

**Student Information:**

3. How would you evaluate your own commitment to and engagement with this course?
- I attended all classes, completed each week's assigned textbook and current event readings & other assignments, and am interested in the topics we discussed.
  - Always interested and attentive.
  - Never missed a class or assignment.
  - Hard class which push me to study and work harder.
  - Never missed anything.
  - Perfect attendance, good participation, always read and did assignments.

**Course and Instructor Evaluation:**

1. How much do you think you've learned from this course?
- The project and connections to the real world made the class material accessible and informative.
  - We moved quickly in class and covered a huge amount of information.
  - Learned more in this class than any other class.
  - I have learned more from this course than any I have taken at this college.
  - Learned more than any class taken at Gettysburg, or, ever.
  - Extremely challenging yet informative class.
  - I learnt a great deal from this course especially about how to analyze real world macroeconomic shocks.
  - While the material is demanding, it is also very useful.
  - One of the most interesting classes I have ever taken.
  - A lot of useful material.
  - The hardest class I've taken but learned the most from.
  - By far the most I have ever learned in a college class.
2. How helpful were the course materials used by the instructor?
- The current even readings kept me engaged in worldly affairs, the assignments were helpful practice, and the lecture notes are very in depth.
  - The course materials are available and easy to access. They help a large amount with understanding the concepts being taught in class.
  - Loved the articles, old exams and answers.
  - The course materials all supported what we were learning and gave good practice for the material.
  - He doesn't really need the textbook.
  - Old exams with solutions were amazing. i.e. readings were interesting, relevant, lecture notes posted were essential.
  - Professor Lin was extremely helpful in posting multiple resources online to help us with the course.
  - Really liked the Blanchard book.
  - Interesting current events, meaningful quizzes, and great test prep.

- Emphasizes what we did in class through outside material.
  - Gave us everything we needed to do well in class.
  - Well done materials.
  - PowerPoints, assignments, current events, quizzes, tests were all very helpful.
  - Professor Lin provides all his students with every single resource possible. He always updates the Moodle page as well as assigns current event readings.
3. How effective was the instructor in conducting the class sessions?
- Good focus on material that needed to be covered and provided many examples to ensure complete understanding.
  - He moved the class along quickly and stopped for questions frequently.
  - Paid attention b/c material was interesting, lots of example, and Lin listened to our critiques and adjusted lectures accordingly.
  - He was engaging and passionate about the material. This made every class exciting.
  - Sometimes a bit fast, a few reiterations of key points after lengthy explanations would help me follow the model, in their entirety more, because occasionally the take-away points can get lost in your explanations of them.
  - Runs a streamlined class with the least amount of wasted time/distractions I've ever seen.
  - The PowerPoints were really helpful as they contained a lot of material and information. Prof. Lin always made changes to the class lectures based on student's suggestions which proved to be really helpful.
  - Very open to feedback. Answered all questions.
  - Took up entire class and whole organization had a comprehensible flow.
  - Clear and concise.
  - Was able to breakdown material and teach it in a way we could learn.
  - More clear on how to answer questions.
  - PowerPoint lecture based. Used all the class sessions down to the last minute. Gives good examples, allows for in-class participation.
4. How would you rate the assignments and tests the instructor required as measures of learning in the course?
- The assessments train you to apply and really understand – not regurgitate – the information.
  - The quizzes, test, and assignments were great learning tools.
  - If you studied and worked hard, you could pass the exams. You didn't always get the grade you wanted but it made you work harder next time.
  - Excellent use of old tests to help familiarize students with the demanding tests.
  - Definitely covered fair material and assessed knowledge well, BUT lack of time extension was brutal.
  - Some HWs were not related to tests, but overall very relevant.
  - All assignments were relevant and helpful with comprehension.
  - Challenging, but fair.
  - Tests were very hard and made you understand the material.
  - Very challenging. Sometimes I felt like the materials we were learning did not match the difficulty of the test questions.

