

Course: 104C

Instructor: Lin

Semester: Spring 2015

Student Information:

3. How would you evaluate your own commitment to and engagement with this course?
 - Work and readings completed; high interest; shaky attendance 2x times—sorry.
 - I attempted to find new ways to study in order to get a better grasp of the materials.
 - I always tried to do the readings and put time into all the work.
 - I could of read the textbook more thoroughly.
 - Could read more in depth.
 - Could have more committed to day to day studies, but when need I put the work in.

Course and Instructor Evaluation:

1. How much do you think you've learned from this course?
 - I learned about relationships I never knew existed and had “confusing” topics explained.
 - I have never learned so much before!
 - Professor gave us a ton of material.
 - Did not retain everything.
 - I should have put more work in earlier in the semester. I saw great improvements when I studied better.
 - I came into this course knowing little about economics and learned so much and such an array and depth, from fiscal policy to monetary policy, labor market to open market, etc.
 - It was difficult to understand everything we learned in class b/c we never worked examples.
2. How helpful were the course materials used by the instructor?
 - Podcasts good to illustrate and exemplify readings; articles useful yet concise.
 - Syllabus were greatly helpful. The podcasts were fun to listen to. The book was boring, but informative and helpful textbook.
 - I did not find the podcasts or Moodle readings particularly helpful, though the Moodle readings were at least interesting.
 - Gave all kinds of resources outside of textbook.
 - The passed tests and assignment answers were very helpful when preparing for a test.
 - The textbook and class powerpoints helped me understand the basic foundations, while the readings and podcasts provided very helpful and interesting supplementary material.
 - I did not really enjoy the textbook, but I liked the Wheelan book and the newspaper articles.

3. How effective was the instructor in conducting the class sessions?
 - Explains things slowly and clearly in various ways and is not ever annoyed to go over it again if need be; plenty of opportunity for participation.
 - All time was used efficiently and productively.
 - I felt intimidated at times, which made me very nervous.
 - It would have been nice to get the slides as a powerpoint instead of a PDF so we could print them in a better format for note-taking.
 - He kept the whole class engaged and called on every student equally.
 - His lectures were in depth and covered the subject matter.
 - He is one of the most challenging professors I have ever had, but I find this rewarding because I feel as though I truly understand material.
 - There were plenty of opportunities for student questions, discussion, and small assessments of understanding. I felt I always had to be on my toes which helped me understand the material far better.
 - Material was understandable and as the year progressed, became better at calling on students and helping them through the answer as opposed to just expecting the answer from them.
 - In math when you learn a skill, you practice it in class and then more when you leave. That was never the case here.

4. How would you rate the assignments and tests the instructor required as measures of learning in the course?
 - Covered all topics learned relative to importance and time spent on each.
 - Most of the information learned was on the exam/quizzes.
 - They really challenged me, which is good.
 - Difficult but fair.
 - The weekly online quizzes, homework assignments and exams very well fit the material covered in class. I wish we had more problem sets like the homework assignments though.
 - There were so many weekly quizzes, but I genuinely believed they helped. It's nice that there were practice tests available to study with.

5. How would you rate the instructor's performance in providing fair, prompt, and helpful comments and grades on your work?
 - Always makes an effort to communicate, emails and 1 on 1 sessions used – good tool
 - He gave some helpful comments, but also did not give comments at all.
 - Dr. Lin was always there to go over exams and problems and provided very helpful critique.
 - Gets exams back promptly and they were fair.

6. What is your overall rating of this instructor?
 - Enthusiastic and helpful; understanding /accommodating without being too lenient.

- Knows what he is talking about and knows how to teach well.
- When I would reach out for help, I felt very intimidated and if I didn't know the answer I felt judged.
- Pretty challenging but that's because he believes that his students can do better and I enjoy that.
- Very helpful.

7. What is your overall rating of this course?

- Sometimes I think I get confused without knowing I was confused.
- Overall, the sheer amount of information became overwhelming.
- I learned a lot and it challenged me a lot.
- This is an intro class but it was pretty challenging. I learned a lot of information though.

Last Thoughts:

- He first comes across like a Jerk and really hard teacher but he ends up being a really good dude. He gives a lot of work and expects a lot from you but will give you all the tools necessary to complete the assignments. If you put in effort you will do well.
- I think his teaching method improved over the year.
- Very challenging for low level course but learned a lot.