

Evaluations for ECON-101-06, Intro Macroeconomics

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Summary

Table 1. Summary: 18 responses

	No Answer	1 (Poor)	2	3	4	5 (Excellent)
Prior interest	0	0 (0%)	1 (5.6%)	4 (22.2%)	5 (27.8%)	8 (44.4%)
Interest increased	0	0 (0%)	1 (5.6%)	3 (16.7%)	8 (44.4%)	6 (33.3%)
Effort	0	0 (0%)	1 (5.6%)	3 (16.7%)	11 (61.1%)	3 (16.7%)
Knowledge increased	0	0 (0%)	2 (11.1%)	1 (5.6%)	7 (38.9%)	8 (44.4%)
Challenge	0	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (16.7%)	10 (55.6%)	5 (27.8%)
Overall rating	0	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	9 (50%)	5 (27.8%)	4 (22.2%)
Preparedness	0	0 (0%)	1 (5.6%)	3 (16.7%)	6 (33.3%)	8 (44.4%)
Clarity	0	1 (5.6%)	2 (11.1%)	7 (38.9%)	4 (22.2%)	4 (22.2%)
Feedback	0	0 (0%)	1 (5.6%)	9 (50%)	2 (11.1%)	6 (33.3%)
Effectiveness	0	0 (0%)	3 (16.7%)	7 (38.9%)	4 (22.2%)	4 (22.2%)

All responses

Table 2. Response 1

Gender	M
Year	2019
Major 1	Economics
Major 2	
Minor 1	Communication
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	Major/Minor
Prior interest	5
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	4
Interest increased fill-in	
Effort	4
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	4
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	5
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	The course material is pretty awesome
Ways to improve course	
Overall rating	4
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	She does a lot of work outside the classroom
Ways for instructor to improve	Doing more in-class activities
Preparedness	5
Clarity	4
Feedback	3

Effectiveness	4
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 3. Response 2

Gender	M
Year	2018
Major 1	International Studies
Major 2	
Minor 1	Communication
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	GE
Prior interest	3
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	4
Interest increased fill-in	
Effort	4
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	5
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	5
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	Academically challenging and rigorous. I enjoyed learning the content and the information was presented accurately and thoroughly.
Ways to improve course	
Overall rating	4
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	Olga was very nice and accommodating. She was helpful and provided excellent feedback.
Ways for instructor to improve	
Preparedness	5
Clarity	4
Feedback	5
Effectiveness	5
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 4. Response 3

Gender	F
Year	2019
Major 1	Economics
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	Major/Minor
Prior interest	5
Prior interest fill-in	

Interest increased	5
Interest increased fill-in	
Effort	4
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	4
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	4
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	The course work and the book were very clear and helpful. I feel like I have a strong hold of the material.
Ways to improve course	There could be more discussion and clearer lectures.
Overall rating	4
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	Professor Nicoara is very sweet and is always willing to go the extra mile to help her students.
Ways for instructor to improve	Professor Nicoara
Preparedness	5
Clarity	2
Feedback	3
Effectiveness	3
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 5. Response 4

Gender	F
Year	2016
Major 1	French
Major 2	
Minor 1	Psychology
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	Elective
Prior interest	2
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	4
Interest increased fill-in	
Effort	2
Effort fill-in	If you pay attention class and read the book it is a pretty straight forward learning process.
Knowledge increased	5
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	3
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	It utilizes various resources such as podcasts to relate the material and make it more accessible.
Ways to improve course	There were some sections that dragged on too long and others the the went over too quickly. It was not an effective use of class time to go over the homework for the entire class, maybe just choosing specific problems would be helpful.
Overall rating	3
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	She is enthusiastic about the subject and very approachable. During office hours, she was very helpful and I enjoyed learning the material.

Ways for instructor to improve	She needs to be more demanding of students and hold them accountable. It would be helpful to have multiple ways to explain concepts since sometimes students did not understand.
Preparedness	5
Clarity	3
Feedback	5
Effectiveness	3
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 6. Response 5

Gender	M
Year	2019
Major 1	Economics
Major 2	International Studies
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	Major/Minor
Prior interest	5
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	4
Interest increased fill-in	
Effort	3
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	4
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	4
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	It was difficult at times but it was never to the point where the work load got out of hand.
Ways to improve course	
Overall rating	3
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	She assigns a good amount of work, never really got to be too much. Doesn't grade easy, but is very understanding if you go and talk to her about your test.
Ways for instructor to improve	Teach like the students have no back round in the subject instead of assuming since it is an intro level economics course. Teach more in detail.
Preparedness	4
Clarity	3
Feedback	3
Effectiveness	2
Effectiveness fill-in	Very hard to understand at times. Doesn't really demand the attention of her class. Very repetitive with her teaching style.
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 7. Response 6

