Common Course Evaluation Report for:

Instructor: Lin, Tsu-ting Tim

Course: ECON 314A Advanced Macroeconomic Theory

Term: Fall, 2019

Evaluations were submitted between these dates and times:
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Students enrolled at Evaluation Period: 12

Total Responses: 12

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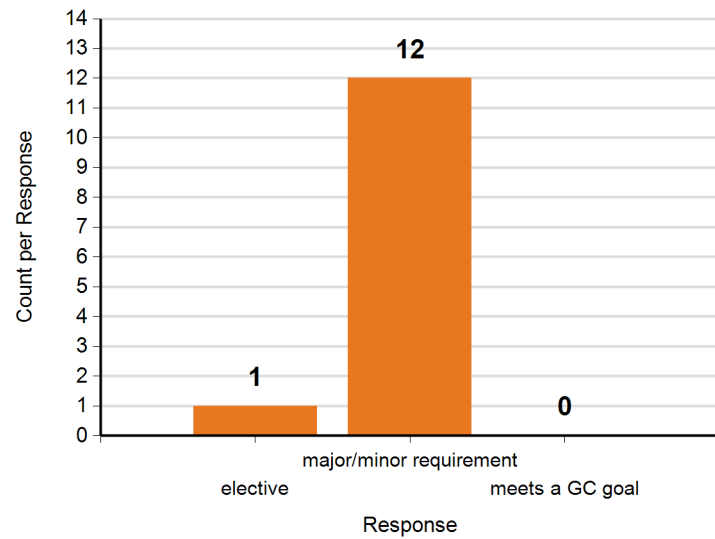
Summary Report

Student Information:

	elective	major/minor requirement	meets a GC goal
1. Reason for taking course	1	12	0

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2. Hours/week devoted to class	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	3	2

	poor	fair	good	very good	excellent
3. Commitment	0	0	1	8	3

Course and Instructor Evaluation:

	very little	a little	a fair amount	a lot	a great deal
1. How much have you learned from this course?	0	0	0	0	12

	poor	fair	good	very good	excellent
2. Course Materials	0	0	0	3	9

	poor	fair	good	very good	excellent
3. Conduct of Class	0	0	0	4	7

	poor	fair	good	very good	excellent
4. Exams	0	0	0	3	9

	poor	fair	good	very good	excellent
5. Feedback	0	0	0	4	8

	poor	fair	good	very good	excellent
6. Overall Instructor	0	0	0	1	11

	poor	fair	good	very good	excellent
7. Overall Course	0	0	0	1	11

Response by Question Report

Q1 - Why did you take this course? (Student can select up to 3 responses)

Count per Response (y-axis: 0–14)

Response	Count
elective	1
major/minor requirement	12
meets a GC goal	0

Q2 - About how many hours a week (not counting class periods) did you devote to this course?

Count per Response (y-axis: 0–8)

Hours	Count
0	0
1	0
2	0
3	0
4	1
5	0
6	0
7	0
8	6
9	3
10+	2
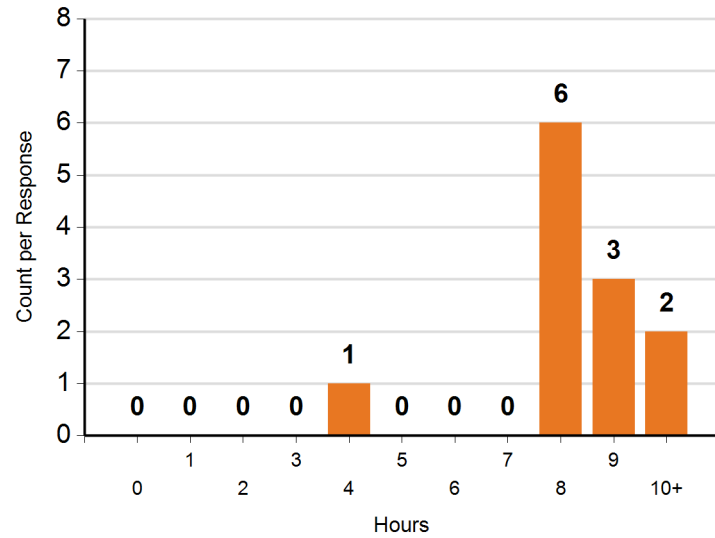
Q3 - How would you evaluate your own commitment to and engagement with this course?

Number of Responses	% of Enrolled Students who Responded	Number of Enrolled Students	Average
12	100.0%	12	4.17

Bar chart titled "Count Per Response" vs "Response":
- excellent: 3
- very good: 8
- good: 1
- fair: 0
- poor: 0
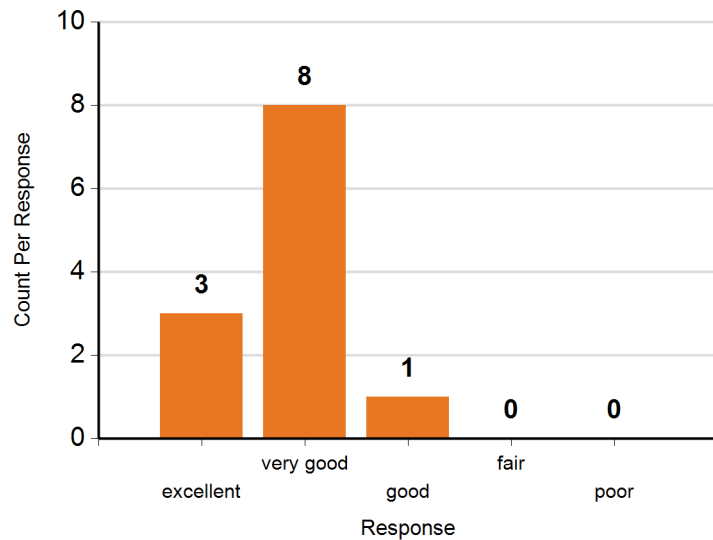
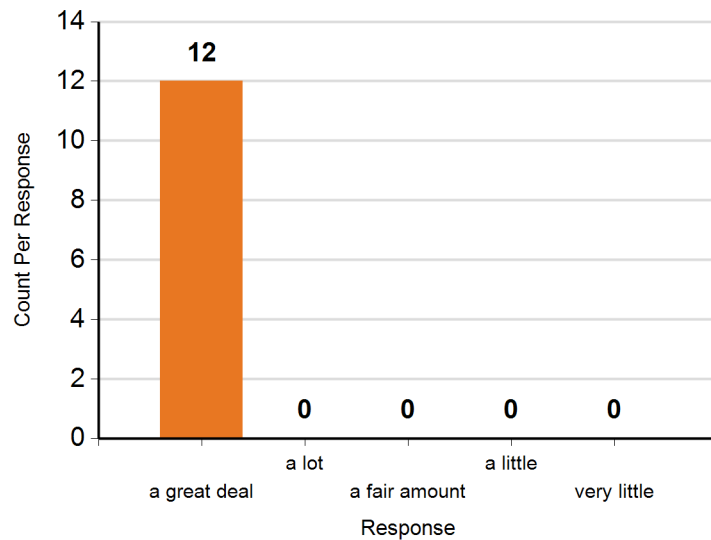| Comments |
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| Everyone in this class is very active in participating in class discussions. It's a very encouraging atmosphere and that's why i feel very comfortable in engaging in class. |
| I tried my best to always fully understand the notes. Also, I worked very hard to fully complete all assignments, and collaborate with other classmates. I was unsure of my interest in the topic before taking this class, but the professor really made the course interesting and I was fully engaged throughout the entire semester. |
| Attended all classes and thoroughly enjoyed every bit of the course. |
| I felt engaged in the class material and tried by best to come to class prepared and ready to absorb as much of the material as possible every week. I branched out to new people in order to maximize our learning retention potential and met multiple times outside of class to study and work through assignments together. |
| I do all of the required work for the class and I actively participate in class. |
| I read all of the readings and completed all assignments on time. I had never missed a class, and I have always been very interested in the topics at hand. However, In one avenue that I had a lacked and could have done better was participate more in class. I let my insecurities get the best of me and missed on the opportunity to contribute a lot in class. |
| I did my best to participate in class discussions, even if I was not confident in my answers. I did all of the readings in preparation for class sessions and devoted a lot of time to the class assignments. It was a unique experience to learn such high level material at the undergraduate level. |
| I spent a substantial amount of time for all aspects of this course (assignments, studying for exams, etc.). I probably spent the most time for this course relative to my other courses. |
| If you didn''t prepare for lecture by reading the materials or completing the homework throughly, it''s impossible to contribute. |

