

Course: Econ 104B Instructor: Tsu-ting Tim Lin Semester: Fall 2014

Student Information:

3. How would you evaluate your own commitment to and engagement with this course?
 - I do my quizzes painfully. I enjoy group work.
 - I have never put more effort into a course than I did with this one.
 - Always attended class, could have studied a bit more.

Course and Instructor Evaluation:

1. How much do you think you've learned from this course?
 - A new currency ☺ I like this idea.
 - (A great deal) Professor Lin made sure of that.
 - I learned so much in this class and feel very prepared going forward.
 - Learned a lot about macroeconomics that has helped me see how the economy works.
 - Learned so much and understood a lot more than I expected.
 - I've learned more in this class than most others.
 - Knew almost nothing, I know a great deal now.
2. How helpful were the course materials used by the instructor?
 - PPT is clear and makes materials in the textbook easier to understand.
 - I thought the text was very helpful. Wasn't too dry. His use of planet money was very helpful as well.
 - The podcasts were interesting, and the Wheelan book was neat.
 - I liked the Podcasts. They were very long and a lot of them so it might be helpful to cut back.
 - Some podcasts weren't entirely helpful. The textbooks were very good.
 - There was always lots of resources to look at.
 - Episodes are informative. Addition book besides textbook is really helpful for understanding.
 - I was not, and am not, too wild about the podcasts. They were more of a nuisance than helpful learning material. Everything else was good.
3. How effective was the instructor in conducting the class sessions?
 - Very clear and coherent.
 - Very well prepared. Clear. Good pace. Meticulous.
 - Lectures were long but they were very helpful and contained all of the important info.
 - The lectures were great, the explanation of the Charts, and equations helped a lot.
 - Wish more hands on than only PowerPoint.
 - The information was excellent, but at times it was a bit overwhelming and hard to keep up with.

- Good logic line. Good class note.
 - Taught everything needed thoroughly, always willing to answer questions.
4. How would you rate the assignments and tests the instructor required as measures of learning in the course?
- Challenging but he warned us. He pushes us very hard.
 - The tests and assignments were very difficult but were “fair”
 - The quizzes and assignments were tough but helped in the long run.
 - Fair!
 - Assignments were very helpful, but often had repeated material. Doing them as a group was often inconvenient.
 - Hard but require us to work hard to learn more.
 - Very fair tests. No tricks of any kind.
5. How would you rate the instructor’s performance in providing fair, prompt, and helpful comments and grades on your work?
- Expects a lot in each answer. I just wish he would tell us on our tests where we went wrong.
 - There was never a question he did not know how to answer. He is so smart.
 - Always up front with the grades, and how to do better in class.
 - Quiz feedback would be nice.
 - Not just judge on correct or not but depend on your effort.
 - Always available to discuss problems.
6. What is your overall rating of this instructor?
- The most qualified professor I have had @ Gettysburg.
 - Class was tough but taught the material very well. Also there to help if needed.
 - Does demand a lot of work but is a fair grader!
 - Very tough but really good.
 - Very helpful
 - Very helpful, always willing to help a struggling student.
7. What is your overall rating of this course?
- I would recommend it to others if they are willing to work hard.
 - I learned a lot and enjoyed it.
 - Just a little hard but everything is good.

Last Thoughts:

- Professor Lin is an amazing addition to the Gettysburg Economics Department. He is an essential member and Gettysburg is lucky to have him.
- I thought Prof. Tim Lin did a great job teaching this class. He always stayed on top of me and really doesn’t allow much room for slackers. If there was one thing I would say this Prof. should improve on is that this particular course is Introductory and sometimes when students are unsure of answers he speaks

condescendingly and applies pressure making students nervous to participate. Prof. Lin is arguably the smartest teacher I've ever had, I think sometimes he just needs to remember we are all not on his intellectual level.

- Great teaching. Keep the good work up.
- I actually really enjoyed learning in this class, even though it was so much work.

1. Did you feel intellectually challenged in this course? How?

- Yes. Self-study and listening to podcasts.
- Yes. Timmy Lin pushes us to learn as much as possible.
- I was at every class.
- Yes, he pushes you and the material is tough.
- Yes. The exam is difficult.
- Yes, the material was very good but we learned so much that it was difficult to keep up with.
- Yes! Put a lot of time into understand.
- Yes, I don't usually think in the way required by the course, so I had to change the way I do things.
- Yes. A bit hard but good.
- Yes and no – mostly pretty simple ideas, but many of them.

2. What changes, if any, in the course would you recommend to the instructor?

- Perfect.
- Even though the class was demanding, it was well worth the effort.
- Help keep a happier classroom environment and not put as much stress on students every day when responding to questions.
- More practical examples in class that mirror assignments.
- Take away podcasts, or shorten them, or don't quiz/test on them.