

Student Information:

3. How would you evaluate your own commitment to and engagement with this course?
- Any Lin class I want to do my best in ☺
 - I could have definitely tried more. I have some personal things to work out and I am not sure if college is for me.
 - Could've tried harder.
 - Shaky start but pulled through.
 - Attended every class, completed every assignment.
 - Complete all reading and PowerPoint viewing before class.
 - Favorite Econ topic of study.
 - Sometimes it was difficult to keep up with how fast class was going.

Course and Instructor Evaluation:

1. How much do you think you've learned from this course?
- SO much! Lin is an amazing professor who really cares.
 - A myriad of topics were introduced and explained.
 - This course has expanded my knowledge of macroeconomics. I feel now that I am better able to have conversations about economics and I feel more comfortable in my understanding of advanced topics.
 - Surprisingly found this class easier to understand from my principles class.
 - Lots of info packed into the semester.
 - Filled in what I learned from the intro level macro.
 - Every day in class, we learn new material, or expand upon what we already know.
 - Very demanding, but promoted me to learn more than I thought I could.
 - So much material, so little time.
 - The most out of any class.
 - Professor Lin is awesome. First, he cares a lot about if students are really learning or not. Secondly, he models the assignments and exams in a way he demands us to really put together what has been taught.
2. How helpful were the course materials used by the instructor?
- So many things to help – great resources too!
 - Access to previous exams and online articles proved very helpful.
 - Current event readings were incredibly interesting, and quizzes prepared me for lecture, lectures. Also incredibly in depth but having the notes available on Moodle and the past exams helps me learn so much.
 - Given anything needed to succeed.
 - The readings were very informative.
 - Textbook was pretty useless.
 - We were given tests from previous semesters to study for our exams.

- Readings provided great background into and the assignments were great test practice to thinking analytically.
 - The combination of past exams and assignments was extremely helpful.
 - As much resources as we need from the professor.
 - I enjoyed the articles. I wish the pop quizzes on Moodle were on the syllabus.
 - Not always pertinent to class discussions but interesting nonetheless.
 - Always very detailed.
 - Having old test and questions to look at was very helpful in preparing for test, but also applying concepts learned to real world.
 - The fact that he has past exams available as course material is great.
3. How effective was the instructor in conducting the class sessions?
- Loved the examples in class – he did a great job and this is one of the few classes where I learn in class.
 - Professor Lin is very good at engaging the class, but can be monotone at times.
 - Class has a lot of participation and keeps me engaged – we do a lot of real world examples/exercises in class that are so helpful and understanding.
 - Always engaging, challenging, and with added humor to keep the class interested.
 - Able to answer every question well/intelligently. Very willing to help.
 - Very well conducted/stimulating class sessions. Maybe more examples (was corrected at end of year)
 - After each exam he asked for feedback and adjusted to class needs very well.
 - Excellent in terms of being able to bring all concepts together in an understandable manner.
 - Always clearly presented info and used class productively.
 - Kept students very involved.
 - Very efficient use of class time, always had time for questions.
 - Took into consideration being more interactive even though it is sometimes difficult with our material.
 - Easily the best Econ professor I have had at this school so far.
4. How would you rate the assignments and tests the instructor required as measures of learning in the course?
- The exams are hard but fair. So many resources. Memos helped me learn more than any other assignment in any other class.
 - Exams are challenging but in a way that is fair and tests my knowledge – forces me to push my limits. I know I have to understand things inside and out to succeed. Homeworks prepared me for exams.
 - Very, very accessible at office and provides so much feedback on exams and projects.
 - The assignments were pretty tough relative to the class material @ the time. Seemed irrelevant too.
 - Tests theory/intuition very well.
 - The tests were extremely difficult and very high stakes. The time limits made me feel like I was unable to show what I have learned and instead was racing against the clock.
 - Difficult but fair.

- The tests are hard because they usually involve new problems, but he is very willing to work with the students and help them.
 - Made you think on the fly.
 - The tests are incredibly challenging. It is not normal for test averages to begin in the high D low C range. I get that it's important to grasp the economic intuition in class and on homework assignments but try to narrow down the scope of what is asked for on tests.
 - Providing us with his old exams was key to my success.
 - We knew exactly what we were getting into.
 - While tests are difficult, I was forced to learn at a much higher level than before.
 - Tough but challenged us to really understand concepts.
5. How would you rate the instructor's performance in providing fair, prompt, and helpful comments and grades on your work?
- Everything gets back so quickly
 - Offers great feedback on exams and assignments
 - His comments were always to the point and genuinely helpful.
 - We usually got assignment feedback a day after the deadline.
 - He was always available to help you and go over your work.
 - Willing to meet with students to provide feedback and help learning.
 - Very good comments and very prompt.
 - Very good, prompt responses.
 - Phenomenal feedback, will sit and talk with anyone who has questions.
 - He provides excellent feedback and is always willing to meet to discuss questions.
 - Always turned back by next class.
6. What is your overall rating of this instructor?
- I want to take all my econ classes from Lin.
 - Prof. Lin is a very good professor that cares about his students. It is unfortunate that I was not able to engage to the best of my ability this semester.
 - Along with everything I have mentioned above, his instructor is also incredibly understanding. I can't stress enough that he cares so genuinely about students and helps them learn.
 - Given the difficulty of the class, I heard negative reviews before taking this course but I can honestly say Professor Lin was one of my favorite professors through my first 3 years at Gettysburg College.
 - Great guy, always willing to help.
 - So committed to seeing his students succeed even though material is difficult.
 - Very challenging but I have learned more from him than any other teacher.
 - Best professor I've had at Gettysburg; learned a lot and he deserves tenure.
 - Demanding, yet I learned a lot.
 - Very helpful and approachable.
 - Again, best Econ prof. @ this school. Give him tenure.
 - Very helpful and encouraging.
7. What is your overall rating of this course?

