

Course: 243A

Instructor: Lin

Semester: Fall 2018

Student Information:

3. How would you evaluate your own commitment to and engagement with this course?
 - I am very interested in the topic, did all work and readings on time, and attended office hours
 - Plenty of reading and assignments outside of the class to supplement my learning. Helped me stay committed with all the work
 - I spend a good amount of time on understanding and questioning the material. It helped that I enjoyed the work
 - I definitely could have put in more work in the beginning
 - Full attendance and finished all assigned work on time
 - Commitment on his assignments is key to dell well. Intermediate macro is not for the faint of heart

Course and Instructor Evaluation:

1. How much do you think you've learned from this course?
 - Course is challenging b/c we learn how to apply models and attain deep understanding of concepts
 - I went into this course only knowing the basics of macroeconomics but after taking this course I have learned a great deal about macroeconomic policy and how it affects the economy
 - I reviewed things I had learned in 104 and I also learned a variety of new models
 - Very poor base from 104, hard to play catch up
 - Professor always give another way to approach material
 - My economic knowledge has been greatly expanded
 - I have learned a lot from this course
 - Lots of material taught
 - This course is night and day compared to 103 and 104
 - Did a lot of readings
 - Lots of applications in the real world. Can now intelligently read an economic news article
2. How helpful were the course materials used by the instructor?
 - Articles are a great addition to the text, allows for application
 - Making old exams available to us was a big help
 - Very, very current news and notes. Greatly appreciated efforts to post past midterms and solutions to study more efficiently
 - I always knew what to expect. The materials were my lifeline for the course
 - None of the assignments were easy but they helped you understand the material
 - Lots of material available to help class understand material
 - Having exams from past years was incredibly helpful

- Professor provides tons of sources of info
 - Liked lectures but sometimes became hard to follow. Notes were essential
3. How effective was the instructor in conducting the class sessions?
- Working through in class examples was critical in visualizing difficult concepts
 - He always stopped to ask if anyone had any questions and if they did, Prof Lin provided clear and prompt answers
 - Asked lots of questions and typically explained the theory well. Took class time to walk through sample problems
 - Bell to bell, made everyone participate and always covered what needed to be done
 - More examples and help make connections easier. Don't make assumptions
 - Professor could give some break during the class, I cannot focus or concentrate the whole time. He explained too fast sometimes and I missed a lot of knowledge
 - The lectures were on point and effective
 - No time was wasted
 - Worked through problems and taught lecture notes with care
 - Looking at a slideshow for an hour and 15 min straight can be boring
 - Organized presentation and also interacts with students
 - Professional, apt, down to business
4. How would you rate the assignments and tests the instructor required as measures of learning in the course?
- Exams are very challenging – you must actually know the material well to get a good grade. Assignments/tests measure application ability, not facts
 - All of his tests and assignments challenged my knowledge of macroeconomics to a level that I had not seen in other economic courses
 - The tests were an excellent blend of theory and application. I like the open-ended format
 - You know the style but need to know how to analyze a shock
 - The tests were extremely hard and the assignments didn't prepare us for exam questions
 - The assignment really helps me to check whether I am understanding the material or not
 - The exams were quite challenging and were almost like a surprise every time
 - The exams were difficult, but we were given everything needed to prepare ourselves properly
 - Tests and assignments were hard, but fair
 - Tough but fair based on what was covered
 - Always helped prepare for the exam
 - Well reflected on the materials we've learned but super hard
 - Tests were very hard to study for. Require at least 1 week of preparation and it's still not a sure thing
5. How would you rate the instructor's performance in providing fair, prompt, and helpful comments and grades on your work?
- Detailed solutions are posted, assignments always get comments, always eager to meet with students

