



Boston College

Course Evaluation Summary Report - MA30201-2008F-tx1 FINAN ACCT STDS/THEORY II 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%	3 8.33%	13 36.11%	20 55.56%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	4.47	0.65
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%	1 2.78%	1 2.78%	6 16.67%	27 75.00%	0 0.00%	1 2.78%	4.69	0.68
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%	9 25.00%	27 75.00%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	4.75	0.44
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%	9 25.00%	27 75.00%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	4.75	0.44
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 5.56%	10 27.78%	24 66.67%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	4.61	0.60
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%	4 11.11%	16 44.44%	16 44.44%	0 0.00%	0 0.00%	4.33	0.68

7. What are the strengths of this instructor?

- * Knows the material very well and is good at explaining it. He curves a lot since his tests are so hard.
- * Very well organized. The notes binder was key. Great teacher and explains well.
- * Professor Soo, was incredibly helpful outside of class. He always made himself available and had the ability to explain Accounting problems to me in different ways. He was also very patient. I also think he prepared us well for the exams by having extra problem sets and old test problems for practice. Professor Soo is also very passionate about Accounting which I find refreshing and makes learning the subject fun.
- * great notes and examples to study from.
- * He's able to explain the material very well, and his course packet is extremely useful. The examples he gives helps you understand the material better than the book. He's also very approachable.
- * understands and teaches the material very well
- * Makes sure all information that he gives are up to date with the changes in the Accounting Field.
- * Professor Soo is one of the best accounting professors I've ever had. Though his class is very challenging, I learned a lot and this will definitely be helping when I take the CPA! Thank you!
- * Billy Soo DEFINITELY knows his accounting and is probably the best professor I have ever had here at BC--he is more than able to convey very difficult information to students in a clear manner. His own notes on chapters are FAR more helpful than information provided in the book. He is also very nice and very available for help outside of class on a regular basis--and is also more than willing to sit down and talk about future opportunities, etc.
- * Notes were very clear, helpful
- * Very Smart, Made class fun, Very Enthusiastic
- * Knowledge of subject, office hours were great. Very easy to talk to about subject matter. Very interested in it and that translated to great classes
- * He was very good at explaining the concepts and going over examples so that we knew how to do the problems.
- * Very thorough and knowledgeable about the subject. Very clear in his expectations, which is greatly appreciated.
- * Prof. Soo is very knowledgeable and works in the best interest of his students.
- * Extremely hard concepts to grasp, but Prof. Soo taught the material in a format that was as easy as possible to understand.
- * Very thorough explanations and preparation for class exams, as well as for future CPA exam. Beneficial coursepack provided.

- * Very Very Very Smart. Great at explaining financial statements and valuation. Great at stimulating conversation through questioning the class. Great at making you feel comfortable to talk in class and leading you to the right answer.
- * he teaches difficult material very effectively, the pre-typed notes are very helpful
- * Highly knowledgeable, well organized notes, always available for help. Uses a ton of examples to emphasize concepts in class.
- * present the material straightfoward, nice guy
- * Prof. Soo is very knowledgable about the subject matter. He is very enthusiastic and does his best to keep the class engaged while lecturing about relatively boring information. His old practice quizzes and exams were VERY helpful, as well as his notes printed out for ease of following the lecture.
- * Prof. Soo is very passionate about accounting and runs a very organized and structured class. Quizzes and tests are held regularly to keep everyone on top of the material, which helped me address any topics I was struggling with early on, rather than waiting until the final.
- * Incredibly knowledgeable about the topics covered - has real life experience he can bring to the table. Enthusiastic about the subject!!! Makes his students want to be passionate about accounting So smart he can figure out tough problems on the spot - we are always impressed Very helpful outside of the classroom - cares a gret deal about his students
- * Extremely knowledgeable about the subject matter at hand. Very passionate for the subject, and is always enthusiastic and energetic in class. Is always willing to meet with students outside of class and is very accommodating to students needs.
- * Passionate about the subject, cares about his students, etc.
- * This professor is a very knowledgeable professor who has a lot of information that he can relay to the students. The material is tough either way, but understanding the concepts and applying them are certainly very important.
- * Passion for the subject. Up to date information and the ability to tie in "real world" correlations. The professor is quite difficult, yet this is partially due to the difficult subject matter.
- * Great professor and very smart, and extremely helpful.
- * very smart, understanding, and a good speaker

8. How could this instructor improve the course?

- * I believe that course is very good the way it is.
- * n/a
- * N/A
- * Change the room--Gasson 205 was FAR too hot for trying to think through this type of material.
- * Maybe make the course a Monday, Wednesday and Friday class as opposed to a Tuesday and Thursday class as the amount of material that there is to cover seems a little bit rushed for just an hour and fifteen minute class.

- * The class was a lot of work and was challenging, but I do not think the course needs any improvement.
- * Very little - there is a lot of material covered in the course - but that is to be expected.
- * Only drawback to the course was that he holds his midterms on Friday afternoons from 4 to 7, however the reason he does this is to ensure that students have enough time to complete the exams. Plus, he gives you a free day of class to compensate, so it's not all that bad.
- * nothing, I really enjoyed it
- * Make homework questions more similar to questions on the tests.
- * No complaints.
- * Do not go so fast through chapters.
- * nothing
- * Way too many homework problems to do, especially since they were not similar to the questions asked on quizzes and tests. The problems take so long that it is very difficult to complete all of them without sacrificing work due for other classes. Also, because you walk into class on the first day with notes for the entire semester, it is very easy to not pay attention, as the lecture mimics the notes verbatim. This has a reputation for being significantly more difficult than the sections of FAST II taught by other professors, but I don't think I got any more out of the class than my peers who did take the class with another professor. It seemed as if the quantity of information relayed to us was more important than taking the time to have the students develop a thorough understanding of each topic.
- * Slightly less tricky exam wording.
- * It is difficult to improve the class because for me, it would be to go at a slower pace. However, being that we did not even finish all of the chapter that he would have liked to, I do not think this is possible. The class can get quite tedious and boring during long lectures, yet, once again, it is the subject matter, not the professor that is at fault. Possibly involve more discussion?
- * Change groups halfway through the semester. By the halfway point I was sick of meeting with the same people twice every week and there were other people in the class who I think I would have learned a great deal from given the opportunity to work with.
- * either don't have long out of class tests or at least give most class days off to make up for it
- * The course naturally includes a lot of information but he goes through it way too fast.
- * more review for exams
- * Perhaps fewer slideshows as a form of taking notes. It sometimes was difficult to focus through a whole class period of slide after slide.
- * Does his best to be the most helpful
- * Tests are way too hard. Assumes that students will be able to figure out extremely complicated questions, even though we have a basic knowledge of the material.

9. Additional comments:

- * Best class I have ever taken at Boston College.
- * Great job, really cares about the well being of the student. It is not fair to ask the students to take exams on non-class days for lengthened periods of time, i.e., 3 hours on Friday afternoons.
- * I think Prof. Soo is a great teacher for many students, but for me, his teaching style was not a good fit.
- * Great class, learned a lot. Fair grading.
- * N/A
- * Fast II with Professor Soo might be one of the best classes with one of the best professors that I have taken at BC thus far. The class was challenging compared to past accounting courses that I have taken, but I feel that this is one of the reasons why the class was so rewarding for me. I feel like I am coming out of this course extremely well prepared for the CPA exam and having learned so much valuable information.
- * Professor Soo's teaching style really allowed me to have a better understanding of the difficult material. The class was definitely a challenge, but in a good way
- * i knew the course was going to be tough, but i picked it anyway because i like professor soo