- Love this class. Macro isn't my thing, but Lin's teaching and this class make me love it.
- My favorite class this semester – I like being challenged and having fun and this course did that for me.
- I disliked macroeconomics very much before I took Prof. Lin's class. He help me to appreciate the topic in a way I never thought I could.
- VERY tough but learned a lot.
- The Professor!
- He took what could've been a very boring topic and made it interesting and engaging.
- Probably one of the econ classes I have learned the most from in my career @ Gettysburg.

Last Thoughts:

- Great course. Absolutely adored it. Lin + Int. Macro = the best. Seriously, though I learned so much and understand the world so much better after this course.
- A lot of times intermediate required courses are very boring/annoying but this instructor made it a great experience!
- This professor, Tim Lin, deserves tenure. One of the best instructors I have had at Gettysburg. Right there with Warshaw and Gimble.
- It seems like a mistake he would not receive tenure. He sets up economic students with an extremely strong foundation in macroeconomics. Just because students have difficulty getting high grades and thus may take out their frustration on him it does not mean he is not an extremely valuable professor.
- Professor Lin's class was one of the best Econ classes I've taken.
- It would be nice if deadlines were changed from 11 pm to midnight. It would be less stressful and easier to plan.
- Professor Lin is one of the best professors I've ever been taught by at Gettysburg College. I learned more in his classes than I did in my entire freshmen year. He is always available and extremely helpful.
- Professor Lin is by far the best professor/teacher I have ever had. The energy he brings to class is unmatched. Professor Lin has a drive to help students learn like no other. He genuinely cares. –Give him tenure!
- Always available and clearly wants us to succeed if we want to put in the effort.
- Gives this man a raise, far outperformed his economics colleagues, who seem uninterested in our learning. Professor Lin should teach the other econ professors how to teach.
- Give Tim Lin TENURE.

Economics Department Questions:

1. Did you feel intellectually challenged in this course? How?
 - Hard tests and difficult assignments w/a lot of reading but so much help and resources.
 - The memos added another real-life aspect to the class and the exams were somewhat abstract.

- Prof. Lin motivated me to have a deeper understanding of the material.
 - Always learning new material.
 - Thought in ways very different from principles classes and used more math.
 - Theoretical/systematic operating/interpreting of economic models.
 - Very in depth on concepts.
 - I always felt the class was an appropriate difficulty level.
 - Spent a lot of time on assignments and memos having to think analytically and work through answers.
 - Expanded upon my knowledge from 104.
 - Demanding.
 - Exams very difficult.
 - The material was incredibly complex, yet motivated me to study more than any other class.
 - In every way possible.
 - Professor was always challenging and pushing our limit.
2. What changes, if any, in the course would you recommend to the instructor?
- None. Prof. Lin adapted w/suggestions and made sure to teach us as we learned best.
 - None, just be more engaging at times.
 - Use readings more
 - Should take away time restraint on exams.
 - Not much.
 - More in class examples.
 - Change deadlines from 11 pm to midnight.
 - Not a huge fan of tinkering with data on projects. Spent a lot of time doing that.
 - None
 - More in class handouts
 - Give us more feedback on our homeworks.
3. Would you recommend this course to your peers? Why?
- Yes. This course changes how you view Econ and the world. Prof. Lin is great and doesn't just have you learn a textbook, but the ideas too.
 - Yes. It is a very interesting class that provides you with excellent knowledge of macroeconomics.
 - Yes. I come in dreading the class because of my principles experience but I ended up thoroughly enjoying it.
 - Yes. Only if interested in Economics. Tough but very informative.
 - Yes. I learned a lot and can analyze much more about the economy in ways others cannot.
 - Yes. You will learn a great deal.
 - Yes. I learned a ton.
 - Yes. He is a great professor that gives you the tools to succeed. You just have to use them.

- Yes. Because you will gain a greater understanding of macroeconomic topics that will set you up for future econ classes.
- Yes. Learn a lot of things for other econ classes.
- Yes. Learned a lot.
- Yes. Tim Lin is an outstanding professor.
- Yes. Professor Lin helps you learn much more than you thought was possible.
- Yes. Very educational.
- Yes. Professor Lin is one of the best Econ professors.
- Yes. One of the most intellectually challenging courses but learned the most.
- Yes. Tim Lin is a phenomenal professor.
- Yes. You actually learn something.