



Course Instructor Report - ECON010 02 ECONOMICS & THE WORLD ECONOMY (Ashley O'Donoghue) - Fall 2018 (all courses)

Project Title: **University Wide Teaching Evaluation (eUWTE) - Fall 2018**

Course Enrollments: **35**

Responses Received: **29**

Response Rate: **83%**

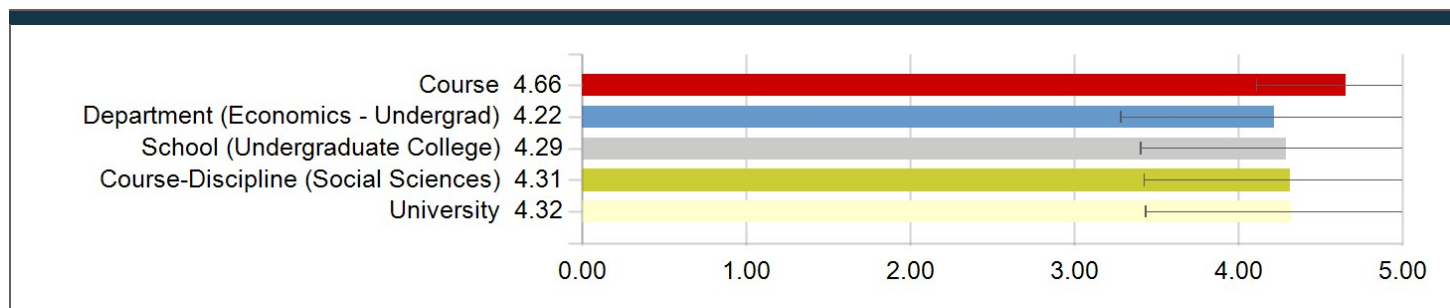
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Section 1. Comparing Average Responses

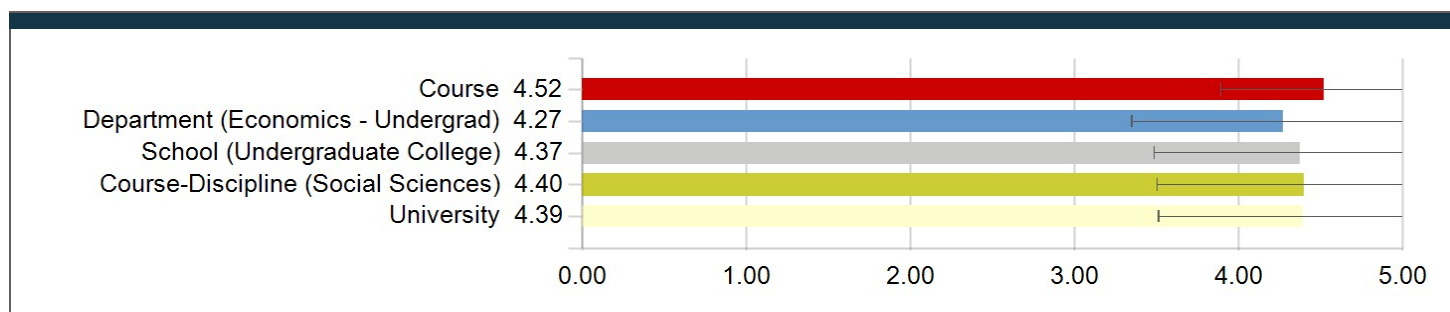
See how your course (in red) compares to average course ratings by discipline, department-level, school, and University.

Course Items

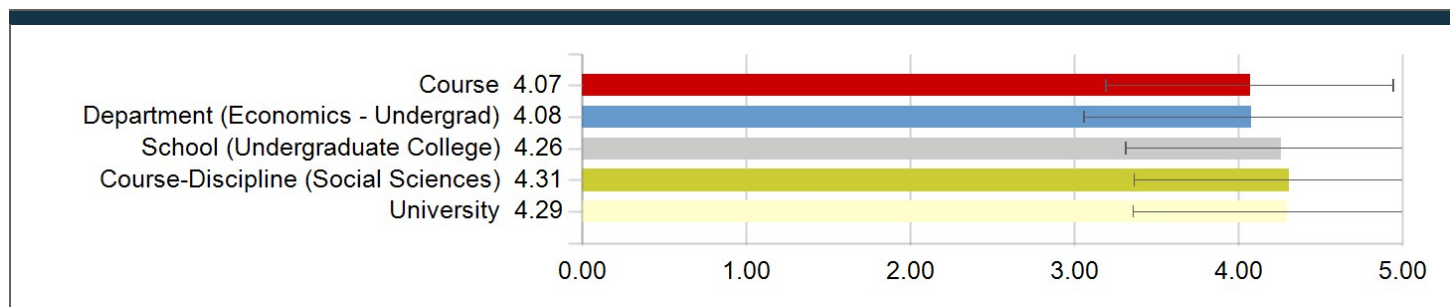
1. Usefulness of assignments in achieving the goals of the course



