Business Analytics - MBA8150-Fall20-Online



Course Feedback - 2pts

WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply.



The cut-off date for posting to this forum is reached so you can no longer post to it.



WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Rick Jerz - Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 3:19 PM

I find it useful to get some feedback about the course at this point. For example, you could let me know if you like the course, are you learning, have you been able to apply anything that you have learned, is there anything that I might be able to improve, are you struggling with anything, etc. You can say whatever you would like to say, and be as long or as brief as you wish (for example, one word such as fine, terrible, okay.)

Sum of ratings: - Permalink



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Alice Hemaidan - Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 3:26 PM

So far, so good. Enjoying the excel models and the weekly cadence/structure of the course.

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Gabriela Lawrence - Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 3:46 PM

Hi Dr. Jerz, I appreciate that this course lets me study at my own pace. Week 1 was a lot to handle, but since then I think the lecture videos and other material and the provided excel spreadsheet have helped me understand this material quickly. I have not used the textbook very much, and I have not needed to communicate with other students. Will the exam's difficulty be in line with the weekly problems?

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Rick Jerz - Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 4:23 PM

Yes, the exam questions will be very similar to the problems in our self-assessments. I do not try to surprise students with anything new.

Sum of ratings: -

Permalink Sho

Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Josh Herchuk - Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 5:00 PM

In a course like this, it is my belief that the instructor and the manner in which material is presented is hugely important. You do a phenomenal job and your Excel tools make problem solving (relatively) easy. You have clearly put significant effort in to making analytics manageable. Thank you for all of that!

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Matt Syedahamed - Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 5:56 PM

Overall, this course has been growing very well. I love the step by step breakdown that your video tutorials have for Excel models. I am not very tech savvy, and have been learning how to work around Excel as a result of this class. Analytics seemed like a subject I did not see myself mastering prior to taking this course, however, I am getting more and more confident as the weeks go by. 10/10 score

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Brynne Liu - Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 8:36 PM

Have really enjoyed the course. Lecture videos are great and the reinforcement activities/lectures have been useful. I have applied the statistics to analyze average freight rates on \$/mile basis. I have also used some of the visualization tools on Tableau to visualize which commodities I have shipped the most in my previous year.

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Rick Jerz - Wednesday, September 23, 2020, 9:01 AM

Applying what you have learned is always great, Landon.

Sum of ratings: - Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by <u>Jiajia Richter</u> - Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 10:57 PM

Hi Dr. Jerz,

Echoing Barrett's comments, Week 1 was a lot to handle, but since then, the content has been manageable from week to week. I like how clear the excel models are with how to enter, interpret, and plot the data and I like being able to retake the quizzes. I know that my learning improves each time I take them. As with any class, exams tend to have their own unique format/feel. A practice exam would be beneficial just to get a feel for what exams will be like in this course and get more feedback. Otherwise, everything is going well.

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Rick Jerz - Wednesday, September 23, 2020, 9:02 AM

I don't have a practice exam, but I have turned on all previously due self-assessments back on for practice. Also, as you review the Reinforcement videos, always try to do the problems yourself before I show you.

Sum of ratings: - Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by David Geers - Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 11:27 PM

I enjoy the fact that you have broken up the video lengths into a very manageable structure, working full time I find myself spending short periods throughout the week listening to them once or twice before doing the quizzes. I also like the fact you have a bank of questions in the quizzes and it throws you a curve ball once in a while if you aren't paying attention, but allows you to follow up and redo the quizzes over. The Excel sheets are also nice, if I had to create them myself they would not be as organized.

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Dani Yang - Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 11:36 PM

I've really enjoyed the course so far. The pace is great and your videos really help me understand the topics. The excel models you have are a refreshing change of pace from past stat classes where I had to write formulas and use a calculator. I have had a chance to use a couple of you excel tricks for my job.

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Anna Herrig - Wednesday, September 23, 2020, 10:22 AM

Love it

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by <u>Virag Rohrssen</u> - Wednesday, September 23, 2020, 10:51 AM

Thus far, I have really enjoyed this class and greatly appreciate the excel models. Creating tools like these takes time, creative thought, and strict attention to detail. Most of all these are not easy to create but have tremendous value, and allow time to interpret data vs constructing data.

