Course:104D Instructor: Lin Semester: Spring 2016

Student Information:

- 3. How would you evaluate your own commitment to and engagement with this course?
 - I have been in 5 classes this semester, because of that my attention has been divided
 - I not only learned a great deal about the theory in economics but how it is used in real world situations
 - Consistent reading of course materials
 - Readings were very interesting, looked forward to class
 - I slacked because of participation but I did every reading and podcast
 - I have never worked harder. Maybe for high school physics, but I actually understand what I'm working for now
 - I loved coming to class, I actually looked forward to it. Always did the readings because I enjoyed them
 - Did all assigned work and took it very seriously
 - I believe that I was committed in my work every week, and did not slack off
 - Challenging professor but very engaged/passionate in what he teaches which encouraged others to do the same

Course and Instructor Evaluation:

- 1. How much do you think you've learned from this course?
 - This has been a spectacularly informative class
 - Expert basis to improve my macroeconomic knowledge going forward
 - Loved how applicable it was to the real world
 - The information is hard for me to retain but I feel as though I learned quite a bit
 - Very good teacher, actually learned applications for the material, not just textbook stuff
 - Absolutely fantastic professor who challenges his students to be critical and analytical of the world, including economics
 - I took AP macro in high school so I knew a lot coming in
 - Learned a lot about macroeconomics
 - Didn't know anything about the course before this
- 2. How helpful were the course materials used by the instructor?
 - The podcasts were an effective learning took that I've never has a class require before
 - Provided detailed notes on the material that helped to clarify and expand on reading. The materials also encouraged higher thinking and how economics is developed and used
 - News, quiz, lecture, and reading were all very helpful in improving my knowledge

- Was able to plan ahead due to all the due dates being correct, never changed
- Would've liked more practice problems
- The KW book was <u>so</u> helpful
- Planet Moneys seemed sometimes more like relevant entertainment than classwork
- Textbook got boring, Naked Economics and Planet Money were great and really complemented the course material. Loved the articles too fun and provided real-world examples
- The powerpoint slides (albeit a lot of paper) were extremely useful
- Some of the readings/podcasts were repetitive
- Incorporated readings and podcasts into the class, just too many of them!
- Very helpful in getting a better understanding of difficult concepts
- There sometimes was confusion in what week we were on. Sometimes the syllabus, podcasts, lecture notes, and quizzes didn't match
- 3. How effective was the instructor in conducting the class sessions?
 - Lin led class very well. In an interesting manner, and was always receptive of questions
 - Encourages participation and provides relevant examples of the material covered
 - Created great class discussion and allows students to come to answers before providing help
 - Always used up time and always got everyone active in the class lecture
 - Random calling of students was annoying but helpful in keeping me on my toes
 - I felt comfortable asking questions, he made sure we understood everything fully and would not let us get away with half-understanding
 - Notes and lectures were great and informative, Professor Lin is great!
 - Professor Lin was clear and concise in teaching the material and also engaging
 - While he was very good at clarifying information, one <u>must</u> come to class prepared; which includes readings and online discussion/topics
 - Got everyone involved
 - Excellent in providing good/clear explanation
 - Took the subject seriously but also was engaging. Always called on us unexpectedly which forced us to think
- 4. How would you rate the assignments and tests the instructor required as measures of learning in the course?
 - It makes more sense to have weekly quizzes AFTER out weekly instruction/classes
 - Exams test all aspects of material we have learned, necessary to know the answers
 - Hard, time management and require you to understand topic/model, memorizing didn't help
 - I wish we did more practice problem sin class that are similar to test problems
 - They were very difficult for me but they definitely pushed me to try harder
 - The quizzes were sometimes difficult and should've been given after we were taught the info that was on them. Exams were challenging but possible

- Hard, but good
- He really challenged us but it helped to really get the most out of the course
- Hard! Told us he purposefully make the 2nd misterm harder
- Too many problems for the given amount of time
- Gave us everything we needed to study
- 5. How would you rate the instructor's performance in providing far, prompt, and helpful comments and grades on your work?
 - Held useful meetings to discuss performance
 - Exam solutions and feedback in class/during office hours is fantastic
 - Very fair and always available to meet
 - Really helpful. Wants/welcomes questions all the time
 - Got the tests back promptly
 - He really wanted us to understand the material and do well
 - Always was available if we had questions
- 6. What is your overall rating of this instructor?
 - One of the best teachers I've ever had!!!
 - Expansive knowledge on material and is able to provide pertaining examples to further expand students' understanding
 - Learned a lot
 - Fav
 - Very nice as a person and very helpful as a teacher
 - Love of my life and my new advisor
 - Great guy, great professor, overall awesome
 - A+, I loved professor Lin's class. It challenged me and taught me so much about macro
 - Favorite so far at Gettysburg
 - Would take a class with him again any time
 - Too hard for a 100 level class
 - Very challenging and engaging professor
- 7. What is your overall rating of this course?
 - 10/10 I recommend this class to everyone
 - Great intro course
 - Challenging compared to 103
 - WAY better than my micro course last semester with professor Schlow
 - I didn't enjoy the information but I loved the atmosphere of the class itself
 - 10/10 will take again
 - Love macro
 - Hard, but very worth it in the end. I feel way more informed about the economy then before taking this class
 - Did not enjoy this class whatsoever
 - Learned a lot from this course

Last Thoughts:

- This class was fantastic in the way it promoted visceral understanding. The quizzes were harsh and I struggled greatly with them
- Sometimes I feel class discussion does not fully flesh out the solution of a problem. Sometimes an additional insight from professor could prove helpful
- Great class overall, I was engaged the whole time.
- Thanks for all of the extra credit opportunities!
- I was placed in this class by the school and the professor treated it as a 200 level class which I did not sign up for