



ECON 10200 1 - Principles of Macroeconomics - Instructor(s) - Oscar Galvez-Soriano

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Report Comments

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What are the most important things that you learned in this class? Please reflect on the knowledge and skills you gained.

Comment
macro and monetary policy.
keynesian model
solow model, fiscal policy, etc
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I learned how the economic world works at a macroeconomic scale
Understanding of economics on the macro level
GDP and national accounting; optimization decisions for households and firms; fiscal policy; the Federal Reserve and monetary policy decisions; neoclassical model; consumption–leisure model; Solow Model; briefly discussed the Keynesian Short Run aggregate supply model, since this is used by the Fed to make monetary decisions (raising/lowering interest rates); arbitrage. We also learned how to apply different shocks in each model, such as shocks in labor, TFP, capital, etc. I learned a lot from this class.
basics of macro
Macro topics
Broad macro and fiscal policy concepts
The basics / background of macroeconomics
Different models like the solow model
How to think about firm and household decision making as well as monetary and fiscal policy.
Learning macroeconomics from the neoclassical perspective.
solow model, aggregate supply/demand, federal reserve
General Equilibrium Model
Macro models
Labor supply and demand, credit markets
I learned the principles of macro in an engaging, well–explained manner. I think that the course does a good job of teaching high–level concepts in an intuitive manner.
applying long–term macro–economic models to current events
Apply micro thinking to create macro models
How real government entities work
I learned the set of concepts which dictate macroeconomic decisions
GDP, IOBR, and other macro concepts
Solow model, credit markets, GDP
I learned about the way events impact macroeconomic variables.
I learned the basics of Macroeconomics from the neoclassical model.
A general sense of Macro Economics principles, and how to apply those to questions.
Macroeconomics

Describe how aspects of this class (lectures, discussions, labs, assignments, etc.) contributed to your learning.

Comment
lectures and p–sets
Lectures are key
a
The lectures were the most helpful resources as it was using graphs and clear terms.
They helped
Lectures were very helpful; would highly recommend going to lecture, especially with this professor, as he often will go over details that aren't on the lecture notes.
doing quizzes and psets ensures you get at least 60/100
The lectures were helpful. TA sessions aren't really
Lectures were helpful for getting the basic understanding and discussions were good for asking questions / clarifying. The assignments helped apply what we learned.
Discussions weren't super helpful, and the P sets were too excel heavy in my opinion. Lectures were generally helpful, but I think the professor has kind of a skewed sense of what the easy versus hard concepts are so sometimes he'd spend too much time on an easy concept and not enough on a hard one.
Lectures were helpful with understanding important concepts, as real–world examples were often presented that were not in the posted slides.
he's a cool, funny guy so he kept class somewhat interesting, as interesting as an intro to macro lecture can be
Lectures were good and so were homeworks.
lectures and class slides were the most helpful. The slides didn't include everything you needed to know but at least they were straightforward and as long as you went to lectures you got all the information you needed to know.
Lectures were extremely helpful and in my opinion, almost necessary to succeeding in class because a lot of the material he says in class is on the exams (not always on the lecture slides)
Lectures were definitely the most important. I did not learn much from my discussion.
lectures were the most helpful and p–sets
Brilliant lectures from prof Galvez Soriano, I didnt attend discussion sections
Discussions were really helpful as a productive way to go over lectures and problems
The lectures were pretty intensive, not too user–friendly
Lectures were amazing. Oscar is a great speaker.
Lectures were very helpful and so were PSETs
Lectures were very thorough and structured clearly.
Honestly, the lectures are good, but I would be cognizant of following along with the textbook, the double method is what really helped me.
Lectures

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This class challenged me intellectually.	4.35	5.00	0.00%	2.70%	10.81%	35.14%	51.35%
I understood the purpose of this class and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.11	4.00	0.00%	5.41%	13.51%	45.95%	35.14%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.30	4.00	0.00%	5.41%	5.41%	43.24%	45.95%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.24	4.00	0.00%	5.41%	8.11%	43.24%	43.24%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	3.97	4.00	2.70%	2.70%	24.32%	35.14%	35.14%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.11	4.00	0.00%	5.41%	13.51%	45.95%	35.14%
I felt respected in this class.	4.19	4.00	0.00%	5.56%	11.11%	41.67%	41.67%
I felt comfortable expressing my ideas freely in this class.	4.22	4.00	0.00%	2.70%	13.51%	43.24%	40.54%
Overall, this was an excellent class.	4.05	4.00	2.70%	0.00%	18.92%	45.95%	32.43%