Additionally, I think that the format of this class has been well done to include the pace. There is a lot of digest week over week but not so much that the student is unable to comprehend the concepts and just focused on trying to get work done.

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Conner Carlson - Wednesday, September 23, 2020, 4:39 PM

I was initially hesitant about taking an asynchronous class, especially for a class like statistics of which I do not have a lot of experience in - but you have made this class very enjoyable and easy to follow. I really appreciate the excel spreadsheets as well as all of the extra tips and tricks for excel. Thank you!

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Bailey Benskin - Friday, September 25, 2020, 1:35 PM

I have really enjoyed the course so far and find the excel tools that you provide extremely helpful! I also really appreciate the videos you include both for lecture materials but also when answering our questions.



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by <u>Jacob Jones</u> - Saturday, September 26, 2020, 10:10 AM

This is my first asynchronous class so that has been some getting use to for me. I use a lot of excel for showing reports and such, so it has been nice to apply some of the excel information that we have learned thus far. The class is laid out very logically which I appreciate and the organization helps with keeping me on track.

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Nicole Canada - Saturday, September 26, 2020, 6:15 PM

So far, it's going very well. I really appreciate you providing us with the Excel models and walking us through how to use them. I like that this is asynchronous so I can study and do work on my own time. The content load is manageable for people like myself that are working full time. I cannot thank you enough for not having us calculate the z values. I absolutely hated doing that in a previous stats class and felt like it was such a waste of time and energy. Your way is so much more efficient.

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Rick Jerz - Sunday, September 27, 2020, 7:48 AM

Yep, Alysha, I am trying to make you a more productive and efficient worker. And I try to do this "by example." (Meaning, making this course productive and efficient. (a)

Sum of ratings: - Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Brandi Hobbs - Saturday, September 26, 2020, 7:00 PM

I would say that you do a great job at taking us through the problems in Excel and lecturing the concepts. I was nervous in the beginning because I'm an Excel rookie, but you do a thorough job of walking us through the examples and your formulas. There were times in the beginning when I had to pause and/or rewind to keep up with your Excel movements, but I could tell you did it to respect the class time limit. It wasn't a big deal for me to go back because I wanted to make sure I was doing it right. I'm sure most others had no issues with that.

Overall I've really enjoyed learning the models through Excel. Not only does it make me a better Excel user, but it helps me understand the problems better when we apply them to real life examples. Looking forward to learning more.

One last thing, I noticed in your Reinforcement-03 video that you reference the "Let's Make a Deal" problem and you state that the show no longer airs, but it actually does. Wayne Brady has been hosting it on CBS since 2009

Not as good as the classic with Monty Hall, but it's still just as silly. Just thought you'd like to know in case you are free during the daytime watch and shout out probabilities at the contestants!

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Rick Jerz - Sunday, September 27, 2020, 7:51 AM

Yep, Shilo, when I made that video I thought "Let's make a Deal" was gone. But other students have told me that it is still on TV. I think that the current show has been modified from the original due to this problem of knowing what one should always do.

I will have to try to watch it. Thanks.

Sum of ratings: - Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Traci Hannenberg - Sunday, September 27, 2020, 12:33 PM

The last time I took a business class, many moons ago, I remember charts and tables and spending hours on them. Being able to use Excel, something I use everyday, has been amazing. I have used them in real world scenarios and shared with my team at work. The videos are a great addition to the text also.

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Cara Lukka - Sunday, September 27, 2020, 1:05 PM

I am really enjoying this class! After taking stats in undergrad and learning both the book method and the calculator method I can say that this class has been the most beneficial way of learning the material. Using the excel models that you have created have been super useful, so thank you for that information.

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by <u>David Goedken</u> - Sunday, September 27, 2020, 3:48 PM

I really appreciate the work you put into the Excel tools. They are really valuable and have made this course easy to follow.

