

Econ 11-Section 1, Spring 2011

1. Professor McGarry is excellent at teaching Econ 11. I feel very fortunate to have taken her course this spring. She is incredibly concerned about student learning and explains every topic very thoroughly. She doesn't move on to new material until she makes sure everyone in the class understands the material. She always asked us if we had any questions. Best of all, Prof McGarry constantly introduced to us everyday life examples pertaining to the economics topics we were covering.

Prof McGarry is always very smiley and upbeat which definitely woke us up in the morning and put us in a much better mood. Also, she made sure we had access to numerous office hours, TA sections, and review sessions each week. McGarry's Econ 11 class and Ohanian's Econ 2 class sparked my interest in Economics and made me become an Economics major. Prof McGarry, thank you for being so wonderful! UCLA needs more professors like you!

2. Strengths:

- Lots of opportunities to get extra help i.e. undergrad week-in reviews, lots of office hours
- Really good T.A.s

Weakness:

- Pretty fast-pace

3. Really should have a second midterm.
4. Thorough, always willing to go back + re explain or help when I had problems
5. Thank you for the cookies. You were not that kind when I come to visit you during your office hours. You were not at all sympathetic whatsoever.
6. Loved Professor McGarry, very cheerful, sweet woman that wants her students to succeed but could go a little slower & be more explanatory during lectures
7. All of the lectures were very concise and easy to follow. I looked forward to coming to lecture knowing that I would be able to understand what was going on. The textbook was too confusing to go through, which wasn't much of a problem b/c I was able to take good lecture notes. Also, it was great that there were so many extra hours to get help. I liked that the prof used real-life examples, and was enthusiastic about teaching.
8. The professor really cares about students' learning. She's so nice and knowledgeable. I really like her teaching style – clearly and very organized. Also, she even brought us cookies. So special and nice. This the one of best classes I have taken on my first year!
9. Extremely nice teacher that obviously cares a lot, except the exams can be tough and graded on a very strict curriculum.
10. Strengths:
 - Excellent communication skills
 - Exams were fair (lots of office hours, review sessions, practice exams)
 - Discussions were actually useful/integrated with lecture

Weaknesses:

- Please slow down; consider taking off 1 chapter on syllabus
- Textbook is not helpful

Overall a very good introductory course.

11. Every professor in UCLA should learn from her teaching style – organized, energetic, clear and informative. I wish she could lecture on “how to teach students” to some of my computer science professors. I wish I could have her for all of my classes.
12. Professor McGarry is very organized and friendly. Lecture notes are prepared very well. Overall one of the best classes/professors at UCLA.
13. Professor McGarry is one of the best professors I have had at UCLA. She is very concerned about student learning and always wants to help. She is very intelligent and it is appreciated how she uses current events and items to keep us engaged and entertained during lecture.
14. You’re a fun professor to have. Thanks!
15. Professor McGarry is very concerned with making sure we understand the material and offering help. Lectures always were organized and she had good stories to bring in about how the material relates to the real world.
16. Professor McGarry is such an experienced and organized lecturer. She knows how to combine the knowledge on book to the reality. She also cares about students and treats students like her children. She is also very humorous and active. One of the best professors I have met in UCLA. Love her!
17. Interesting/intriguing examples used. Makes it fun! Articles useful. Exams are fair. Thanks!
18. Strength: organized, good real-world examples, makes many resources available.
19. · A lot of help available if you want it.
· Sometimes the professor goes too fast in lecture
20. Overall Professor McGarry was great in every aspect. If every professor was as concern and passionate about teaching the university would be a better place.
21. The class is interesting, but it was too fast sometimes. I hope you would collect and grade the homework.
22. The week in reviews & tons of homework problems & different sources of help were a plus in this class. In other econ classes I felt there wasn’t enough practice or help out there, but not in this one. Challenging course but a good one.
23. This course is very organized. The TAs are all onboard with the professor and everything flows very well
24. Prof McGarry is really concerned about students learning & is highly approachable. The course pace is a bit too slow, but she always presents very clear & easy to understand lectures. Need better textbook!!
25. Excellent professor because lectures were clear, graphs were multicolored, and professor was enthusiastic about course material
26. Various sources for help & further instruction were extremely helpful, I wish other classes had week-in-reviews or more interchangeably allowed students to attend different discussions
27. Phenomenal teacher. Best professor I’ve taken for major courses in my 2 years. Engaging, extremely concern, and made learning environment fun.

