Course: Econ 314A   **Instructor: Lin**   **Semester: Fall 2018**

<u>**Student Information:**</u>

3. How would you evaluate your own commitment to and engagement with this course?
    *   I tried really hard in this class. I could have given a bit more on the tests, but I really strived to be great
    *   Worked hard on all assignments even when I know they might not be graded. Only missed one class and for good reason
    *   I attended every class and completed all of the assigned work. However, I do feel that some days, my participation could have been better. The topic, especially because of Prof Lin's teaching, is very interesting and exciting in light of the introductory and intermediate content that we covered in 104 & 243 respectively.

<u>**Course and Instructor Evaluation:**</u>

1. How much do you think you've learned from this course?
    *   This has been one of the greatest learning experiences of my college career. I feel like I have a small understanding of how macroeconomics works and I know the theory of macro to the present
    *   Balanced introduction to macroeconomic modeling
    *   Most impactful econ class I've ever taken
    *   The mathematical part of economics really came through and was challenging (in a very good way) in this class. I learned techniques and theories behind macro ideas and was excited to know more about macro research

2. How helpful were the course materials used by the instructor?
    *   Readings are amazing very clear and easy to follow, huge fan of helpful and funny footnotes
    *   Thorough and organized
    *   The notes are immaculate and will be cherished for years to come and old exam solutions are AWESOME!
    *   The assignment gauged our learning well and were effective in challenging us to understand the material in a more complex way.

3. How effective was the instructor in conducting the class sessions?
    *   Well prepared and encourages student discussion
    *   Lin doesn't waste a min yet somehow still maintains a good class atmosphere
    *   Prof Lin is an all-around superb professor! In class sessions, he works hard to cover all the material, while making time for student involvement.
    *   I was over and amazed in class every day. Class was informative and well run. I feel like my mind was blown every day in class and I wish we had more time in class to go over things

4. How would you rate the assignments and tests the instructor required as measures of learning in the course?
   - Fair and challenging
   - The exams are tough but fair, and the old exams are nice
   - Comprehensive Q&A format – gets you to apply and really tests your understanding of the content
   - This was difficult and required us to think hard but we were given the tools to succeed. This helped a lot and built on past information

5. How would you rate the instructor's performance in providing far, prompt, and helpful comments and grades on your work?
   - Quick and available for office hours
   - He's fast for the depth of reviews and revisions that he does
   - Prof Lin is by far one of the best givers of feedback I've encountered
   - One of the most timely professors I have ever met

6. What is your overall rating of this instructor?
   - Great
   - I'm a Linion (a Lin minion)
   - He's great at teaching, engaging the class, and just encouraging students to achieve their potential
   - Tim Lin is one of the best instructors the econ department has. He is incredibly helpful and informative. His passion from the work comes off and gets me excited every time. I will continue to take his classes

7. What is your overall rating of this course?
   - Great
   - If you're a Linion, love macro, both or enjoy a good rules equation, I highly recommend
   - Absolutely fantastic – I will be sad to leave
   - I think this may be my favorite course in Econ I have taken. This was such a joy to take. I got to learn about the RBC model and the model that Tim Lin actually uses

Last Thoughts:

- Tim Lin did everything but disappoint in the final level of his macro theory teaching. A true delight
- I was never not happy to get to class. I think this should continue to be offered as it gives students an understanding of grad school and advanced macro

Economics Department Questions:

1. Did you feel intellectually challenged in this course? How?
   - Yes, tough assignments, tests, matlab work and just material in general

- Yes, this one of the first classes where I've felt that mathematical understanding and knowledge of previous econ courses (the two*) have been of utmost importance. It was an enjoyable challenge to learn about the basics of Adv Macro research.
- Yes, this course drove me to higher challenges than I could think. I had to go off of the material and it would blow my mind every time.

2. What changes, if any, in the course would you recommend to the instructor?
   - More dispersed. For matlab work, make students read other papers and present
   - Devoting one class period at the beginning of the semester to MATLAB and, if possible, providing another student as a reference who is experienced in it so that the course can have more MATLAB components
   - Make classes longer

3. Would you recommend this course to your peers? Why?
   - Yes, it's a great way to close the gaps in one's macro educational experience
   - Yes, see previous responses in general evaluation
   - Yes, this class is a staple for any econ major who is thinking of going into grad school. So much fun and learning in an enthusiastic environment.