

Econ 11-Section 1, Spring 2010

- I enjoyed the lectures very much and have learned something I consider valuable. The professor made all the material easy to understand and really knew what she was teaching.
- This class was not bad at all. Coming in, I was worried, but the professor made it very easy to understand the material. I give her an A+, especially in comparison to what I've heard about other Econ 11 professors.
- I believe Professor McGarry had a genuine interest in teaching and helping her students grasp the material. She is very well informed about real world economic examples, which helped me grasp the conceptual topics better. She knows her stuff and teaches it well.
- This prof seems totally care about her students, made a very hard class hearable.
- Professor is very thorough and clear in lectures and tries to make material applicable. She's very enthusiastic and genuinely wants students to succeed. Made a difficult class pleasant and tolerable.
- Professor McGarry was without a doubt the best teacher I have had at UCLA. Her lectures were organized and easy to follow and she was an extremely engaging professor. Couldn't have asked for anything more!
- The book is really technical and seems like just formulas. It would be more interesting if it had more real world examples.
- Unquestionably one of the best professors I've had. Incredibly clear lectures and she actually cares about student learning as seen by her availability outside of class. Made me remember why I wanted to be an Econ major.
- Very organized lectures, very clear explanations/ examples on concepts so I learned a lot. Also effective presentation. Grading seemed a bit harsh... but otherwise fairly tested the material that was taught.
- Prof. McGarry is very concerned about the students and is very open to giving help.
- Explained concepts well. Made lectures interesting.
- I love the zeal with which Prof. McGarry teaches the class, however, the organization of the class I feel needs some work. Maybe give a reading list for which pages will be covered on each day. I felt it was difficult to keep up with the concepts, maybe because I don't have a strong econ background, but I found it difficult to keep up. She was always willing to help though. The textbook sucks—it overly complicated and difficult to understand.
- This was the best class so far. You are such a sweet person and you show interest in your students.
- Great Prof, really shows interest in the students well-being. Thanks for a great quarter.
Suggestions: 1. I love how you summarize main concepts, I think it would be helpful for you to "summarize" some of the complicated graphs because I have to concentrate on drawing the

graphs so I miss much of what you are saying. 2. This is a small thing, but it can be very confusing when you write “+” for “and” in a situation like $a+b$.

- Professor McGarry is definitely a very good professor in that she really cares about student learning. There are however ways to better teach the course by making it more conceptual focused so that students can really learn the material. Tests can be made so that students really have to learn how to apply the concepts to a completely unseen situation before.
- For midterm 1, I didn't do well as I usually do. For one problem, I lost eight points when I really understood the problem. I just didn't do it the way the professor wanted me to do it. It sucks when you know you really know the material but you lose a lot of pts because professor didn't like the way one does it. Hopefully doesn't happen for final.
- By far the best econ prof. I've had so far and definitely one of the best I've had at UCLA. She's enthusiastic and welcoming and the tidbits of real world examples here and there really spice things up and make the abstractions feel relevant and important. Very happy to have her back at UCLA from the East coast! Lectures very clear and organized and I felt the pacing was very reasonable. I sort of wish the book was integrated into the class a bit more (exercise problems etc.)
- Professor McGarry is an amazing instructor. Her examples enhance my mastery of the material and her concern that the students understand all the concepts made my quarter much less stressful. Thank you.
- Even though Econ 11 is ridiculously tedious with all the boring math, McGarry teaches lecture well enough that it makes the subject material bearable and sometimes interesting. Good communication skills.
- Strengths: organized, good lecture, very knowledgeable. Weakness: better exam prep, updated practice problems and exams. Thank you for teaching me.
- Professor was knowledgeable and attempted to link concepts to real world examples. Structure of lecture was good and easy to learn. Weakness: I found myself sometimes lost with changes in graphs.
- McGarry's the best professor I've had this far at UCLA. She's very clear and is willing to help students. Very fair class. Personable as well. I'd take many other classes with her. More professors like her needed!
- Professor McGarry is the best econ professor I've had so far. Her lectures are very clear + easy to understand. She writes everything on the board and her graphs are very detailed with colored chalk. This class is great 😊
- Professor McGarry is a great Professor, Interacts with her students and her lectures were interesting. She has a very high and lively spirit in the classroom which keeps you interested during lecture. You can tell by the way she talks and expressions the love she has for this subject, which makes you love the course even more. Great Job! Professor McGarry
- Best econ professor I've had so far. The Midterm was very challenging because there was some material (i.e. lump sum vs per unit tax) that I felt we only briefly discussed.
- The best thing about this class was how many opportunities we had to get help. Between lecture, all the discussion sections and all the office hours, it was very easy to get help if needed.
- Please use a different textbook!—very bad @ explaining material.