Additional comments about the class:

Comment
Great Professor
Honestly this is a lazy class taught by a lazy professor. It makes no sense to me why someone would want to teach if they're unwilling to answer emails and unavailable to students. Obviously there's the research component but I've read Oscar's research and it's not groundbreaking to say the least. Macro is fine but take it with a different professor if you want to be fulfilled.
Highly recommend this class; I'm doing standard track Econ so I didn't need to take this class but I'm still glad that I did. Oscar is incredibly funny in lecture and I also think he does a great job explaining concepts. I think the midterm was very fair and didn't ask us anything that wasn't discussed in length during class. Genuinely fun class, and very interesting; also learned a lot. I also really appreciate how Oscar put an emphasis during the early problem sets on giving us knowledge and experience that may be helpful for internships and applicable in the real world. And Oscar was a genuinely interesting lecturer.
Macro required and he told you exactly what you needed to study on the midterm and final. Curve and collaborative homework too.
I think the best advice I have for this class is to pay attention during lectures. If you have an iPad I would recommend downloading the lecture notes for each lecture and taking notes along with him on the slides.
Professor Galvez-Soriano is great
Must attend lecture and take notes or will perform poorly on exams.

I would recommend this class to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	2.70%	97.30%
Anyone interested in the topic	8.11%	91.89%

Thinking about your time in the class, what aspect of the instructor's teaching contributed most to your learning?

Comment
Lectures
His humor and lectures
He was very clear and precise in his explanations.
Not much. Oscar's one of the worst lecturers I've ever had. He just wanders around the classroom for the whole time and makes snarky remarks about how dumb we all are.
I really liked Professor Galvez–Soriano's style of teaching. I gained a lot from each lecture, and I like how he linked each of the topics to real world examples.
Reviews
Lectures were very helpful. I never went to office hours but I imagine they would also be helpful.
lecture slides
Lectures
I think the real world context he gave was very helpful.
Office hours
Lectures were helpful. The professor also posted helpful review materials—practice midterms and finals—that ended up being very similar to what was on the exams, which made it much easier to study and focus on the important concepts.
He applied our knowledge to real life through his anecdotes. We are all going to use macroeconomics in our lives and jobs in the future; understanding it beforehand was extremely helpful.
psets were helpful with concepts
Lectures
I think the professor did great. His explanations were clear and logical to follow and I'm not necessarily one to absorb everything straight away in class. I think this is the way a class should be taught.
He broke down each concept very clearly
The instructor's extra focus on high–level concepts and re–explaining when needed
great lecturer
Lectures, slides
The quiz questions were helpful in understanding what I should know
N/A
He explains the concepts in a very simple way
Lectures were most helpful
Encouraged students to participate by asking the class questions during lectures.
The slides were well done: it was easy to differentiate main topics from sub topics and even minor ideas in said sub topics.
Lectures

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comment
Maybe add everything we will be evaluated on the exam in the actual lecture content. He does test on things he mentions in class and are not in the slides
Nothing, it was clear
He could quit.
I wish discussion sections had more practice problems. In Econ 101, the discussions sections were entirely spent on doing practice problems, and I think I would've gained more from spending time in discussion sections doing practice.
More reviews for test material
N/A
the instructor often refers to a generic person as "he" or "guy" in examples; while this has long been common in academic settings and is likely unintentional, using more gender-neutral language would help make the class feel a bit more inclusive!
Make it clearer when a certain model ends and a new one begins. Sometimes it felt like separate models were the same ones which made things confusing. Also a broader overview of how the models fit together could be helpful.
I think it would be helpful to give a bit more explanation about using excel in the beginning for the homeworks
More prep for exams
There was some information in the exam multiple choice that I have no idea where that came from because it wasn't in the slides and he never said it in class, or at least didn't phrase it that way, so if he wants to include niche questions like that then I feel like he should mention that information in class. Everything else on the exams was very doable with information given in class and from the Psets. All his explanations were great.
Make the discussion sections better by connecting them more to the lectures
n/a
More thorough slides
N/A
Maybe more context on the slides. This class is impossible unless you come to all lectures.
N/A
Providing more practice exams and questions besides the psets.
Towards the end of the lectures, my attention often wains (given that it is an 80 minute class). I don't exactly know how to fix that, but it is something that I noticed.
n/a

The Instructor . . .

