

TMMBA 507 A  
Analysis Of Domestic And International Econ Conds  
Course type: Face-to-Face

Evaluation Delivery: Online  
Evaluation Form: H  
Responses: 20/38 (53% high)

Taught by: Debra Glassman, Dmitry Brizhatyuk  
**Instructor Evaluated: Dmitry Brizhatyuk-TA**

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Combined Median	Adjusted Combined Median
4.6	4.5
(0=lowest; 5=highest)	

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<b>CEI: 5.4</b>
(1=lowest; 7=highest)

### SUMMATIVE ITEMS

	N	Excellent (5)	Very Good (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Poor (1)	Very Poor (0)	Median	Adjusted Median
The lab section as a whole was:	20	60%	20%	20%				4.7	4.6
The content of the lab section was:	20	60%	25%	15%				4.7	4.6
The lab instructor's contribution to the course was:	20	60%	25%	15%				4.7	4.6
The lab instructor's effectiveness in teaching the subject matter was:	20	50%	35%	15%				4.5	4.4

### STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Relative to other college courses you have taken:	N	Much Higher (7)	(6)	(5)	Average (4)	(3)	(2)	Much Lower (1)	Median
Do you expect your grade in this course to be:	20	20%	40%	15%	20%	5%			5.8
The intellectual challenge presented was:	20	25%	50%	15%	10%				6.0
The amount of effort you put into this course was:	20	15%	40%	30%	15%				5.6
The amount of effort to succeed in this course was:	20	20%	40%	20%	20%				5.8
Your involvement in course (doing assignments, attending classes, etc.) was:	20	15%	55%	10%	20%				5.9

On average, how many hours per week have you spent on this course, including attending classes, doing readings, reviewing notes, writing papers and any other course related work?

**Class median: 5.5 Hours per credit: 1.4 (N=20)**

Under 2	2-3	4-5	6-7	8-9	10-11	12-13	14-15	16-17	18-19	20-21	22 or more
15%	20%	15%	15%	15%	10%	5%	5%				

From the total average hours above, how many do you consider were valuable in advancing your education?

**Class median: 5.0 Hours per credit: 1.2 (N=20)**

Under 2	2-3	4-5	6-7	8-9	10-11	12-13	14-15	16-17	18-19	20-21	22 or more
15%	20%	20%	20%	15%	5%		5%				

What grade do you expect in this course?

**Class median: 3.6 (N=20)**

A (3.9-4.0)	A- (3.5-3.8)	B+ (3.2-3.4)	B (2.9-3.1)	B- (2.5-2.8)	C+ (2.2-2.4)	C (1.9-2.1)	C- (1.5-1.8)	D+ (1.2-1.4)	D (0.9-1.1)	D- (0.7-0.8)	F (0.0)	Pass	Credit	No Credit
20%	60%	10%	5%	5%										

In regard to your academic program, is this course best described as:

**(N=20)**

In your major	A core/distribution requirement	An elective	In your minor	A program requirement	Other
45%	25%			30%	

**STANDARD FORMATIVE ITEMS**

	N	Excellent (5)	Very Good (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Poor (1)	Very Poor (0)	Median	Relative Rank
Explanations by the lab instructor were:	20	50%	45%	5%				4.5	9
Lab instructor's preparedness for lab sessions was:	20	65%	35%					4.7	8
Quality of questions or problems raised by the lab instructor was:	20	50%	45%	5%				4.5	11
Lab instructor's enthusiasm was:	20	50%	45%	5%				4.5	17
Student confidence in lab instructor's knowledge was:	20	55%	35%	10%				4.6	14
Lab instructor's ability to solve unexpected problems was:	20	45%	30%	25%				4.3	18
Answers to student questions were:	20	45%	30%	25%				4.3	16
Interest level of lab sessions was:	20	45%	40%	15%				4.4	5
Communication and enforcement of safety procedures were:	20	55%	40%	5%				4.6	13
Lab instructor's ability to deal with student difficulties was:	19	42%	47%	11%				4.3	15
Availability of extra help when needed was:	20	55%	35%	10%				4.6	10
Use of lab section time was:	20	55%	30%	15%				4.6	2
Lab instructor's interest in whether students learned was:	20	60%	30%	10%				4.7	7
Amount you learned in the lab sections was:	20	45%	45%	10%				4.4	12
Relevance and usefulness of lab section content were:	20	60%	30%	10%				4.7	3
Coordination between lectures and lab activities was:	20	60%	35%	5%				4.7	1
Reasonableness of assigned work for lab section was:	20	55%	35%	10%				4.6	4
Clarity of student responsibilities and requirements was:	20	55%	35%	10%				4.6	6