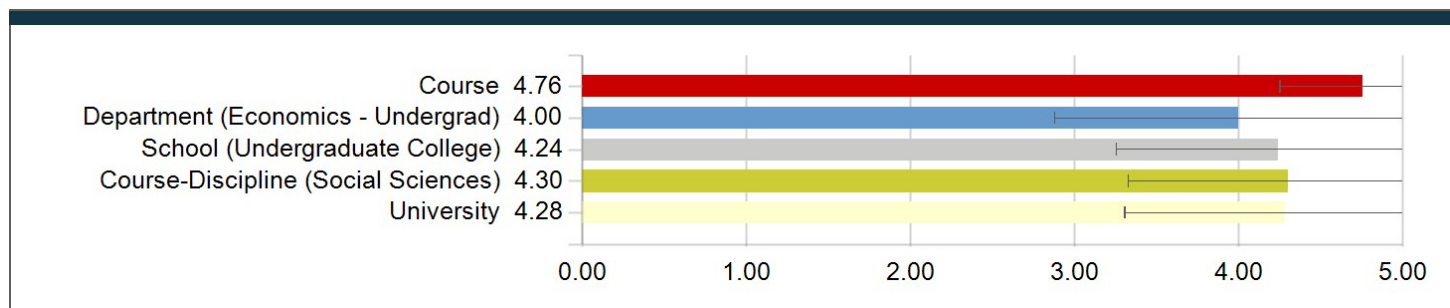
2. Contribution of this course to your acquiring new knowledge



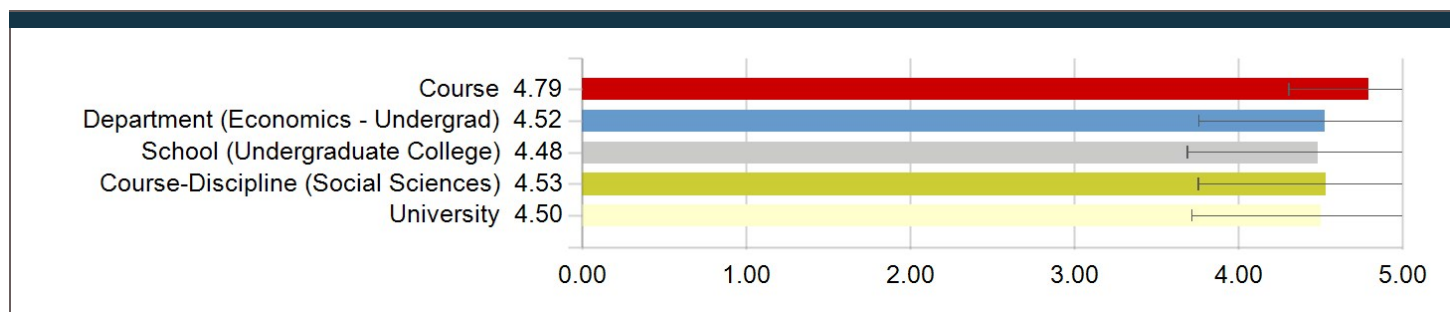
3. Contribution of this course to increasing your capacity to think critically and formulate questions