Q4 - How much do you think you've learned from this course?

Number of Responses	% of Enrolled Students who Responded	Number of Enrolled Students	Average
12	100.0%	12	5.00

Chart:
- a great deal: 12
- a lot: 0
- a fair amount: 0
- a little: 0
- very little: 0

Y-axis: Count Per Response
X-axis: Response

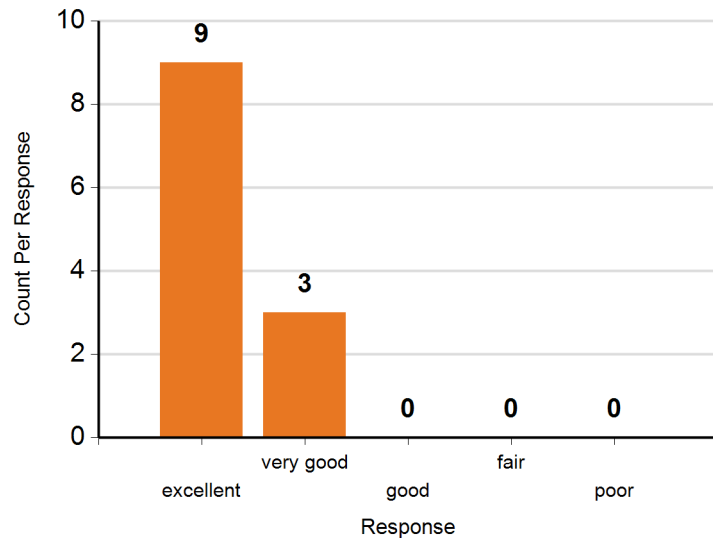| Comments |
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| The material in this class is very helpful! We were able to combine matlab with some of the assignments, which I think is very applicable. |
| This course has taught me more than I thought I could ever possibly take away from a single course. Not only was the material important, but the methodology for approaching various problems was an essential part of this course. I feel better prepared for tackling never-before-seen problems due to this course. I am glad to have taken this course. |
| This course has taught me a great deal about how economic theories can be interpreted mathematically. This has just made my understanding of economics better. |
| This class has already shown to be beneficial to the overall understanding, as well as a more in depth and advanced, understanding of the material in other classes. My understanding of utility theory has been helpful in History of Economic Thought, as well as helping with my honors thesis by helping evaluate and fully understand inter and intratemporal equations. I never could"ve imagined myself taking this course a few years ago and I am extremely happy with the great opportunity the college presents to the student body by offering this course with Prof. Lin as the instructor. I feel the class has extensively furthered my overall grasp of economics. |
| This course goes well beyond what we have learned in other economics courses, and we have been exposed to graduate level material. More so, this class has made great connections between the material we learned in 243 and 245 and the modeling that macroeconomists use to tackle real world issues. |
| I have learned more in this class than I ever have in a class. I was pushed and challenged in a constructive and encouraging manner where I never fear getting left behind, because Professor Lin always checked in with everyone individually to make sure that our needs were getting met. |
| We covered a massive amount of material over the course of this semester. Advanced Macroeconomics unites economic theory with powerful mathematical tools to explain the mechanics of economic systems. |
| I learned a great deal in this class and it was evident as I saw how we started with a 2 period model to a DSGE model we could use with Dynare. Looking back, I never thought I would be able to learn this much. |
| I"ve learned more in this course than in any other Econ course or in any other discipline. Difficult material but if you take the time to read over the lecture notes, you"ll retain most if not all the major points. Very applicable course for those interested in deepening their knowledge of macroeconomic theory. |

Q5 - How helpful were the course materials used by the instructor?

Number of Responses	% of Enrolled Students who Responded	Number of Enrolled Students	Average
12	100.0%	12	4.75

Comments

Lecture notes were very helpful.

The professor gave us everything we needed for this course. Without all the materials I would have easily failed this course. Everything given to us   had a significant purpose for bettering our understanding of the course''s material. I could not have asked for anything else to be given, as I had   everything possible to succeed this semester.

The handouts given by Prof. Lin are always very detailed and help to go through all the material we need to know.   The syllabus is creates great transparency in what is required of us and can answer most, if not all, of the class   content questions we may have; we are able to know exactly what we need to complete and by when it is due.

As always, the material was extremely helpful. It   nicely laid out what we were covering in   lectures and was useful for completely the homework. The previous tests were also helpful   in providing an expectation for the exams, they   also provided lessons to be learned and enhanced what we had worked with in class   and on the homework.

All of the course materials were typed by Professor Lin himself, so he always knew exactly what we were reading and how we   would interpret it. He also provided feed back and explanations of the course exams after they happened. He took the time to   go over parts that we all struggled with and how we can improve for the next class.

Professor Lin has the most organized course notes of any professor I have had to date.   LaTeX formatting makes everything   very easy to read. The syllabus was a fair assessment of the course''s demands. Professor Lin also provided excellent Matlab   templates.

Aside from the syllabus being relatively   loosely followed, all materials were very   helpful. Past exams were a great study   tool, and all homework assignments   helped us progress our learning and   prepare for exams.

Notes provided were detailed. Intentionally left out important information to keep students attentive in lecture.

It would have been helpful to have things posted on Moodle and answer keys for assignments.