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## STANDARD OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

### Was this class intellectually stimulating? Did it stretch your thinking? Why or why not?

1. Yes, Dmitry often took topics from class and had attendees elaborate on them through additional examples
2. Yes, the review session select most relevant of content and is good complementary knowledge of the class.
3. Yes. The TA provided a great alternative perspective to the concepts covered in the class.
4. Yes
5. Yes, I enjoyed this class and believe that this part was understand the economy.
6. Yes, the review sessions were great! They really supported the lectures and helped alot with elaborating on the concepts presented.
7. Helps sessions were intellectually stimulating and revisit all the lectures concepts was very helpful.
8. Helpful to learn decision modeling, unfortunately the coursework was not enough repetition for me to remember all the steps down the road. Luckily I have the text book to refer to down the road if needed.
9. Yes. The review helps reinforce the information in Debra's class.
10. Dmitry did a great job of reviewing the content from class in a different way than it was initially taught, which enabled me to get much more out of the course than I would have otherwise.
11. Dmitry's TA sessions were incredibly helpful and stretched my thinking.
12. Yes. Yes. Thinking about the macro economy as a whole will stretch anyone's thinking!

### What aspects of this class contributed most to your learning?

1. Being able to ask clarifying questions on specifics from the previous lecture
2. It is well structured.
3. Reinforcing key class concepts
4. The slide deck
5. The conversations, the discussions and tying the current issues to the learning.
6. Dmitry was great at presenting explanations and answering our questions from the review sessions.
7. Revision of lecture concepts and clarification of doubts was helpful.
8. The exercises were helpful to practice. At the beginning of the course I had more time to work through the examples in the book, and got off to a good start. Towards the end I only had time to do the actual assignments.
9. Presentation slides and his teaching.
10. His slides were well organized and easy to understand
11. The slide decks were clear, concise, and relevant. I appreciated the extra time Dmitry spends with students to make sure they really understand a concept. He was very personable and I always felt comfortable asking for help or clarification.
12. Working the problem sets

### What aspects of this class detracted from your learning?

1. none of it
2. No
3. N/A
4. None
5. None
6. Nothing
7. No detracton
8. the technical issues while attending class live were a bit frustrating. Emisa did well to recover and add the additional content for the video for review on our own time.
9. Some of the discussion could manage the time better.
10. None
11. N/A

### What suggestions do you have for improving the class?

1. much of the slides used to guide the conversation were simple text with term definitions, incorporating more illustrative examples would of been helpful
2. No
3. Terrific instructor. Great job!
4. None
5. None
7. No really.
8. Emisa could speak a little louder or make sure the microphone is amplifying her voice enough. At time it was hard to hear her.
9. Please halt any conversation that seems anecdotal to be addressed later.
10. None
11. N/A

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<b>CEI: 5.5</b>
(1=lowest; 7=highest)

## SUMMATIVE ITEMS

	N	Excellent (5)	Very Good (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Poor (1)	Very Poor (0)	Median	Adjusted Median
The quiz section as a whole was:	16	56%	31%	6%	6%			4.6	4.5
The content of the quiz section was:	16	50%	31%	12%	6%			4.5	4.4
The quiz section instructor's (QSI's) contribution to the course was:	16	62%	31%	6%				4.7	4.6
The QSI's effectiveness in teaching the subject matter was:	16	69%	25%	6%				4.8	4.6

## STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Relative to other college courses you have taken:	N	Much Higher (7)	(6)	(5)	Average (4)	(3)	(2)	Much Lower (1)	Median
Do you expect your grade in this course to be:	15	27%	33%	7%	33%				5.8
The intellectual challenge presented was:	15	27%	40%	13%	20%				5.9
The amount of effort you put into this course was:	15	27%	40%	20%	13%				5.9
The amount of effort to succeed in this course was:	15	20%	47%	7%	27%				5.9
Your involvement in course (doing assignments, attending classes, etc.) was:	15	27%	40%	13%	20%				5.9

On average, how many hours per week have you spent on this course, including attending classes, doing readings, reviewing notes, writing papers and any other course related work?

**Class median: 7.5 Hours per credit: 1.9 (N=14)**

Under 2	2-3	4-5	6-7	8-9	10-11	12-13	14-15	16-17	18-19	20-21	22 or more
	29%	14%	7%	21%	29%						

From the total average hours above, how many do you consider were valuable in advancing your education?