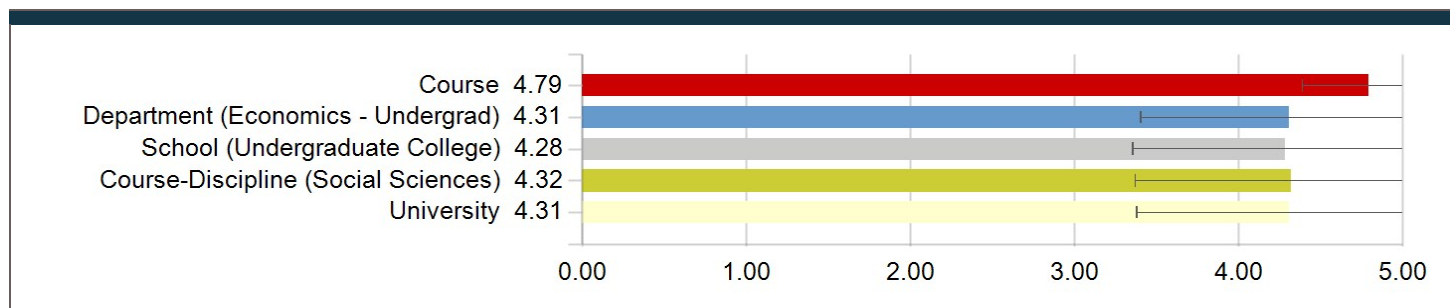
4. Instructor's ability to present material clearly



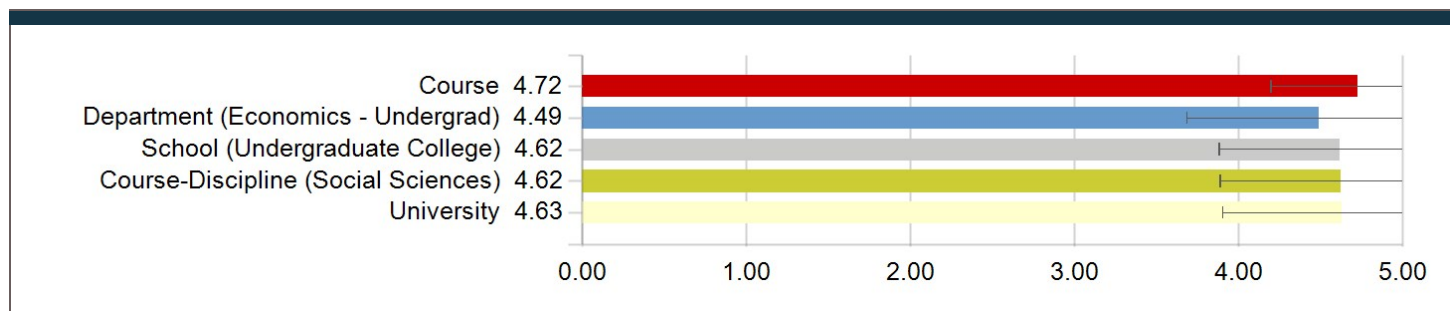
5. Instructor's preparation for classes



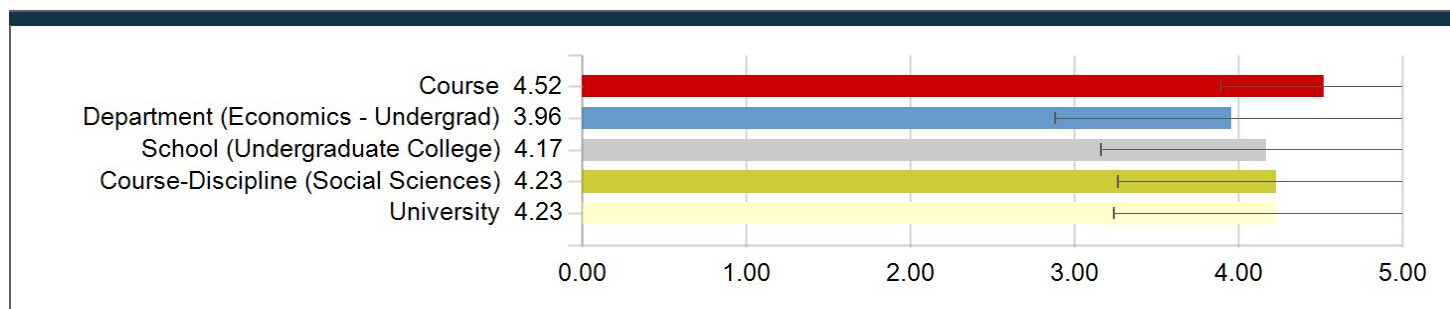
6. Instructor's overall organization of the course