Gender	M
Year	2019

Major 1	
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	Major/Minor
Prior interest	4
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	3
Interest increased fill-in	
Effort	4
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	3
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	4
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	
Ways to improve course	
Overall rating	3
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	The study guides that she gave us were very helpful for the tests. Also she assigned a good amount of work that made you keep up with the material.
Ways for instructor to improve	The work and worksheets were good but our class discussions and what we talked about in class were confusing.
Preparedness	4
Clarity	3
Feedback	3
Effectiveness	2
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 8. Response 7

Gender	M
Year	2019
Major 1	Economics
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	Major/Minor
Prior interest	5
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	5
Interest increased fill-in	
Effort	5
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	5
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	5
Challenge fill-in	

Course strengths	It was focused not only on the numbers and analysis, but on the intuition if the subject, the class focused on intuition and it gave me a strong background for future classes.
Ways to improve course	There could be a little more time spent on analysis, but other than the course was wonderful.
Overall rating	5
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	She was very understanding and knowledgeable in terms of evaluating a student and choosing a personalized method for each one.
Ways for instructor to improve	There isn't much that I found that bothered me about her teaching, maybe a little more time could be sent on every topic.
Preparedness	5
Clarity	5
Feedback	5
Effectiveness	5
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	She was a wonderful professor and made me feel as if I actually mattered more ro her than anything else, I loved every second of this class and would most definitely take it again with her and only her.
Identify by name?	Y
Student name and email	Ruben Fernandez (fernan_r1@denison.edu)

Table 9. Response 8

Gender	M
Year	2019
Major 1	Philosophy/PoliSci/Economics
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	Major/Minor
Prior interest	5
Prior interest fill-in	It is my major, so I was very interested.
Interest increased	4
Interest increased fill-in	It was only an introductory course, so the interest level did not spike, so to say. I'm looking forward to the classes in the future.
Effort	4
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	5
Knowledge increased fill-in	A great introductory course that established a good basis for intermediate courses.
Challenge	3
Challenge fill-in	A lot of the concepts weren't necessarily "new".
Course strengths	Very analytical and covers a wide range of topics. All the important concepts are discussed.
Ways to improve course	It would be nice if the size of the class was smaller. I sometimes felt like the professor did not grasp the full attention of everyone in the class. I would notice some people just zoning out.
Overall rating	5
Overall rating fill-in	A great course; was not too fond of my classmates, however.
Instructor strengths	Though she is not from the US, she speaks very fluent English. She is not the perfect professor - but it is impressive that she always strives to be a better one. She cares about student education very highly, and can also be generous and understanding with grades/due dates.
Ways for instructor to improve	She need to be a little more charismatic. Sometimes I feel she is way too lenient.
Preparedness	4
Clarity	5
Feedback	5

Effectiveness	5
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	Take this class.
Identify by name?	Y
Student name and email	Jun Seo Park (park_a1@denison.edu)

Table 10. Response 9

Gender	M
Year	2017
Major 1	Communication
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	GE
Prior interest	5
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	5
Interest increased fill-in	
Effort	4
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	5
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	5
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	Excellent textbook that was easy to understand and the lessons in class helped reinforce these lessons.
Ways to improve course	More review sessions
Overall rating	4
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	Very knowledgeable Will repeat information when needed Open office hours
Ways for instructor to improve	The instructor could improve by talking a little louder. Sometimes at the end of her points, she lowers her voice.
Preparedness	5
Clarity	4
Feedback	3
Effectiveness	4
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	I would like the professor to return and write comments when writing assignments are turned in. Example, note cards and essays.
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 11. Response 10

Gender	M
Year	2018
Major 1	Physics
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	GE, Elective

Prior interest	3
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	5
Interest increased fill-in	
Effort	3
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	2
Knowledge increased fill-in	just a little.
Challenge	3
Challenge fill-in	basic macroeconomics
Course strengths	Good beginning intro course. I feel like the micro course should be the first in the sequence though.
Ways to improve course	lesser work. there's a lot of redundant readings meant for higher levels.
Overall rating	3
Overall rating fill-in	too much work too less explanation.
Instructor strengths	great knowledge of the subject.
Ways for instructor to improve	Needs to relay information better. Make the teaching better,
Preparedness	4
Clarity	5
Feedback	5
Effectiveness	4
Effectiveness fill-in	Not bad. Not too great.
Other comments	N/A
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 12. Response 11

Gender	M
Year	2019
Major 1	Economics
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	
Prior interest	4
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	4
Interest increased fill-in	
Effort	4
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	4
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	4
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	the course does a good job challenging you and forcing you to ask questions to succeed
Ways to improve course	not all lessons were explained sufficiently and you had to rely on yourself a lot to learn the information
Overall rating	3
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	she does a god job with students 1 on 1 helping explain the material
Ways for instructor to improve	her in class presence it rather dull and needs to be more exciting