**Class median: 6.5 Hours per credit: 1.6 (N=14)**

Under 2	2-3	4-5	6-7	8-9	10-11	12-13	14-15	16-17	18-19	20-21	22 or more
	21%	21%	14%	14%	29%						

What grade do you expect in this course?

**Class median: 3.8 (N=13)**

A (3.9-4.0)	A- (3.5-3.8)	B+ (3.2-3.4)	B (2.9-3.1)	B- (2.5-2.8)	C+ (2.2-2.4)	C (1.9-2.1)	C- (1.5-1.8)	D+ (1.2-1.4)	D (0.9-1.1)	D- (0.7-0.8)	F (0.0)	Pass	Credit	No Credit
46%	38%	8%		8%										

In regard to your academic program, is this course best described as:

**(N=13)**

In your major	A core/distribution requirement	An elective	In your minor	A program requirement	Other
54%	15%			31%	

**STANDARD FORMATIVE ITEMS**

	N	Excellent (5)	Very Good (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Poor (1)	Very Poor (0)	Median	Relative Rank
Explanations by the QSI were:	15	53%	33%	13%				4.6	14
QSI's use of examples and illustrations was:	15	67%	20%	13%				4.8	8
Quality of questions or problems raised by QSI was:	15	60%	27%	13%				4.7	9
QSI's enthusiasm was:	15	60%	33%	7%				4.7	17
Student confidence in QSI's knowledge was:	15	60%	20%	20%				4.7	18
Encouragement given students to express themselves was:	15	60%	27%	13%				4.7	16
Answers to student questions were:	15	60%	20%	20%				4.7	12
Interest level of quiz sections was:	15	60%	33%	7%				4.7	3
QSI's openness to student views was:	15	67%	13%	20%				4.8	11
QSI's ability to deal with student difficulties was:	15	67%	20%	13%				4.8	7
Availability of extra help when needed was:	15	60%	27%	13%				4.7	13
Use of quiz section time was:	15	80%	13%	7%				4.9	1
QSI's interest in whether students learned was:	15	60%	27%	13%				4.7	15
Amount you learned in the quiz sections was:	15	60%	33%	7%				4.7	5
Relevance and usefulness of quiz section content were:	15	67%	27%	7%				4.8	6
Coordination between lectures and quiz sections was:	15	67%	27%	7%				4.8	2
Reasonableness of assigned work for quiz section was:	15	67%	27%	7%				4.8	4
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### Was this class intellectually stimulating? Did it stretch your thinking? Why or why not?

1. The Macroeconomics class helped me understand more about the world around me and why certain news articles and measures are important. Appreciate the clarity with which the topic was presented given the complexity and detail that Macroeconomics could entail.
2. Yes, Yes, working through examples was critical to understanding the relationships between concepts.
3. I liked the quizzes. The quizzes focused on understanding concepts through multiple choice questions and a real world economic situation essay
4. Yes. Yes. Great coverage and new topics.
6. Yes.
7. Concepts were challenging, but presented in a relevant way that focused on an immediate application.
8. The TA session was well organized and the content was very useful for understanding the concepts taught in class further. Dmitry did a great job conducting the sessions
9. Yes. New concepts were intriguing
10. The extra sessions were helpful to gain depth in the subject. thank you!

### What aspects of this class contributed most to your learning?

1. Slides being available. Group presentations. Focus on concepts and topics with a close eye on use of time. Quizzes and essays that reinforced concepts in class.
2. Worked examples and secondary explanations to questions.
3. TA sessions and quizzes
4. Prof lecture, TA session
5. The Help session very effectively enforced the concepts that Prof Debra taught in class. This helped solidify our understanding. The help sessions were very nicely structured and sessions itself were timed nicely to follow the classes.
6. Teach back quizzes etc
7. lectures and review sessions
8. TA sessions and the quiz
9. The use of real world examples

### What aspects of this class detracted from your learning?

1. Lack of time to dive deep into the finer details of Macroeconomics.
2. Zoom is more difficult to use for the presenter than it needs to be. We did better with these sessions, but if you have a conflict and can't come in person or try to watch playback you are taking a big risk.
3. None
6. None
7. n/a
8. Mon section questions