Q6 - How effective was the instructor in conducting class sessions?
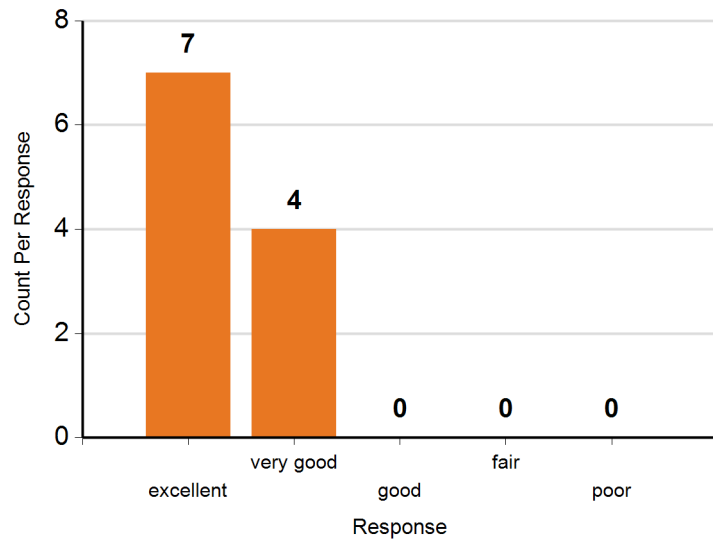
Number of Responses	% of Enrolled Students who Responded	Number of Enrolled Students	Average
11	91.7%	12	4.64

Comments

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Professor Lin gives a lot of room for   students to ask questions and speak up in   class. All of the handouts was very clear and   easy to understand.
This class was by far my most efficient, and most fun class. The professor kept the mood light even when we were struggling to understand some   very difficult topics. While he kept morale high, he also was able to keep our attention and get his main points across each class period. Before   leaving every class, professor would always make sure he answered any remaining questions from students so nobody left the room confused on   what we had just learned.
Lectures were very clear. Because some of the Math we did was challenging, Professor Lin took time to go through them slowly so that   we all grasped the material. He addressed our questions and queries clearly.
Professor Lin is the best professor I have had the privilege being taught by while at Gettysburg College. He is   excellent in his use of time and cares more to clarify the content in full rather than just skim over certain subjects to   meet the "required learning subjects" as many professor will tend to do at this college.
The class times were very well structured. It   was extremely valuable to work out the   problems on the board instead of just reading   them in the notes. Having us also present the   homework problems on the board helped us   Better understand the material and concepts.
While many times it was nerve racking to present the homework to the class, it was a great way to promote class engagement   and collaboration among peers. He would often stop to explicitly ask if we were still following along, especially when he   caught one of us spacing out.
Professor Lin is a very effective lecturer. He is also exceptionally good at answering questions on the spot. We always   covered all of the material we set out to get through in each class session. He also prepared us with ample notes in advance   so that we could move through lectures with a working understanding of the material.
Classes were run very efficiently. Professor   Lin gives ample time to ask questions and   temporarily diverge from the lesson to   adequately address such questions, but   we always get done what we need to get   done.
Always prepared and interested in keeping every student engaged. Is adamant that everyone understands the material before moving   on to the next talking points. The constant engagement made lecture sessions meaningful.

Q7 - How would you rate the assignments and tests the instructor required as measures of learning in this course?

Number of Responses	% of Enrolled Students who Responded	Number of Enrolled Students	Average
12	100.0%	12	4.75

Chart: Count Per Response vs Response
- excellent: 9
- very good: 3
- good: 0
- fair: 0
- poor: 0

Comments

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| All the assignments required a lot of work   but I found them all really interesting to   work on. I did have more difficulty on the   Matlab homeworks just because I came in   with very little background knowledge on   coding and programming. I think it would   have been helpful to have a PLA from the   computer science department to help out   with the coding. |
| The assignments were challenging but   Professor Lin is always around to help! |
| The tests and assignments were very challenging, but this entire course was difficult so you would expect nothing less of the assignments and   exams. Having challenging assignments caused the class to collaborate and work with each other, which was an essential part of enhancing my   education. Never having an easy assignment prepared me for all exams, which is more realistic in a real life scenario. When people can breeze   through tasks, they will not be fully ready for when a real challenge crosses their path. This course made sure I was always able to tackle my next   obstacle. |
| Assignments were very helpful to aid in our understanding. I enjoyed doing the Matlab portion. The tests were challenging to a certain   extent. |
| The exams are never easy, but that"s what"s great about them. While they are difficult, they take the fundamental   understanding of the course material and the models we have learned, and force us to critically think and apply   our understanding of the material to answer the questions on the exam. More professors should follow this   concept for exams to more accurately assess our understanding of material to the point where we can apply it to   new situations and scenarios. |
| Both the assignments and tests were   extensions of our learning in class, not simply   repeating what we had learned but   implementing that learning and incorporating   new elements. All assignments and tests were   fair and allowed us to learn more. |
| The assignments were very very challenging, however he would promote and encourage collaboration. In addition, he would   often say that it would be very difficult if we didn"t work together. This was like no other economics class or class in general   that I have ever taken at Gettysburg. The amount of time that I had spent working on assignments with friends helped me   gather a much better understanding of the material, exactly the way he shaped his assignments to be. |
| The homeworks and tests were very difficult, but definitely fair. Professor Lin encouraged collaboration. My classmates and I   learned a lot from each other and built up a great rapport while working through the homeworks. The computer portions also   gave us great exposure to the kinds of things professional macroeconomic researchers deal with on a daily basis. The tests   were time consuming and difficult, but as always, Professor Lin provided ample materials beforehand to prepare. |

Professor Lin's tests are always a fair   assessment of our knowledge. They also   teach us something as they expand upon   our knowledge in a way students are able   to handle. I wish all tests were like   Professor Lin's!

Always provided with exams from prior years, so never blindsided. Know exactly whats to be understood and expected for each examination. Definitely tough but certainly doable if you prepare.

I think that Matlab is hard and it would have been helpful to have more focus on it in class or have a Matlab PLA to work us through assignments and teach us more throughly.

Q8 - How would you rate the instructor's performance in providing fair, prompt, and helpful comments and grades on your work?
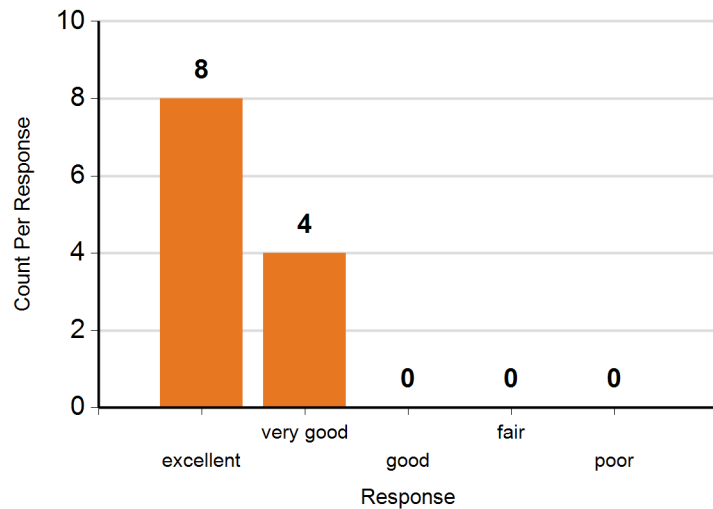
Number of Responses	% of Enrolled Students who Responded	Number of Enrolled Students	Average
12	100.0%	12	4.67

Comments

Professor Lin has always been very prompt   in grading homework and following up   with students regarding feedback on   assignments and exams.

We always discuss the assignments and   tests in class so it was very helpful!

The comments from the professor were always extremely helpful. I was never left wondering what a comment meant or how I should approach a   certain mistake. All comments answered all of my potential questions.

Professor Lin always clarifies exactly where we made a mistake, why the answer we provided was not correct, and   ensures that we are able to understand the mistake so that, moving forward, we will not have a similar mistake   happen again. Prof. Lin always makes sure we are fully understanding the current material and able to always   explicitly state and understand what we are doing; his grading and comments reflects this.

