" students, which is a good thing. It's my first time to use statistical software for my data analysis and he has made learning both easy and fun. He also solicits opinions from the students (e.g. pace of teaching) and is open for comments and improvement. I have a lot of takeaway from this class :)

**Student**

The teacher explains the ideas in a very clear and concise way.

**Student**

Perhaps provide more examples of each SAS command during lab to provide the student with a better understanding of the available commands. Also, some of the questions were a bit hard to comprehend - perhaps rewording them so that the student can determine what is being asked.

But thank you for your enthusiasm - your enjoyment of helping students learn is evident.

**Student**

Dr. Gintimis has been by far one of the best instructors I have ever had. He made this class interesting and exciting.

**Student**

The class was pretty straight forward. Everything was good, but labs were kind of confusing and the test was very long - however you know that by now since everyone has said that. Overall, good teaching though the class was a little less useful since it uses SAS which apparently isn't the best program?

**Student**

The course was very well put together, the provided power point slides helped me take notes and learn the material. The pace of the class was efficient, given the amount of material that needed to be covered we were able to get through all of it without rushing at the end. The lab course was very informative and I learned a lot about SAS. Homeworks were great study material and I think that the tests were administered fairly. The mid-term was tough but certainly achievable by any student who was adequately prepared.

**Student**

I'm every enjoy those data that the instructor provided relevant to each class material. Those assignments and lab are really help to understand the class. I would strongly recommend this instructor to other students.

**Student**

Lecture style is good.  
Exams could be a bit shorter, at least have less code to write in the 2 hour time span.

**Student**

1. The summary slide at the end of presentations about major topics was very helpful.
2. I like shelled notes.
3. I understand labs much more when you are instructing them, rather than the TA.
4. Exam formats need more clarification prior to the class taking the exam
5. The project was essential in my understanding of the course concepts and their application.
  
6. The format of the mid-term really hurt my overall grade. I don't feel my final grade reflects my understanding of the course material. I would encourage you to develop a way to do a grade replacement.

Thank you for a productive semester.



**Student**

Dr. Gentimis deserves a lot of credit: he was always helpful during office hours; he created a good atmosphere during lectures (which explains why attendance was always high); and he did an incredible job when he taught the labs.

I am annoyed that EXST 7005 is my FOURTH EXST class, but the FIRST class where I learned how to import a dataset into SAS rather than typing the data in by hand. Unlike the laboratory teaching assistants I've had in the past, Dr. Gentimis actually explained what the SAS codes were doing during the data analyses. His exceptionally clear SAS guidance enabled me to do interesting data procedures in my statistical projects that I could have never done before 7005. I am deeply grateful for Dr. Gentimis' presence in the labs.

That being said, I felt like Dr. Gentimis relied on his PowerPoint Presentations too much during lecture. As a student, I learn more difficult topics by writing as the instructor writes. Now writing everything on the board is impossible, but... why not set up an Anova or a t-test on the dry-erase board and "extract" the correct numbers from the SAS results from the screen? This is the first Statistics professor I've had who tried teaching nearly the whole course from a projector screen. The only other issue I had with this class was the misuse or non-use of proper notation, which was most apparent in the Anova and proportions tests. What is the symbol for the random variable in question? What do the "hats" represent? When exactly do we use "epsilon" or not? While preciseness was not necessary in this class, which consisted mainly of non-EXST students, I am aware that correct notation use is GRADED in other upper-level EXST classes such as 7015 and 7034.

I congratulate Dr. Gentimis for completing lecturing his first graduate statistics class; I wish him luck next semester.

**Student**

He is an excellent teacher! The lab was well organized and the lab assignment and handouts were very well demonstrated. I am able to run the SAS program with confident.

**Student**

I loved this class. The instructor presented all the materials clearly. He was also helpful during his office hours and explained all the questions we had.

**Student**

Excelent Professor

**Student**

This class was taught very well. Dr. Gentimis was very enthusiastic and clearly explained the various topics. Despite this being a larger graduate class that could have been treated like just a class that most gradute students had to take, Dr. Gentimis was very excited to teach. I enjoyed the class.

**Student**

It is a very useful course and the instructor is great. He explain the concepts very well and provide appropriate lab exercise. He made stat very easy for me. that would be great if he had time to had more subject to this course even though there are off the requirement for the 7005. I would definitely take any course though by this professor.