

Course Evaluations

Table 1 presents the quantitative results of my course evaluations for the course ECON 2106: Principles of Microeconomics, conducted in Spring 2025. Each item in the table was assessed on a scale ranging from 1 to 5, where a score of 5 corresponds to strongly agree and 1 to strongly disagree. A higher score signifies a more favorable response.

Table 1: Quantitative Feedback for ECON 2106: Principles of Microeconomics

Questions	Spring 2025
<u>Course</u>	
The course was well organized	4.70 (0.65)
The course objectives were clearly stated	4.77 (0.43)
Overall, the course was excellent	4.70 (0.60)
<u>Instructor</u>	
Available outside of class to answer questions	4.60 (0.62)
Stimulated student interest in course material	4.53 (0.82)
The instructor was enthusiastic about teaching this course	4.77 (0.62)
The instructor was well prepared for class	4.70 (0.65)
The instructor used class time effectively	4.80 (0.62)
The instructor encouraged appropriate student participation in class	4.43 (1.00)
The instructor presented ideas and concepts clearly	4.73 (0.64)
Overall, the instructor was effective at teaching the subject matter	4.83 (0.38)
<u>Grading, Course Assignments, Text, and Reading Materials</u>	
The textbook, readings, and other materials were useful	4.33 (1.03)
Assignments and activities were useful for helping me learn	4.53 (0.89)
Homework, papers, and exams were returned within a reasonable period	4.77 (0.50)
The exams were fair	4.92 (0.25)
Feedback on graded homework and exams was valuable	4.63 (0.67)
<u>Outcomes</u>	
The course will be (or has been) of value to me	4.67 (0.56)
I learned a lot in this course	4.60 (0.56)
The course challenged me to think and learn	4.33 (0.80)
I would take another course with this instructor if I had the chance	4.73 (0.64)
Number of Responses	30 out of 38
Response Rate	79%

Notes: Standard deviations in parentheses.

Table 2: Selected Written Feedback for ECON 2106: Principles of Microeconomics

Course Feedback	Instructor Feedback
Course as a whole: <i>What was done well?</i> <i>How could it be improved?</i>	Instructor: <i>What was done well?</i> <i>How could the instructor improve?</i>
<p>I really enjoyed the descriptive slideshows used in class and the use of small group practice during each lecture. The tools provided in class by Professor Curtis give you all that are needed to excel in the class, with the textbook as simply an added resource for clarification.</p>	<p>Professor Curtis did an exceptional job teaching our class; he was easy to talk to, very encouraging, and taught the material simplistically, to the point that most any subject in the course was easy to learn. I can think of no improvements.</p>
<p>The course works very effectively as an introduction to microeconomics. As far as I'm concerned, it's got a perfect measure to it: it covers the basics without being overwhelming or leaning too far to "doing" portions or "concept" portions. It feels very well-balanced.</p>	<p>I LOVE professor Curtis. Genuinely, I have no notes on his class. He always has an upbeat attitude, and he never made me or any other student feel ashamed for asking any questions. I loved the engagement he offered for us, and I found his iClickers to be really nice, quick reviews that assisted vastly in making sure I actually grasped topics from the class. He also provided good feedback on tests, and always responded to emails quickly and concisely. It made me feel really valued and paid attention to as a student, which is a bit rare at UGA or any big college class like this. I never felt like 'just one face in a sea of many'; I felt like a student that he recognized and cared about, which really makes all the difference.</p> <p>I have already recommended Prof. Curtis to people around who ask about good Microeconomics teachers. I swear up and down by him as a professor, and I am so thankful that I had the chance to be in his class. It made learning the material incredibly enjoyable, and I'm really sad to see the semester coming to a close.</p>

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<p>The in-class written assignments really helped me learn the material and be able to practice it right after it was explained in the lecture. Also, the take home paper practice exams were my favorite thing and I wish more teachers did that.</p>	<p>Professor Curtis was one of the best instructors I have had since coming to the University of Georgia. He responds to emails quickly, is on top of grading, is super down-to-earth, personable, and understanding of people. He wants his students to succeed and is very accommodating if something happens in their personal lives/a person is struggling, by helping them get back up to speed. Honestly, I could not ask for more in a college professor and would take more classes if he taught other classes in my major.</p>
<p>I loved how helpful this professor was. He gave us every opportunity to succeed while still requiring much preparation and study time for material. He was fair and always willing to help all of the students. I originally went into this course simply because I was interested in economics and wanted to learn more about it to benefit me in the future. Everyone I talked to warned me against this because of how challenging econ was. I was originally worried, but because of the way he set up the class, I succeeded and would take this course again a million times over.</p>	<p>I really liked the professor. I personally am not in Terry but i'm an animal and dairy science student, so taking an Econ class was intimidating to me. However Professor Curtis was amazing, anytime I had a question he was available and was able to quickly explain it in a way that I understood. He also was great about answering emails, which I found helpful on exam days when I had last minute questions. Another factor that I found helpful was that he seemed to genuinely love teaching the material and was enthusiastic about it which made me be more engaged in the class even though it was not a class in my major. Overall, I went into the class thinking I was going to hate it but Professor Curtis was able to make it as engaging and interesting as possible and I really appreciated that!</p>
<p>The course was a great class, challenged me the perfect amount without being overwhelming, review sheets were actually helpful, the tests helped me retain the information and the class itself was relatively enjoyable.</p>	<p>I really appreciated Professor Curtis' positive attitude and persistent patience throughout lectures and small group practice. He cleared up concepts with eagerness and went out of his way to provide extra examples, hypotheticals, and re-do problems when asked.</p>

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<p>The order of content was natural and built on itself naturally. The homework assignments having both a completion component and a graded component was useful in the learning process as it gives an opportunity to find your strengths and weaknesses in a low-risk environment. The lecture design was fluid and helped divide common topics into recognizable categories. The fact that the in-class assignments were not difficult but focused on the essentials of the content made learning easy, as did the option to cooperate with peers. At this time I cannot think of any needed improvements.</p>	<p>Professor Curtis was enthusiastic and encouraged students while teaching, making the course much more enjoyable and interesting. When emailing him I would often get detailed and helpful responses and he would remember to email me responses to questions in class as well. He had great communication for all assignments, evaluations, class cancellations, and anything else that needed to be said. I cannot think of any improvements.</p>
<p>The homework and exams were well aligned with the course content and the layout of info was great. The power-points were a bit repetitive each week but delivered the content well. The policy poster was fun to do as well.</p>	<p>I previously took this course with a different professor, and I had to withdraw, but with you as my professor, I have excelled, learned, and retained the information, and found it somewhat enjoyable. Thank you for a great semester!!!</p>
<p>Any comments I have on the course are a reflection of what I thought of Prof. Curtis, as he is what made this course enjoyable.</p>	<p>Brad was flexible with assignments and understanding of various circumstances students may be in. He was quick to send pertinent announcements and provided handouts almost every class, which made learning and practicing the concepts learned a lot easier.</p>
<p>The study guides were super helpful along with the handouts for each class</p>	<p>Everything was done well he really helped students succeed in this course. Very good at teaching and is interactive.</p>