



# Boston College

## Course Evaluation Summary Report - MA03101-2008F-tx1 FINANCIAL ACCTG-HONORS Soo, Billy

	Total Surveys	Surveys Submitted	Response Rate	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6
2007 Fall Term - BC2008F	61,596	54,551	88.56%	3.90	4.02	4.18	4.22	4.05	3.35
Carroll School of Management	7,656	7,006	91.51%	3.96	4.07	4.25	4.32	4.08	3.35
Accounting	1,200	1,124	93.67%	4.19	4.38	4.54	4.53	4.26	3.60
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	Response 1	Response 2	Response 3	Response 4	Response 5	N/A	No Response	Mean	STD
1. What rating does this instructor deserve as a teacher? Poor = 1/Acceptable = 2/Good = 3/Very Good = 4/Excellent = 5	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	1 3.45%	8 27.59%	20 68.97%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	4.66	0.55
2. Regular class attendance was necessary for learning the required content. Strongly Disagree = 1/Disagree = 2/Uncertain = 3/Agree = 4/Strongly Agree = 5	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	1 3.45%	28 96.55%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	4.97	0.19
3. The course helped me to acquire factual information. Strongly Disagree = 1/Disagree = 2/Uncertain = 3/Agree = 4/Strongly Agree = 5	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	2 6.90%	27 93.10%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	4.93	0.26
4. The course helped me to understand principles and concepts. Strongly Disagree = 1/Disagree = 2/Uncertain = 3/Agree = 4/Strongly Agree = 5	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	3 10.34%	26 89.66%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	4.90	0.31
5. The instructor was available for help outside of class. Strongly Disagree = 1/Disagree = 2/Uncertain = 3/Agree = 4/Strongly Agree = 5	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	2 6.90%	11 37.93%	15 51.72%	1 3.45%	0 0.00%	4.46	0.64
6. Compared to other courses having the same credits and hours, the time required for this course was: Much Less = 1/Less = 2/The Same = 3/More = 4/Much More = 5	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	2 6.90%	14 48.28%	13 44.83%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	4.38	0.62

## 7. What are the strengths of this instructor?

- \* Best professor I've had at BC. Knows the material so well - is always energetic and interested in the students - amazing.
- \* Knows material well, always well prepared for class, powerpoint presentations very well done and helpful
- \* -great instructor who knows the material Very well, Very helpful outside of class. one of my favorites
- \* most of learning is due to his lectures
- \* Great knowledge of the subject, he really loved accounting
- \* Billy is very good at teaching the information to us and providing us with a good number of examples to explain the concepts.
- \* Very approachable, wants to see you learn and understand- very challenging.
- \* Professor Soo is the nicest professor and definitely knows his stuff. He taught at an elevated level but still wanted all of his students to do well.
- \* good at explaining things and the notes he gives are really helpful for taking additional notes in class
- \* Enthusiastic about the material. Made a potentially dry subject interesting. Really knows his stuff.
- \* Friendly and approachable. Presents material in an effective way.
- \* Power point is helpful and easy to follow. Class notes are his own and are modeled after the text book but are easier to understand than the text book. He wants everyone to do well and is available for help outside of class.
- \* Absolutely loves what he is teaching and accounting itself
- \* Words cannot describe. He is by far the best professor that I have had thus far at BC. He is challenging but fair, and makes sure that everyone understands the concepts. Very encouraging, and has office hours everyday.
- \* Very organized, clear about expectations and challenges students constructively, outlines concepts in illuminating ways and always able to explain or clarify ideas and concepts. Above all, very enthusiastic about the subject and exudes friendliness and approachability; as a person who came into the class dreading the idea of financial accounting, his zeal for the subject has been contagious
- \* Prof. Soo is absolutely brilliant. He presents the material in a straightforward way which makes it easy to understand, and he supplements his lectures by giving us all of the class notes in the coursepack (VERY HELPFUL!) He also has a good sense of humor, which makes the class enjoyable. He challenges his students very much, but as such I feel adequately prepared to move on to higher-level courses.
- \* excellent lecturer and very helpful when students do not understand material

\* His notes and discussions made even the hard topics very understandable. He is so nice and will answer any of the students' questions. Its easy to tell that he does want the students to do well and want to learn.