Hardest class I have taken so far. However, I also feel it was very fair.

Integration w/ section as well as undergrad TAs was awesome! Many resources available to us.

Overall, highly recommend this professor.

28. This class was great. Prof. McGarry was very clear and made it easy and fun to learn. She has been the best Econ prof. I have had.
29. Although the class was difficult, I felt that the professor did a great job of preparing lecture presentations, as well as preparing me for future economics course. Also, I appreciated how concerned she was with student learning. The exams were hard but very fair and the homework was very helpful.
30. Prof McGarry is an excellent instructor concerned about student learning. The week-in-reviews that undergraduate TAs held were very helpful and gave students additional practice outside the classroom. Thanks professor!
31. Prof McGarry is very nice and provides students w/many real world examples.
32. I understand that we supposedly retain learning for a longer period of time if we copy the graphs but I think it might be helpful to post some of the more complicated graphs online as references. Other than that, the course went well and I appreciated the outside application essays that were posted to the website.
33. This was a great course and you are an awesome professor. Your lectures are thorough and I appreciate that you openly welcome questions. You present the material in a very comprehensible way and you are always available after class or in O.H. for help. Thanks!
34. Prof. McGarry is excellent. She brings many real world applications into her class. I would suggest she stay away from True/False questions on exams since there are tricky and I feel they don't really test course masters.
35. Weaknesses:
 - Book notation and teacher notation were different, this is confusing
 - Professor wrote everything on board, no PowerPoint or overhead. This lead to sometimes miswriting things, forgetting to label axes or curves, etc. I like it when professors have part of the lecture prewritten, & so that concepts are well communicated and through, which I feel this class lacked.
 - Grading, 40% midterm, 60% final is ungenerous. I think it should be 105 homework, and some other combination for exams. This class didn't have mandatory homework, but I think it would help students if HW was mandatory.

Strengths: Professor McGarry was nice, knowledgeable, and passionate about Econ, and sincerely wanted her students to learn.

36. Please write neater! I enjoy learning about real world examples
37. Professor McGarry is one of the best professors I've had. She teaches the material very well and is very concerned about her students' performance. I learned so much from this class that is practical in real life. I wish the Econ dept. could have more professors like her.
38. I think lectures can be improved by organizing or outlining the material in such a way that linking concepts is less confusing. I was often confused in lecture about what the professor was referring to because she jumps on tangents, then comes back and it's difficult to follow. My notes are a mess. Also, professor doesn't respond well to questions from the class.

- 39. Instructor: well-organized
- 40. This material and subject matter is completely useless and will never be used in the real world, but at least we learned the foundational ideas. I really enjoyed the real world examples b/c that made the subject matter somewhat realistic.
- 41. I like how the prof makes the class material interesting. She also gives clear explanation and is helpful to repeat her explanation. The homework is also very helpful. Too much point is allocated for each question in the examination
- 42. She is very effective. She sometimes does go a little too fast but she will slow down and help if you ask
- 43. The instructor is very concerned. There are lots of resources to get help from, outside of class. I appreciate the relevant stories during lectures; it heightens my interest in economics.

I had trouble getting used to the structure of the lecture. This lecture is early in the morning so it requires more effort to get everything out of lecture, especially when lecture is not posted online. I felt that taking notes by hand distracted me from what was being taught.

Overall, I really appreciate your concerns of students acquiring the materials. Thanks!

- 44. I think Econ 11 was a great class for me. It expanded and opened me more to economics than Econ 1. It expanded on the ideas that I learned from Econ 1. Professor McGarry did an excellent job. She was well prepared in her lectures and in presentation of information. She was very detailed in her explanation, provided real world examples, and is always willing to lend students a hand. I really enjoy her class and hopefully can have a course/w her as my professor in the future.