

Student comments on trial editions of

*Statistical Models: Theory and Practice*

and related courses

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Extremely good book, makes me think carefully.

Explanations are clear and understandable, covers a lot of topics.

Liked sense of humor, focus on applications.

Lots of examples.

Teaches you to think before you calculate.

Well organized, good contents.

Explains difficult material in an easy way.

Very interesting class. Learned a lot about statistics, not just the math part.

Makes you think really hard, and makes you learn the basics for sure. I loved it.

Opened my eyes to possibilities for analyzing data in my field.

Interesting, pace good, explanations thorough and clear.

Perfect balance of mathematical stuff and real papers.

I liked having papers to read as a way to understand course material.

Step by step explanations encourage interaction between instructor and student.

One of the best classes I have ever taken. Beautiful job of tying abstract knowledge to real-life applications.

Great articles for students to read.

Clear, concise, explains things in simple terms.

Interesting and diverse readings provide good grounds for discussion. Labs sync up well with articles. Honing in on weaknesses in arguments is valuable.

I liked the book because it made me think, but sometimes it made me think a little too hard.

Clear, careful, helpful. Sometimes, the reading load is too big.

Good examples to explain hard concepts. A lot of theoretical statistics in background.

Good choice of papers. Good labs. I liked emphasis on causal inference.

The only class I had where we actually got to apply statistics to the real world and do hands-on projects.

Considering this is a statistics class, it was entertaining and I actually learned something.

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Quotes are edited. Graduate and undergraduate courses. Fall 2001 through Spring 2005. Median rating of 6 on a scale from 1 = poor to 7 = excellent.