

Student Information:

3. How would you evaluate your own commitment to and engagement with this course?
 - I attended class and participated, but as a rising senior taking this as an elective, there was much more time required than expected from and intro
 - The material and its abundance overwhelmed me – could be discouraging at times
 - I have done a lot to prepare and tried my best to get a good grade

Course and Instructor Evaluation:

1. How much do you think you've learned from this course?
 - Sometimes the material was so overwhelming it went over my head – but I definitely learned a lot of information
 - More than I ever have in an intro course
 - By far one of my most educational classes. Lots of information. Can't wait for intermediate
2. How helpful were the course materials used by the instructor?
 - A lot of resources are provided
 - He uses a wide range of learning materials and assignments to engage our learning
 - Followed syllabus exactly – stayed on track and it was clear what was expected of us
 - The current events and podcasts were interesting ways to engage with the material
 - Articles relevant. Lecture notes were a huge help
 - Plenty of resources
3. How effective was the instructor in conducting the class sessions?
 - Engaged everyone in questions when the lecture allowed
 - Class is always good, engaging, and fun
4. How would you rate the assignments and tests the instructor required as measures of learning in the course?
 - Tests were long for time given – had a hard time finishing them
 - The tests were too long for the class time provided
 - Good because they forced you to understand not just memorize material
 - Quizzes were very fair. Tests were too hard
 - They go over a lot
5. How would you rate the instructor's performance in providing fair, prompt, and helpful comments and grades on your work?
 - A lot of help was given
 - Professor Lin is fair and always gives good feedback

6. What is your overall rating of this instructor?
 - Very helpful and always willing to help you improve
 - Professor Lin is a good professor however puts too much on his exams
 - Very good professor. One of the gems. Just a lot of info

7. What is your overall rating of this course?
 - I learned a lot of information
 - Its too hard for a 104 class, though you can learn a lot, many people withdrew
 - Covered too much in short time
 - Challenging but rewarding

Last Thoughts:

- To explain my relatively low rating of this class, it is because of its difficulty. From my understanding and experience at Gettysburg College, intro courses are supposed to get students interested in a major by presenting basic/limited info so they come back for more. Instead, our first test had 12 people below a 50, and subsequently, about half of our class ended up dropping. Some of these students who dropped had previously told me they hoped to major in econ, and will now have to find something else they are less interested in. It's also frustrating for students looking for an elective in a topic they feel is useful, and end up walking into a class that is not characteristic of an intro, dragging down GPAs

Economics Department Questions:

1. Did you feel intellectually challenged in this course? How?
 - Econ is a new topic for me

2. What changes, if any, in the course would you recommend to the instructor?
 - Somehow convey the difficulty and expectations to student before they enroll. Teacher is smart, but I believe should stick to intermediate/300 level classes
 - A few more practice problems

3. Would you recommend this course to your peers? Why?
 - Certainly not as an elective, and from my previous statement, maybe not even to those hoping to major in econ
 - Too stressful
 - Will learn a lot. Can hurt your GPA because the same course can be taken with another, easier instructor