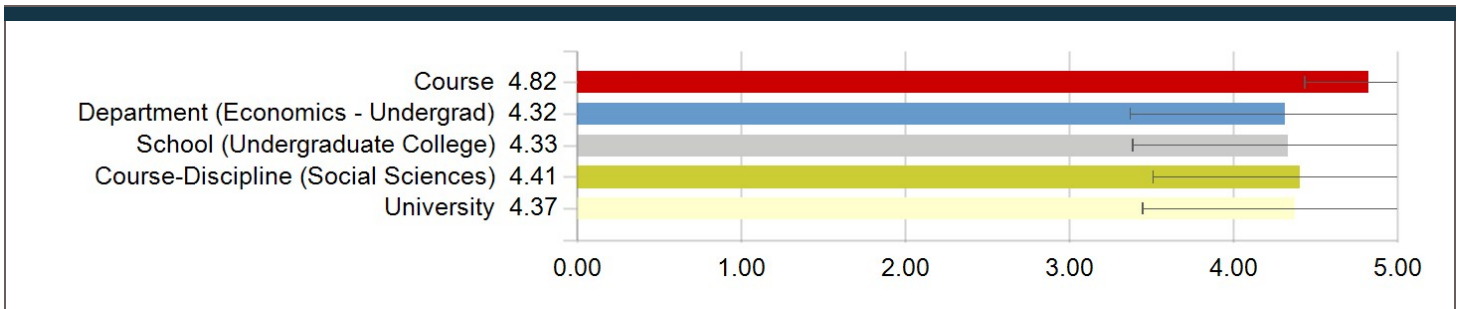
7. Instructor's enthusiasm for teaching



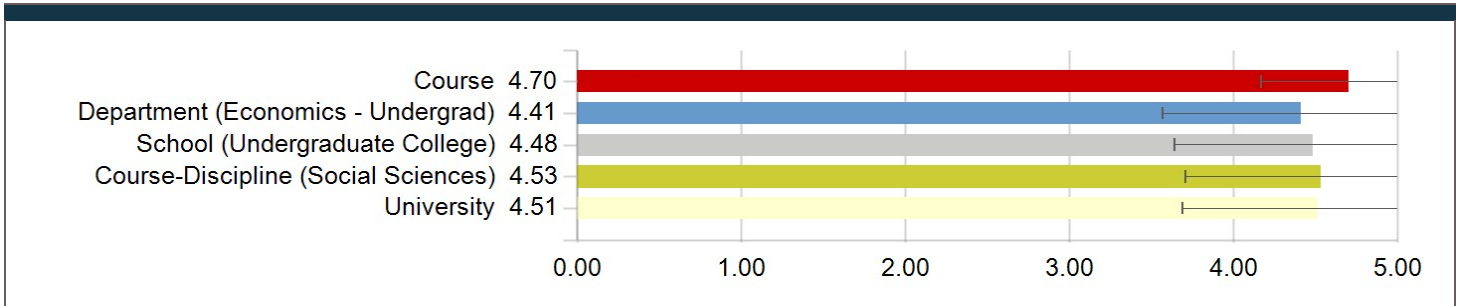
8. Quality of the instructor's comments on your written work



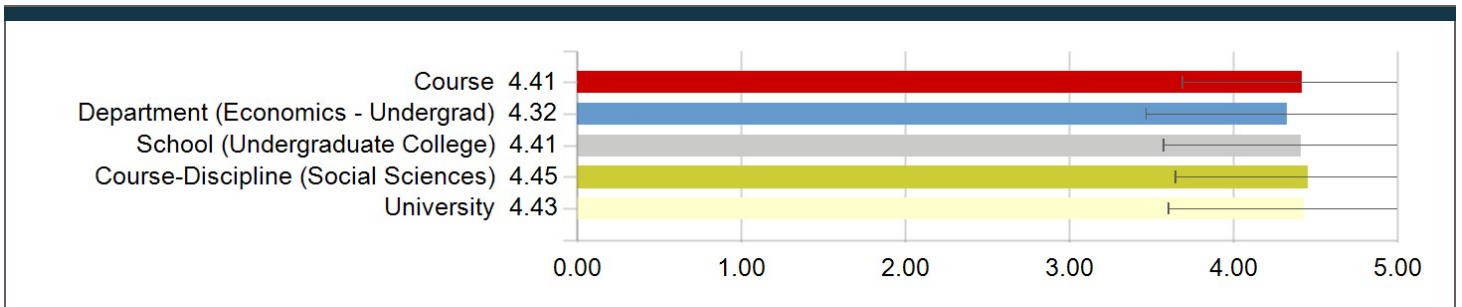
9. Instructor's helpfulness outside of class