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Shivaji Daecher - Monday, September 28, 2020, 9:08 AM

Hi Dr. Jerz, it doesn't come as a surprise to me, but this course covers a lot of items not in my toolbox! The first week took me so long that I was worried about navigating the rest of the semester but I will say - you do a great job for all skill levels. Providing easy to understand videos, and making sure there's a recap each week is very helpful. I might just make it to the end afterall .

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Tim Kral - Monday, September 28, 2020, 7:54 PM

Course is going really well, nervous for the exam- really need to buckle down and get some studying done for next weeks test.

The videos and course material are really helpful when learning each lesson. Really well organized course material.

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Derek Kucharz - Monday, September 28, 2020, 9:00 PM

The excel models certainly are very complex and took a lot of work to create. They are very helpful to do the calculations so students can focus on the actual theory behind them. The course is well designed, but it would be nice to have the ability to get some feedback after the Self-Assessments. I find that I get the correct answer, but would like to verify that I got the correct answer for the right logic. So, maybe feedback on those that were correct, but not providing feedback to those incorrect? Or feedback on what concept to study on those that are incorrect? Overall, great course so far, but worried about the exam since I can't "think" I am getting it right and understanding the concept.



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply.

by Rick Jerz - Tuesday, September 29, 2020, 9:22 AM

Good suggestion Bou, about feedback on only correctly answered questions.

My problem with feedback is that the author doesn't provide it, so I would have to go into each question bank question, of which there might be around 100 per chapter, and manually type the feedback myself. (A lot more effort than it took us to enter 100 M&M weights!)

Sum of ratings: - Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Karmin Campbell - Monday, September 28, 2020, 9:45 PM

So far, I think the class has been good. I am a little nervous about the exam, but I think I can tough it out using the awesome Excel models you provide each week. I can't imagine having to calculate some of these formulas out by hand.

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Tyler Tully - Tuesday, September 29, 2020, 11:26 PM

I continue to like the flexibility of this course, as well as the effort you've placed on actually solving problems through Excel. This has definitely allowed me to gain some efficiencies in my day to day work. Thank you!

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Tyler Blackhurst - Thursday, October 1, 2020, 1:09 PM

So far so good! There's been a good balance between terms that are familiar but introducing the challenge of learning new ways to do things, using your excel files, different tools and applying new concepts has been great. I like the length of the videos and being able to do excel problems while you are doing the walk-throughs.

On a side note, I am a marketing manager and I have always been grateful for my analytics team that I work closely with; however, I have let them know how much more I am appreciative of their partnership based on what I've learned so far in this class. It's also helped me to communicate using similar language and I am able to understand the analysis/problems they are putting together for different marketing pieces that we are creating.

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Rick Jerz - Friday, October 2, 2020, 1:43 PM

Beth, I can't wait to have some of your analytics team members take my course!



Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by <u>Jared Walker</u> - Thursday, October 1, 2020, 2:20 PM

The course is going great! I think you've done a great job in not drowning us in equations and busy work, but really focusing on the application of data so the class can apply what we learn in the work world. One recommendation is the week of exam 1, maybe make the workload lighter or have no assignments roll out that Tuesday. May help students stay ahead.

Permalink Show parent

Sum of ratings: -



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Andrew Horvath - Thursday, October 1, 2020, 4:36 PM

I have really been a fan of this course so far. I very much appreciate that this course provides me with the opportunity to study at my own pace. It has helped with balancing work, family and school. The excel model is amazing, I already shared it with my team and we are looking for way to implement and utilize it in our day-to-day work.

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by <u>Jason Pawlowski</u> - Friday, October 2, 2020, 8:35 PM

I took biostatistics online in undergrad and many of the concepts are the same but you are much better at explaining it. I really appreciate the Excel models and equations that you show us.

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Rick Jerz - Saturday, October 3, 2020, 7:57 AM

by Montoors Catalogy, Cottober 6, 2020, 7.07 AM

My guess, Shayla, is that your biostatistics course used tables in the back of the book instead of Excel. But I could be wrong.