### What suggestions do you have for improving the class?

1. Some guest lecturers. Mentioning how this impacts business in general.
2. Some sort of standardization for inclusion of links in Canvas, setup of machines and ability to see questions on a separate computer during presenter mode. This is making it too complicated for the instructors/TAs. Setup another pc/ipad something to login to zoom and 'watch' the question stream.
6. Dmitri was very helpful with concepts
7. n/a
8. Would've been good to get personalized answers to essay questions. Also, sometimes quiz questions seemed like it could have multiple answers and I later learnt that students would go uptown the TA and get points for their incorrect answer by convincing the TA. However, other students who had the same incorrect answer didn't get the points.
10. it was all good



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The content of the quiz section was:	17	71%	18%	12%				4.8	4.7
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Relative to other college courses you have taken:	N	Much Higher (7)	(6)	(5)	Average (4)	(3)	(2)	Much Lower (1)	Median
Do you expect your grade in this course to be:	17	35%	29%	12%	24%				6.0
The intellectual challenge presented was:	17	35%	41%	12%	12%				6.1
The amount of effort you put into this course was:	17	35%	41%	12%	12%				6.1
The amount of effort to succeed in this course was:	17	35%	41%	12%	12%				6.1
Your involvement in course (doing assignments, attending classes, etc.) was:	17	41%	35%	12%	12%				6.2

On average, how many hours per week have you spent on this course, including attending classes, doing readings, reviewing notes, writing papers and any other course related work?

**Class median: 6.9 Hours per credit: 1.7 (N=17)**

Under 2	2-3	4-5	6-7	8-9	10-11	12-13	14-15	16-17	18-19	20-21	22 or more
6%		24%	29%	29%	6%	6%					

From the total average hours above, how many do you consider were valuable in advancing your education?

**Class median: 6.7 Hours per credit: 1.7 (N=17)**

Under 2	2-3	4-5	6-7	8-9	10-11	12-13	14-15	16-17	18-19	20-21	22 or more
6%		24%	35%	24%	6%	6%					

What grade do you expect in this course?

**Class median: 3.9 (N=17)**

A (3.9-4.0)	A- (3.5-3.8)	B+ (3.2-3.4)	B (2.9-3.1)	B- (2.5-2.8)	C+ (2.2-2.4)	C (1.9-2.1)	C- (1.5-1.8)	D+ (1.2-1.4)	D (0.9-1.1)	D- (0.7-0.8)	F (0.0)	Pass	Credit	No Credit
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**(N=17)**

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41%	12%			47%	

**STANDARD FORMATIVE ITEMS**

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QSI's use of examples and illustrations was:	17	65%	29%	6%				4.7	7
Quality of questions or problems raised by QSI was:	17	53%	41%	6%				4.6	17
QSI's enthusiasm was:	17	71%	24%	6%				4.8	14
Student confidence in QSI's knowledge was:	17	71%	24%	6%				4.8	16
Encouragement given students to express themselves was:	17	65%	29%	6%				4.7	13
Answers to student questions were:	17	71%	24%	6%				4.8	5
Interest level of quiz sections was:	17	59%	35%	6%				4.7	2
QSI's openness to student views was:	17	65%	29%	6%				4.7	12
QSI's ability to deal with student difficulties was:	17	59%	35%	6%				4.7	11
Availability of extra help when needed was:	17	65%	24%	12%				4.7	8
Use of quiz section time was:	17	71%	24%	6%				4.8	1
QSI's interest in whether students learned was:	17	59%	35%	6%				4.7	18
Amount you learned in the quiz sections was:	17	59%	35%	6%				4.7	6
Relevance and usefulness of quiz section content were:	17	59%	35%	6%				4.7	10
Coordination between lectures and quiz sections was:	17	65%	29%	6%				4.7	3
Reasonableness of assigned work for quiz section was:	17	59%	35%	6%				4.7	9
Clarity of student responsibilities and requirements was:	17	71%	24%	6%				4.8	4

TMMBA 507 A  
Analysis Of Domestic And International Econ Conds  
Course type: Face-to-Face  
Taught by: Debra Glassman, Dmitry Brizhatyuk  
**Instructor Evaluated: Dmitry Brizhatyuk-Other**

Evaluation Delivery: Online  
Evaluation Form: F  
Responses: 17/35 (49% moderate)

**STANDARD OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS****Was this class intellectually stimulating? Did it stretch your thinking? Why or why not?**

2. Yes the student reviews very extremely valuable and prepared me for quizzes and essays
3. Absolutely stretched my thinking.
5. Yes, Dmitry's explanations were clear and concise. Which helps greatly in a subject where it's easy to get confused with all the terminologies.
6. TA did a good job of articulating the core macro concepts effectively

**What aspects of this class contributed most to your learning?**

1. Dmitry was very helpful and responsive in answering questions. The review sessions were well structured.
2. Review sessions
3. Dmitry was fantastic in class. He was amazing in responding to email queries and made sure my doubts were resolved by personally reaching out to me after class if something wasn't clear during the review sessions.
5. The slides since they were very informational.
6. Quiz content was good and stretched my thinking ability
7. Great enthusiasm. Well organized.

