

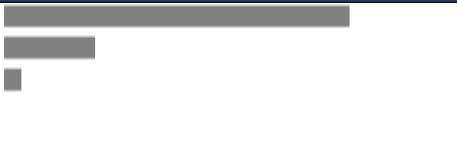
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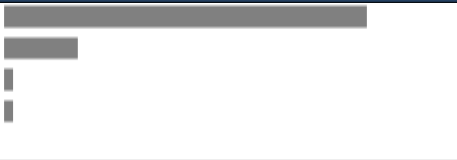
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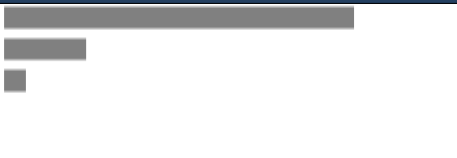
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1 - Overall, I would rate this unit as being excellent										
Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses			Means		
Agree		(5)	82	78.1%						
Mostly Agree		(4)	21	20%						
Neither Agree Nor Disagree		(3)	2	1.9%						
Mostly Disagree		(2)	0	0%						
Disagree		(1)	0	0%						
					0	25	50	75	100	Question
Return Rate		Mean	STD	Median						
105/150 (70%)		4.76	0.47	5.00						

2 - The feedback that I received on my work was helpful										
Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses			Means		
Agree		(5)	80	76.19%						
Mostly Agree		(4)	21	20%						
Neither Agree Nor Disagree		(3)	4	3.81%						
Mostly Disagree		(2)	0	0%						
Disagree		(1)	0	0%						
					0	25	50	75	100	Question
Return Rate		Mean	STD	Median						
105/150 (70%)		4.72	0.53	5.00						

3 - This unit was well organised										
Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses			Means		
Agree		(5)	84	80%						
Mostly Agree		(4)	17	16.19%						
Neither Agree Nor Disagree		(3)	2	1.9%						
Mostly Disagree		(2)	2	1.9%						
Disagree		(1)	0	0%						
					0	25	50	75	100	Question
Return Rate		Mean	STD	Median						
105/150 (70%)		4.74	0.59	5.00						

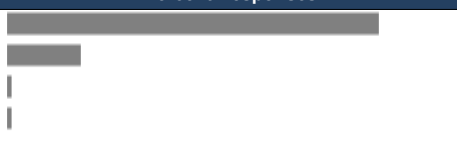
4 - The course materials were helpful										
Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses			Means		
Agree		(5)	81	77.14%						
Mostly Agree		(4)	19	18.1%						
Neither Agree Nor Disagree		(3)	5	4.76%						
Mostly Disagree		(2)	0	0%						
Disagree		(1)	0	0%						
					0	25	50	75	100	Question
Return Rate		Mean	STD	Median						
105/150 (70%)		4.72	0.55	5.00						

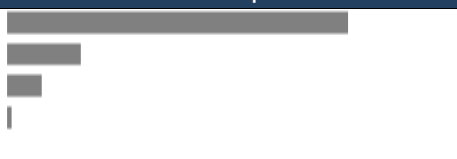
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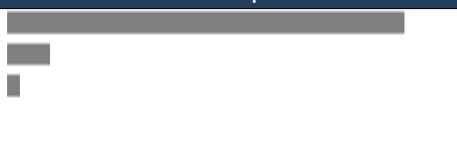
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5 - The support classes were helpful												
Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses				Means			
Agree		(5)	86	81.9%					4.79			
Mostly Agree		(4)	17	16.19%								
Neither Agree Nor Disagree		(3)	1	0.95%								
Mostly Disagree		(2)	1	0.95%								
Disagree		(1)	0	0%								
					0	25	50	75	100	Question		
Return Rate		Mean	STD	Median								
105/150 (70%)		4.79	0.49	5.00								

6 - The eLearning resources provided in this unit were helpful												
Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses					Means		
Agree		(1)	79	75.24%						1.34 		
Mostly Agree		(2)	17	16.19%								
Neither Agree nor Disagree		(3)	8	7.62%								
Mostly Disagree		(4)	1	0.95%								
Disagree		(5)	0	0%								
					0	25	50	75	100	Question		
Return Rate		Mean	STD	Median								
105/150 (70%)		1.34	0.66	1.00								

7 - Prof/Dr. Saralees Nadarajah's teaching was excellent												
Response Option		Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses			Means				
Agree		(5)	92	87.62%				4.85				
Mostly Agree		(4)	10	9.52%								
Neither Agree nor Disagree		(3)	3	2.86%								
Mostly Disagree		(2)	0	0%								
Disagree		(1)	0	0%								
I have not been taught by this lecturer		(0)	0	0%								
					0	25	50	75	100	Question		
Return Rate		Mean	STD	Median								
105/150 (70%)		4.85	0.43	5.00								

8 - What aspect of Prof. /Dr. Saralees Nadarajah's approach to teaching best helped your learning?	
Return Rate	63/150 (42%)
- "Are you with me ?" "do you follow me ?" "uhh" "I care about " These inspirational words are the best aspect. - best teacher I have met - Clear demonstration of method on the board and a large supply of exercises to work from. - Clear explanation Pace - Clearly notes Well organized structure of this course Good analysis of material - Course materials	