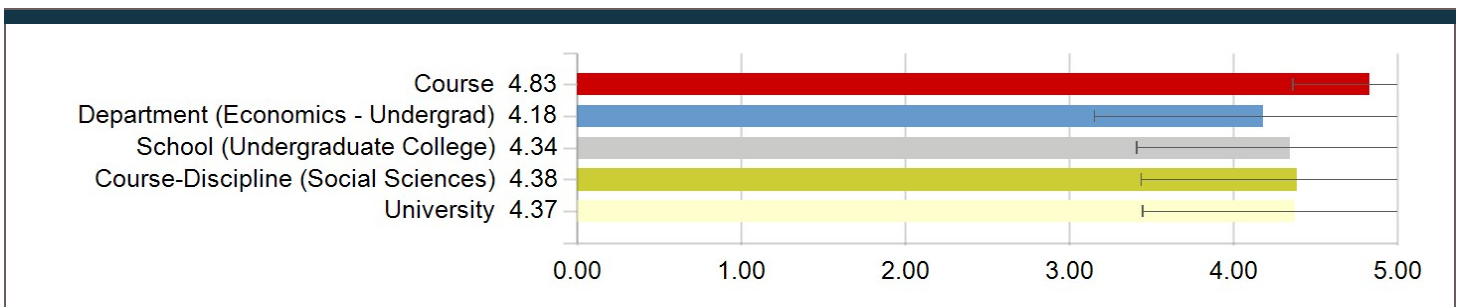
10. Instructor's respect for student's viewpoint



11. Instructor's success in setting and maintaining high standards for student's work



12. Overall effectiveness of the instructor



Section 2. Course Response Distribution

View the numerical average rating, standard deviation, and distribution of responses (count and percentage) across all items.

Course Items

Students responded on a scale from 1 to 5, where 5 = Excellent, 4 = Good, 3 = Satisfactory, 2 = Below Average, 1 = Poor, and N/A = Not applicable.

	N	Mean	Std Dev	E 5	G 4	S 3	BA 2	P 1	% E	% G	% S	% BA	% P
Usefulness of assignments in achieving the goals of the course	29	4.66	0.55	20	8	1	0	0	69 %	28 %	3 %	0 %	0 %
Contribution of this course to your acquiring new knowledge	29	4.52	0.63	17	10	2	0	0	59 %	34 %	7 %	0 %	0 %
Contribution of this course to increasing your capacity to think critically and formulate questions	29	4.07	0.88	10	13	4	2	0	34 %	45 %	14 %	7 %	0 %

Instructor Items

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	N	Mean	Std Dev	E 5	G 4	S 3	BA 2	P 1	% E	% G	% S	% BA	% P
Instructor's ability to present material clearly	29	4.76	0.51	23	5	1	0	0	79 %	17 %	3 %	0 %	0 %
Instructor's preparation for classes	29	4.79	0.49	24	4	1	0	0	83 %	14 %	3 %	0 %	0 %
Instructor's overall organization of the course	29	4.79	0.41	23	6	0	0	0	79 %	21 %	0 %	0 %	0 %
Instructor's enthusiasm for teaching	29	4.72	0.53	22	6	1	0	0	76 %	21 %	3 %	0 %	0 %
Quality of the instructor's comments on your written work	29	4.52	0.63	17	10	2	0	0	59 %	34 %	7 %	0 %	0 %
Instructor's helpfulness outside of class	28	4.82	0.39	23	5	0	0	0	82 %	18 %	0 %	0 %	0 %
Instructor's respect for student's viewpoint	27	4.70	0.54	20	6	1	0	0	74 %	22 %	4 %	0 %	0 %
Instructor's success in setting and maintaining high standards for student's work	29	4.41	0.73	15	12	1	1	0	52 %	41 %	3 %	3 %	0 %
Overall effectiveness of the instructor	29	4.83	0.47	25	3	1	0	0	86 %	10 %	3 %	0 %	0 %

Section 3. Student Information

Responses to "Amount of effort you put into this course, on average, outside of class each week:"

N	Less than 2 hours	2-4 hours	5-7 hours	8-10 hours	More than 10 hours
29	24 %	52 %	21 %	3 %	0 %

Responses to "At the beginning of the course, how much knowledge did you have concerning the topics covered in it?"

