Student Demographic Information:

Year in School:

- Freshman: 6
- Sophomore: 0
- Junior: 0
- Senior: 0
- Other: 0

Gender:

- Female: 3
- Male: 3

General Questions:

1. Meeting one hour each week (or two hours biweekly) gave us adequate time to discuss the class material.

2. The course prompted me to think analytically.

3. The course topic held my interest over time.

4. The seminar format allowed me to get to know my instructor.

5. I felt comfortable participating in class discussions during the seminar.

6. The seminar helped me feel more comfortable participating in discussions in other classes.
I was exposed to new ideas from other students.  

Disagree 0 2 3 4 Agree n=6 av.=3.67 md=4 dev.=0.52

The seminar format helped me get to know other students.  

Disagree 0 2 3 4 Agree n=6 av.=2.17 md=2 dev.=0.75

I would recommend this seminar to other students.  

Disagree 0 2 4 Agree n=6 av.=3.5 md=4 dev.=0.84

Seminar Format:

Which category best describes your seminar format?  

- All lecture 0 0 2 3 4 n=6  
- Primarily lecture 1 1 2 3 4  
- Even balance between lecture and discussion 4 4 3 2 1  
- Primarily discussion 1 1 2 3 4  
- All discussion 0 0 2 3 4  
- Other 0 0 2 3 4

Overall Rating:

Your overall rating of the instructor(s).  

Very Low 0 1 2 3 4 Very High n=6 av.=4.5 md=5 dev.=0.84

Your overall rating of the seminar.  

Very Low 0 1 2 3 4 Very High n=6 av.=3.83 md=4 dev.=0.98
Profile

Subunit: ECON
Name of the instructor: K.M. MCGARRY
Name of the course: 13W: ECON 19 SEM 4: FIAT LUX FRSHMN SEM

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What did you learn in this seminar that you consider valuable?

- I have learnt a lot more about economics and how the government manages their budget. I was actually surprised by how many different programs the government offers, whether that may be MEDICARE, Social Security, Welfare etc etc. I also found the way in which these organizations/programs operate to be very interesting.

- I learned a lot about the United State's federal spending and programs. It is really relevant and useful information for one to know.

- Now, I actually understand where the government gets its money from and how it is used. I feel that this is extremely valuable for the real world.

Please comment on the amount and quality of intellectual engagement you had with other students, noting what effect the exchange of ideas had on your seminar experience.

- I felt that we had some good discussion, but the format of the class is that each student prepare presentation on different topics so that has already in a way made the engagement between student at a high level.

- We gave presentations about topics and then had small discussions about them. I think it was good that the presentations were mostly student run in order to keep the engagement level higher.

- We had three weekly presentations from students, where they would explain an area of taxes/expenditures that they had researched. Then we got to ask questions, and Professor McGarry would clarify any misunderstandings. It was good to hear some complex concepts explained in simple terms.

Please comment on the amount and quality of interaction you had with your seminar instructor, noting what effect it had on your seminar experience.

- I felt that we had a relative amount of interaction, she would add on anything that was not present in a student's presentation and also clarify any question what one might have. I felt that she is very personal and friendly, she was also very keen on making sure that we understand the material and allows us to express our own personal views without judgement. I think that due to this, i really enjoyed the seminar and encouraged me to participate.

- Professor McGarry is extremely knowledgable about the federal spending topics and really helped me learn about each one. She was very open and encouraged us to ask questions and give our opinions.

- Professor McGarry was as much a part of the presentation audience as we were. She would add in any points that she thought were important. She could also relate some of her interesting experiences to what we were learning. She made the class very enjoyable.

How could your seminar be improved?

- I think that if we had spent less time with the presentation and have more group based discussion that would have been more interesting and helpful. I was actually curious about each of my peer's perspective on the different programs and organization that we talked about in class.

- More class discussion about a central question could improve student engagement as a whole.
Professor McGarry is a huge fan of sports. I think it would be a good idea to make a course of "The Economics of the Sports Industry." I find it amazing that athletes are paid huge amounts of money. I would like to know the inner workings of such a process, and I'm sure she would love to teach it.