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- detailed tutorial
- Dr Nadarajah takes a very thorough approach in delivering lectures and makes sure that all students understand the course material well, by providing detailed explanations and analysis, in addition to providing many examples.
- Dr. Saralees Nadarajah is a very nice and patient teacher, I like him very much.
- everthing
- Every approach is excellent!
- Everything, he's very approachable. Encourages us to see him in his office and to email him. He doesn't treat it like a chore to help the students. Incredibly helpful and caring. The course materials are more than substantial in getting a good grade in the module, furthermore the weekly emails are fantastic. Always keeping us up to date. The sheets in which he writes on go online too, which is perfect since easy to catch up when missed a lecture. Lastly, the coursework feedback/marks turnover is absolutely amazing. He is one of the few lecturers in the Maths department who clearly cares for his students results. Never fails to impress.
- excellent
- excellent
- Exercise is great
- explain clearly
good handout
- Fantastic lecturer, possibly the best I've had at university. Very clear lectures at a good pace but keeps things interesting. Very approachable if help is required. Explains things well.
- Gives a lot of resources to help with revision. Easy to approach. Great at helping when you find topics difficult!
- good
- good
- Good explanation to all the examples.
- Great notes written during the lectures. Good examples that helped me understand the material. Good teaching (including help for calculus and algebra).
- He cared every students and make sure everyone is following .
- He explained every formula and definition very clearly.
- He explains the concept and what he teaches very well.
- He gives many examples.
- He is an excellent teacher who I like best. He is very hardworking, shows every detail after every lecture and supporting class.
- He is very good for notifying me with what each lectureand example sheet consists of. This is useful to help preparation and any back ground reading that I need to do.
- he teaches very well and clearly explain everything even a small part
- He thoroughly goes through all details of the course and helps with any problems you may have. In all honesty Dr Saralees has been one of the most helpful, informative and patient lecturers I have encountered at my time at this university, and I am very glad to have someone who makes a difficult course seem more simple.
- He was very thorough on the things I found tricky, he must know from previous feedback from past years what people find tricky and worked in extra time to spend on this, which is very useful!
He does examples, which is extremely useful.
He has all the materials we need online at the start of the semester which means I can work through things as soon as I want.
He is always available if you need help and is very approachable!
- He writes out the notes so they are easy to follow and understand
- He writes steps out clearly in how to solve and is very dedicated and gives up a lot of time to help which I really appreciate.
- his explanation is very clearly made, well written notes, very passionate and helpful
- His explanations and his well organised lecture notes.
- his teaching style.
- His teaching technique is excellent. I cant really say the exact aspect that is better than the other because starting from the lectures, he displays an in depth knowledge of what he teaches, and he carries everybody along. He solves as much examples as time will permit. He gives very useful problem sheets and solutions helps one to

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- have an in depth understanding of the course etc.
- I like that he uses a lot of examples and the pace is good.
 - I really like the teaching pace of Dr Saralees Nadarajah. He covered every proof in the lecture which helps understanding.
 - Lecturer didn't require any notes to teach. He effectively does the problems with you as he teaches. Lots of examples in class.
 - lectures are excellent I think personally. Make every steps clearly, better than some other teacher , thanks!
 - many examples
 - Notes and lectures very clear. Good examples and well organised.
 - Plenty of examples questions are provided. It is very clear what will be examinable and plenty of information is provided about what exactly the exam will cover.
 - Prof Saralees is the most responsible lecturer I have ever met.
He has given us a large number of examples in class related to the course materials.
He always encourages us to ask questions either in class or after class.
The outline of this course is clear and helpful.
The example sheets are quite useful.
 - Quite organised about what he is doing which is nice. He seems to really care about his course.
 - Really enjoyed in every lectures and tutorials.
 - Really like this lecturer as he is very keen to have everyone understand the module and offers a lot of feedback.
 - Really well organised and gets in touch with students regularly to keep us up to date with the course. Explains things well in tutorials.
 - That if he introduces you a topic that you must already know, he will explained again for you to understand what is happening.
 - The detailed notes and the exercises are really helpful.
 - The lecturer uses handwritten notes in lectures rather than powerpoint slides, making the material easier to follow. He also provides extremely useful support for the exams (Lots of past papers, solution sheets, formula sheets etc)
 - The lectures and problem sheets with detailed solutions.
 - The most efficient, organised and helpful lecturer I've ever had. Goes out of his way to get everything marked within the same day which I know is appreciated by everyone. Explains examples very well and provides brilliant online materials.
 - The speed of the class could be faster
 - the well organized structure and the handwriting notes.
 - very clear notes
 - Very detailed explanation
 - Very enthusiastic about the course, always willing to address any problems students were having.
Throughout the course he has listened to students in terms of what resources they would like to be put up online, what topics they are struggling with the most etc.
Very clear and understandable lectures, one of the very few lecturers who's lecturers are clearly beneficial to attend, even though all class notes are put online.
 - very patient to explain those equations we encounter.
 - very patient to student.
 - Very personalised feel to the teaching, always available to offer help and gave plenty of thorough emails to help with the material.
 - We were provided with a lot of examples, prof. was always happy to answer any question at any time. The best lecturer.