N	None	A little	A moderate amount	Quite a bit	A very large amount
29	45 %	21 %	21 %	14 %	0 %

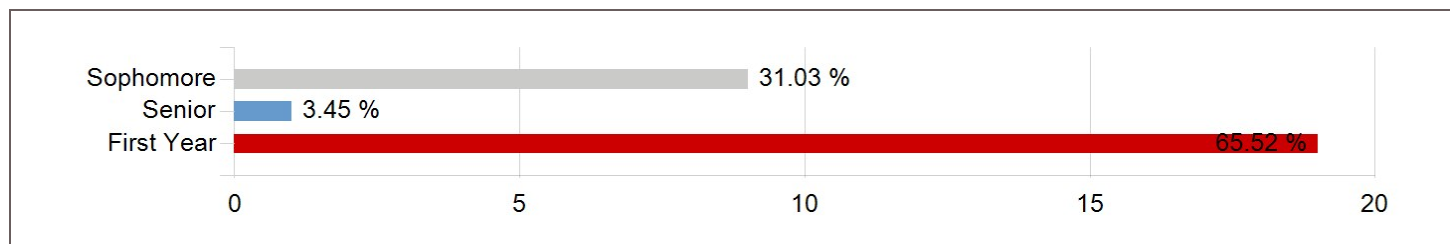
Responses to "Main reason for taking this course:"

N	Required in major	Required for major (but in other department)	To fulfill a program of Liberal Studies requirement (e.g. VE. FA. or Perspective)	Interest in subject	Reputation of instructor
29	24 %	38 %	21 %	17 %	0 %

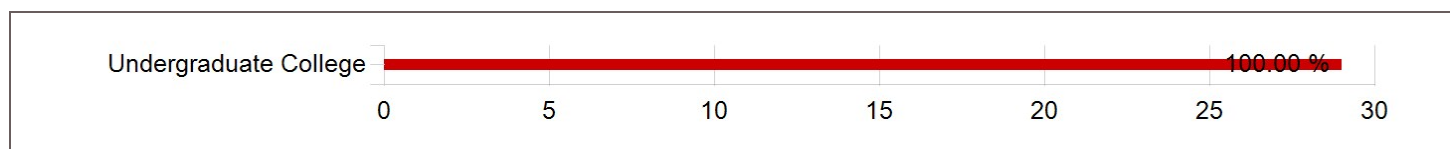
Responses to "Does this course count toward your:"

N	Major	Minor	Concentration	None of the above
29	62 %	10 %	7 %	21 %

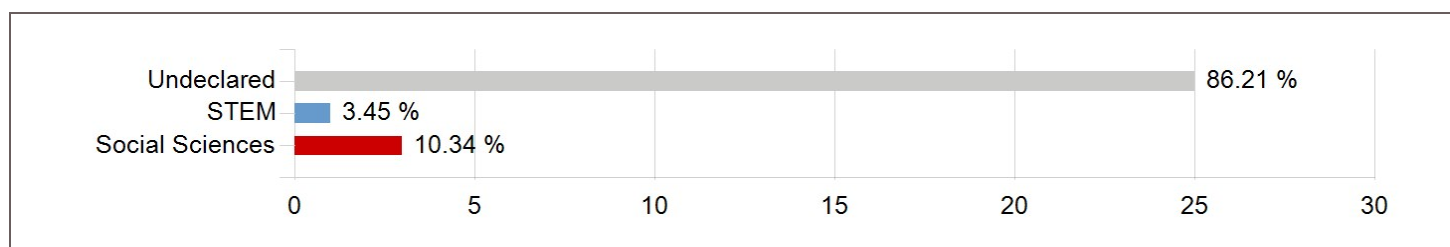
Class Standing



Level



Major Discipline



Section 4. Open-Ended Feedback

Responses to "Your overall assessment of this course"