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Organized the class clearly.	4.43	5.00	2.78%	0.00%	5.56%	33.33%	55.56%	2.78%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.43	5.00	2.78%	0.00%	5.56%	33.33%	55.56%	2.78%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.29	4.00	2.78%	0.00%	5.56%	44.44%	41.67%	5.56%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	4.29	4.00	2.78%	0.00%	5.56%	47.22%	41.67%	2.78%
Challenged you to learn.	4.38	5.00	2.86%	0.00%	5.71%	37.14%	51.43%	2.86%
Helped you gain significant learning from the class content.	4.32	4.50	2.86%	0.00%	8.57%	37.14%	48.57%	2.86%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.22	4.00	2.86%	0.00%	14.29%	31.43%	42.86%	8.57%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.32	5.00	2.86%	2.86%	5.71%	34.29%	51.43%	2.86%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.18	4.00	2.86%	2.86%	11.43%	37.14%	42.86%	2.86%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.23	4.00	2.78%	0.00%	8.33%	47.22%	38.89%	2.78%

Please include the name of the TA/CA/Intern you are evaluating. What aspects of the TA's teaching contributed most to your learning? What could the TA modify to help you learn more? Please include any additional feedback for the TA/CA/Intern.

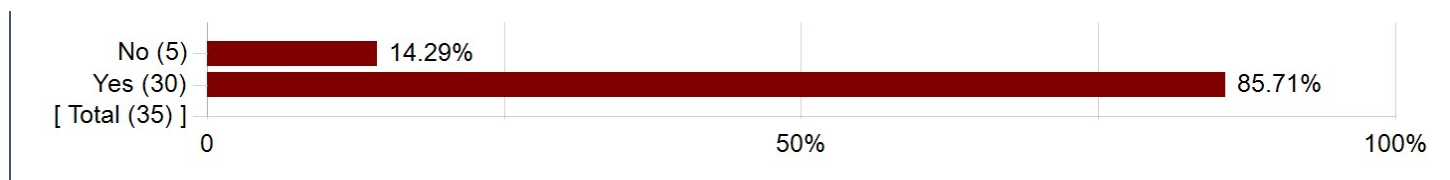
Comment
Krithi Raghavan. She is very understanding and committed to making sure you really understand everything and are prepared
There was several TA but I never requested help for them so can't answer that section.
I don't even remember her name but there's no reason a public policy grad student should be TAing an econ class. It was clear she didn't really have the necessary knowledge to be competent.
Faye Wu. She's a stud and helpful
Krithi. I went to a few discussion sections and Krithi was very helpful in answering questions. I can't speak for the later half of the course as I stopped attending discussions. Whenever I emailed with questions on problem sets, Krithi was very available and gave very helpful answers.
Krithi Raghavan: consistently responsive; also very helpful with Excel-related problems
Faye, she was really nice and very responsive in emails but in response to questions asked during discussion, she seemed confused at times.
I don't know their names
The TA I worked with was Krithi and she was always very helpful and willing to explain.
Krithi
Krithi Raghavan. She was helpful during discussion sections and outside of class
Faye Wu
Faye—respectfully she had no idea what she was talking about and discussions were practically useless
The TA was very patient and was very motivated to help us really understand the course content. She was very willing to go over things several times.
Faye Wu
Krithi Raghavan was extremely helpful in my learning. She gave me excellent feedback on my problem sets and helped me prepare for exams.
n/a

The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	3.68	4.00	10.00%	15.00%	10.00%	20.00%	40.00%	5.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	3.74	4.00	9.52%	9.52%	14.29%	19.05%	38.10%	9.52%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	3.70	4.00	9.52%	9.52%	14.29%	28.57%	33.33%	4.76%
Challenged you to learn.	3.80	4.00	4.76%	14.29%	14.29%	23.81%	38.10%	4.76%
Helped you succeed in the class.	3.90	4.00	4.76%	9.52%	19.05%	19.05%	42.86%	4.76%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.05	4.00	10.00%	0.00%	10.00%	30.00%	45.00%	5.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	3.90	4.00	4.76%	9.52%	19.05%	19.05%	42.86%	4.76%

