

Course: 104A

Instructor: Lin

Semester: Spring 2019

Student Information:

3. How would you evaluate your own commitment to and engagement with this course?
 - I could've participated more – Lin was really encouraging when I went to his office hours. He made me feel more comfortable in class. I also skimmed some of the current events so I could've paid more attention to those.
 - Easy to stay engaged in the course as most reading isn't just textbook chapters. I thought it was really easy to vend when the vending is about interesting current events and podcasts and such.
 - Never missed class, always participated, never missed work.
 - I found it very interesting, and Professor Lin made class engaging.

Course and Instructor Evaluation:

1. How much do you think you've learned from this course?
 - I knew nothing about Econ before this class so everything was new and exciting. Lin made class very engaging by asking us questions and helped me apply what I learned on a day to day basis.
 - The course was really in depth for an introductory course and I definitely learned a lot more than I thought I would and I learned way more than in microeconomics.
 - There's a lot of material covered, and I felt I got an in-depth understanding of it.
 - There was a lot of real-world application which was helpful and informative.
 - Never took Econ before, know what now.
2. How helpful were the course materials used by the instructor?
 - I liked how current everything was!
 - The readings, podcasts, and assignments were all intriguing and strongly related to the course material. The previous tests and assignment solutions on Moodle made preparing for tests easy and were really helpful.
 - Everything was connected and appropriately supplemented each other.
 - Week to week materials were good like the podcasts for example. Materials provided for exams were extremely helpful for preparing.
 - Many extra podcasts, readings, and study materials given.
 - The supplemental readings were fascinating.
 - Really enjoyed the podcasts.
3. How effective was the instructor in conducting the class sessions?
 - Student involvement was a big deal and a surprisingly useful learning tool. He really encouraged participation which was great.
 - PowerPoints were always great, very informative lecturing, and makes sure all students can be involved in class.
 - I appreciated how he kept us engaged by asking us questions. He didn't just read the slides, he would use the blackboard and engage us.

- Lectures were good but could drag on, more conversation is always better.
4. How would you rate the assignments and tests the instructor required as measures of learning in the course?
 - Very fair. Lin gave us all the materials necessary to prepare.
 - The tests were great, very fair and because previous tests were online, there were no secrets. The assignments were also good, however, we never got feedback on them.
 - You really needed to have a deep understanding of the material to succeed, which he prepared you for by providing past exams.
 - Tough but fair
 - They were always on the materials, very long though.
 - I found the weekly quizzes a great way to measure understanding and motivate reading the textbook.
 - No surprises and plenty of materials provided.
 5. How would you rate the instructor's performance in providing fair, prompt, and helpful comments and grades on your work?
 - All the exams were graded promptly which was good.
 - Only got comments on two exams and the comments were very helpful on the exams. Didn't get any feedback on anything else, but answers were all on Moodle so its okay.
 - Prof. Lin was very helpful and approachable to discuss exams.
 - Very good feedback.
 - I love the post-exam write-ups.
 - Tests were given back promptly and all assignments handed back had helpful feedback. Went out of his way to email extra responses to our questions.
 6. What is your overall rating of this instructor?
 - Just wonderful. Dedicated, thoughtful, caring, involved, etc. Lin really wants his students to succeed and he makes himself available to help them. He's tough but very invested in his students.
 - Great professor that has a strong passion for the subject and it shows. For me, I thought he was the perfect balance of laid back but also strict and pushed me to do better.
 - Professor Lin is always willing to clarify any questions in office hours or over email. He is truly committed to investing in his students.
 - Best part was his availability outside of class, very helpful and really wanted us to succeed.
 - Professor Lin is very helpful and really cares about his students.
 - Loves teaching and helping students learn.
 - He is super engaged in the material and always available for support and assistance.
 7. What is your overall rating of this course?

- The content feels very relevant and I love the way classes are run. Our discussions are fun – Lin likes to push people so they understand the content. I’ve learned a lot.
- Enjoyed the course a ton and it has led me to think about becoming a major.
- I learned so much about macroeconomics and I was challenged in my thinking.
- Interesting introductory course, hard at times.
- I enjoyed it much more than expected.

Last Thoughts:

- No, but Lin and this class are great (so I don’t mind being redundant – Also, tenure!
- I really liked the lab style and the fact that we actually did stuff that wasn’t just busy work in lab.
- Give this amazing man tenure.
- I learned a lot about real world economics. I told him from the beginning that this is an elective for me and that my goal was that and he tried to incorporate much of the work we did with real world economics, like something that will help me in my everyday life.
- I decided to take the course because I was considering an Econ major. Although I have almost definitely decided not to go that route, I am very glad I took this class and feel I will be a better informed student and member of society as a result.