

# Evaluations for ECON-101-07, Intro Macroeconomics

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## Summary

Table 1. Summary: 19 responses

	No Answer	1 (Poor)	2	3	4	5 (Excellent)
Prior interest	0	1 (5.3%)	2 (10.5%)	5 (26.3%)	6 (31.6%)	5 (26.3%)
Interest increased	0	1 (5.3%)	1 (5.3%)	7 (36.8%)	5 (26.3%)	5 (26.3%)
Effort	0	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (10.5%)	13 (68.4%)	4 (21.1%)
Knowledge increased	0	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	6 (31.6%)	8 (42.1%)	5 (26.3%)
Challenge	0	0 (0%)	1 (5.3%)	5 (26.3%)	10 (52.6%)	3 (15.8%)
Overall rating	1	0 (0%)	1 (5.6%)	6 (33.3%)	9 (50%)	2 (11.1%)
Preparedness	1	0 (0%)	1 (5.6%)	1 (5.6%)	6 (33.3%)	10 (55.6%)
Clarity	1	0 (0%)	6 (33.3%)	8 (44.4%)	1 (5.6%)	3 (16.7%)
Feedback	0	1 (5.3%)	1 (5.3%)	5 (26.3%)	6 (31.6%)	6 (31.6%)
Effectiveness	0	0 (0%)	3 (15.8%)	8 (42.1%)	4 (21.1%)	4 (21.1%)

## All responses

Table 2. Response 1

Gender	M
Year	2019
Major 1	Biology
Major 2	Economics
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	Major/Minor
Prior interest	5
Prior interest fill-in	I now plan to double major with Biology and Econ
Interest increased	4
Interest increased fill-in	Class included interersting material
Effort	4
Effort fill-in	Good start to Econ
Knowledge increased	5
Knowledge increased fill-in	Learned a good amount of material.
Challenge	3
Challenge fill-in	good strength.
Course strengths	Professor worked outside class well.
Ways to improve course	Lecture was a bit unclear and hard to understand.
Overall rating	4
Overall rating fill-in	Good course that is fun and educational.
Instructor strengths	Work outside and preparation.
Ways for instructor to improve	Lecture clarity and different ways to lecture.
Preparedness	5
Clarity	3
Feedback	3

Effectiveness	3
Effectiveness fill-in	Did not always right feedback comments on test but was willing to talk outside class during office hours.
Other comments	Could work on keeping students interested and attentive.
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

**Table 3. Response 2**

Gender	M
Year	2018
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	Professor was extremely helpful at all times. Best professor I could've hoped for.
Ways to improve course	I didn't dislike anything about the course.
Overall rating	5
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	Very knowledgable.
Ways for instructor to improve	Keep doing what she's doing
Preparedness	5
Clarity	5
Feedback	5
Effectiveness	5
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	Y
Student name and email	Zachary Mehan (mehan_z1@denison.edu)

**Table 4. Response 3**

Gender	M
Year	2018
Major 1	Physics
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	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	
Ways for instructor to improve	
Preparedness	4
Clarity	3
Feedback	3
Effectiveness	3
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

**Table 5. Response 4**

Gender	F
Year	2019
Major 1	Psychology
Major 2	
Minor 1	Economics
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	Major/Minor
Prior interest	3
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	4
Interest increased fill-in	
Effort	5
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	3
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	5
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	
Ways to improve course	More informed presentations instead of long packets.
Overall rating	3
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	Was available to meet at anytime.
Ways for instructor to improve	Explain concepts more clearly and effectively and speak more effectively.
Preparedness	4
Clarity	2
Feedback	3

Effectiveness	2
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

**Table 6. Response 5**

Gender	M
Year	2017
Major 1	English (Writing)
Major 2	
Minor 1	Music
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	
Prior interest	3
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 presented a good cross section of macroeconomics. We got a base level understanding of econ, while also going into specific
Ways to improve course	
Overall rating	3
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	She is really knowledgeable about the subject matter, as well as very passionate about of it. She really wanted to get across the concepts across. She was also very helpful in office hours.
Ways for instructor to improve	Sometimes, it was difficult to tell when assignments were due, due to the ever changing nature of the syllabus. Sometimes it was hard to understand what she was trying to teach.
Preparedness	NA
Clarity	NA
Feedback	4
Effectiveness	3
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

**Table 7. Response 6**

Gender	M
Year	2019
Major 1	Economics
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	Major/Minor