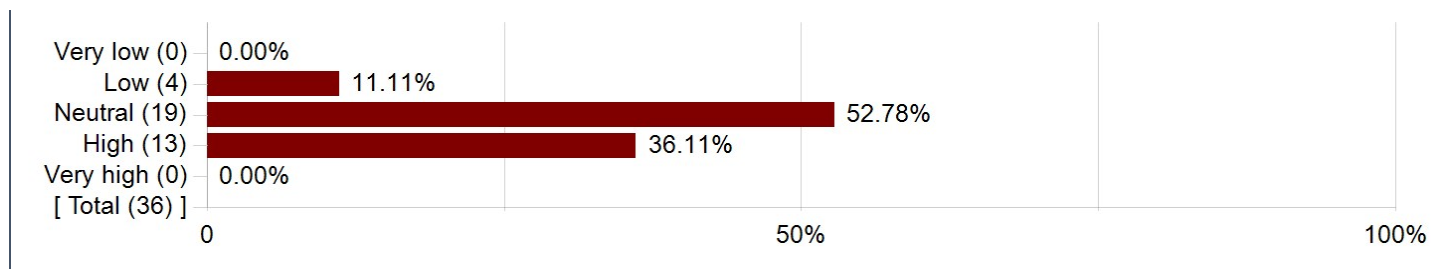
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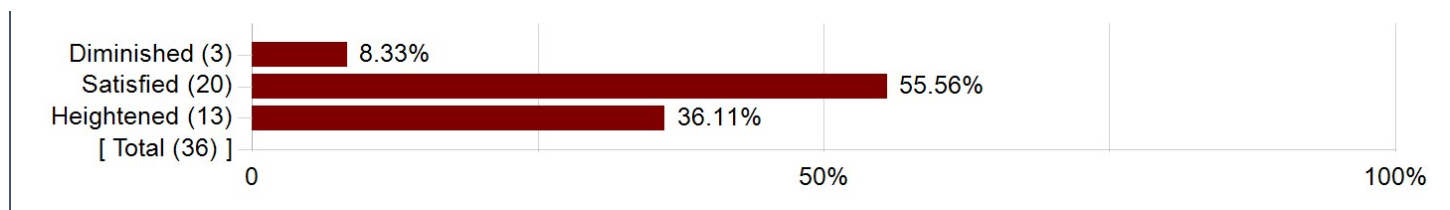
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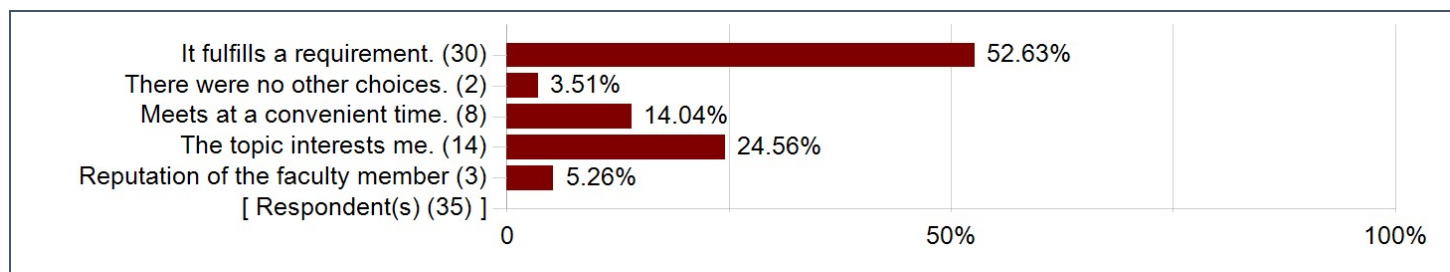


Now that this class is over, your interest is?

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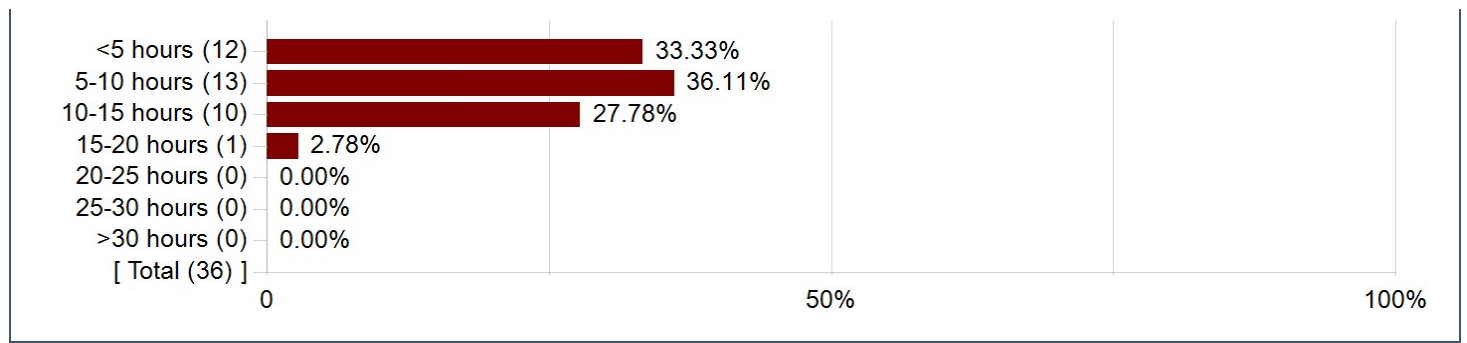


