

Student Information:

3. How would you evaluate your own commitment to and engagement with this course?
 - I was very engaged in Professor Lin's class and found myself very motivated because of his difficult material
 - I completed all assignments on time; I was taking this for my teaching certification program requirements and was spending more time on this class than ones relevant to my major
 - I really loved this course and topic, and always came to class having done the work and prepared
 - This course is very dense, hard to get through all the reading assignments
 - I attended every class lab/and did all required work
 - I was totally interested and committed completing all work and attending all classes

Course and Instructor Evaluation:

1. How much do you think you've learned from this course?
 - I learned a ton from Professor Lin
 - Knew basically nothing from what I know now
 - Honestly, most everything we talked about went way over my head
 - One of the worst teachers I've ever had
 - We covered a huge amount of material but we went over it step by step so it all made sense
2. How helpful were the course materials used by the instructor?
 - Planet money podcasts were my favorite
 - Quizzes/assignments force me to try problems on my own and help retaining facts
 - Information from the textbook and current event articles were relatable
 - There was just too much. It was an unmanageable workload for an intro-level course; because of the heavy workload I didn't have the time to sit down and actually understand concepts
 - The Planet Money is interesting. The Krugman book is great, easy to understand
 - It was good, but repetitive. There was no dialogue, it was just the professor speaking
 - The articles, readings, and podcasts were all extremely helpful for understanding the theory, application, and real world effects of macroeconomics
 - Some articles did not pertain to class work at the time. Less articles that are more informative would be helpful
 - Everything was every thoroughly laid out. All materials needed were available, and he was every eager to help in any way possible
 - For the most part excellent however some were ambiguous

3. How effective was the instructor in conducting the class sessions?
 - Very interesting and engaging
 - Being “cold called” often made me very anxious, and made me feel dumb when I didn’t know the answer
 - Requires students to think hard about the materials and come up with solution/why something is rather than makes the students memorize, it’s very helpful
 - Instead of helping when I got something wrong, he would make me feel stupid and call on someone else
 - He always stopped for questions, entertained hypotheticals and off-topic ideas, forced people to participate, covered the material thoroughly, and explained everything step by step
 - Lectures should be more discussion based. Very one sided but extremely informative
 - Dr. Lin is very qualified and really knows the material. His lectures were very thorough and he expects participation in class... he calls on you whether you want to answer or not
 - The instructor was clear and always willing to explain, however sometimes we didn’t have enough time for the material

4. How would you rate the assignments and tests the instructor required as measures of learning in the course?
 - Very difficult yet effective
 - Some aspects seemed completely foreign with no prep at all
 - A little hard
 - Again, there were just too many, and most went over my head
 - The assignments and tests are hard but cover most things that have been learned in class
 - Extremely difficult to the point where I wondered if I was even taking an entry level class. Near impossible to succeed
 - They were challenging but not impossible and very fair
 - Tests were very hard and class averages showed that this is more of the fact that kids could not put the intuition needed to do well
 - He posts all past exams so we can expect everything that is going to be tested. It very closely follows out material
 - Excellent measures of learning as they pertained to the material and challenging the student

5. How would you rate the instructor’s performance in providing fair, prompt, and helpful comments and grades on your work?
 - Very fair, straight forward. You know what he wants
 - Very fair and prompt comments, but sometimes not very useful
 - Always encouraged students to discuss problems

- Grading was done in a very timely manner, but sometimes feedback was less than helpful
 - Strict but informative. Instructions are clear, straight forward
 - I have not heard one helpful thing this whole semester
 - He gave back exams promptly and with comments, but I wish he had gone over/posted answers/commented on labs and assignments
 - The information was always provided and any failure in understanding the work was the students fault
 - Fair grader, always easy to help
 - Prompt, but sometimes late
6. What is your overall rating of this instructor?
- My favorite professor
 - Too demanding for an intro level course
 - Strict but helped me learn a lot. Raises critical thinking
 - The worst professor I have ever had my whole entire life. I encourage people not to take his classes
 - He was very structured and fair, but still challenging and demanding. I learned a lot this semester, and really enjoyed the course
 - Too much information in the class but handled class well
 - Dr. Lin is a great professor, I have never had a more eager/passionate teacher
 - The instructor was very helpful and knowledgeable, however sometimes the instructor didn't take time to clearly explain something
7. What is your overall rating of this course?
- Again, I really didn't get much out of it
 - With a different teacher it would be excellent. I am interested in econ but with a decent professor.
 - I feel extremely prepared to take higher level courses now, because my foundation in macroeconomics is so strong
 - I learned a lot from his course, he really sparked my interest in economics
 - Great course! There are aspects in which it could be improved, for instance sometimes the pace was a little too fast

Last Thoughts:

- May declare a major in economics after this class