Preparedness	3
Clarity	3
Feedback	3
Effectiveness	3
Effectiveness fill-in	professor is a good teacher but needs to work on the delivery a little bit
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 13. Response 12

Gender	M
Year	2019
Major 1	PreBusiness - Undeclared Major
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	Major/Minor
Prior interest	4
Prior interest fill-in	I took an economics course in high school so my interest was pretty high. I wanted to try it out again here at Denison.
Interest increased	5
Interest increased fill-in	I really enjoyed the topics we discussed so I am really excited to continue on into economics
Effort	5
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	5
Knowledge increased fill-in	I definitely feel that my knowledge has grown because we have discussed a lot of topics that I did not study in high school.
Challenge	5
Challenge fill-in	There were many times I had to seek outside help for certain topics in this course. There were also many nights that my study group would spend just discussing one topic.
Course strengths	The strengths of this course is that it definitely challenges its students intellectually.
Ways to improve course	This course could be improved by having a little more of real world application assignments. We did do podcast that really helped, however, I still feel like more of those types of outside assignments would have been more helpful.
Overall rating	4
Overall rating fill-in	I really liked this course but sometimes it felt like we were going a little to fast.
Instructor strengths	The instructor definitely tries to challenge us intellectually and also shows that she really cares about our performance.
Ways for instructor to improve	The instructor could improve by doing more in class guided notes which we did start doing towards the end of the semester and by doing more in class problems.
Preparedness	4
Clarity	3
Feedback	3
Effectiveness	3
Effectiveness fill-in	The professor was effective but I feel there was sometimes class notes did not really help my understanding. There were still definitely times that my understanding did grow on an in class topic
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 14. Response 13

Gender	F
Year	2019
Major 1	Psychology
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	GE
Prior interest	3
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	3
Interest increased fill-in	
Effort	4
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	4
Knowledge increased fill-in	I came into this course knowing very little about our economy and how it functioned, so I know can say I know a lot more.
Challenge	4
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	I think that the podcasts that we had to watch for each class was very beneficial because it allowed us to relate the topic that we were learning, to the real world.
Ways to improve course	I think that it could be structured in a more efficient way.
Overall rating	3
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	She was available for extra help all the time, and was incredibly helpful when you were one on one
Ways for instructor to improve	I think there were definitely times when she was confused about what was going on and unorganized.
Preparedness	3
Clarity	3
Feedback	4
Effectiveness	3
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 15. Response 14

Gender	F
Year	2019
Major 1	Undeclared Major
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	Major/Minor
Prior interest	4
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	3
Interest increased fill-in	
Effort	4

Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	4
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	4
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	The podcasts were a really fun way to learn more about the subjects
Ways to improve course	Having a more structured syllabus and a clearer view of what would be on each exam.
Overall rating	3
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	She was always very available if we needed help on a topic and had a lot of office hour options. Also she was very approachable.
Ways for instructor to improve	Presenting the information in class a different way. Sometime when using the white board couldn't always hear clearly and couldn't always see what she was explaining.
Preparedness	5
Clarity	3
Feedback	3
Effectiveness	3
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 16. Response 15

Gender	M
Year	2019
Major 1	Computer Science
Major 2	
Minor 1	History
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	Major/Minor
Prior interest	3
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	2
Interest increased fill-in	
Effort	4
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	2
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	4
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	I did gain a very basic understanding of macroeconomics
Ways to improve course	This needs a lot of improvement, I was excited to start my first college economics course but Professor Nicoara has caused my excitement to drop immensely. I know she is a new teacher and probably still getting used to Denison but I had a better economics teacher in high school.
Overall rating	3
Overall rating fill-in	I would give a 2.5 if I could, Professor Nicoara did get better as the year went on but overall this course has dissuaded me from pursuing an economics major
Instructor strengths	Professor Nicoara knows what she is talking about when it comes to economics
Ways for instructor to improve	But she has difficulty explaining and phrasing it well and it is hard to understand the point she is trying to make when she seems to not know the point either.
Preparedness	2

Clarity	1
Feedback	2
Effectiveness	2
Effectiveness fill-in	Corrections on the actual test after we got them back would of been very helpful
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 17. Response 16