Why did you choose to take this class? (Select all that apply)



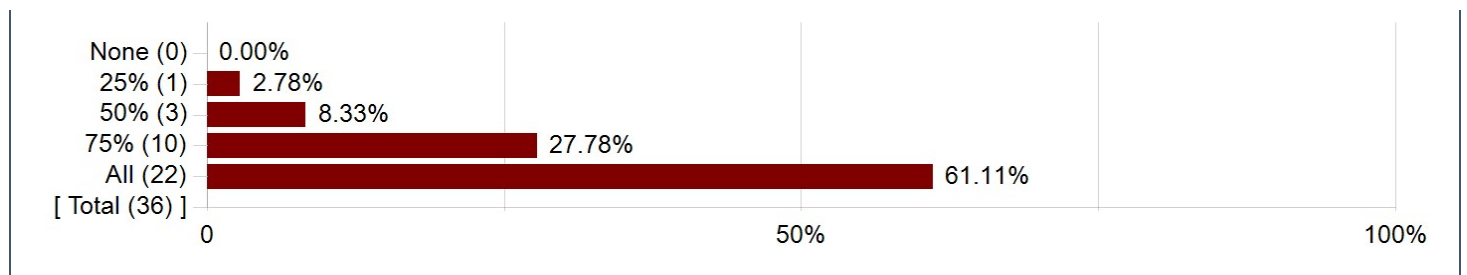
How many hours per week outside of attending required sessions did you spend on this class?

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What proportion of classes did you attend?

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Please comment on the level of difficulty of the class relative to your background and experience.

Comment
Doable
Micro does prepare you for understanding the intuition behind the economic thinking necessary for this class
Fairly difficult but if you study you should be good
I mean it's not difficult the stuff is just dumb. Making us memorize random names of census bureaus for exams makes literally no sense. I think everyone knows that stuff like that is immediately forgotten after the class was over. Would've preferred more actual substantive macroeconomics questions instead of just rote memorization things you could teach an alligator to get right.
Pretty difficult even with some background
I didn't find this course very difficult but I definitely think having a strong grasp on micro concepts is necessary; but if you've taken micro and forgotten some things there is helpful review and you can still do very well in this class. I think going to lectures and reviewing problem sets and quizzes before the midterm was very helpful, and I think that as long as you review lecture notes and take the practice midterms/final this class isn't too hard. Definitely need to have a good understanding of each model and why it behaves how it does, but also I think Oscar did an amazing job at making these things seem incredibly intuitive.
exams: short-answer questions felt sometimes outside the scope of what was emphasized in lecture/practice materials; but the multiple-choice questions were very fair and manageable because they closely matched the style and level of the quizzes without introducing unexpected material
It is not very easy but if you work and go to class and study it is very doable and with a curve it is very possible to get above the mean/B-B+ range
Make sure to attend class. Was hard harder for me than micro, but nothing crazy although the final was a lot more difficult than the midterm.
UChicago economics is very different than high school grade economics. Although I thought I knew everything before coming to class due to my experience with IB Economics, I nearly knew nothing.
Really hard final, but the midterm was easier. Not very hard, just a lot of work.
Having only taken principles to micro prior, this class touched on a lot of those topics and it was helpful to have that knowledge. The class is honestly very manageable if you attend lectures because so much of the PSETs and exams are talked about during them.
This class was difficult but expected with economics
I have taken no previous macro classes. It was all reasonable and doable but the final was very difficult for me
Quite difficult for an introductory course
Everything before the final was really easy, but the final was much harder
Not very difficult
The exams aren't "hard" but they are not given. You just have to do the work.
not that hard but he said the final was gonna be super difficult so unsure of how bad my final grade will be lol
I don't really have so much experience, so it was/is relatively difficult.