

Students' Comments from Course Evaluations

Introductory Microeconomics Fall 2018

- Very engaging
- Calvin always welcomes any questions that students may have and thoroughly explains complex concepts in simple terms that are easy to understand. He is enthusiastic about helping students and even emails practice questions to his students before each exam, which speaks to his effort as a discussion leader.
- He does a review session for discussion the week after each midterm. It was very helpful. He likes to share hints on how to ace certain problems.
- Calvin teaches both in a useful and interesting way.
- Keeps class interesting Good at explaining tough concepts
- He is an affable person, and knowledgeable on the subject.
- Explains everything VERY clearly, always helps us identify what we should be getting from each chapter and the most important parts, clearly cares and sends out extra practice problems before exams so we can feel more prepared! :)
- Answered all questions in discussion
- He made everything very easy to understand and he really helped me get some concepts down.
- Very good at finding multiple ways to explain things when the student did not understand. Provided excellent and useful examples of the subject material. Provided extra problems when we asked for more practice. Helped prepare us really well for the exams
- Good at explaining difficult concepts.

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- Calvin is a down-to-earth, relatable instructor. He understands the material and has a clear vision for what he wants his students to get out of the course. Complementing that, Calvin is adept at breaking concepts down simple. He imbues class with genuine enthusiasm, which fosters a welcoming environment that begets student contribution in whatever form it may come. I also specifically liked the mini review of the previous class we often did at each session, including the accompanying non-graded quiz which helped me check my learning.
- Calvin knows the material well.
- He worked hard to encourage participation and was generally enthusiastic and good at explaining most things.
- He is very enthusiastic in class and always engaging

- Calvin Ackley was able to present the necessary information in an engaging way because he was able to relate to the students with interest and patience and used illustrations to better our understanding.
- Very passionate and helpful. Not your typical boring lecture. Tries to explain complex topics in a digestible format.
- Fast talker
- He is superior in his field of study
- very knowledgeable about the material and can relate well to students
- He is a relatable teacher, who helps with questions and concerns I have on the material.
- Calvin Achley is good at presentation, he can teach us clearly on class. However, he's after-class work is not that good. He didn't post the answers of midterm exam practice at first, and hasn't post the final practice answer till now. For the final project which weight 20% for total, he didn't post or e-mail an instruction.
- Good at keeping morale high, presents material in an easy to understand way
- Great enthusiasm
- Enthusiastic,fair
- really passionate and knows a lot about economics
- Very engaging, clear about his expectations
- Clear, simple and detailed information makes us to memorize easily
- He is enthusiastic and tried to connect the material to the real world
- he works well and explains his topics. helps present information well.
- He knows what he's doing and know the materials well. He's always open to questions and for office hours
- Very nice and helpful
- Intelligent decision by Calvin to incorporate R into the course, albeit sparsely. Progression from topic to topic made sense. Good mix of individual learning with class. Good use of class time, design of class (and Calvin's implementation of it) was accessible for a non-student like myself.

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- Makes Econ interesting.
- explains concepts learned in lecture very well helps us understand the homework a lot better
- teaching problem sets
- very helpful and always willing to answer any questions you have -discussion is helpful because we go over homework problems that we had difficulty with
- really good at explaining concepts. makes sure the class understands econ and provides easy ways to remember concepts.
- Fun and good at explaining concepts

- Very approachable and wants to help us in a realistic and practical way. Doesn't pretend to be too far off and disconnected but gives real advice about class, helpful with the homeworks
- Literally never went to discussion so...
- Answer's all questions very well
- helps and cares about students
- Good at explaining concepts
- Good at engaging with students, makes students want to participate. Very approachable, makes time for students who need help.
- Cal helps out with the ECON lab set. And gives a nice overview of what was learned in lecture the past week.
- Very friendly, helpful with the problem sets
- great at explaining concepts simply
- Very good at explaining concepts. Adapted very well to the needs of the class, which was helpful. Really helpful with exam prep, like practice questions and catering the discussion to things necessary to know for the exam.
- He is a great teacher who helps students get through the difficult terms and questions
- Very helpful on homework problem sets.
- Good TA
- Always willing to explain concepts covered in class, and was extremely helpful for completing the problem sets.