**What aspects of this class detracted from your learning?**

2. N/A
4. some of the multiple choice questions are really tricky some of the required materials are only covered in TA sessions (this also made TA sessions very useful)
5. Too many questions from the audience.
6. nothing

**What suggestions do you have for improving the class?**

2. None
5. Perhaps consider which questions are worth answering during the review session and take less-relevant questions after the session is over.
6. More case studies based on historical events

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ECON 201 I  
Introduction To Macroeconomics  
Course type: Face-to-Face

Evaluation Delivery: Online  
Evaluation Form: B  
Responses: 22/44 (50% high)

Taught by: Dmitry Brizhatyuk  
Instructor Evaluated: Dmitry Brizhatyuk-Predoc TA

**Overall Summative Rating** represents the combined responses of students to the four global summative items and is presented to provide an overall index of the class's quality:

Combined Median	Adjusted Combined Median
4.0	3.9
(0=lowest; 5=highest)	

**Challenge and Engagement Index (CEI)** combines student responses to several IASystem items relating to how academically challenging students found the course to be and how engaged they were:

<b>CEI: 4.7</b>
(1=lowest; 7=highest)

## SUMMATIVE ITEMS

	N	Excellent (5)	Very Good (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Poor (1)	Very Poor (0)	Median	Adjusted Median
The course as a whole was:	22	36%	23%	36%	5%			3.9	3.8
The course content was:	21	33%	24%	38%	5%			3.8	3.7
The instructor's contribution to the course was:	21	43%	29%	19%	5%	5%		4.2	4.2
The instructor's effectiveness in teaching the subject matter was:	21	38%	24%	29%	5%	5%		4.0	3.9

## STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Relative to other college courses you have taken:	N	Much Higher (7)	(6)	(5)	Average (4)	(3)	(2)	Much Lower (1)	Median
Do you expect your grade in this course to be:	22	23%	32%	14%	32%				5.6
The intellectual challenge presented was:	21	10%	29%	29%	29%	5%			5.1
The amount of effort you put into this course was:	21	24%	38%	5%	24%	5%	5%		5.8
The amount of effort to succeed in this course was:	21	24%	33%	14%	29%				5.7
Your involvement in course (doing assignments, attending classes, etc.) was:	21	29%	33%	10%	24%	5%			5.9

On average, how many hours per week have you spent on this course, including attending classes, doing readings, reviewing notes, writing papers and any other course related work?

**Class median: 6.0 Hours per credit: 1.2 (N=21)**

Under 2	2-3	4-5	6-7	8-9	10-11	12-13	14-15	16-17	18-19	20-21	22 or more
5%		43%	10%	19%	10%	10%	5%				

From the total average hours above, how many do you consider were valuable in advancing your education?

**Class median: 5.8 Hours per credit: 1.2 (N=21)**

Under 2	2-3	4-5	6-7	8-9	10-11	12-13	14-15	16-17	18-19	20-21	22 or more
5%	10%	33%	14%	14%	19%			5%			

What grade do you expect in this course?

**Class median: 3.5 (N=21)**

A (3.9-4.0)	A- (3.5-3.8)	B+ (3.2-3.4)	B (2.9-3.1)	B- (2.5-2.8)	C+ (2.2-2.4)	C (1.9-2.1)	C- (1.5-1.8)	D+ (1.2-1.4)	D (0.9-1.1)	D- (0.7-0.8)	F (0.0)	Pass	Credit	No Credit
5%	62%	29%		5%										

In regard to your academic program, is this course best described as:

**(N=21)**

In your major	A core/distribution requirement	An elective	In your minor	A program requirement	Other
38%	10%	33%		19%	