- These tests are the hardest exams I have ever taken. They are so incredibly thought provoking and allow the students to demonstrate their knowledge.
5. How would you rate the instructor's performance in providing far, prompt, and helpful comments and grades on your work?
- Very approachable. Extremely dedicated to the students and their understanding of the material.
  - He returned grades promptly in the next class.
  - Good comments on memos, responded to questions on online quizzes.
  - Amazing comments and feedback on grades, best I've had while in college.
  - Extremely fast, clear and helpful grader.
  - Professor Lin is the fastest grader ever!! He was always willing to help us through office hours and email.
  - Always followed up with emails, meeting times, etc.
  - Would offer feedback and ways to improve. Invited students to office if they were in need of more assistance or clearance.
  - Clear comments; always available to talk to.
  - Was always helpful and clear with what improvements needed to occur.
  - Provided comments and were able to see in office hours.
  - Gives the most detailed feedback on our assignments. Also grades everything VERY fast.
6. What is your overall rating of this instructor?
- Very approachable. Extremely dedicated to the students and their understanding of the material.
  - He is a wonderful professor, though difficult, he gives enough material to succeed.
  - Very difficult and demanding but reasonable. He wanted us to work hard and learn as much as possible.
  - He was the best teacher I have had in life. His course inspired me to want to learn more of the material and how the discipline of Economics can be applied to almost anything.
  - Far and away the most dedicated, passionate, giving and knowledgeable teacher I have ever had.
  - Best professor I've had at Gettysburg.
  - Very engaged. Passionate about Econ and working with students.
  - One of the best I have had. Tough, but very clear and concise; explains material well.
  - One of the best teachers I have ever had. Was one of the best but hardest class.
  - Very challenging but forces us to meet the challenge.
  - Expects a lot but good and fair instructions.
  - Professor Lin is easily the most intelligent professor I've had. His commitment to his students and his work is so obvious. He also is very caring when students are struggling.
7. What is your overall rating of this course?
- The course was challenging and fun.
  - Challenging but so worth it!

- Tough, but absolutely worth the level of difficulty in terms of applicable knowledge gained, and I can think of no other courses I have taken that I can say that for..
- Really enjoyable course for a hardworking economically-interested student.
- Very challenging yet rewarding.
- Demanding course.
- Very hard class but you learn so much.
- I may not get an A in this class but I believe that I have learned so much. Professor Lin was awesome.

### **Last Thoughts:**

- Would recommend to others if they loved economics and actually wanted to learn rather than simply passing.
- Tough course but Professor Lin is brilliant and always willing to help you learn. He wants everyone to succeed.
- The one flaw of this course is Lin's insistence on the exams being 75 minutes long since it doesn't allow for non-memorization which doesn't seem realistic to me.
- Class was very hard but very rewarding.

### **Economics Department Questions:**

1. Did you feel intellectually challenged in this course? How?
  - We moved quickly. In order to succeed in the class I had to keep up with the work.
  - Every assignment & class were challenging and you always had to pay attention.
  - Very tough material and demanding exams/assignments.
  - The material stressed my mind, it was somewhat counter-intuitive but in the end all made sense.
  - Weekly quizzes required a thorough reading and exams demanded extensive practice and understanding.
  - Material was challenging and comprehensive.
  - Every assignment was a fair challenge.
  - A lot of outside class work to supplement in class material.
  - Hard class but learn a lot.
  - Heavy material.
  - Very difficult.
  - Yes, every day.
  - Very demanding.
  - Hardest class taken so far. Very interesting and demanding.
2. What changes, if any, in the course would you recommend to the instructor?
  - Just a little less work.
  - None, Lin was great!
  - More time to take exams.
  - Give a little more time on reviewing.
  - Give us more time on exams?

- More in class examples but overall great class!
- More practice.
- Reduce weight on tests/final.
- None

3. Would you recommend this course to your peers? Why?

- Prof. Lin is a fantastic instructor – he provides clear feedback and lecture and connects information to broader issues.
- It's a good course and you learn a lot.
- Challenging but well worth it if you love economics.
- Yes, there is much to learn about the Macro economy and Professor Lin is the man to teach it.
- It is full of real world analyzes and taught to perfection.
- Yes, knowledge.
- Yes/No, it's not for everyone.
- Yes, rewarding, learn a lot.
- Yes, need to take it for major, but also greatest core class I have taken.
- Yes, challenging but learn a great deal.
- Yes, you learn so much and it pushes you to work harder than any other class here.
- Yes, high quality, though hard.
- Yes, forces you to learn a lot.
- Makes you learn.
- Yes, Tim Lin is a great professor.
- Challenging, but beneficial.
- Most I've learned in a college class ever.