

Evaluations for ECON-440-01, Entrepreneurship/Public Policy

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Summary

Table 1. Summary: 16 responses

	No Answer	1 (Poor)	2	3	4	5 (Excellent)
Prior interest	0	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (31.3%)	6 (37.5%)	5 (31.3%)
Interest increased	0	0 (0%)	1 (6.3%)	2 (12.5%)	4 (25%)	9 (56.3%)
Effort	0	0 (0%)	1 (6.3%)	2 (12.5%)	5 (31.3%)	8 (50%)
Knowledge increased	0	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (6.3%)	4 (25%)	11 (68.8%)
Challenge	1	0 (0%)	1 (6.7%)	1 (6.7%)	6 (40%)	7 (46.7%)
Overall rating	1	0 (0%)	2 (13.3%)	1 (6.7%)	7 (46.7%)	5 (33.3%)
Preparedness	2	0 (0%)	2 (14.3%)	1 (7.1%)	5 (35.7%)	6 (42.9%)
Clarity	2	0 (0%)	1 (7.1%)	4 (28.6%)	5 (35.7%)	4 (28.6%)
Feedback	1	0 (0%)	1 (6.7%)	0 (0%)	3 (20%)	11 (73.3%)
Effectiveness	1	1 (6.7%)	0 (0%)	4 (26.7%)	3 (20%)	7 (46.7%)

All responses

Table 2. Response 1

Gender	M
Year	2016
Major 1	Communication
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	2
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	5
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	5
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	
Ways to improve course	
Overall rating	NA
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	
Ways for instructor to improve	
Preparedness	NA
Clarity	NA
Feedback	NA

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

Table 3. Response 2

Gender	M
Year	2016
Major 1	Economics
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	Major/Minor
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	
Challenge	4
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	
Ways to improve course	
Overall rating	5
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	
Ways for instructor to improve	
Preparedness	3
Clarity	3
Feedback	5
Effectiveness	5
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 4. Response 3

Gender	M
Year	2016
Major 1	Political Science
Major 2	Economics
Minor 1	Theatre
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	Major/Minor
Prior interest	4
Prior interest fill-in	

Interest increased	5
Interest increased fill-in	
Effort	5
Effort fill-in	There were a lot of assignments, I had to consistently put a lot of work into the class to keep up.
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	
Ways for instructor to improve	
Preparedness	2
Clarity	4
Feedback	5
Effectiveness	3
Effectiveness fill-in	The class needs more structure. Often times the conversation would go nowhere and we were left sitting until somebody said something.
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 5. Response 4

Gender	F
Year	2016
Major 1	Environmental Studies
Major 2	Economics
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	Major/Minor
Prior interest	5
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	4
Interest increased fill-in	It was alot more theory than I anticipated
Effort	4
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	3
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	4
Challenge fill-in	alot of readings very insightful, but got overwhelmed by the density sometimes
Course strengths	
Ways to improve course	
Overall rating	4
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	organized and prepared, passionate about topic and so caring for her students.
Ways for instructor to improve	speak louder and more confidently! Don't let some of the noisier students dominate the classroom
Preparedness	5
Clarity	4

Feedback	5
Effectiveness	4
Effectiveness fill-in	so knowledgeable and good lessons. online posts helped make everyone keep up with the readings
Other comments	variety of ways to be graded which is good. unclear about some deadlines though.
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 6. Response 5

Gender	M
Year	2017
Major 1	Economics
Major 2	
Minor 1	Philosophy
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	5
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	4
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	Guest speakers were a great addition to this course.
Ways to improve course	The reading was difficult and often times dense.
Overall rating	4
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	Good at leading in class discussions and proposing interesting ideas and thoughts.
Ways for instructor to improve	
Preparedness	4
Clarity	4
Feedback	4
Effectiveness	3
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 7. Response 6

Gender	M
Year	2017
Major 1	Economics
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	Major/Minor
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	5
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	5
Effectiveness	3
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	I enjoyed this course, as it presented real world situations instead of a more equation approach. As the class had a lot of material, at times I feel that the teacher was oblivious to the amount of material that she was giving out and asking into return. Although I do not mind putting in that amount of work, it would have been nice to receive the work that we did in more of a respectable time table. Overall, I enjoyed this class and the professor, however, she has to be more understanding of the work she gives out in the future.
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 8. Response 7

Gender	M
Year	2017
Major 1	Economics
Major 2	
Minor 1	Psychology
Minor 2	Political Science
Reason to take course	
Prior interest	3
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	A lot of work but it all pays off.
Course strengths	Great readings and it really made me rethink the way I view the introductory courses. I feel like I can finally make an economic policy argument and back it up with evidence/ theoretical justification.
Ways to improve course	Nothing really comes to mind.

Overall rating	5
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	very knowledgeable and approachable. Easy to meet with and I have never had a professor at Denison that is as helpful. She goes out of her way to make sure we understand and to give feedback.
Ways for instructor to improve	I would say in terms of homework we could mix it up a little bit more. Maybe some nights have a handout or tell us to watch a video or something. Not really much of a critique but I feel like this could help a little bit.
Preparedness	5
Clarity	5
Feedback	5
Effectiveness	5
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 9. Response 8

Gender	M
Year	2017
Major 1	Econ
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	
Effort	4
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	4
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	2
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	This course provides a strong theoretical base for understanding how entrepreneurs are influenced by public policy and how the entrepreneur operates theoretically in the market.
Ways to improve course	There should be some level of application of the ideas in some way. To have a theoretical base is not just enough especially when that base is loosely formed. Application can help solidify a number of the ideas presented especially due to the amount of work expected in the course that seems to lack focus.
Overall rating	2
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	Cares about the ideas being presented.
Ways for instructor to improve	Should not be providing work for works sake. Need to influence the direction of the course more than just choosing readings. Students leave with a sense of having developed an understanding of entrepreneurship out of need, rather than through a variety of presented ideas.
Preparedness	2
Clarity	2
Feedback	2
Effectiveness	1
Effectiveness fill-in	

Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 10. Response 9

Gender	F
Year	2016
Major 1	Economics
Major 2	Communication
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	3
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	4
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	3
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	The concepts in this class were wide ranging and provided a lot of information for the students in regard to applications
Ways to improve course	A longer class period would be beneficial, we were constantly behind the syllabus which was quite frustrating. the daily reading write ups were difficult to keep up with sometimes
Overall rating	2
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	Great knowledge and passion on the subject matter
Ways for instructor to improve	The discussion format has the potential to work well for this class but it definitely is in need of more guidance my Dr. Nicoara. the complete open floor is appropriate at times but I think she needs to start the discussion with a plan and direction rather then just asking students what they found interesting about the readings
Preparedness	4
Clarity	3
Feedback	5
Effectiveness	3
Effectiveness fill-in	I think guided discussions would be extremely beneficial for both fostering discussion and students in guiding them to key takeaways.
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 11. Response 10

Gender	M
Year	2017
Major 1	Economics
Major 2	
Minor 1	Psychology
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	5
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	5
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	This course was very unique for an economics course at Denison. It was great to get an Austrian perspective on economics because generally we only get the classical school of thought. The literature we read was very interesting and enlightening.
Ways to improve course	Towards the end the course slowed down and became less interesting. I think the course needs to be broadened because things were becoming repetitive at the end.
Overall rating	4
Overall rating fill-in	Course was exceptional in the beginning and still good that the end.
Instructor strengths	Instructor was good at facilitating discussions while really allowing the course to be a seminar where students interact. Students spoke much more then the instructor but I believe this was a good thing! Instructor really sparked my interest in entrepreneurship!
Ways for instructor to improve	Return work in a more timely manner
Preparedness	5
Clarity	4
Feedback	4
Effectiveness	5
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 12. Response 11

Gender	M
Year	2016
Major 1	Economics
Major 2	
Minor 1	Spanish
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	
Prior interest	3
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	5
Interest increased fill-in	
Effort	5
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	5
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	NA
Challenge fill-in	It was a subject I was never familiar with but I know I can take lots of theories into the real world and see them applied to the world.
Course strengths	
Ways to improve course	

Overall rating	5
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	Extremely organized. Gives great feedback.
Ways for instructor to improve	
Preparedness	NA
Clarity	NA
Feedback	5
Effectiveness	5
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	One of the best courses I've taken at Denison. I learned more real life application of theory than any other class
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 13. Response 12

Gender	M
Year	2016
Major 1	Economics
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	
Prior interest	4
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	Reading is interesting and meaningful
Ways to improve course	
Overall rating	5
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	clear idea and concept
Ways for instructor to improve	
Preparedness	5
Clarity	5
Feedback	5
Effectiveness	5
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 14. Response 13

Gender	M
Year	2017

Major 1	Economics
Major 2	
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	
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	
Ways to improve course	
Overall rating	5
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	
Ways for instructor to improve	
Preparedness	5
Clarity	5
Feedback	5
Effectiveness	5
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 15. Response 14

Gender	F
Year	2016
Major 1	Economics
Major 2	
Minor 1	Sociology/Anthropology
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	4
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	4
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	

Ways to improve course	There is a lot of work involved in this class. I spent twice as much time working in this class as I did in any of my other class
Overall rating	4
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	She wants to help, she makes herself very available to students
Ways for instructor to improve	More outlining on the board, regroup after class discussion to outline the main points because sometimes it can be a little vague
Preparedness	4
Clarity	3
Feedback	4
Effectiveness	4
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 16. Response 15

Gender	M
Year	2017
Major 1	Economics
Major 2	Spanish
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	Major/Minor
Prior interest	5
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	5
Interest increased fill-in	I thought we read some great texts that theoretically really sparked my interest in entrepreneurship.
Effort	5
Effort fill-in	I did a lot of reading for this course but I believe I really benefitted from it.
Knowledge increased	5
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	5
Challenge fill-in	This course does not come without debate about government, ethics, and markets. It was the most intellectual course I've taken here so far.
Course strengths	I think we were placed in a discussion based environment with great texts to talk about.
Ways to improve course	More structured classes to maximize the discussions about the readings, and shorter readings, sometimes there was so much to read it took away from the discussion the next day because there were so many things to talk about.
Overall rating	4
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	Very helpful in office hours
Ways for instructor to improve	More structure in class
Preparedness	4
Clarity	4
Feedback	5
Effectiveness	4
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	

Table 17. Response 16

Gender	M
Year	2016
Major 1	Political Science
Major 2	Economics
Minor 1	
Minor 2	
Reason to take course	Major/Minor
Prior interest	4
Prior interest fill-in	
Interest increased	5
Interest increased fill-in	
Effort	4
Effort fill-in	
Knowledge increased	5
Knowledge increased fill-in	
Challenge	4
Challenge fill-in	
Course strengths	This course is completely different from any other economics course I have taken at Denison. It gives a new perspective to the economics major.
Ways to improve course	I think the course could be improved by a few case studies of real entrepreneurs and use the theoretical framework taught in class to analyze their success as an entrepreneur.
Overall rating	4
Overall rating fill-in	
Instructor strengths	Very knowledgeable on the subject matter. Easy to approach. Has a true passion for the course.
Ways for instructor to improve	Find more ways to involve the entire class in discussions.
Preparedness	5
Clarity	5
Feedback	5
Effectiveness	5
Effectiveness fill-in	
Other comments	
Identify by name?	N
Student name and email	