

BUSI97327 Fundamentals of Derivatives
(BUSI97327-SP-21/22)

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No. surveyed = 176 No. of responses = 22
Response rate = 12.5%
Program of Study = F&A



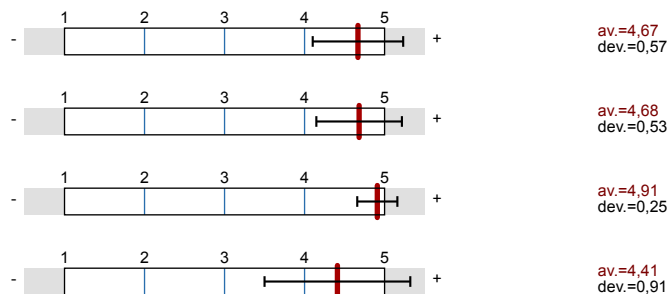
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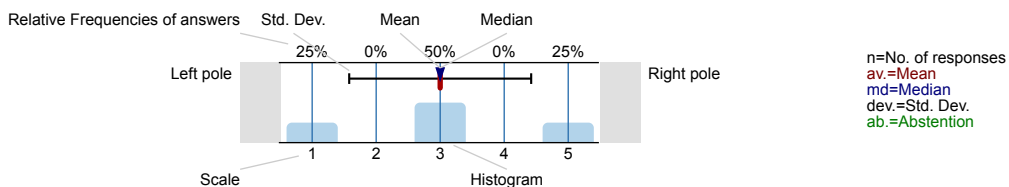
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Survey Results

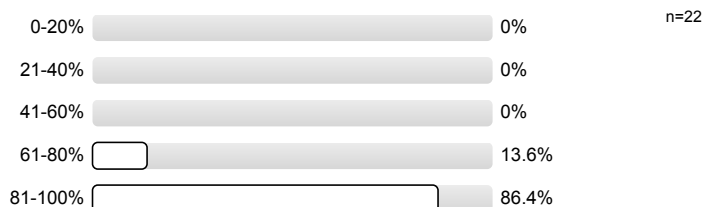
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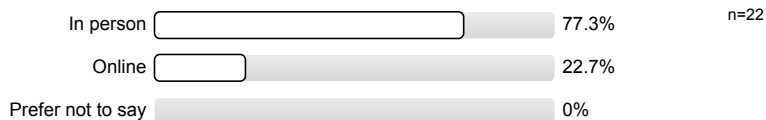


1. Attendance -

1.1) How often I attended class or took part in interactive/collaborative provision (e.g. live sessions and discussion forums).