Gender	M
Year	2018
Major 1	Philosophy/PoliSci/Economics
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	Major/Minor
Prior interest	5
Prior interest fill-in	My mother is an economist, and has instilled in me a great deal of interest in the subject of economics and economic policy. I came into the course with a great deal of background information and a good deal of interest.
Interest increased	4
Interest increased fill-in	My interest increased somewhat as I learned more and more of what is involved in the subject. I already was pretty interested, but I did get more interested in particular areas of economics, such as monetary supply.
Effort	3
Effort fill-in	I could have put a good deal more effort into the course, but since I already knew a good deal of the material, I was not as motivated to work as hard as I should have. As such, I didn't put in a ton of effort regrettably, though I did try to help others who were putting effort in and struggling.
Knowledge increased	4
Knowledge increased fill-in	I came into the course with a good deal of knowledge on the subject. As it stands, my knowledge in regards to the detailed knowledge of the subject has increased, although my total knowledge has not so much increased as it has been refined.
Challenge	4
Challenge fill-in	Somewhat. I had background knowledge, but the detail knowledge was new to me, and so I was challenged in regards to the details.
Course strengths	The course is straightforward, fast-paced, and difficult enough to maintain focus. It encourages good teamwork, and has enough out-of-class work that you must know what you're doing in order to get by.
Ways to improve course	The out-of-class workload was at times a bit much, and was primarily busywork. This isn't necessarily bad, but it was at times mentally exhausting.
Overall rating	5
Overall rating fill-in	As introductory economics courses go, this class was quite good. It taught the basics of macroeconomics efficiently and swiftly, and maintained attention efficiently.
Instructor strengths	Dr. Nicoara has a very solid grasp of the course material, and is a well-educated woman. She fosters a healthy class-room environment, assuming the best of her students. This sadly results in her getting taken advantage of by the class, but I would still call this a strength, not a weakness. The class was well laid-out and organized.
Ways for instructor to improve	She could be a bit stricter in cutting down in-class interruptions by her students.
Preparedness	4
Clarity	4
Feedback	4
Effectiveness	4

Effectiveness fill-in	Dr. Nicoara is a good-quality teacher, and with some time and growth, she could be great. More experience teaching will help her a lot; she is able to teach very well, but controlling a class comes difficulty to her.
Other comments	I enjoyed the course and learned a good deal. I look forwards to Microeconomics next semester.
Identify by name?	Y
Student name and email	Alden Campo (campo_a1@denison.edu)

Table 18. Response 17

Gender	M
Year	2019
Major 1	Computer Science
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	
Prior interest	5
Prior interest fill-in	After college, I hope to eventually own and operate my own small business, and thus, I have always had an interest in the study of economics, and feel that it is the most relevant field of study with regard to my intended career path, that is offered at Denison.
Interest increased	5
Interest increased fill-in	The more knowledge that I gain, the more questions that I have; far from being disheartening, this motivates me to delve deeper into the field of study and regularly engage in enrichment opportunities beyond the scope of the course itself, simply in order to augment and supplement my knowledge base.
Effort	4
Effort fill-in	I wish that I could have put even more time and effort into this course, however the Calc II class that I took this semester required an inordinate amount of time and effort, in order to simply earn myself a passing grade, and so this frequently cut into the amount of time that I was able to spend on my coursework for this class.
Knowledge increased	5
Knowledge increased fill-in	There's not much to say other than that this was a great course, with an engaging and well-written textbook, and a phenomenal teacher.
Challenge	4
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	
Ways to improve course	
Overall rating	5
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	Everything.
Ways for instructor to improve	Nothing.
Preparedness	5
Clarity	5
Feedback	5
Effectiveness	5
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	I am really hoping to have the opportunity to take another class with Prof. Nicoara in the future.
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 19. Response 18

Gender	F
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Evaluations for ECON-101-06, Intro Macroeconomics

Year	2019
Major 1	PreLaw - Undeclared Major
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	GE
Prior interest	4
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	4
Interest increased fill-in	
Effort	5
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	5
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	4
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	The strengths of this course are the resources available for extra help. The textbook was a great resource for understanding the material and there were tutors available in addition to the instructors offer for help.
Ways to improve course	This course could be improved by more formal lectures in class. The class time was used to fill out worksheets and there was never clear instruction from the professor. There was an emphasis on group collaboration, which was not very effective as students were unclear on the topics and could not help each other.
Overall rating	3
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	The strengths of this instructor include her availability and willingness to help. She was always active in wanting to help us understand the concepts and prepare for the exams. Some of her approaches such as hands on activities and articles with class discussion were extremely useful but there was not enough of them.
Ways for instructor to improve	The instructor could improve her teaching by teaching concepts in a lecture style presentation. She could improve her teaching if she moved away from the heavy reliance on the textbook and assigning textbook problems and forcing us to be creative and come up with our own problems.
Preparedness	3
Clarity	2
Feedback	3
Effectiveness	3
Effectiveness fill-in	The instructor was not very effective in utilizing class time to explain the course material. She was always able to answer and provide an explanation for our questions but she did not provide the material in a way other than assigning readings. She did hand out guided note packets, which were helpful. But they would have been more effective if she had given them out before the reading assignments were due.
Other comments	I learned a lot in this course and my knowledge in economics was deepened greatly, but I had to rely on the textbook for most of the information. The professor tried to incorporate ways of helping us learn the material but I felt as though the course was entirely revolved around the textbook.
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	