

Sample of Feedback

Professor Acharya,

We have come a long way in this class. When we started i was completely lost and struggling with the question of whether or not to drop the class. I initially found the material to be extremely difficult and too hard to understand. This changed a lot for me after the first exam. I spent over 14 hours working on it and did not stop until i was sure that i had the problems correct. Since then I have increased my out of class study time and now feel like i come to class thoroughly prepared to be faced with a new and difficult, but not insurmountable, problem. This is not only the toughest class i have taken at UIC but also my favorite one. I feel that so much of college is wasted on learning trivial facts that will be completely useless for the vast majority of students. This is one of the very few classes where i dint feel that way. I want to become a trader and being that i live in Chicago options would be on the top of the list of things i will likely learn to trade. That being said, i find the information in this class to be extremely valuable and i am confident that i will use the knowledge i acquire in this class as i move forward in my life.

regards
Jeff Casas

I love the class thus far (and I am not just saying that). I think we do enough examples to grasp the concept, and you have been thoroughly delving into each step so as to make sure we understand what is happening. More important though, is that we talk about real world examples of the current financial world, and we (try to) focus on critical thinking. Not just learning how to plug numbers into a formula (which will be done by Minitab or Excel anyways), but the theories and logical explanations behind these applications. Of course we/I have a loooooong way to go, but I think it is a good start. Technically, I do believe we are starting to develop a foundation upon which to learn valuation techniques. Although I do not know what good it is now, as you admitted that you do not trade options because they are "for suckers who get taken advantage of by the big dogs!" I like the frank, honest truth!!

The learning though is absolutely valuable. I am a finance major, and more importantly an avid student and enthusiast of financial theories/strategies. I want to learn everything I can to stay abreast of the global situation, the financial options at one's disposal to be economically successful, and increase the computing and reasoning power of my brain.

I have practiced the problems in class at home in my spare time, although admittedly not as much as I should be. There is always room for growth, and the way to capture the knowledge is through practical application. I would say a 6 currently. I have not had many difficulties thus far. The questions I have had have been answered in class either during normal hours or directly following class. I should explore all options, from office hours to my classmates. Now that I am back in the swing of the school routine (almost), and have just about healed from my surgery (another 2 weeks to be normal hopefully), I should be able to take advantage of all my resources and utilize my time efficiently.

I think that we are off to a good start, as I stated before. At this point, I think the Professor's enthusiasm, knowledge, status and practice in the financial world are awesome. I look forward to the class getting more in depth, and growing as students and people!

Josh Hoffman

Dear Prof. Acharya,

Thank you so much!

You are one of the best professors I have been taught by, and I am sure that wouldn't change regardless of where I go to continue my education. You will always be in my good memories of UIC and if there is anything that I can do for you, that you might think will help you in your future endeavors, please let me know. I have you on my linked-in network and also the following is my non uic email:

Once again, if there is anything I can do for you, please contact me at any point. Gandhi said once: "Be the change you want to see in the world", and you are definitely living by those words.

People like you make this world better place, with every day they are present on this earth. Please, make sure you never change who you are today, as we all strive to be like you!

Thank you everything and I wish you all the best!

Sincerely,
Borislav Topchiev

Dear Professor Acharya,

I really enjoyed your paper, and it helped to open my eyes to the real financial conditions at this current time. It makes a lot of sense that the system can't possibly work if it is operating on the wrong information. Many of our current problems could have been avoided if first-best research was taken seriously. How you say that the current system of money and finance is unconstitutional and economically inefficient is a fair accusation supported by evidence. I really enjoy that you just don't criticize the current system, but also offer outlook and insight to what our next moves should be. The idea of a safe central bank open to everyone makes the most sense. If we open our eyes to the real information and data instead of just taking the media word for it we might be better off.

Respectfully,

Michael Uremovic"