- Please use a different textbook! The one used this quarter was horrible! (too wordy, bad explanations, unorganized, no color!)
- A very nice and informed professor. We should have more professors like her in UCLA. Besides, she is extremely good at teaching from student's perspective (good understanding of how students understand the material.)
- Lecture note is very clear with many graph to understand the concept.
- The exam should reflect the practice problems more. Too much extra knowledge and concepts that are harder than lectures and HW.
- Could relate the course with textbook more, in terms of textbook examples and in-class examples.
- You are by far the best Professor I have had in my two years at UCLA. I do not have any suggestions to give because I already feel that you master your job. Thank you for a wonderful quarter!!! =) hope to have you in another class.
- McGarry is the best econ professor I have had thus far. She always ties in our topics to real-life applications.
- Professor McGarry is very concerned about making sure we understand the material. This class can be a little confusing at times, but she does a very good job explaining. It's very helpful that she writes everything on the board and that she's so enthusiastic about the teaching. I really enjoy this class.
- Very good professor, caring and always makes sure the students learn the material. Super helpful and nice. ☺
- I really enjoyed the course, but the text is quite honestly terrible. I have done well in the class because I understand the lectures, but the text was simply confusing. It's a waste of money and really makes the course material seems more difficult than it really is.
- Pros: very well organized lectures, test resemble practice exams (not tricky), love the real world connection, very caring/considerate. Cons: no video cast, could integrate more of the textbook, perhaps consider getting better textbook
- Strengths: clarity, organization of lectures, the examples used. Weaknesses: Labeling of graphs in regards to x-axis y-axis could be improved.
- Really good teacher explains well. Books is horrible, explains badly and seems the material in it is different from lecture so book doesn't help, the homework does.
- She explains things pretty well but felt intimidated to ask questions, I got behind after not being totally on the ball about it. Liked that she had a diff order than book. Want more summaries and simplifications of concepts—I got lost in the math proofs and examples.
- I want to say that this class was by far the best course I have taken in the Economics department. I took Econ 11 last quarter and received an "F." currently I am going into the final looking at an "A." I feel that I have not changed my study habits, etc. (Last quarter I received all A's and A+'s beside Zame's course) The difference was that Professor McGarry clearly taught and expounded on every point while last quarter I would leave lecture wondering why I had gone. Econ needs to be taught on chalkboards. It makes all the difference in the world and Prof. McGarry does just that. Other professors sometimes try to express complex ideas through the use of slides that skip showing the calculations and fail utterly. One last thing that helped was

that McGarry kept the math simple in class so that theories could be grasped and then she would use the homework to challenge us.

- A strength of McGarry 's is her enthusiasm for the material she teaches which comes through in her lessons. A weakness of hers, in my opinion, is how she answers some of the students questions. It seems like she elaborates on what she had already said instead of approaching the question from a different direction.
- It has taken three full years at UCLA for me to find one professor, so phenomenal, that I sit here filling this position out. Kathleen McGarry was by far the best professor I have thus far ever come across. Don't get me wrong, this class was very difficult (as are the materials covered), but had it not been for McGarry's sheer excellence I would have long ago dropped this class. Finally, a professr who has made it seem worthwhile to pay this much money for education. I would like to see more professors like her in the department, and I actively wish to see her advance as well as further proceed at UCLA. She is a must deserving professor, and if there is anyone who has made this big an impact on me since my start at UCLA, it's her.
- Professor McGarry is the best professor I have had till now. She reignited my love for economics. I might consider switching my major because she made me realise how much I love Economics.
- The TA sessions were boring and very basic so I stopped going after the 3rd week. There lectures, however, were excellent and were all I needed to do well in this class.
- The material is hard, but thee professor makes everything very clear. The pace was good, and the exams were reasonable.
- She seemed to really care about the subject and wanted us to learn the material. Maybe the class was too early or something because I kept getting really sleepy. I didn't think it was too difficult but it was different and that the midterm was not exactly the easiest thing in the world.
- Great Professor! Explained concepts real well and very nice.
- The professor was very effective and cared immensely about student learning. She was very articulate and engaging as well. One of the best professors I have had yet.
- Strength: organized, communicated well, understandable
- McGarry has easily earned best economics teacher in my life thus far due to her concern for the individual and her overall attitude towards life and teaching.
- Strengths: very clear lectures, helpful homework. Weaknesses: discussion sections my TA seemed confused at times, wasn't clear.
- The course was very strange because it seemed as though the material was learnable and comprehensible but when it came down to testing it was challenging. Overall the professor cared about her students and that was important.
- Fantastic professor. Shows great knowledge of the subject and is concerned for her students' success in learning the material.
- Lectures were well organized and presented clearly. Helpful OH
- McGarry was very insightful and patient, she always made sure we knew exactly what was going on and explained things thoroughly.