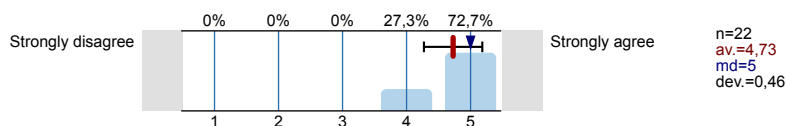


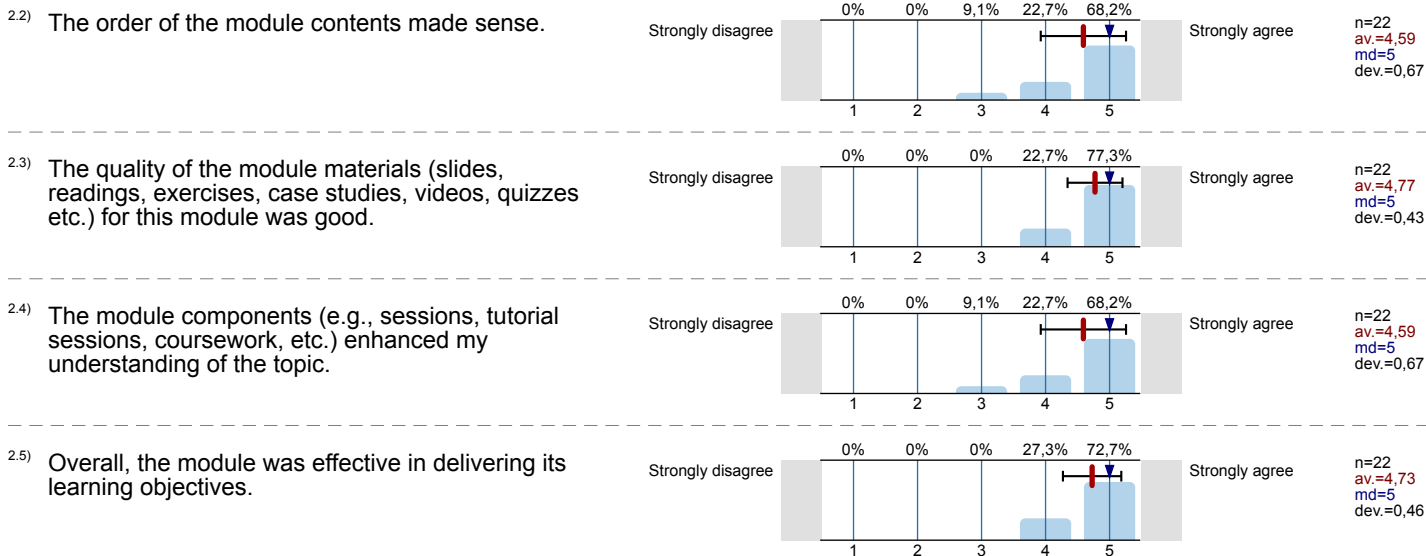
1.2) Could you please indicate how you attended the majority of those classes (whether in person or online).