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- Calvin answers all the questions effectively.
- Calvin did a fantastic job explaining the concepts covered in EC 1001. He took his time, explained complicated theories in a fun and engaging way. I would not have hoped for a better TA.
- Good at explaining concepts and helping out. Love the practice exams very helpful.
- Calvin always makes sure that we understand the concepts covered in lecture. He also helps us with any problems we have with the homework and explains everything very well.
- Really clear on and precise on explaining ideas
- Easy explaining. Course concepts.
- Calvin was great and very helpful with homework!
- Interesting
- Good at explaining these confusing points. Nice personality.
- You explain better than the actual teacher.
- Good

- Very good at explaining concepts discussed in lecture. Very willing to help with homework questions.
- Course goes too fast for people who have never taken econ.
- Good teacher, stimulates interest, clarifies what may not be discussed much in class.
- Awesome TA!
- Really great TA. Loved.
- Great TA
- A good instructor and helps solving problem.
- Did not beat around the bush. Straight forward and appreciated. The effort to make things applicable and interesting was appreciated
- Calvin was super helpful during discussions and at the econ center
- I enjoy the concepts discussed in class. The discussion leader really has a solid understanding of the materials.
- Calvin was very clear, articulate, and informed. TA was prompt in returning emails, always a plus
- Provided lots of assistance. Explained tricks to help understand concepts. Very helpful and clear instruction
- A lot of office hours. Very helpful with homework.
- He was very concise and able to articulate information in familiar terms
- TA explained homework problems which I got wrong correctly/in a helpful manner. TA explained theorems which I was struggling with effectively. TA created practice problems which were helpful but too easy in comparison to actual exam Very helpful. Gave a lot of practice questions. Went over homework thoroughly. Helpful in explaining terminology

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- Good at explaining material and understands it well. Good at answering questions.
- He is a pro. The average test scores were amazing. I understood everything he taught. I'm a senior and by far
- the best instructor I've had.
- Explains everything very well. Always helpful. Ensures everyone understands the material.
- He is very gentle. He always encourages students to produce the correct answers.
- Very informative and engaging. Offered help whenever it was needed.
- Gave a lot of examples. Efficient in explaining material. Improve: Explain certain concepts a little more in-depth.
- Strong: Professional. Well-prepared with the teaching materials.

- The instructor was great at presenting material. At first I thought by only using the chalkboard as a distraction, but he furthered our understanding with quizzes at beginning of each class for attendance. Improve: Use modern technology at times.
- Strong: Understanding of topics being taught. Speed of returning graded works. Improve: PowerPoints would be a huge help.
- Very clear. Examples and exercises very helpful. Once I got over the fact that he looks 21 and should be in the class with me – not teaching, he was a great teacher. He was knowledgeable and enthusiastic. Improve: Stop pacing around while you lecture.
- He's experienced, who is capable of teaching students in a good study environment.
- He's very clear and friendly. Improve: Enthusiasm.
- Extremely knowledgeable. Gave a great number of examples that I found to be very helpful.
- Improve: Practice exams/Study guides.
- Presented material extremely clearly. Went over multiple examples. Left plenty of opportunities for asking questions.
- Returned exams and assignments promptly. Very clear explanations of topics.
- Great public speaker. Explains things clearly.
- Enthusiastic. Makes sure all questions are answered. Understanding and fair.
- He really made it easy for me to understand the topic
- Puts materials in terms that are very easy to understand. Repeats materials as often as needed until student understands.

Introductory Microeconomics Spring 2016

- Idson is good at explaining concepts and evidently has a lot of knowledge about the subject. TA Ackley did a good job clarifying and following up these concepts with further examples.
- I feel like he had a good handle on the material.
- Provided extra practice very helpful. Applied concepts to fun/relatable topics. Very knowledgeable and explained concepts well.
- Really good at explaining topics. Went over midterms during class. Stimulated class discussion. Encouraged class participation.
- Calvin took his time to explain the concepts very clearly which was great. • Explained graphs well. Knew what he was talking about.

- Good examples in lecture.
- Does a lot of extra work for us (he sent some additional practice questions) and gives really good advice as to what to study. Also explains well.
- GREAT!
- Clearly "works hard" to explain subjects to students. Encourages students to participate even when they do not know the exact answer.
- Good at explaining the concept.
- Great teacher for both discussion and lecture, loved the class's structure and way it was taught.
- The TA was better at explaining concepts than the actual professor.
- The way he explained the concepts were very helpful.
- Spent a lot of time in and out of class explaining topics. Set aside time to create additional problems.
- Calvin is an amazing TF, He takes time and care answering questions and explaining concepts. Helped make the topics from lecture more clear. The discussion classes were so helpful for preparing for the exams
- Calvin was an excellent TF. He was very helpful in explaining all of the concepts learned in class and readily available outside of class. He made the material interesting and I would highly recommend it.
- Very good at explaining things. Very enthusiastic
- Enthusiastic, well spoken, cares about if we do well
- He was great at explaining concepts! So helpful! Great TF!
- Explains the material very well
- Really good at explaining concepts