

Congratulations!

Dr. Han Xiao is, as a recommender noted, a “dedicated and experienced” teacher, “much beloved” by his students. The testimonials written on his behalf serve as clear evidence of his commitment to teaching and mentoring. Phrases such as “best class” and “great professor” appear many times. In fact, one student even wished that Dr. Xiao’s course could have somehow been extended to make the learning experience last longer. Clearly, as one of his recommenders explains, Dr. Xiao is an effective, committed educator who inspires his students and has had a transformative impact on the graduate program in Statistics and Biostatistics. According to one alumna, Dr. Xiao walks a fine line between theory and practice in the classroom, keeping lectures lively while also introducing students to the “beauty of statistics” and drawing connections between statistical methodologies and relevant real-world examples. Transforming complex mathematical ideas into easily accessible language, and bringing to life to what might have otherwise been dry statistical proofs, Dr. Xiao is, as these writers explain, the kind of teacher who helps students understand the complexities of risk evaluation, financial stress testing, and portfolio optimization while also preparing them for the lives they’ll lead upon graduation.



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