As always, you were very prompt in giving back   our assignments and always provided helpful   and thoughtful feedback.

Nothing less than the most fair, prompt, and helpful comments on our grades. He would go the extra mile with every   assignment to explain where we went wrong, where we went right, and how we can improve. He also always made himself   available to talk when we needed it.

Professor Lin''s comments are always timely and informative.

The first exam was handed back by the   next class period but it took 2 classes to   get the second exam returned. However,   this is still much quicker than other   professors I have, and Professor Lin   explained that he was sick and therefore   unable to return the second exam as promptly.

Always knew where I stood in terms of my performance in the class. Would provide ways in which to improve my standing if my grade   was slipping. Really wants students to succeed.

I would have liked answer keys for assignments.

Q9 - What is your overall rating of this instructor?
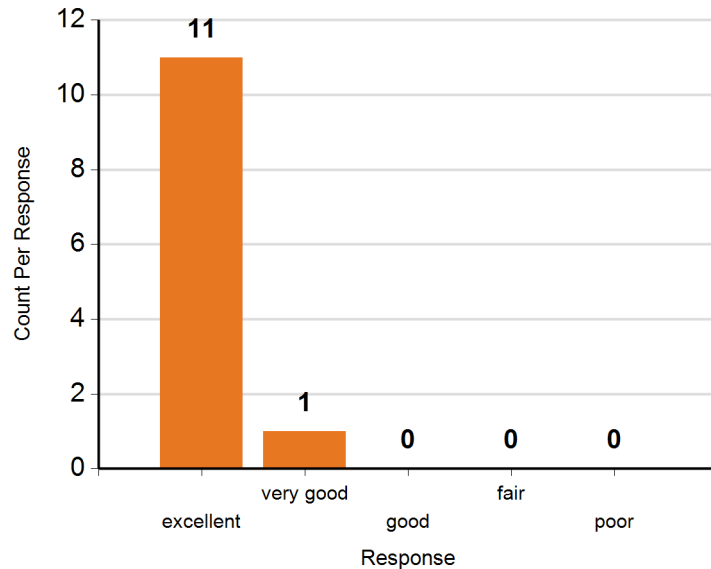
Number of Responses	% of Enrolled Students who Responded	Number of Enrolled Students	Average
12	100.0%	12	4.92

Comments

Professor Lin is an excellent instructor and   will sincerely be missed by me and all of   his students!!!

Professor Lin is easily the best professor I have ever had at school. There is not much more that can be said, he was simply spectacular.

One of the best professors I''ve had in college. Always helpful and approachable. Very clear with his lecture, and used effective course material to conduct the class.

Again, Professor Lin is the best professor I have had while at Gettysburg College. To me this does not mean he is   merely a fun person who makes things easy for the class, as some students might constitute as qualities of their   favorite professor. Instead, Prof. Lin is easily the best professor at this college because he doesn''t make it easy for   us. He doesn''t make his exams the same as the year prior where the scenarios yield the same fundamental   effects or equations. He doesn''t skim over small details. Prof. Lin challenges us, he pushes us to be the best that   we can be. He makes sure we can understand the content to the small details as those details, as he has shown,   can be drastic assumptions to the models we look at. Prof. Lin has always pushed me out of my comfort zone,   but he never throws us an exam, assignment, or material that he doesn''t know we can handle if we apply   ourselves and pursue are maximum academic potential. That is why he is the best professor, the best I have had   at Gettysburg College.

A fantastic dedicated professor that cares about   his students and his material. The best addition   to the department!

I am very glad to have had the opportunity to take two classes with Professor Lin. I feel pity for the underclassman now who   will never have the chance to have such a caring, meticulous, and kind professor. There a lot of things that I am displeased   with at this college. Professor Lin embodies all of the good that I had hoped to encounter in my college career.

Professor Lin is easily one of the most, if not the most, talented instructors I have ever had. It is difficult to put into words   exactly how much I think I''ve learned over the course of the classes I''ve taken with him in my time at Gettysburg. His   approach to education is holistic; there is not a single aspect of his instruction where a student could ask for more. He is   accessible, clear, and incredibly well versed in the material he teaches.

Professor Lin is the best professor at   Gettysburg College. When I applied to   Gettysburg during my senior year of high   school, I could have only dreamed about   having a professor as amazing as Professor   Lin. He made my Gettysburg experience   truly great, and for that, I am eternally   grateful.

One of my favorites. Is engaging and incredibly knowledgeable. Pushes for student development and challenges each class member to   think on a more critical level.

It has a been a great experience having Professor Lin!

Q10 - What is your overall rating of this course?
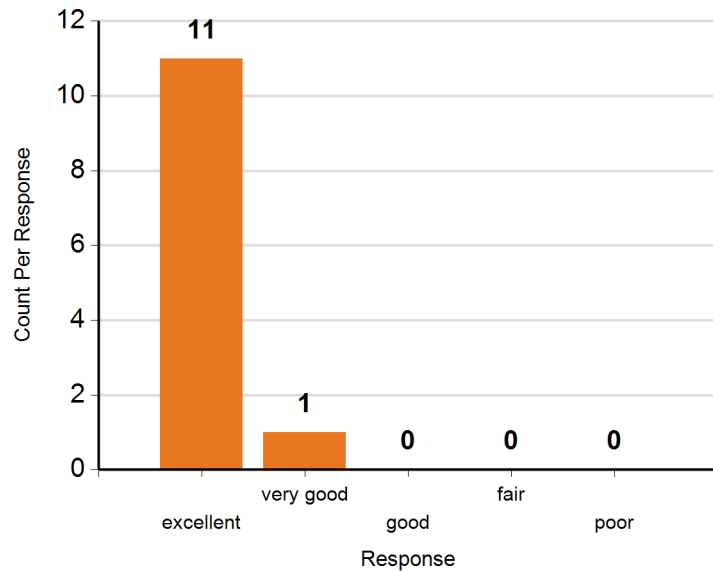
Number of Responses	% of Enrolled Students who Responded	Number of Enrolled Students	Average
12	100.0%	12	4.92

Comments

Felt like a vast amount of material is   covered.

This course really improves one"s understanding of what economics is by backing it with mathematical evidence. Thus I would highly recommend it to an Econ major.

This course taught me so much that I   intend to use during graduate school, as   well as in my future job experiences.   Undergraduates are not learning what we   learned in this class, and that is something   I am very proud of! I am so glad I took this   course.

It was a very difficult course but it really   challenged me to think about economics   through a different lens. I appreciate the   opportunity to get a glimpse of graduate   level coursework. I may not decide to   pursue graduate level economics but it   was never the less useful to look at   advanced economics coursework.

Advanced Macroeconomics is a terrific course. It offers a deep dive into theory and mathematical techniques used in   economics today.

One of my hardest but haven"t learned more in any other course. Scares students off because of the demands but is essential to   deepening macroeconomic understanding. Great for upperclassmen

Great course, probably the most helpful for finding a career after college. All of the material was hard, but very much   applicable to economics work.

I loved this course. Definitely one of the hardest courses I"ve ever taken, but I am so glad to have been a part of this course.

This course was extremely helpful and provided   a unique opportunity not offered very often to   undergraduate students.