9 - Please provide details of what you valued about this unit

Return Rate	46/150 (30.67%)
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- Applications of the course material to real data.	
- better understanding of the prob&stats bit of maths	
- Course material was interesting and well presented	

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- Dr Saralees is a very nice teacher, when I came to his office hour to ask several questions about this course, he is really patient to answer all of my questions and even the question is very easy.
- Excellent
- Excellent lecturer, thoroughly enjoyed the course. All material learned was explained in a clear and thorough way. It has been a very enjoyable unit.
- Excellent.
- feedback was very helpful and being able to get prompt responses from emails was very good
- good
- good
- good
- Good and useful.
- good tutorial class to understand what was taught during the lecture
- Great
- He writes out the notes and answers to example questions which makes it easier for me to understand and follow the method
- Helpful materials
- How it is at the forefront of statistical research.
- I kinda don't understand how this course relates to finance.
- I value the exposure I have obtained in the area of extreme values and financial risk.
- Interesting course/material.
- It is good, but not that practical since we have not tackled with real problems by these theories.
- It is interesting.
- It's financial relevance.
- Lectures are clear, notes are really good
- None
- Notes and exercises were easily available and useful.
- Notes, lectures example classes all very good.
- Provide detailed handwritten notes and sufficient example materials.
- that it does not include many proofs.
- The example classes have been very useful as he goes through the examples as you go.
- The introduction to extreme value Theory and where it can be applied. More use of stats and calculus skills.
- The lecturer was excellent.
- The material itself is quite difficult but with a great lecturer and good online notes, it becomes easier.
- The relevance of complicated distributions in the financial industry.
- The resources given to us regarding the midterm and exam- we were given clear problem sheets and notes from which to revise from. Furthermore, his patience towards students of different unit backgrounds was very much valued.
- The teacher is really good at explaining and helping the students
- Theoretical and useful.
- these models are very useful
- This something that I'm interested in and it is something new to me. Very different from other courses as it is all about financial risk.
- This unit gives a clear structure and the course content is helpful for my future career.

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- This unit is an important part in my subject , it will be very helpful in future .
- This unit is difficult when I study it at first, but Dr Saralees Nadarajah's explanations really helped me to understand it better.
- This unit of course is great, I have learned a lot about extreme values and financial risks. The course content is quite clear and organised.
- totally enjoy the lecture and the lecturer is really nice!
- Very useful

10 - Please provide details of what you think could be improved on this unit	
Return Rate	42/150 (28%)
- - - All things are perfect. - Everthing is ok, I like the lecturer. - Everything is good! - Everything well done - good - good - good - hopefully the marks for the final exam won't be scaled down - I believe that the difference between what is expected between level 3 and level 4 should be mentioned more or at least separate those 2 a little more because it is very difficult to understand what is the difference. - I think this course is a perfect course! - If you could provide more questions in the example sheets so we have more questions to practice. or recommend maybe one or 2 books from which we can practice questions ... not many books. just some specific books which had exam style questions. - It would be better if there are some example about implementing the theory into real data. - maybe can contain more contents - Maybe give less different methods to use to calculate ie VaR and ES and be clear if we need to study the extra lecture notes - Maybe the solutions could provide a few more steps. But otherwise, nothing. - More connection to the financial concept than the maths part - More detail in the solutions. I sometimes get lost or mistaken where I go wrong. - more detailed analysis of hard example sheets early lecture notes on key calculus areas would be helpful. - More practical problems would be a big plus. - N/A - n/a. - None - Not applicable, one of (if not) the best units and lecturers i have come across since being at this university. - Not much. - Nothing - nothing	

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- Nothing of note
- NOTHING.
- Nothing.
- Nothing. It is excellent.
- Possible improvements on organisation, lots of handouts that aren't in order.
- Show more of an applied side to theoretical.
- So far, I feel everything is perfect, but maybe except for the time.... it is short.
- Solutions are not always clear- misses steps out sometimes, doesn't necessarily need every step but maybe a note as to what has been done
- Some answers to the exercise skip too much that some of them are hard to understand.
- Some practice in class, I mean we could use these knowledge in financial data .
- Sometimes the handwriting can be better

The calculation is too complex to finish within the given time in the exam

- The amount of material to learn for this module I feel far exceeds any other, very hard module. Jump from question to question in different example sheets all the time, maybe better to have the questions in chronological order so a sheet for week 1 sheet etc.

- The online notes are not really useful for the module itself. Each chapter has pages and pages which are not really needed for this module. Online material should be revised at some point with correct names, and removal of material which is not part of the course

- Unit is difficult but doesn't really require any improvement.

- would like if the online notes matched with the notes he uses in the lecture as they are all over the place