**STANDARD FORMATIVE ITEMS**

	N	Excellent (5)	Very Good (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Poor (1)	Very Poor (0)	Median	Relative Rank
Course organization was:	22	50%	14%	32%	5%			4.5	1
Sequential presentation of concepts was:	21	43%	29%	24%	5%			4.2	5
Explanations by instructor were:	21	43%	14%	29%	5%	10%		4.0	12
Instructor's ability to present alternative explanations when needed was:	21	33%	14%	24%	14%	14%		3.4	17
Instructor's use of examples and illustrations was:	21	33%	33%	19%	10%	5%		4.0	14
Instructor's enhancement of student interest in the material was:	21	38%	19%	24%	19%			3.9	11
Student confidence in instructor's knowledge was:	21	33%	24%	24%	10%	10%		3.8	18
Instructor's enthusiasm was:	21	33%	29%	29%	10%			3.9	16
Clarity of course objectives was:	21	43%	24%	14%	14%	5%		4.2	6
Interest level of class sessions was:	21	38%	10%	33%	14%	5%		3.4	15
Availability of extra help when needed was:	21	43%	19%	29%	10%			4.1	13
Use of class time was:	21	38%	29%	19%	10%	5%		4.1	9
Instructor's interest in whether students learned was:	21	48%	24%	24%	5%			4.4	8
Amount you learned in the course was:	20	40%	35%	25%				4.2	7
Relevance and usefulness of course content were:	21	38%	38%	19%	5%			4.2	10
Evaluative and grading techniques (tests, papers, projects, etc.) were:	21	52%	33%	5%	10%			4.5	2
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### STANDARD OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

#### Was this class intellectually stimulating? Did it stretch your thinking? Why or why not?

1. No, I almost learn this course by myself by reading the textbook. The instructor even can not express a simple content well.
2. Yes. There are lots of information during the lecture and homework.
4. It was stimulating to me.
5. Yes it did, I had to do a lot of research on my own...
6. It is intellectually stimulating, because there are tons of concepts and knowledge that need to be memorized and comprehended, for me, remembering text-linked knowledge is a great challenge.
8. it is exciting
9. Yes it was properly challenging.
10. it was challenging
12. Yes I found that the organization of the course lectures was very good. Macro expanded on micro principles, but I think this content was easier to understand as it applied to the economy as a whole.

#### What aspects of this class contributed most to your learning?

1. Not at all.
2. The knowledge are new for me. the instructor explain them good.
4. Practice problems given out in class.
5. The one on one meeting with the professor ....
6. The worksheet and practice problem are very useful when reviewing for tests.
7. Homework
8. After class material and articles
9. The lectures.
10. powerpoint and drawing, professor did well for first time teaching the class overall, was obviously knowledgeable
11. All the graphs were pretty cool, and the textbook wasn't entirely awful
12. When we did practice problems in class. These were super helpful.

#### What aspects of this class detracted from your learning?

1. The instructor's pronunciation and organization.
2. Some of the knowledge are hard to understand. Homework are not very useful for the exam
3. The professor often seemed flustered and unsure of material, especially when students asked clarifying questions. The biggest problem was that the he didn't seem to have gone over the practice problems before working on them in class, because there was often typos or mistakes in the questions.
4. Inability of other students to grasp basic math.
5. No team work among my peers...
6. None
8. Grammar and teaching speed
9. nothing.
10. the professor could be pretty confusing and when another student or myself asked question he would often react like it was a dumb thing to ask, I eventually felt uncomfortable asking questions
11. Lectures felt super dense, and there wasn't much in the way of breaks to alleviate that
12. Some of the explanations by the professor didn't always seem to make sense.

#### What suggestions do you have for improving the class?

1. Organize the course better so that people know which part is important and which part is not that important.
2. Give more examples and practice problem.



3. More preparation for practice problems. Also graded quizzes to prepare for the exams.
4. Make participation worth credit so it isn't just one person contributing the whole time.
5. Work and discuss problems in small groups...
6. I wonder if the department could release some practice problems for the use of study like math department.
7. When a student asks a question, the instructor should refrain from acting as if answering the question would confuse the student. Almost every time a question was asked, the instructor would hesitate multiple times because he appeared to be debating if the explanation was "too complicated" for the student to understand. Provide an explanation for the sake of learning and then clarify what the course expectations are, if the explanation was outside the scope of the course.
8. Learn more from other teacher
9. Maybe use more practice problems spaced throughout the lectures
10. treat all questions like they are good questions, try to be more straightforward, maybe explain things so that they seem over explained because sometimes it felt like the professor was thinking something that he wasn't saying because he doesn't realize that we don't know it because he doesn't even need to think about it since he has done this so much
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