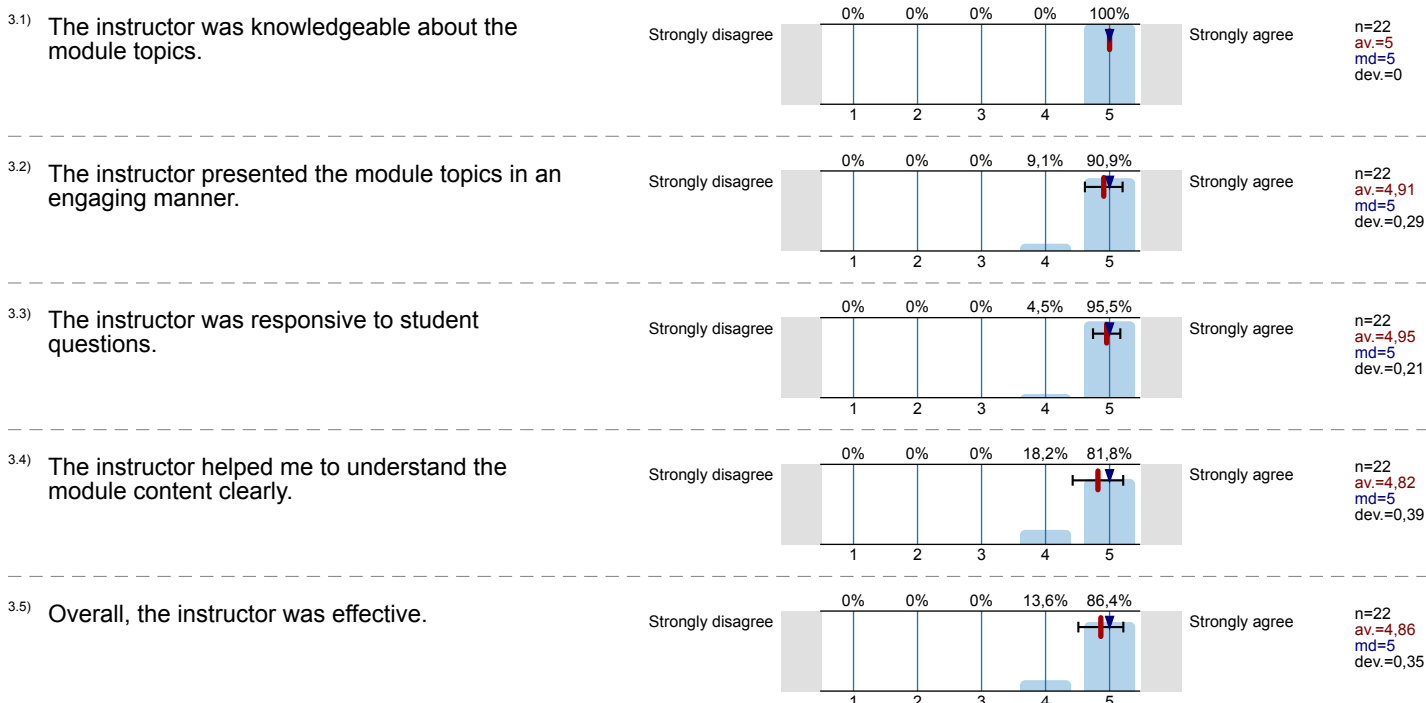
2. Module Content -

2.1) The module has clear objectives.

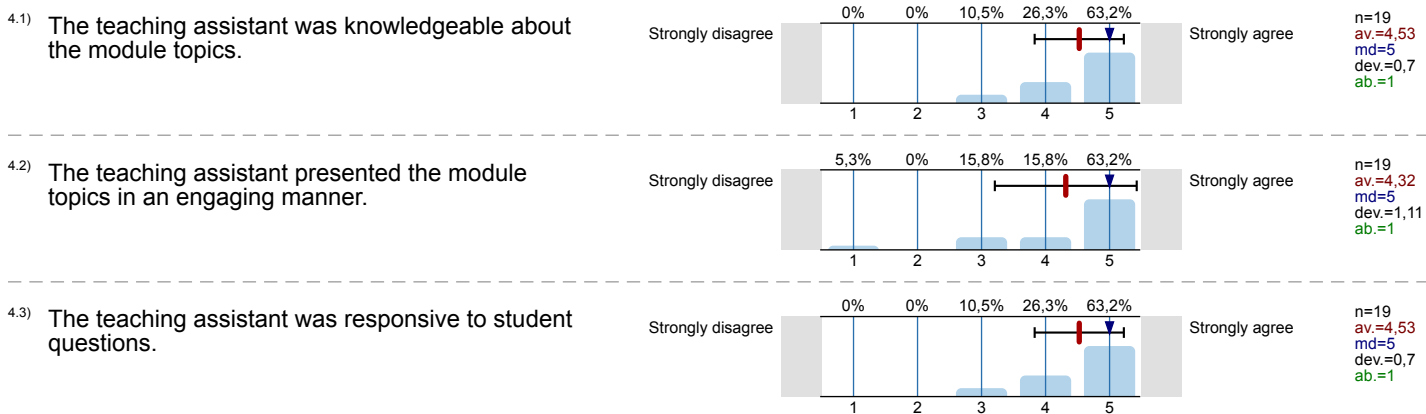




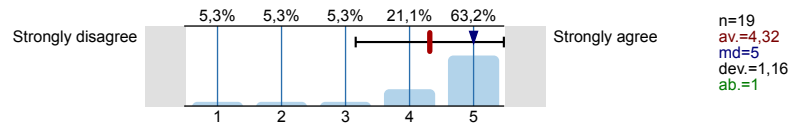
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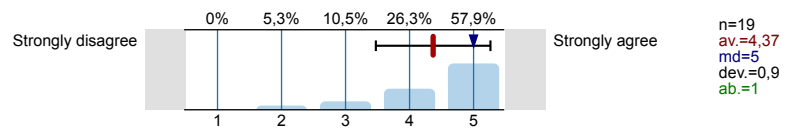
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4.4) The teaching assistant helped me to understand the module content clearly.



