

Student Information:

3. How would you evaluate your own commitment to and engagement with this course?
 - I completed all the reading, always attended class, and studied a lot.
 - This class was definitely the most time I had ever dedicated to a class in every area, but I did miss 3 classes.
 - I had another class I prioritized, but this class was a close 2nd.
 - We had a lot of work to go over, but it was very engaging and interesting.

Course and Instructor Evaluation:

1. How much do you think you've learned from this course?
 - I understand much of the material in ways that are actually usable in real life.
 - I've learned a ton about policy, current events, and theory.
 - Some concepts I'm not sure I fully grasp yet, but that's also b/c I'm a slow learner.
 - The course, although introductory, has helped me understand a lot of basic economic concepts that I thought were beyond the scope of this course: like Financial matters.
 - Didn't think I would learn this much from an intro course – I feel like I now know how the real world economics functions.
 - I learned a lot more in this class than I have learned in any prior economics classes.
 - More than I would of in any other intro class.
 - Very helpful.
 - I learned so much from this course!
 - This course made me an Econ major. I learned a great deal in a short amount of time.
 - I took a macro class in high school but this was much more in depth.
2. How helpful were the course materials used by the instructor?
 - All materials provided are useful for studying.
 - The book was helpful and so were the readings and podcasts.
 - In general I wouldn't change one material – I loved the planet money and news articles.
 - The lectures were very good and descriptive.
 - Podcasts and assigned readings made understanding the course material a lot easier.
 - Very helpful, a lot of effort on his side, really thought about the sources.
 - Really liked the use of podcasts and current events.
 - Always available to talk and offered plenty of exam prep.
 - He gave you everything you needed to succeed, you just had to use it.
 - We had so, so many materials from lecture, book, article, podcasts, assignments and labs.

- I really liked how we could study from the past exams and all the podcasts and readings were very helpful.
3. How effective was the instructor in conducting the class sessions?
 - Was clear and concise and got the point across.
 - Always prepared and very explanatory with concepts.
 - Lectures were well run and provided clarity in topics.
 - It was a lot of information thrown at us. Sometimes he just read from the PowerPoint, but his examples in lecture were really helpful.
 - Lectures are interesting, engaging, brings in info relevant to our lives.
 - I really like Professor Lin's lecture style how he would ask questions to keep us engaged. The lecture notes were also very useful!
 4. How would you rate the assignments and tests the instructor required as measures of learning in the course?
 - Tests are very difficult; if you did not learn material you would not pass.
 - They were different but accurately reflected our studies.
 - The most challenging tests and assignments I have ever done but in the long run I now see benefits to that. Also provided other opportunities for assignments.
 - The assignments were a recap on week's lecture and readings so helped me to strengthen the understanding of concepts.
 - Tests were difficult.
 - Pretty difficult but doable.
 - For an introductory course, the exams are hard because the questions, the open ended questions in particular, require one to fully have grasped all of the concepts and apply them to complex and very realistic problems. But, we're also expected to explain ourselves and our graphs. This must all be done in such a short amount of time. At least that is what it feels like because most of the questions are open ended. However, I like that we have access to previous exams.
 - He expected a lot but it was manageable.
 - All work is challenging but very worth it because it makes you learn and pushes you to try hard.
 - Tests were tough but reasonable, and assignments were okay.
 5. How would you rate the instructor's performance in providing fair, prompt, and helpful comments and grades on your work?
 - Always received feedback on weekly quiz puzzles and on any other questions.
 - Always provided feedback on whether we were correct or incorrect.
 - My grades never that good but instructor always made in depth explanations on what went wrong.
 - He gave specifics for why you got points off and explained in depth.
 - So much feedback is provided for exams and any other questions we would have keys to everything to check work.
 - Professor Lin was always trying to make sure you understood the material not just giving you the answers.
 6. What is your overall rating of this instructor?

- Lin is the man – great teacher!
- He makes an effort to get all of his students to understand the material.
- Hardest instructor I have ever had but I think he pushed me as a learner in many ways b/c I never thought I could accomplish what I did.
- He doesn't let students go away with answers and makes you think until you understand it. The course design itself is very interesting.
- Very helpful, knowledgeable and approachable.
- Cares about the class and cares about our success.
- Always there when you need help.
- I learned a great deal from him and enjoyed having him as a professor.
- This is one of the best courses I have taken here so far. This professor is extremely passionate and knowledgeable and makes students want to try
- Awesome person/professor I really enjoyed being in his class.

7. What is your overall rating of this course?

- Very challenging yet rewarding and I learned more than I had expected.
- A lot of work, but a very interesting class and I learned a lot.
- Overall great professor and super challenging.
- It is one of the best introductory classes that I have ever had and I have learned so much from it.
- Pretty difficult if you aren't interested in Econ as a major, but Lin is a great professor that really cares about how his students are doing.
- I feel like what I have learned will serve me well as I make more financial decisions and enter the workforce.
- I had a great time and learned a lot about econ but also about myself and how I want to affect the world around me.
- Great course, very interesting, but also very difficult.

Last Thoughts:

- This is the most I've ever learned in any college course.
- For future advise to students – the beginning of the course harder and more intimidating. Professor really wants you to succeed if you try.
- I'm glad I took this class and I'm grateful for all the help I have received. It's made all the difference and helped me figure out what I'd like to do with my life. Also met some great friends, it was a good time.

Economics Department Questions:

1. Did you feel intellectually challenged in this course? How?

- Yes, I had to think of why my answer was correct and not just memorize.
- I think it helped me strengthen my critical thinking skills.
- Yes, very demanding. Asked me to really think.
- A ton of information in a short amount of time.
- I had to fully grasp the concepts in order to answer the questions on my exam to the best of my ability.
- Very difficult

- He demanded a lot, but I feel that it helped me learn better.
 - I knew no material at first and now fully understand it.
 - Yes, I have to learn the material/knowledge at or even before the classes and then apply it to real world situations (on exams)
2. What changes, if any, in the course would you recommend to the instructor?
- Clear up some of the wording on the assignment.
 - Printing out the lecture notes was inefficient and used a lot of paper.
3. Would you recommend this course to your peers? Why?
- Yes, learned a lot and the class is very interesting. Despite the challenge, I found it very fun.
 - Yes, it was enjoyable and I learned a lot.
 - Yes, it is the best way, I think. We can learn economics introductory class.
 - Yes, It is the best econ class I've taken and even if this is not your intended major you can learn a lot.
 - Yes, actually learn the material. I feel prepared for higher level.
 - Yes, the concepts learned in the course can help understand some of the complex issues in the real world and make more informative decisions.
 - Yes, learned a lot and great professor.
 - Yes, he is a wonderful professor that truly cares about his students.
 - Yes, Lin pushes you – you will be a better student at the end of the class and a better economist.
 - Yes, only is they can handle working hard, but it is worth it and you will learn the most.
 - You could learn a lot of stuff at the end of this class.

Econ 103/104 only:

Were you considering Economics as a major before taking this class? Yes, No. How did this course affect that decision?

- No, I switched my major to Econ
- Yes, it reaffirmed my decision.
- No, it somehow made me go for major.
- Yes, Whether or not I could do well in this class was what would be my deciding factor to become an econ major.
- Yes, it made me more determined, helped me figure out what topics I like.
- Yes, declared.
- Yes, it confirmed it.
- This course made me an Econ major and I'm thankful for it.
- Econ is much more useful and interesting than I thought.