The course is great. It gives determined students the opportunity to go more in depth into material and complex   concepts than usually happens during the course of a normal class.

Q11 - What were you not asked above that you would like to say about this class?
and future economics majors will be at a disadvantage relative to my peers and me.
Professor Lin is an all-around great man. I am sad to see him leave Gettysburg- the economics department will not be the same
and it was not conducive to my learning style. Luckily
Professor Lin was a great professor so I was able to stay engaged and learn in class.
2.5 hours at night
I did not like the timing of the class
Professor Lin!
Thank you for all the dedication and passion you put into teaching
Nothing
How is he leaving? You might want to rethink that.
This class and Professor Lin are extremely valuable to the integrity of the economics department and to students education. It is an absolute shame that this school is not dedicated to keeping the best professors for our students.
doing an honors thesis for the economics department and desiring to always further my scope of knowledge of all academic fields. It is bewildering to me that other professors were awarded tenure over Prof. Lin
it is absolute bullshit. Figure it out.
much less qualified individuals that Prof. Lin. Please feel free to contact me about my concerns with this at 9737382082 because quite frankly the fact Prof. Lin is not receiving tenure makes me sick
that I am where I am now years later as a Senior
he knew I needed a push
I believe
This is directed explicitly at those in charge of providing tenure to qualified professors. Whoever makes these sorts of decisions needs to have their job reevaluated. Professor Lin changed my perception about learning and pushed me to accept not
and he made me love the process of learning. He is the underlying reason

he made
me realize my potential if I would just apply myself to the best of my ability way back at the start of my Sophomore
Spring semester here taking Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory. He knew I could do better

Response by Student Report

Note: Students are not identifiable by the number associated with their responses in this report.

Evaluation Record	Evaluation Question	Response	Comment
127871718			
	Why did you take this course?	major/minor requirement	
	About how many hours per week (not counting class periods) did you devote to this course?	10+	
	How would you evaluate your own commitment to and engagement with this course? (Consider, e.g., your attendance, participation, completion of reading and other assigned work, interest in the topic, etc.)	very good	
	How much do you think you've learned from this course?	a great deal	
	How helpful were the course materials used by the instructor? (Consider, for example, the syllabus, assigned readings, films, handouts, and/or website, etc.)	excellent	Lecture notes were very helpful.
	How effective was the instructor in conducting the class sessions? (Consider, for example, the efficient use of class time to promote learning, the clarity and quality of instructor presentations, opportunities for active student involvement, etc.)	very good	
	How would you rate the assignments and tests the instructor required as measures of learning in the course?	excellent	

Evaluation Record	Evaluation Question	Response	Comment
	How would you rate the instructor's performance in providing fair, prompt, and helpful comments and grades on your work?	very good	
	What is your overall rating of this instructor?	very good	
	What is your overall rating of this course?	excellent	Felt like a vast amount of material is covered.
	What were you not asked above that you would like to say about this class?		

Evaluation Record	Evaluation Question	Response	Comment
127871731			
	Why did you take this course?	major/minor requirement	
	About how many hours per week (not counting class periods) did you devote to this course?	9	
	How would you evaluate your own commitment to and engagement with this course? (Consider, e.g., your attendance, participation, completion of reading and other assigned work, interest in the topic, etc.)	excellent	Everyone in this class is very active in participating in class discussions. It's a very encouraging atmosphere and that's why i feel very comfortable in engaging in class.
	How much do you think you've learned from this course?	a great deal	The material in this class is very helpful! We were able to combine matlab with some of the assignments, which I think is very applicable.
	How helpful were the course materials used by the instructor? (Consider, for example, the syllabus, assigned readings, films, handouts, and/or website, etc.)	excellent	
	How effective was the instructor in conducting the class sessions? (Consider, for example, the efficient use of class time to promote learning, the clarity and quality of instructor presentations, opportunities for active student involvement, etc.)	excellent	Professor Lin gives a lot of room for students to ask questions and speak up in class. All of the handouts was very clear and easy to understand.
	How would you rate the assignments and tests the instructor required as measures of learning in the course?	excellent	The assignments were challenging but Professor Lin is always around to help!
	How would you rate the instructor's performance in providing fair, prompt, and helpful comments and grades on your work?	excellent	We always discuss the assignments and tests in class so it was very helpful!

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	What is your overall rating of this instructor?	excellent	
	What is your overall rating of this course?	excellent	
	What were you not asked above that you would like to say about this class?		

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127871744			
	Why did you take this course?	major/minor requirement	
	About how many hours per week (not counting class periods) did you devote to this course?	4	
	How would you evaluate your own commitment to and engagement with this course? (Consider, e.g., your attendance, participation, completion of reading and other assigned work, interest in the topic, etc.)	very good	Attended all classes and thoroughly enjoyed every bit of the course.
	How much do you think you've learned from this course?	a great deal	This course has taught me a great deal about how economic theories can be interpreted mathematically. This has just made my understanding of economics better.
	How helpful were the course materials used by the instructor? (Consider, for example, the syllabus, assigned readings, films, handouts, and/or website, etc.)	excellent	
	How effective was the instructor in conducting the class sessions? (Consider, for example, the efficient use of class time to promote learning, the clarity and quality of instructor presentations, opportunities for active student involvement, etc.)	excellent	Lectures were very clear. Because some of the Math we did was challenging, Professor Lin took time to go through them slowly so that we all grasped the material. He addressed our questions and queries clearly.
	How would you rate the assignments and tests the instructor required as measures of learning in the course?	excellent	Assignments were very helpful to aid in our understanding. I enjoyed doing the Matlab portion. The tests were challenging to a certain extent.
	How would you rate the instructor's performance in providing fair, prompt, and helpful comments and grades on your work?	excellent	

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	What is your overall rating of this course?	excellent	This course really improves one"s understanding of what economics is by backing it with mathematical evidence. Thus I would highly recommend it to an Econ major.
	What were you not asked above that you would like to say about this class?		

Evaluation Record	Evaluation Question	Response	Comment
127871757			
	Why did you take this course?	major/minor requirement	
	About how many hours per week (not counting class periods) did you devote to this course?	8	
	How would you evaluate your own commitment to and engagement with this course? (Consider, e.g., your attendance, participation, completion of reading and other assigned work, interest in the topic, etc.)	excellent	I spent a substantial amount of time for all aspects of this course (assignments, studying for exams, etc.). I probably spent the most time for this course relative to my other courses.
	How much do you think you've learned from this course?	a great deal	I learned a great deal in this class and it was evident as I saw how we started with a 2 period model to a DSGE model we could use with Dynare. Looking back, I never thought I would be able to learn this much.
	How helpful were the course materials used by the instructor? (Consider, for example, the syllabus, assigned readings, films, handouts, and/or website, etc.)	very good	Aside from the syllabus being relatively loosely followed, all materials were very helpful. Past exams were a great study tool, and all homework assignments helped us progress our learning and prepare for exams.
	How effective was the instructor in conducting the class sessions? (Consider, for example, the efficient use of class time to promote learning, the clarity and quality of instructor presentations, opportunities for active student involvement, etc.)	excellent	Classes were run very efficiently. Professor Lin gives ample time to ask questions and temporarily diverge from the lesson to adequately address such questions, but we always get done what we need to get done.
	How would you rate the assignments and tests the instructor required as measures of learning in the course?	excellent	Professor Lin's tests are always a fair assessment of our knowledge. They also teach us something as they expand upon our knowledge in a way students are able to handle. I wish all tests were like Professor Lin's!