Prior interest	4
Prior interest fill-in	It is the first step in my major.
Interest increased	3
Interest increased fill-in	Same level of interest.
Effort	4
Effort fill-in	I did all of the homework and studied for the tests. Missed the occasional assignment.
Knowledge increased	4
Knowledge increased fill-in	Took the class before, but this helped solidify my knowledge of the material.
Challenge	4
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	This course is a good intro to macroeconomics.
Ways to improve course	
Overall rating	4
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	Seems to have knowledge of upper level economic topics.
Ways for instructor to improve	Write everything on the board during class, not before.
Preparedness	3
Clarity	2
Feedback	2
Effectiveness	2
Effectiveness fill-in	Book work wasn't graded and returned until the end of the semester, and some topics were not explained clearly.
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

**Table 8. Response 7**

Gender	M
Year	2019
Major 1	Philosophy/PoliSci/Economics
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	Major/Minor
Prior interest	3
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	This was a good course. I would give 4 on 5.
Ways to improve course	
Overall rating	5
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	Supportive and helping. I would take her class again.
Ways for instructor to improve	

Preparedness	5
Clarity	5
Feedback	4
Effectiveness	5
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

**Table 9. Response 8**

Gender	M
Year	2018
Major 1	Computer Science
Major 2	
Minor 1	Mathematics
Minor 2	Music (Performance)
Reason to take course	GE
Prior interest	5
Prior interest fill-in	I am always interested in economy. And this class also fulfills my GE.
Interest increased	4
Interest increased fill-in	The materials in class is connected to the reality tightly. So learning those materials can help me to understand world events better.
Effort	4
Effort fill-in	The materials are not really challenging.
Knowledge increased	5
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	3
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	
Ways to improve course	
Overall rating	4
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	The professor is good at illustrating the theories that we learned in the class.
Ways for instructor to improve	It would be nice if the professor can make the class more interesting.
Preparedness	4
Clarity	3
Feedback	5
Effectiveness	4
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

**Table 10. Response 9**

Gender	F
Year	2019
Major 1	International Studies
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	

Reason to take course	GE
Prior interest	1
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	3
Interest increased fill-in	
Effort	4
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	5
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	4
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	
Ways to improve course	
Overall rating	4
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	She is always accommodating and willing to help us answer any of her questions. She is a great professor who will make time for her students. She provided exercises for us to learn and grasp concepts.
Ways for instructor to improve	I would like her to be more confident in her lesson and teaching. Visuals are always great to use. Dr. Nicoara provided us with materials to learn but she was not very clear in her explanations on paper nor in person of certain concepts, most of my learning was done at home.
Preparedness	5
Clarity	2
Feedback	5
Effectiveness	3
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

**Table 11. Response 10**

Gender	F
Year	2019
Major 1	PreBusiness - Undeclared Major
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	Major/Minor
Prior interest	2
Prior interest fill-in	I hadn't taken economics in high school, and therefore did not know much about the topic.
Interest increased	5
Interest increased fill-in	I was exposed to many sources relating to economics. I realized that economics is much more than a boring discussion of money.
Effort	5
Effort fill-in	I always completed assignments and did my work.
Knowledge increased	5
Knowledge increased fill-in	I really learned a lot about economics. I feel very confident in many economics concepts and I know that this is just the beginning of my studies.
Challenge	4
Challenge fill-in	There were always ample amounts of assignments to be working on. Whether it was a reading or a physical writing assignment, there was always something for me to challenge myself with.

Course strengths	What is strong about this course is the amount of assignments and their variety. We were assigned podcasts, readings, essays etc. I felt that the course tapped in to many different academic aspects.
Ways to improve course	This course could be improved if students who did not do their work did not hold our class back.
Overall rating	4
Overall rating fill-in	I was challenged academically and i learned a lot about economics. As an introductory course it was a very good combination of being an informational but also difficult course.
Instructor strengths	The instructor was great. She was very understanding and always interested in helping students. She also has a true passion for economics, which is great. The variety of her assignments helped make the course interesting.
Ways for instructor to improve	
Preparedness	5
Clarity	4
Feedback	5
Effectiveness	5
Effectiveness fill-in	I could not ask for anything more as an instructor. She was informative but also pushed us to learn more about economics and better our knowledge.
Other comments	
Identify by name?	Y
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**Table 12. Response 11**

Gender	M
Year	2019
Major 1	Communication
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	
Ways for instructor to improve	
Preparedness	5
Clarity	3
Feedback	4
Effectiveness	3
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N

Student name and email	
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**Table 13. Response 12**

Gender	M
Year	2019
Major 1	Philosophy/PoliSci/Economics
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	Major/Minor
Prior interest	4
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	2
Interest increased fill-in	I was interested in the material, I'm not sure the class helped much.
Effort	3
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	3
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	2
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	
Ways to improve course	
Overall rating	NA
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	Professor Nicoara was very open to her students, and worked hard to try to get everyone the help they needed.
Ways for instructor to improve	She could try to take more control of the class, and be more authoritative in her presentation of the material.
Preparedness	2
Clarity	2
Feedback	1
Effectiveness	2
Effectiveness fill-in	I learned most the course just from reading the book.
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

**Table 14. Response 13**

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	I am planning on majoring in PPE so I was very interested in Econ.
Interest increased	5
Interest increased fill-in	I was very into stocks and banking before this course. Actually learning about macroeconomic topics and how these topics have been put into the real world was very interesting.