4.5) Overall, the teaching assistant was effective.



Profile

Subunit: Imperial College Business School 2021/22

Responsible for modules: Savitar Sundaresan

Name of the course: BUSI97327 Fundamentals of Derivatives
(Name of the survey)

Values used in the profile line: Mean

2. Module Content -

2.1) The module has clear objectives.	Strongly disagree					Strongly agree	n=22	av.=4,73	md=5,00	dev.=0,46
2.2) The order of the module contents made sense.	Strongly disagree					Strongly agree	n=22	av.=4,59	md=5,00	dev.=0,67
2.3) The quality of the module materials (slides, readings, exercises, case studies, videos, quizzes etc.) for this module was good.	Strongly disagree					Strongly agree	n=22	av.=4,77	md=5,00	dev.=0,43
2.4) The module components (e.g., sessions, tutorial sessions, coursework, etc.) enhanced my understanding of the topic.	Strongly disagree					Strongly agree	n=22	av.=4,59	md=5,00	dev.=0,67
2.5) Overall, the module was effective in delivering its learning objectives.	Strongly disagree					Strongly agree	n=22	av.=4,73	md=5,00	dev.=0,46

3. Instructor - Savitar Sundaresan -

3.1) The instructor was knowledgeable about the module topics.	Strongly disagree					Strongly agree	n=22	av.=5,00	md=5,00	dev.=0,00
3.2) The instructor presented the module topics in an engaging manner.	Strongly disagree					Strongly agree	n=22	av.=4,91	md=5,00	dev.=0,29
3.3) The instructor was responsive to student questions.	Strongly disagree					Strongly agree	n=22	av.=4,95	md=5,00	dev.=0,21
3.4) The instructor helped me to understand the module content clearly.	Strongly disagree					Strongly agree	n=22	av.=4,82	md=5,00	dev.=0,39
3.5) Overall, the instructor was effective.	Strongly disagree					Strongly agree	n=22	av.=4,86	md=5,00	dev.=0,35

4. Teaching Assistant - Omar Idrissi -

4.1) The teaching assistant was knowledgeable about the module topics.	Strongly disagree					Strongly agree	n=19	av.=4,53	md=5,00	dev.=0,70
4.2) The teaching assistant presented the module topics in an engaging manner.	Strongly disagree					Strongly agree	n=19	av.=4,32	md=5,00	dev.=1,11
4.3) The teaching assistant was responsive to student questions.	Strongly disagree					Strongly agree	n=19	av.=4,53	md=5,00	dev.=0,70
4.4) The teaching assistant helped me to understand the module content clearly.	Strongly disagree					Strongly agree	n=19	av.=4,32	md=5,00	dev.=1,16
4.5) Overall, the teaching assistant was effective.	Strongly disagree					Strongly agree	n=19	av.=4,37	md=5,00	dev.=0,90

Comments Report

2. Module Content -

2.6) Did you find this module sufficiently challenging? Please give comments below:

- A little challenging. It covered too many small topics that we couldn't get to know each of them very well.
- Best lecturer and TA by a mile this term
- FOD, I think was my weakest point but with Professor Savitar I actually understood and followed the concepts. I really did learn and was engaged throughout! I really would like to say that Prof.Savitar is highly knowledgeable and is one of the coolest teachers that I have come across. He really knows how to connect with young adults and his courseworks were really interesting and engaging too!
- The subject is extremely challenging, but the Professor Sundaresan managed to teach it in an engaging way.
- This module is one of the more challenging ones this term. However, it is in a good way and provides intellectual stimulation. The courseworks were really fun and some of the best ones I have done at Imperial. They were based on recent events and not on things that have happened 40 years ago which is something I really appreciate. Savitar took the time to tailor the content to us and don't just run through a script that is established for so many years. He is an excellent professor indeed.
- Yes i did
- Yes, a lot of mathematical background information involved. Very good
- Yes, very challenging.
- yes
- yes, but more exercise or examples may be more helpful to understand the intuition of each concept, compared with diagram or math.