Sum of ratings: - Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Sydney Constantinides - Saturday, October 3, 2020, 7:53 AM

I really like how easy it is to build this course into my schedule. Having each week's assignment open a week early makes it easy to plan ahead when I have a project in another class, a busy week at work, or plans with my family/friends. The videos are easy to follow and the excel tools are extremely helpful.

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Rick Jerz - Saturday, October 3, 2020, 8:01 AM

Delaney, I think that we learn best when a course is paced, to keep you active, yet provides you the flexibility to take care of other needs in your life. Sometimes it is difficult to be "in class" at an exact point in time, like Monday evenings. This is why I believe in the asynchronous online model. And these discussion forums still bring us all together.

Sum of ratings: - Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Brandie Clark - Saturday, October 3, 2020, 5:46 PM

Probably one of the most organized graduate-level courses I've ever taken - I'm really enjoying it so far. The excel spreadsheets are so helpful. very easy to understand and apply to problems. I really enjoy the assessments that go along with each week's topic - video lectures and assessment help to reinforce the concepts learned.

One suggested improvement would be having one live session (synchronous) to review the concepts and work on problems like/similar to those covered on the exams. This live interaction would give students the opportunity to engage with you and other students - i.e. ask questions and work problems together.



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Ge Vandegrift - Saturday, October 3, 2020, 6:18 PM

I enjoy the flexibility of this course and how I can work through the material when it works best in my schedule and therefore give the course my full attention. I also love the structure and focus on excel (rather than tedious calculations that are not as easily integrated into real life).

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Nathan Carter - Sunday, October 4, 2020, 4:09 PM

I am enjoying the content and structure of this course. I appreciate the real-world examples, and not having to memorize formulas.

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Adam Diep - Monday, October 5, 2020, 8:36 PM

I have enjoyed the class thus far. I have learned a great deal about the broad principles of statistics and business analytics. I find your spreadsheets to be incredibly helpful and time-friendly. My only fear is that with the spreadsheets, I am losing the process of deeply learning what information is being put into the calculations and work. Obviously, the more practice, the more I understand, but I would say that is my only personal concern. The presentation of the course is fantastic and allows me to complete tasks timely and at my own pace. I appreciate your desire to help each student. Looking forward to completing the rest of the semester.

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Rick Jerz - Monday, October 5, 2020, 9:36 PM

I understand, Chase. The textbook is a great resource for those wanting "deeper" learning, along with all the equations and the traditional table approach. You will always have my Excel models. Also, being able to explore what subtle or big data changes do to results, meaning "what-if analysis," is much better done with my Excel models and can provide a deeper understanding than the traditional methods.

Sum of ratings: - Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Adrian Ammirati - Monday, October 5, 2020, 8:44 PM

I haven't been in college for 5 years, and analytics is definitely not my strong suit. I anticipated the course would be stressful for me but the way you have it structured with live scenerios, excel formulas and the flexability to study when I need has really been helpful and raised the bar high on my first MBA class.



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Fabiola Bortscheller - Monday, October 5, 2020, 10:01 PM

Hello!

I am enjoying the course so far. The excel models are incredible and have been really helpful throughout the course. I have also enjoyed being able to make mistakes and retake the assessments and problem sets. This has helped me work through items I am not understanding and more effectively learn the material at my own pace. It was also helpful to have these items reopened in preparation for the test, as going over problems was one of the most effective ways to prepare. The reinforcement videos were also really helpful to get some practice. I would like to have more real world examples included and understand more how I can apply these ideas in my current work. I am hopeful as we keep moving through the content, that image will become more clear for me. The pace of the course has also been manageable. I appreciate the amount of time we have to work through each week as it provides a lot of flexibility with a difficult work schedule. Thank you!

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Brock Mascardo - Tuesday, October 6, 2020, 10:42 AM

Similar to many others' responses, I think the excel models are great. If you understand the concepts behind them, they make it very straightforward to solve problems. It's a good textbook - I usually complete the readings before the concept quizzes and then watch your lecture videos before the problem quizzes and it's been a good system. I like that we have the option to take quizzes multiple times and take the best score from our attempts. I like the way the first exam was structured, based on solving problems from each of the weekly modules, and I appreciate you opening the problem quizzes to practice and review prior to the exam.