Effort	4
Effort fill-in	I worked pretty hard in this course, sometimes I didn't do the reading as well as I should have but the majority of the time I worked hard.
Knowledge increased	4
Knowledge increased fill-in	I went into this course with a bunch of misconceptions. Luckily I was able to correct these when I learned about correct macroeconomic ideas.
Challenge	4
Challenge fill-in	It hasn't been my hardest course but it is far from my easiest.
Course strengths	The course gives a basic understanding of economic thought and knowledge. The book was a good choice. I also liked the podcasts because they connected ideas back to the real world.
Ways to improve course	Focus more on the harder topics in the lectures such as some of the graphs and problem sets.
Overall rating	4
Overall rating fill-in	I thought it was a pretty good course overall. I learned the basics of macro.
Instructor strengths	She is a really fair grader. She is very approachable and answered all of my questions either in class or office hours. She really tries to be there for her students.
Ways for instructor to improve	Sometimes the lectures are a bit dry, so maybe put in more demonstrations and videos or visuals.
Preparedness	5
Clarity	3
Feedback	4
Effectiveness	4
Effectiveness fill-in	Sometimes lectures would get a bit confusing but overall Professor Nicoara did a good job teaching the course and helping her students, especially me.
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

**Table 15. Response 14**

Gender	M
Year	2019
Major 1	Educational Studies
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	GE
Prior interest	3
Prior interest fill-in	Never took an economics course before and wanted to see if it would spark my interest in the subject.
Interest increased	1
Interest increased fill-in	I found out that it is not the course for me.
Effort	5
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	3
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	3
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	The strengths of this course is that we covered a more worldly view of economics.
Ways to improve course	It could have been presented in a much easier and less complicated manner.
Overall rating	2
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	Had a very straight forward syllabus and had many visuals for us in class. Had plenty of office hours and was very helpful during them.

Ways for instructor to improve	Needs to not overcomplicate topics, like make simple topics very confusing for everyone. I know it is hard to stand in front of a group of students but she needs to work on her presenting and confidence in a class setting because she is very good when it is one on one teaching. So she needs to move away from just reading off of her notes. Also she tends to over word questions that they become very hard for any student to understand what she wants either on a test or work sheets.
Preparedness	4
Clarity	2
Feedback	4
Effectiveness	3
Effectiveness fill-in	Again she is not very effective in class, but lucky for me I tend to go see my teachers during office hours and that's where she became an effective teacher for me.
Other comments	What I learned is to ask a lot of questions in class even if they are very small, quick questions and that I need to visit my teachers at least once or twice every 2 weeks or so.
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

**Table 16. Response 15**

Gender	M
Year	2019
Major 1	Economics
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	GE, Major/Minor
Prior interest	5
Prior interest fill-in	I took an economics course in high school and found it very interesting. The concepts are also very important to understand.
Interest increased	3
Interest increased fill-in	I think that class could have been more engaging if we watched videos or looked at a lot of stats.
Effort	4
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	3
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	3
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	I liked listening to the podcasts for homework and working in groups during class. I thought that the writing assignments were good because it allowed us to look up concepts and gain knowledge.
Ways to improve course	I think that class time could have been more engaging because I feel that people did not want to sit in on the class. I think that if the professor implemented creative projects or assignments it could have been a better learning experience. It also would have helped the class understand the material more clearly.
Overall rating	3
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	She is a very nice and intelligent professor. She is also able to help inside and outside of class. She knows the concepts of macroeconomics.
Ways for instructor to improve	She could have taught the class better in that she could have been more clear in expressing the concepts. It would have been better to implement creative activities.
Preparedness	5
Clarity	2
Feedback	3
Effectiveness	3
Effectiveness fill-in	

Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

**Table 17. Response 16**

Gender	F
Year	2019
Major 1	PreBusiness - Undeclared Major
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	Elective
Prior interest	4
Prior interest fill-in	I was it honking is taking ECON as my major.
Interest increased	4
Interest increased fill-in	I think the contrnt and the topics brought up are interesting.
Effort	4
Effort fill-in	I've had something relative to economy before so the basics are not that hard for me.
Knowledge increased	4
Knowledge increased fill-in	There are some knowledge familiar to me but I still learned a lot in this class.
Challenge	3
Challenge fill-in	It is not a very hard class for me as I'm sort of familiar with some conctrpts.
Course strengths	If is not very hard. I think the strength of this class is good.
Ways to improve course	Maybe we can go through the problem sets more so that we can get better sense of them.
Overall rating	4
Overall rating fill-in	Professor Nicorar is very helpful and good at her field and I've learnt a lot from this course
Instructor strengths	Professor Nicorar is good at her field
Ways for instructor to improve	Maybe more examples can be sited so that we can understand the concepts more clear
Preparedness	5
Clarity	5
Feedback	5
Effectiveness	5
Effectiveness fill-in	Professor Nicorar prepares week to her class and gives us many extra materials like the postcards and some small papers
Other comments	I learnt a lot from this class
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