2.7) Did you find that this module provided the necessary tools/methodologies/intellectual development to help you advance your career or improve your job prospects? Please give comments below:

- I believe that this module is extremely helpful and deepens the understanding of some of the concepts taught in the IPM class last semester. It also focuses on the understanding rather than the mechanical component which I find very rewarding.
- Well, somewhat. I think this should be an elective for the Finance & Accounting cohort, I would prefer a more qualitative course like Tax & Law for example. But for what I got I thought it was well made and helped me understand options much clearer.
- Yes
- Yes, covered basics of derivatives exhaustively. Reading Hull complements course well
- it can be helpful if I applied jobs about derivatives

4. Teaching Assistant - Omar Idrissi -

4.6) Please enter any feedback on the Teaching Assistant below.

- He is effective and nice, he explains everything carefully.
- Sorry to say that but it's appreciated if he can improve his hand-writing or forgive use handwriting in class...
- The TA tried his best to take our questions and feedback into consideration.

5. Learning Environment and Support -

5.1) Please comment on the learning environment that impacted your experience in this module (for example: the Hub, video conferencing technology, discussion platforms, support staff, etc.).

- The learning environment was great with a clear structure and expectations. Savitar responded to emails very quickly which is also extremely nice when there is a problem like it occurred with the card game we had to play for one of our courseworks. Everything was uploaded in advance and there were no issues with availability of slides or material needed.
- Very creative coursework, engaging classes and highly appreciate the guest lecture

6. Overall Feedback -

6.1) What did you like most about this module?

- Amazing teaching! Please also provide clearer and more comprehensive slides going along with teaching
- Courseworks were engaging and original.
- I liked Savitar's way of explaining the most. He is an excellent professor that has a good way of teaching. Besides that, he is very nice and answers every single question without making you feel stupid. It feels like he really cares about you and your development which is something I really appreciate.
- I thought the game for the first course work was a great way to teach us how to think of market makers, it helped me see the markets clearer. I also think the lectures are very clear and conceptual, which is what made this course enjoyable, although I am overall not a big fan of quant finance courses in general.
- My limited prior understanding of derivatives was strengthened by Prof. Sundaresan in an effective manner. His explanations of complex derivatives and in a simple manner made understanding it much easier. The courseworks were different from the norm and fun to do as well!
- Professor made this module interesting
- SAVITAR was a rockstar!!! I made us think a lot! Still, I also believe he made some concepts even more complicated while teaching. However, this is his style.
- Savi is a great lecturer - made the module outstanding! He really engaged with the student cohort and was interested in our success ...
- The professor was really at our disposal to answer questions and was making sure we could understand. He repeated many times some concepts under the demand of students.
The summary of the key concepts at the end of each week' slides.

6.2) What would you most like to improve in this module?

- Could include more real life examples into the theories that covered in class.
- I don't think there is much to improve, I thought it was very well done.
- I think there are too many TA sessions for different groups. It can easily be done just according to 2 Streams because only a few people ask questions from each stream..
- I would not timetable this module as the only class on a Thursday morning as it significantly decreases the number of students attending in person.
- More problems given to students that they can solve and practise
- On Thursdays in person attendance was low as this was the only one lecture, morning 9:30am, which kind of reflected in the attendance.
- Personally, less of a focus on formula/model derivations and more on applications.
- The fact that the prof. was delivering mathematical content was important to me. However, it is sometimes hard to know on which theoretical aspect we should focus for the exam.

I really enjoyed having an individual component in the first coursework. However, the game could be clearly improved by having a fifth market and no arbitrageur.

I would have preferred to answer the tutorial questions on my own before class. We didn't practice much the application of theory during the trimester.