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Supplementary material

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Table 1
Course Characteristics and Descriptive Statistics of Relative Study Time and Grade per Course

| Term-Course |  | Course Characteristics |  |  |  |  |  | Relative ST and Grade: Mean and Intercorrelation |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | Credit point load | Partial exam $\begin{aligned} & (0=\text { no, } \\ & 1=\text { yes }) \end{aligned}$ | Transp. Ass. (1-5) | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Direct. } \\ \text { LA } \\ (1-5) \end{gathered}$ | Cogn. <br> Level <br> LA <br> (1-5) | Course Difficulty* | $N$ | $M_{S T}\left(S D_{S T}\right)$ | $M_{\text {grade }}\left(S D_{\text {grade }}\right)$ | $r_{\text {(ST, grade) }}$ | $p$ |
| 1 | Financial Accounting 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 4 | . 220 | 61 | 0.73(0.27) | 8.46(3.10) | . 239 | . 032 |
|  | Global Economics \& Economic History | 3 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 1 | . 167 | 62 | 1.02(0.35) | 11.24(2.90) | . 239 | . 031 |
|  | Macro-economics 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 3 | . 337 | 62 | 0.94(0.27) | 12.23(3.77) | . 374 | . 001 |
|  | Mathematics 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 4 | . 444 | 61 | 1.07(0.33) | 7.31(5.11) | . 255 | . 024 |
|  | Sociology \& Demography | 6 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 1 | . 228 | 62 | 0.64(0.17) | 12.05(2.44) | . 326 | . 005 |
| 2 | Macro-economics 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 3 | . 337 | 50 | 0.81(0.26) | 10.42(3.18) | . 037 | . 399 |
|  | Management \& | 9 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 3 | . 183 | 51 | 0.64(0.17) | 9.57(2.64) | . 140 | . 164 |
|  | Management Accounting |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Mathematics 2 | 3 | $1$ | 4 | $4$ | 4 | $.444$ | 49 | $0.95(0.27)$ | 11.31(4.78) | . 036 | . 402 |
|  | Research Methods \& Psychology 1 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 3 | . 173 | 50 | 0.83(0.26) | 10.78(2.34) | . 383 | . 003 |
| 3 | Financial Accounting 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 4 | . 220 | 53 | 0.98(0.25) | 9.21(3.93) | . 205 | . 070 |
|  | Management Information Systems | 3 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 2 | . 112 | 53 | 0.76(0.24) | 12.26(3.74) | . 066 | . 318 |
|  | Principles of Law | 6 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 2 | . 341 | 53 | 0.66(0.17) | 8.55(3.23) | . 311 | . 012 |
|  | Research Methods \& | 2 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 5 | . 173 | 52 | 0.81(0.36) | 12.69(2.40) | . 535 | . 000 |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Psychology } 2 \\ \text { Statistics } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | 3 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 3 | . 401 | 53 | 1.04(0.27) | 11.00(5.16) | . 524 | . 000 |

Note. Grades range from 0 to 20, with 10 being the passing level. Transp. Ass. = Transparency of assessment; Direct. LA = Directivity of learning activities; Cogn. Level LA = Expected cognitive level of learning activities. * The proportion of students failing the exam in the preceding academic year.