\* Knowledgable, keeps class interesting, tests very fair

\* Professor Soo truly cares about his students. He goes above and beyond to offer help to those who seek it. His great organization and preparation of the material was also very helpful. Professor Soo pushed me very hard and helped me to attain a thorough understanding of this material. The course is very difficult, but as long as students are willing to dedicate time and hard work to this class they will do well. Those left unsatisfied probably did not devote as much to the course as they should have.

\* Prof. Soo makes a very challenging course entertaining and engaging. Rather than feeling overwhelmed with the amount of information, I was able to absorb and understand it all due to his great lecture style.

\* depth of education, very good explanations, strong course pack, strong slides

\* He is the most organized professor I have ever had. I love how he gives us the notes all typed up before they are presented to us in the class. It makes the subject so much clearer! Thanks Professor Soo!

\* He was extremely knowledgeable about the subject and could explain it well to his students. It was also very beneficial to have all the of the notes printed out for us.

\* Professor Soo was a great teacher. It is clear his knowledge of accounting is extensive.

\* incredibly knowledgable

## 8. How could this instructor improve the course?

\* Tests were LONG, but he gave us all the time we needed so it was fine.

\* The exams could be slightly shorter.

\* None

\* The project was the only part that served no purpose. Since most groups had three members, the work was split and everyone only was exposed to a third of the information anyway. A lot of the time, the project did not go along with what the book was teaching. If the project MUST be kept, then I will say that this professor does do a very good job at helping the students understand it. If he really wanted to improve the class, he would take away the theory multiple choice.

\* I know that as honors students, we sometimes get frustrated when honors classes are challenging, because we feel as if we would be able to get an "A" in a regular section of the course. However, I believe that Prof. Soo uses some type of curve to work out this problem.

\* shorten exams

\* The multiple choice could be a little nicer? On a more serious note, I really think the second exam and final being 3 hours + is excessive and a more efficient way could be found to test the material in less time. The second test felt like it was testing stamina more than FA.

\* Please provide a practice final in the notes!

- \* No suggestions.
- \* Make it more interesting if that is possible
- \* -he makes the tests challenging, which is great, but one or two minor questions are Not really reasonable.
- \* Could make the exams a little easier...
- \* how you do on the homework is in no way indicative of how you will do on the test; the test takes the material to a new level (often one you can't comprehend in an intro level class) while the homework is more plug and chug compared to the tests
- \* Great Course.
- \* Questions on tests and quizzes occasionally seemed obscure based upon the course material covered. Would be helpful to spend more time on difficult topics (like application of the time value of money) and have a few more examples.
- \* I found that the group project was a waste of time. I didn't really learn anything that I hadn't already learned in class or while doing the online problem sets.
- \* 3 to 4 hour exams are a bit overwhelming. It is very difficult to study for such long exams. Perhaps, if such long exams are necessary it would be better to weight the homework and project more and the exams slightly less? Some students are just bad exam takers and it seems a bit unfair to judge them on a predominantly multiple choice exam. I would also remove some of the multiple choice questions from the exam, and add short answer problem asking for explanation as to why they chose the method they used. Life is not multiple choice. When students start work they will not be given a set of answers to choose from, they will be responsible for finding it on their own, and often supervisors will ask their reasoning. This would be a good way to prepare students for this experience. Also, if there is anything I have learned from accounting it is that judgment calls are what make it so difficult. This might train students to make better decisions.
- \* Easier tests
- \* The work load is unfairly larger than most other financial accounting classes and most other classes at bc in general. The work is excessive.

## 9. Additional comments:

- \* Extremely informative class..I may not ever take accounting again, but I'd be a whole lot more willing to if Billy Soo was teaching the class. Plus I feel like I've gained a great base for the subject, a solid and useful one for life as well as further study.
- \* Really learned the material. This is the type of professor BC should have, really pushes the students in a fair way.
- \* Professor Soo is so motivated. He is so interested in the subject, and he is very knowledgeable. He spreads his love for accounting onto his students. He is my favorite professor so far at BC.
- \* As I said, the course was very challenging, but Prof. Soo is fair. I am very glad I had the opportunity to take this course. I learned so much and feel very confident in the subject of Financial Accounting.
- \* Best professor I've had thus far at BC
- \* Somebody promote Billy Soo!

\* One of the best professors in my academic career!

\* Professor Soo is great! For accounting being a perceived dull subject, he taught me a lot and opened my mind to a new concentration.