**Table 18. Response 17**

Gender	F
Year	2019
Major 1	Women's and Gender Studies
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	GE
Prior interest	4
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	3
Interest increased fill-in	

Effort	3
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	4
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	4
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	Covers concepts that may be helpful if I decide to go on to the world of big business.
Ways to improve course	Some of the topics are not discussed in their full complexities, but I don't know if I should expect such a thing from an intro course.
Overall rating	4
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	The professor is very open to re-explaining lessons to students during her office hours. She understands that people learn in different ways, and is willing to work with you on finding which method works best. She's also open to suggestions on teaching strategies and gives you extra materials when you ask her for it.
Ways for instructor to improve	Sometimes her phrasing of problems can be very confusing. It feels like she knows the material but doesn't know how to explain it. This can be especially difficult during exams where we can directly ask her for further explanations.
Preparedness	4
Clarity	3
Feedback	4
Effectiveness	4
Effectiveness fill-in	She really tried to explain the material to me which I really appreciated, but sometimes it just didn't translate.
Other comments	This is a minimal comment, but I wish she would project her voice more. This is a lecture style class and sometimes it's difficult to hear what she says from the other side of the room. I do however want to commend her for listening more to more of our concerns towards the end of class, and offering problem sets for homework. They really helped me synthesize the material better.
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

**Table 19. Response 18**

Gender	M
Year	2019
Major 1	PreBusiness - Undeclared Major
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	GE
Prior interest	4
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 work she gave us outside of class was effective. Like the notecards and chapter reviews as well as study groups.
Ways to improve course	More use of videos in class and real life examples.

Overall rating	4
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	She is very smart.
Ways for instructor to improve	Elaborate more on the questions asked in class
Preparedness	4
Clarity	3
Feedback	5
Effectiveness	4
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

**Table 20. Response 19**

Gender	F
Year	2018
Major 1	Studio Art
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	GE
Prior interest	2
Prior interest fill-in	Economics just never really interested me that much.
Interest increased	3
Interest increased fill-in	I'm slightly more interested in the subject than I was before, since I can appreciate how this is very helpful information to know.
Effort	4
Effort fill-in	Could have worked a bit harder in some areas, but otherwise tried my best to complete the work and get it in on time.
Knowledge increased	4
Knowledge increased fill-in	I think I have a much better understanding of a lot of the economic relationships we covered. This class made me re-examine my finance-related political views in terms of how they would actually work.
Challenge	4
Challenge fill-in	Some of the material was difficult to grasp at times, although I was generally able to understand it eventually.
Course strengths	Lots of attempts to involve the class both in terms of discussions, questions, and the occasional activity. I think having guided notes for people who wanted to use them was a good idea, although I personally prefer taking them myself so I can force myself to pay more attention. All the problems and worksheets allowed for lots of opportunities to practice the material.
Ways to improve course	I thought at times the work load expected of us was a little overwhelming (for instance, having to complete those seventeen-page review packets over a weekend). I think it would be a good idea to give those to us at the beginning of the unit so we can fill them out day-by-day on our own time and the work gets spread out a little more. I think the beginning of the semester was a bit bumpy in terms of teaching with the powerpoint and a few other methods. I definitely preferred the way you were teaching the class by the end of the semester by writing on the board and having us do example problems. Also, I think people would appreciate it if you handed back some of the assignments earlier instead of at the end of the semester. I think giving all the notecards back at the end is fine, but people may have wanted their worksheets back with comments to use to review.
Overall rating	3
Overall rating fill-in	It seems like you're still kind of getting the hang of teaching this class, but I think you're definitely improved over the semester. I generally thought the class was okay, but there are still some improvements that could be made.

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Instructor strengths	Super nice and friendly, and clearly cares about the students. Frequently offered to help with the material and encouraged people to talk to her if they had questions.
Ways for instructor to improve	Sometimes you kind of let the class get a little bit unruly in terms of people chatting with each other while you were teaching or trying to answer a question someone had asked. It felt a bit like you didn't entirely have control over people acting respectful.
Preparedness	5
Clarity	3
Feedback	3
Effectiveness	3
Effectiveness fill-in	I think you're clearly trying your best, and you just need a little more time to figure out what the best way to teach this class is!!
Other comments	Thank you!
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

