

**University of Cambridge, Faculty of Economics**  
**Teaching Evaluation Survey**  
**2019**

Paper 2 - Macroeconomic Principles & Problems.

Teaching Fellow Supervisions - Mr D Wales.

93% Highly Satisfied.

|   | Definitely<br>Disagree<br>1 | Mostly<br>Disagree<br>2 | Neither<br>Agree<br>nor Disagree<br>3 | Mostly<br>Agree<br>4 | Definitely<br>Agree<br>5 | Mean | S.D. | N   |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------|------|-----|
| The lecturer is good at explaining things             | 0%                          | 0%                      | 3%                                    | 9%                   | 88%                      | 4.85 | 0.43 | 131 |
| The lecturer is enthusiastic about their teaching     | 0%                          | 0%                      | 4%                                    | 21%                  | 75%                      | 4.70 | 0.55 | 130 |
| The course is well organised and is running smoothly  | 0%                          | 0%                      | 6%                                    | 15%                  | 79%                      | 4.74 | 0.46 | 128 |
| The course is not too difficult                       | 0%                          | 6%                      | 23%                                   | 21%                  | 49%                      | 4.13 | 0.99 | 127 |
| The amount of material covered is not excessive       | 0%                          | 6%                      | 22%                                   | 20%                  | 52%                      | 4.17 | 0.98 | 127 |
| I am satisfied with the quality of the course overall | 1%                          | 1%                      | 5%                                    | 17%                  | 76%                      | 4.67 | 0.63 | 128 |

Total number of students: 150.

Student comments:

- Mr Daniel Wales is very good at explaining concepts and giving good exam tips. I definitely benefited loads from his supervisions.
- Daniel Wales is an exceptional Teaching Fellow: very clear, tells you exactly what you need to know and how to structure your answers, and doesn't visibly lose motivation after teaching 100 students.
- Very good at explaining how to do the questions, and marks the questions really helpfully.
- Best faculty provided supervisor. Standard exceeds others by far.
- Mr Wales is a great supervisor, supervisions are always well structured and he is able to clearly respond to any question that is asked. The supervisions are also precisely marked.
- Best supervisor in Cambridge Economics Tripos ... The most informative supervisions even though groups were larger has been with Dan Wales ...<sup>1</sup>
- I would say that Daniel Wales is one of the best supervisors I've had at Cambridge in terms of clearly communicating how I should tackle questions and maximise the marks I get in exams. Some supervisors may think that exam technique/marker mentality is best left until the few weeks before exams, but by going over the questions to the highest exam standard I end up leaving each supervision confident about the topics covered. Again, great supervisions, I sometimes feel like clapping at the end.

<sup>1</sup>This student's comment has been partial redacted due to references therein about other supervisors.

- Honestly, the best supervisor I have ever had at Cambridge.
- The best supervisor I've had at Cambridge; carefully marks all work, explains everything in a structured and logical manner; shows how to go beyond a straightforward answer to a question and achieve top marks.
- Sometimes runs through answers to supervision questions too quickly such that students cannot keep up.
- Daniel Wales is an absolutely fantastic supervisor - probably the best one I have had in my 3 years in Cambridge. He goes into great detail in how to answer every question and makes sure that everybody understands every single step of getting to the answer. He is rigorous whilst still making the content accessible. I have been hugely impressed by his supervisions and have heard similar feedback from everyone I have spoken to. He also has pages on his personal website to assist students with understanding content and also questions and worked solutions. He clearly puts a large amount of effort into preparing for supervisions and it pays dividends when it comes to the supervision quality. The only criticism I would give is that the supervisions often overrun their allocated one hour time slot. This isn't an issue as it takes time for him to cover the content in the detail in which he does. However, I feel that it would be beneficial to allow an hour and a half time slot for his supervisions so that people can more effectively organise their time. Overall, Daniel Wales is an exceptional supervisor who I have been hugely impressed with.
- Gives easily the best supervisions I've received during the Tripos.
- I would have to say Mr Daniel Wales is the best supervisor I have ever had. He puts in a lot of effort, and is extremely clinical when it comes to guiding us on how we should be answering the questions. He has allowed me to understand precisely what standard is needed to score well in the exam and has thoroughly explained how to obtain this standard. I cannot fault him.
- The best supervisor I have in my time at Cambridge- provides excellent and detailed feedback, structures the supervisions brilliantly, explains things clearly, and gives extremely helpful tips on how best to do well In the exam!!!!
- Absolutely amazing.
- He's nice and is good at explaining, clear and engaging supervisions.
- Fantastic supervisor.
- One of the best supervisors I have ever had. Would be great if supervisions were slightly longer.
- Best supervisor weve ever had. Enthusiastic and willing to go the extra mile. Covers the content in exhaustive detail and provides great intuition.
- Feedback on supervision work is very good.
- One of the best supervisors I have had. Very efficient man.
- Probably the best supervisor I've had in my time at Cambridge.
- Daniel Wales is extremely good at explaining every detail of the course, all mathematical derivations, and full intuition. He is very precise and clear. One of the best supervisors I have had at Cambridge!
- Again, he is an exceptional Teaching Fellow.
- Very good supervisor. Just a shame the groups are so big making it harder to engage properly in the supervision. Also feels like supervisions in this area could benefit from being longer.
- Really good supervisor.
- Mr Wales is a great supervisor, supervisions are always well structured and he is able to clearly respond to any question that is asked. The supervisions are also precisely marked. I appreciate the additional resources he points us towards.
- The best supervisor.

- The best supervisor I've had at Cambridge; carefully marks all work, explains everything in a structured and logical manner; shows how to go beyond a straightforward answer to a question and achieve top marks.
- There might be too much material in supervision sometimes such that the supervision seems very rushed.
- See my previous comment for Mr Daniel Wales; the same applies for his supervisions on International Finance. He is brilliant.