Comments
Very informative class taught in a way that it makes the complex components of economics comprehensible to even those completely new to the topic
The course covered a broad range of general topics, which I found helpful. The distinction between micro and macro economics was discussed but I wish more time had been spent on that important distinction. The material was fairly elementary, but I understand that it's an introductory course and needs to cover the basics. I wish the homeworks had been separated into smaller packets so that the homework didn't feel as disconnected from the material we were talking about in class.
I loved this course. I came into Econ 10 with almost no knowledge of the subject of Economics. I found the linear structure of this course to be very effective in teaching this material. I learned a ton this semester and I look forward to continuing to learn in the field of Economics. I will say that the style of this class worked very well for me because I learn well in a lecture setting. I am not sure that this is the case for everyone, and I'm wondering if there may have been other ways to teach this material that could have been more accessible for some other the other students.
Econ 010 has provided me with a substantial basis of the economy and how it interacts with politics and international relations (my major). The experiments and homeworks part of the curriculum simplify micro and macro economics, but help the students in understanding the overarching concepts.
The structure of the course flowed into each topic so the knowledge gained was built upon well. Homework assignments prepared me well for the exams and the readings helped solidify my knowledge.
This course was a very helpful introduction to econ, I came in not knowing at all how economic system worked and then I left knowing alot about how económic works. I thourhgly enjoyed this course
Learning about how the economy works is valuable knowledge to have as you go through life and the course material helped me understand the economy more.
I thought the course was a great start for economics and really got me interested in the subject. One of my favorite things from this course was all the specific country examples I got to see because it really gave what we were learning meaning. The presentations were accessible as well and the information was clear to me.
Information was well organized and presented. My attention was constantly held and assignments were given out and judged fairly
Good
The aspect that I found the most valuable were the homework as they forced me to synthesize what I'd been learning in class with practice problems. I also appreciated the lecture–style structure of the course which made it easy to take my own notes on the most important material that I could use later on the homework and to study. The exams were also often reflective of the homework layout and the study guides never left out any material that was on the exams which was nice.
I think this course did a good job presenting basic economic principles in a clear manner. One aspect of the course that could use improvement is the second experiment as the experiment itself and the lab report that followed were confusing.
i think the homework's were often very reflective of what would be on the exams, and really helped with learning the subject. Although, i think the exams might have been a bit too easy. as well, i dont think the textbook was ever necessary for this course, as most of it we just went over in class.
I found the homework assignments to be very useful because they prepared me a great deal for the exams. The lectures provided me with notes that directly related to the exams.
I thought this course was a good overview of Econ. I thought the homework was really helpful because they were a similar style to exams and helped me prepare for problems.
I think the homework and class problems that we did were very helpful in making sure everyone understood what was going on
The structure of the course was somewhat confusing to me. In the past years I have taken economics but the structure in teaching the subject was different in that it made it confusing at times.
I'm like it
We covered a lot of course material, but it didn't feel like a lot because very easily understandable. The tests felt very fair and the assignments all felt well designed to help us practice and understand the material. The whole class felt extremely organized and well paced (never too fast or slow).
all good. more experience will be better.
instructor did not inform us that the textbook that was marked as required on the clark online bookstore for the class was not necessary at all for the course and most students wasted 80+ dollars on this. very dissapointing. otherwise the course is great.
Readings were effective, group project should be improvised
I think everything is good enough.

Comments
I thought that understanding the macro economy was more helpful than a class I previously took in high school which focused on the micro economy.
I think it was structured well, but the theory is fundamentally reactionary and legitimizes the subjugation of the poor, marginalized group, etc. Econ can be structured in a way that doesn't treat the foundational gains of the workers movement (unions, minimum wage) as harmful.
this course allowed me to understand the world as a whole, before i would make assumptions about how nations functioned and operated but this course has allowed me to understand the limitations and restrained government and other parties faec when making simple decisions.
This course was very informative and interesting. The flow of it worked very well for me and I thought each assignment was helpful in ensuring that I understood the material within each topic. My instructor made the course very engaging my introducing real-world examples. I think this should be written into the syllabus for the course.