- He made sure that he was always available to go over work with students if they had any questions
 - Took the time to explain all comments and comments were always thought-provoking
 - Very prompt, always available and willing to help. Emails frequently with updates
 - He is very fair however I am not getting a very good grade
 - Always gave back great feedback and was willing to meet and explain any work
 - Professor was always available and willing to help out
 - Office hours were very helpful and we had meetings to talk about the project
 - Very quick feedback
 - Always provided feedback on assessments. Could have not done this on exams
 - Consistently, the next class
 - Providing feedback on projects and midterms on time, also meets with us after every project
 - Never had a problem in this capacity
6. What is your overall rating of this instructor?
- Tough but fair, Lin is very motivating
 - He took time to make sure that I understood the material we were learning in class and if I could not make his office hours he made sure to try and meet with me at some point during the week to go over material
 - A very good lecturer who is dedicated to his students and will always offer to help
 - I knew he was a very hard and demanding teach coming in, but he met my expectations and his own
 - Very passionate but could do a better job providing help in a “dumbed down” way
 - Very tough and requires a lot, but I learned so much valuable information. I’m positive I will never forget this class for both of these reasons
 - One of the best professors I have had
 - Cares a great deal about the material and always willing to help his students achieve
 - Demanding, but fair
7. What is your overall rating of this course?
- I learned a lot, liked the professor, and did well
 - Definitely a class to weed out people on the fence. If I survive, I’ll continue with Econ
 - Very hard
 - Enjoyed the semester a great deal
 - Great course, but difficult
 - Challenging but if seek his help and read the material, very likely to succeed. Have to put in more work than usual
 - Learned a great amount of knowledge but super challenging
 - Not for the faint of heart. Only for the dedicated and strong

Last Thoughts:

- Prof Lim has shown great care about his students learning and has provided helpful comments and helped create study plans in order for students to improve their work

Economics Department Questions:

1. Did you feel intellectually challenged in this course? How?
 - Yes, I studied a lot more than normal for this course and I had to change my studying habits in order to learn the material
 - Yes, the concepts were difficult and work was rigorous
 - Yes, have to be ready to answer a question at any time, always moving fast
 - Yes, the course material was very dense and extremely hard to piece together
 - Yes, the day material is not the same as the book
 - Yes, studied very hard for every exam
 - Yes, need to preview the textbook before going to class in order to have background information. It usually takes 2 hours to read the readings and then I have to go to office hours to make sure I understand everything in class
 - Yes, I question more things with an economic sense that has changed my outlook on many topics
 - Yes, this was the hardest course I have taken so far
 - Yes, Professor Lin is a very challenging professor
 - Yes, very demanding
 - Yes, it's so hard
 - Yes, I have to study more than I ever have before
 - Yes, it was demanding and requires a lot of inferences and intuitive thinking

2. What changes, if any, in the course would you recommend to the instructor?
 - I feel like it would be a good test of learning to have more quizzes in class whether that be examining a stock or just answering a question
 - Provide some readings for the unit on unemployment theory
 - He knows what to do, don't change
 - Provide more step by step examples
 - He could give some break during class time
 - Make the exams similar to material covered in the lecture
 - Everything is good!
 - I wouldn't recommend any changes
 - He seems to have the course down to a science
 - Spend more time training students to think intuitively about econ. It was quite a shock

3. Would you recommend this course to your peers? Why?
 - Yes, I would recommend Lin if they are an econ major and they want the most learning out of their time
 - Yes, it teaches you a lot about macroeconomic policies and it gives you a better understanding of how economies react to policies
 - Yes, it's fun and you learn a lot
 - Yes, worth the effort to learn a great deal
 - No, I would not recommend the course as it will bring your GPA down, however if you are an Econ major than yes, good luck

- Yes, it really feels good after you finish the class
- Yes, learn a lot of valuable information
- Yes, I learned a lot
- Yes, the course is challenging, but you know what to expect
- Yes, only if they are econ majors because you have to put in much more effort to do well
- Yes, I learned a lot from this course
- Yes, great professor that cares about what he lectures
- Yes, only if they are an econ major
- Yes, you will learn a lot of stuff, but be ready for the challenge
- Yes, recommendation would only go to dedicated friends