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	How would you rate the instructor's performance in providing fair, prompt, and helpful comments and grades on your work?	very good	The first exam was handed back by the next class period but it took 2 classes to get the second exam returned. However, this is still much quicker than other professors I have, and Professor Lin explained that he was sick and therefore unable to return the second exam as promptly.
	What is your overall rating of this instructor?	excellent	Professor Lin is the best professor at Gettysburg College. When I applied to Gettysburg during my senior year of high school, I could have only dreamed about having a professor as amazing as Professor Lin. He made my Gettysburg experience truly great, and for that, I am eternally grateful.
	What is your overall rating of this course?	excellent	This course taught me so much that I intend to use during graduate school, as well as in my future job experiences. Undergraduates are not learning what we learned in this class, and that is something I am very proud of! I am so glad I took this course.
	What were you not asked above that you would like to say about this class?	and future economics majors will be at a disadvantage relative to my peers and me.	
	What were you not asked above that you would like to say about this class?	Professor Lin is an all-around great man. I am sad to see him leave Gettysburg- the economics department will not be the same	

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127871787			
	Why did you take this course?	major/minor requirement	
	About how many hours per week (not counting class periods) did you devote to this course?	9	
	How would you evaluate your own commitment to and engagement with this course? (Consider, e.g., your attendance, participation, completion of reading and other assigned work, interest in the topic, etc.)	very good	
	How much do you think you've learned from this course?	a great deal	
	How helpful were the course materials used by the instructor? (Consider, for example, the syllabus, assigned readings, films, handouts, and/or website, etc.)	very good	It would have been helpful to have things posted on Moodle and answer keys for assignments.
	How effective was the instructor in conducting the class sessions? (Consider, for example, the efficient use of class time to promote learning, the clarity and quality of instructor presentations, opportunities for active student involvement, etc.)	excellent	
	How would you rate the assignments and tests the instructor required as measures of learning in the course?	very good	I think that Matlab is hard and it would have been helpful to have more focus on it in class or have a Matlab PLA to work us through assignments and teach us more throughly.
	How would you rate the instructor's performance in providing fair, prompt, and helpful comments and grades on your work?	excellent	I would have liked answer keys for assignments.

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	What is your overall rating of this instructor?	excellent	It has a been a great experience having Professor Lin!
	What is your overall rating of this course?	very good	
	What were you not asked above that you would like to say about this class?	and it was not conducive to my learning style. Luckily	
	What were you not asked above that you would like to say about this class?	Professor Lin was a great professor so I was able to stay engaged and learn in class.	
	What were you not asked above that you would like to say about this class?	I did not like the timing of the class	
	What were you not asked above that you would like to say about this class?	2.5 hours at night	

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127871817			
	Why did you take this course?	major/minor requirement	
	About how many hours per week (not counting class periods) did you devote to this course?	10+	
	How would you evaluate your own commitment to and engagement with this course? (Consider, e.g., your attendance, participation, completion of reading and other assigned work, interest in the topic, etc.)	very good	
	How much do you think you've learned from this course?	a great deal	
	How helpful were the course materials used by the instructor? (Consider, for example, the syllabus, assigned readings, films, handouts, and/or website, etc.)	excellent	
	How would you rate the assignments and tests the instructor required as measures of learning in the course?	very good	All the assignments required a lot of work but I found them all really interesting to work on. I did have more difficulty on the Matlab homeworks just because I came in with very little background knowledge on coding and programming. I think it would have been helpful to have a PLA from the computer science department to help out with the coding.
	How would you rate the instructor's performance in providing fair, prompt, and helpful comments and grades on your work?	excellent	Professor Lin has always been very prompt in grading homework and following up with students regarding feedback on assignments and exams.
	What is your overall rating of this instructor?	excellent	Professor Lin is an excellent instructor and will sincerely be missed by me and all of his students!!!

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	What is your overall rating of this course?	excellent	It was a very difficult course but it really challenged me to think about economics through a different lens. I appreciate the opportunity to get a glimpse of graduate level coursework. I may not decide to pursue graduate level economics but it was never the less useful to look at advanced economics coursework.
	What were you not asked above that you would like to say about this class?	Thank you for all the dedication and passion you put into teaching	
	What were you not asked above that you would like to say about this class?	Professor Lin!	

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127871876			
	Why did you take this course?	major/minor requirement	
	About how many hours per week (not counting class periods) did you devote to this course?	8	
	How would you evaluate your own commitment to and engagement with this course? (Consider, e.g., your attendance, participation, completion of reading and other assigned work, interest in the topic, etc.)	excellent	I did my best to participate in class discussions, even if I was not confident in my answers. I did all of the readings in preparation for class sessions and devoted a lot of time to the class assignments. It was a unique experience to learn such high level material at the undergraduate level.
	How much do you think you've learned from this course?	a great deal	We covered a massive amount of material over the course of this semester. Advanced Macroeconomics unites economic theory with powerful mathematical tools to explain the mechanics of economic systems.
	How helpful were the course materials used by the instructor? (Consider, for example, the syllabus, assigned readings, films, handouts, and/or website, etc.)	excellent	Professor Lin has the most organized course notes of any professor I have had to date. LaTeX formatting makes everything very easy to read. The syllabus was a fair assessment of the course"s demands. Professor Lin also provided excellent Matlab templates.
	How effective was the instructor in conducting the class sessions? (Consider, for example, the efficient use of class time to promote learning, the clarity and quality of instructor presentations, opportunities for active student involvement, etc.)	excellent	Professor Lin is a very effective lecturer. He is also exceptionally good at answering questions on the spot. We always covered all of the material we set out to get through in each class session. He also prepared us with ample notes in advance so that we could move through lectures with a working understanding of the material.
	How would you rate the assignments and tests the instructor required as measures of learning in the course?	excellent	The homeworks and tests were very difficult, but definitely fair. Professor Lin encouraged collaboration. My classmates and I learned a lot from each other and built up a great rapport while working through the homeworks. The computer portions also gave us great exposure to the kinds of things professional macroeconomic researchers deal with on a daily basis. The tests were time consuming and difficult, but as always, Professor Lin provided ample materials beforehand to prepare.

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	How would you rate the instructor's performance in providing fair, prompt, and helpful comments and grades on your work?	excellent	Professor Lin"s comments are always timely and informative.
	What is your overall rating of this instructor?	excellent	Professor Lin is easily one of the most, if not the most, talented instructors I have ever had. It is difficult to put into words exactly how much I think I"ve learned over the course of the classes I"ve taken with him in my time at Gettysburg. His approach to education is holistic; there is not a single aspect of his instruction where a student could ask for more. He is accessible, clear, and incredibly well versed in the material he teaches.
	What is your overall rating of this course?	excellent	Advanced Macroeconomics is a terrific course. It offers a deep dive into theory and mathematical techniques used in economics today.
	What were you not asked above that you would like to say about this class?		