Responses to "Your overall assessment of the instructor:"

Comments
Engaging, willing to help students who are struggling, flexible with deadlines if you are struggling to understand material
Professor O'Donoghue is a very nice professor that sets achievable goals for her students. There were a few times where her knowledge seemed to lacking in certain areas when responding to questions. That being said, explanations of concepts were clear and concise. She tends to reiterate key concepts more than other professors, which can be a bit tedious but is sometimes helpful with understanding. The PowerPoints seem to cover the exact material in the book, which makes reading the book feel less essential. I wish the PowerPoints would summarize the concepts, but then also branch into more complex ideas using the topics from the text.
Professor O'Donoghue was engaged in and excited about the material she was teaching. She made sure to answer every question that came up in class, and slowed down her introduction of numerous topics at the request of students. Her approach was linear which fit the subject matter well, and she was very effective in her ability to draw together topics as the class progressed. It was a pleasure being in her classroom.
Professor O'Donoghue has done a terrific job in helping me understand the content and concepts of Econ 010 in her in-class lectures. I hope to continue learning about Econ in the future and her teaching has inspired me to possibly aspire for a minor in Econ at Clark.
Really good teacher.
Always willing to answer any questions and go through anything that doesn't make sense. Teaches in a clear manner that is easy to follow with plenty of examples and explanations for new concepts. Overall, an amazing professor that is approachable and clearly knows what she is teaching.
She was a very good teacher, she made sure to explain difficult points multiple times and was never Ina a rush. The class average was very high because the students who actively listened into her classes found her teaching style to be very helpful. She makes sure no one has any questions
Presented the material very clearly and was very helpful outside of class with questions on what was learned in class and for questions on homework, etc...
I thought the professor's enthusiasm really affected the class environment in a positive way making it easy and fun to learn about economics. I would always text my friend about this class too because I loved coming to it. One time the beginning of class my friend texted me and said "aren't you in economics right now? listen to the tea the professor is about to spill!" and I thought that was a funny text but also in other words very true. I really think the information given in this class was great and it uncovered a lot of secrets about the world around me. I really appreciate the professor's great attitude towards life and teaching. She will definitely have a great and very successful career here at Clark.
Enthusiastic, prepared and knowledgeable
Good
You always came prepared to class and ran a very organized course. I appreciated you enthusiasm a lot and liked when you pulled in real world examples to exemplify some of the topics we were learning.
Professor O'Donoghue does a great job presenting material in a clear and organized manner. She does a great job at explaining graphs and summarizing material. I also appreciate how she consistently makes real world connections to add a variety in our learning
the lectures were always easy to understand and very organized, she would always take time for questions and was helpful outside of class in office hours!
I found my professor to be very effective in making sure that the class understood the material. I would definitely take another class with this professor.

Comments
Overall I thought Professor O'Donoghue was great. She was really helpful at her offices hours during the semester as well. The only comment I would give her is that sometimes when she rewrites things out on the board it takes a lot of time and the class feels slow.
She did a great job at laying everything out and teaching it step by step making sure everyone understood the material and was very helpful if people had questions
She was available to all of the students and was a wonderful teacher.
Good
Professor O'Donoghue did an amazing job making a large amount of information very easily understandable. She made sure that at every step along the way people were understanding the subject matter and able to apply the ideas they had learned. Her slides and assignments were extremely clear, helpful, and organized.
I think each assessment helps me to understand the subject.
she is a great professor and is very clear and informative. she is always available if you need help.
Very nice professor. She knows the subject she is teaching really well
You help us to obtain the knowledge step by step, and we can master them well.
Very approachable and available throughout the week. Always clear in defining the most important aspects of class. Left lots of room for discussion and questions.
I really enjoyed how Ashely broke down information in an accessible way! Both lectures & homework was easy to understand, & she's always very reachable through office hours & emails!!
I believe that she is an incredible teacher that breaks down the topic and simplifies is. she makes sure we understand it and she also recaps several times so we remain on track. the professor also has a positive attitude and lighten up the mood in the class room, she is be far the best instructor i've had all semester.
Ashley was a fantastic instructor. She was very good at making sure we all understood the material, even though there was a ton of us in the class. She was also very accessible and helpful outside of the classroom. Overall I wouldn't change anything about the way she taught the class. I never thought I would be interested in studying Econ, but based on how she presented the material I may have changed my mind.