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by <u>Jaclyn Mortenson</u> - Tuesday, October 6, 2020, 10:43 AM

Going great. Asynchronous is best for my schedule. Additionally, your excel files I will keep for doing different projects at work (I am in the midst of a six sig project so these tools are timely!).

Thank you!

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Rick Jerz - Wednesday, October 7, 2020, 6:24 AM

Brandon, you will have to keep me informed about your six sigma project and how you have integrated your learning into your work. Perhaps this will be an easy post for you on next week's bonus exercise about "real-life examples."

Sum of ratings: - Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Glen Larson - Tuesday, October 6, 2020, 2:14 PM

The course is going great so far. I appreciate the excel models and not having to live in the back of a textbook using tables like in my undergrad statistics class. Thanks for developing those models, as I am actually using them right now in my engineering job!



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Rick Jerz - Wednesday, October 7, 2020, 6:25 AM

Your post, Zach, reminded me to mention (again) that since my Excel models are completely open, you can grab any part of them and build them into your own models, or you can modify them to be more specific to what you are doing at work.

Sum of ratings: - Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Nathan Rueger - Tuesday, October 6, 2020, 6:50 PM

Dr. Jerz,

As an English major for my undergraduate I was worried about how I would fare in a graduate level mathematics based course. However, with the pace and structure I have found myself adapting and learning. I was worried with it being online and my own personal ability to learn. But with your notes, lecture material and reinforcement activities I find myself being able to grasp the material. As a creature of habit, I also enjoy having a routine with this course. I know when things are due and I am able to structure my week around it. I am able to take the past week, figure out what worked and what didn't with my personal schedule, and adapt for the next week. I also enjoy that the materials for future weeks are available allowing us to work at the pace we feel most comfortable with. Overall, my thoughts are that the course has been accessible and as I delve further in my field, I look forward to applying the knowledge I have gained!

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Wendy Jackson - Tuesday, October 6, 2020, 7:58 PM

I was very nervous for this course, as I've never taken a statistics course at all, let alone at the graduate level. The course structure has made these topics bearable and actually enjoyable to learn! I appreciate the time and thoughtfulness that you have clearly put into this course. By completing the textbook readings, listening to your lectures, and then following along with the Excel models, I am understanding the concepts of this course very well. Thank you for all of your work to make this class a success!

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Katie Ganapathy - Tuesday, October 6, 2020, 9:33 PM

I was nervous at first about taking a math class online especially since I have not taken a college class in 12 years. I am more relaxed now. I appreciate that we are using Excel the way we are. It is such a powerful tool. Also, I like that we can study at our own pace but also be held accountable to not get behind. Overall, I really like the way this class is setup.

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Carol Vandervelde - Tuesday, October 6, 2020, 9:56 PM

I really like how this course is laid out. Very simple and the calendar shows exactly what is expected and when. The Excel sheets are something I can take with me through years of work. With other classes the information goes in for a semester then forgotten but with the simple excel sheets, I am confident I can use those when needed. Overall you present the material in a realistic and clear way which makes the reason for learning it clear!



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Patrick Ross - Tuesday, October 6, 2020, 9:58 PM

So far, so good! It's been over 10 years since my last Statistics course during undergrad, but using the Excel models had made calculations a breeze compared to having to use a graphing calculator. The asynchronous manner of the course has also been a huge help. Keeping Tuesday night as a placeholder class night has been great to ensure I'm not falling behind.

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Laura Seede - Tuesday, October 6, 2020, 10:15 PM

The excel models are much better than the book tables I had to use in undergrad. Overall I think the course is going well and is well paced.

Permalink Show parent



Re: WK06 - How is this course going? Click here to reply. by Maddie Lima - Tuesday, October 6, 2020, 10:26 PM

I am really enjoying this class and thoroughly enjoy your effort to make this class so streamline and conducive to learning. Your lectures are extremely helpful and easy to follow!

Permalink Show parent

■ WK06 (Ch09) Problems Self-Assessment WK06: Any Questions, Comments, or Observations ▶