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127871916			
	Why did you take this course?	major/minor requirement	
	About how many hours per week (not counting class periods) did you devote to this course?	8	
	How would you evaluate your own commitment to and engagement with this course? (Consider, e.g., your attendance, participation, completion of reading and other assigned work, interest in the topic, etc.)	good	If you didn"t prepare for lecture by reading the materials or completing the homework throughly, it"s impossible to contribute.
	How much do you think you've learned from this course?	a great deal	I"ve learned more in this course than in any other Econ course or in any other discipline. Difficult material but if you take the time to read over the lecture notes, you"ll retain most if not all the major points. Very applicable course for those interested in deepening their knowledge of macroeconomic theory.
	How helpful were the course materials used by the instructor? (Consider, for example, the syllabus, assigned readings, films, handouts, and/or website, etc.)	very good	Notes provided were detailed. Intentionally left out important information to keep students attentive in lecture.
	How effective was the instructor in conducting the class sessions? (Consider, for example, the efficient use of class time to promote learning, the clarity and quality of instructor presentations, opportunities for active student involvement, etc.)	very good	Always prepared and interested in keeping every student engaged. Is adamant that everyone understands the material before moving on to the next talking points. The constant engagement made lecture sessions meaningful.
	How would you rate the assignments and tests the instructor required as measures of learning in the course?	very good	Always provided with exams from prior years, so never blindsided. Know exactly whats to be understood and expected for each examination. Definitely tough but certainly doable if you prepare.

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	How would you rate the instructor's performance in providing fair, prompt, and helpful comments and grades on your work?	very good	Always knew where I stood in terms of my performance in the class. Would provide ways in which to improve my standing if my grade was slipping. Really wants students to succeed.
	What is your overall rating of this instructor?	excellent	One of my favorites. Is engaging and incredibly knowledgeable. Pushes for student development and challenges each class member to think on a more critical level.
	What is your overall rating of this course?	excellent	One of my hardest but haven"t learned more in any other course. Scares students off because of the demands but is essential to deepening macroeconomic understanding. Great for upperclassmen
	What were you not asked above that you would like to say about this class?		

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127871929			
	Why did you take this course?	major/minor requirement	
	About how many hours per week (not counting class periods) did you devote to this course?	8	
	How would you evaluate your own commitment to and engagement with this course? (Consider, e.g., your attendance, participation, completion of reading and other assigned work, interest in the topic, etc.)	very good	I read all of the readings and completed all assignments on time. I had never missed a class, and I have always been very interested in the topics at hand. However, In one avenue that I had a lacked and could have done better was participate more in class. I let my insecurities get the best of me and missed on the opportunity to contribute a lot in class.
	How much do you think you've learned from this course?	a great deal	I have learned more in this class than I ever have in a class. I was pushed and challenged in a constructive and encouraging manner where I never fear getting left behind, because Professor Lin always checked in with everyone individually to make sure that our needs were getting met.
	How helpful were the course materials used by the instructor? (Consider, for example, the syllabus, assigned readings, films, handouts, and/or website, etc.)	excellent	All of the course materials were typed by Professor Lin himself, so he always knew exactly what we were reading and how we would interpret it. He also provided feed back and explanations of the course exams after they happened. He took the time to go over parts that we all struggled with and how we can improve for the next class.
	How effective was the instructor in conducting the class sessions? (Consider, for example, the efficient use of class time to promote learning, the clarity and quality of instructor presentations, opportunities for active student involvement, etc.)	very good	While many times it was nerve racking to present the homework to the class, it was a great way to promote class engagement and collaboration among peers. He would often stop to explicitly ask if we were still following along, especially when he caught one of us spacing out.

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	How would you rate the assignments and tests the instructor required as measures of learning in the course?	excellent	The assignments were very very challenging, however he would promote and encourage collaboration. In addition, he would often say that it would be very difficult if we didn"t work together. This was like no other economics class or class in general that I have ever taken at Gettysburg. The amount of time that I had spent working on assignments with friends helped me gather a much better understanding of the material, exactly the way he shaped his assignments to be.
	How would you rate the instructor's performance in providing fair, prompt, and helpful comments and grades on your work?	excellent	Nothing less than the most fair, prompt, and helpful comments on our grades. He would go the extra mile with every assignment to explain where we went wrong, where we went right, and how we can improve. He also always made himself available to talk when we needed it.
	What is your overall rating of this instructor?	excellent	I am very glad to have had the opportunity to take two classes with Professor Lin. I feel pity for the underclassman now who will never have the chance to have such a caring, meticulous, and kind professor. There a lot of things that I am displeased with at this college. Professor Lin embodies all of the good that I had hoped to encounter in my college career.
	What is your overall rating of this course?	excellent	Great course, probably the most helpful for finding a career after college. All of the material was hard, but very much applicable to economics work.
	What were you not asked above that you would like to say about this class?	Nothing	

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127871981			
	Why did you take this course?	major/minor requirement	
	About how many hours per week (not counting class periods) did you devote to this course?	9	
	How would you evaluate your own commitment to and engagement with this course? (Consider, e.g., your attendance, participation, completion of reading and other assigned work, interest in the topic, etc.)	very good	I tried my best to always fully understand the notes. Also, I worked very hard to fully complete all assignments, and collaborate with other classmates. I was unsure of my interest in the topic before taking this class, but the professor really made the course interesting and I was fully engaged throughout the entire semester.
	How much do you think you've learned from this course?	a great deal	This course has taught me more than I thought I could ever possibly take away from a single course. Not only was the material important, but the methodology for approaching various problems was an essential part of this course. I feel better prepared for tackling never-before-seen problems due to this course. I am glad to have taken this course.
	How helpful were the course materials used by the instructor? (Consider, for example, the syllabus, assigned readings, films, handouts, and/or website, etc.)	excellent	The professor gave us everything we needed for this course. Without all the materials I would have easily failed this course. Everything given to us had a significant purpose for bettering our understanding of the course''s material. I could not have asked for anything else to be given, as I had everything possible to succeed this semester.
	How effective was the instructor in conducting the class sessions? (Consider, for example, the efficient use of class time to promote learning, the clarity and quality of instructor presentations, opportunities for active student involvement, etc.)	excellent	This class was by far my most efficient, and most fun class. The professor kept the mood light even when we were struggling to understand some very difficult topics. While he kept morale high, he also was able to keep our attention and get his main points across each class period. Before leaving every class, professor would always make sure he answered any remaining questions from students so nobody left the room confused on what we had just learned.

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	How would you rate the assignments and tests the instructor required as measures of learning in the course?	excellent	The tests and assignments were very challenging, but this entire course was difficult so you would expect nothing less of the assignments and exams. Having challenging assignments caused the class to collaborate and work with each other, which was an essential part of enhancing my education. Never having an easy assignment prepared me for all exams, which is more realistic in a real life scenario. When people can breeze through tasks, they will not be fully ready for when a real challenge crosses their path. This course made sure I was always able to tackle my next obstacle.
	How would you rate the instructor's performance in providing fair, prompt, and helpful comments and grades on your work?	excellent	The comments from the professor were always extremely helpful. I was never left wondering what a comment meant or how I should approach a certain mistake. All comments answered all of my potential questions.
	What is your overall rating of this instructor?	excellent	Professor Lin is easily the best professor I have ever had at school. There is not much more that can be said, he was simply spectacular.
	What is your overall rating of this course?	excellent	I loved this course. Definitely one of the hardest courses I"ve ever taken, but I am so glad to have been a part of this course.
	What were you not asked above that you would like to say about this class?	How is he leaving? You might want to rethink that.	

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127872141			
	Why did you take this course?	major/minor requirement	
	About how many hours per week (not counting class periods) did you devote to this course?	8	
	How would you evaluate your own commitment to and engagement with this course? (Consider, e.g., your attendance, participation, completion of reading and other assigned work, interest in the topic, etc.)	very good	I do all of the required work for the class and I actively participate in class.
	How much do you think you've learned from this course?	a great deal	This course goes well beyond what we have learned in other economics courses, and we have been exposed to graduate level material. More so, this class has made great connections between the material we learned in 243 and 245 and the modeling that macroeconomists use to tackle real world issues.
	How helpful were the course materials used by the instructor? (Consider, for example, the syllabus, assigned readings, films, handouts, and/or website, etc.)	excellent	As always, the material was extremely helpful. It nicely laid out what we were covering in lectures and was useful for completely the homework. The previous tests were also helpful in providing an expectation for the exams, they also provided lessons to be learned and enhanced what we had worked with in class and on the homework.
	How effective was the instructor in conducting the class sessions? (Consider, for example, the efficient use of class time to promote learning, the clarity and quality of instructor presentations, opportunities for active student involvement, etc.)	very good	The class times were very well structured. It was extremely valuable to work out the problems on the board instead of just reading them in the notes. Having us also present the homework problems on the board helped us Better understand the material and concepts.
	How would you rate the assignments and tests the instructor required as measures of learning in the course?	excellent	Both the assignments and tests were extensions of our learning in class, not simply repeating what we had learned but implementing that learning and incorporating new elements. All assignments and tests were fair and allowed us to learn more.

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	How would you rate the instructor's performance in providing fair, prompt, and helpful comments and grades on your work?	very good	As always, you were very prompt in giving back our assignments and always provided helpful and thoughtful feedback.
	What is your overall rating of this instructor?	excellent	A fantastic dedicated professor that cares about his students and his material. The best addition to the department!
	What is your overall rating of this course?	excellent	This course was extremely helpful and provided a unique opportunity not offered very often to undergraduate students.
	What were you not asked above that you would like to say about this class?	This class and Professor Lin are extremely valuable to the integrity of the economics department and to students education. It is an absolute shame that this school is not dedicated to keeping the best professors for our students.	

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127872344			
	Why did you take this course?	elective	
	Why did you take this course?	major/minor requirement	
	About how many hours per week (not counting class periods) did you devote to this course?	8	
	How would you evaluate your own commitment to and engagement with this course? (Consider, e.g., your attendance, participation, completion of reading and other assigned work, interest in the topic, etc.)	very good	I felt engaged in the class material and tried by best to come to class prepared and ready to absorb as much of the material as possible every week. I branched out to new people in order to maximize our learning retention potential and met multiple times outside of class to study and work through assignments together.
	How much do you think you've learned from this course?	a great deal	This class has already shown to be beneficial to the overall understanding, as well as a more in depth and advanced, understanding of the material in other classes. My understanding of utility theory has been helpful in History of Economic Thought, as well as helping with my honors thesis by helping evaluate and fully understand inter and intratemporal equations. I never could"ve imagined myself taking this course a few years ago and I am extremely happy with the great opportunity the college presents to the student body by offering this course with Prof. Lin as the instructor. I feel the class has extensively furthered my overall grasp of economics.
	How helpful were the course materials used by the instructor? (Consider, for example, the syllabus, assigned readings, films, handouts, and/or website, etc.)	excellent	The handouts given by Prof. Lin are always very detailed and help to go through all the material we need to know. The syllabus is creates great transparency in what is required of us and can answer most, if not all, of the class content questions we may have; we are able to know exactly what we need to complete and by when it is due.
	How effective was the instructor in conducting the class sessions? (Consider, for example, the efficient use of class time to promote learning, the clarity and quality of instructor presentations, opportunities for active student involvement, etc.)	excellent	Professor Lin is the best professor I have had the privilege being taught by while at Gettysburg College. He is excellent in his use of time and cares more to clarify the content in full rather than just skim over certain subjects to meet the "required learning subjects" as many professor will tend to do at this college.

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	How would you rate the assignments and tests the instructor required as measures of learning in the course?	excellent	The exams are never easy, but that"s what"s great about them. While they are difficult, they take the fundamental understanding of the course material and the models we have learned, and force us to critically think and apply our understanding of the material to answer the questions on the exam. More professors should follow this concept for exams to more accurately assess our understanding of material to the point where we can apply it to new situations and scenarios.
	How would you rate the instructor's performance in providing fair, prompt, and helpful comments and grades on your work?	excellent	Professor Lin always clarifies exactly where we made a mistake, why the answer we provided was not correct, and ensures that we are able to understand the mistake so that, moving forward, we will not have a similar mistake happen again. Prof. Lin always makes sure we are fully understanding the current material and able to always explicitly state and understand what we are doing; his grading and comments reflects this.
	What is your overall rating of this instructor?	excellent	Again, Professor Lin is the best professor I have had while at Gettysburg College. To me this does not mean he is merely a fun person who makes things easy for the class, as some students might constitute as qualities of their favorite professor. Instead, Prof. Lin is easily the best professor at this college because he doesn"t make it easy for us. He doesn"t make his exams the same as the year prior where the scenarios yield the same fundamental effects or equations. He doesn"t skim over small details. Prof. Lin challenges us, he pushes us to be the best that we can be. He makes sure we can understand the content to the small details as those details, as he has shown, can be drastic assumptions to the models we look at. Prof. Lin has always pushed me out of my comfort zone, but he never throws us an exam, assignment, or material that he doesn"t know we can handle if we apply ourselves and pursue are maximum academic potential. That is why he is the best professor, the best I have had at Gettysburg College.
	What is your overall rating of this course?	excellent	The course is great. It gives determined students the opportunity to go more in depth into material and complex concepts than usually happens during the course of a normal class.
	What were you not asked above that you would like to say about this class?	that I am where I am now years later as a Senior	
	What were you not asked above that you would like to say about this class?	it is absolute bullshit. Figure it out.	

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	What were you not asked above that you would like to say about this class?	he made me realize my potential if I would just apply myself to the best of my ability way back at the start of my Sophomore Spring semester here taking Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory. He knew I could do better	
	What were you not asked above that you would like to say about this class?	he knew I needed a push	
	What were you not asked above that you would like to say about this class?	doing an honors thesis for the economics department and desiring to always further my scope of knowledge of all academic fields. It is bewildering to me that other professors were awarded tenure over Prof. Lin	
	What were you not asked above that you would like to say about this class?	and he made me love the process of learning. He is the underlying reason	

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	What were you not asked above that you would like to say about this class?	This is directed explicitly at those in charge of providing tenure to qualified professors. Whoever makes these sorts of decisions needs to have their job reevaluated. Professor Lin changed my perception about learning and pushed me to accept nothing but what I know is my absolute best work. It is because of Prof. Lin I love learning	
	What were you not asked above that you would like to say about this class?	I believe	
	What were you not asked above that you would like to say about this class?	much less qualified individuals that Prof. Lin. Please feel free to contact me about my concerns with this at ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮ because quite frankly the fact Prof. Lin is not receiving tenure makes me sick	