

Instructor: Nighswander, Tristan  
 Subject: Economics  
 Catalog & Section: 313, 31892

Course Title: Interim Macroeconomic Theory  
 Enrollment: 90 Responses Incl Declines: 69  
 (Declined: 6)

### 1. Please share with us your thoughts on the course:

Please comment on the instructor's strengths and areas for possible improvement.

- n/a
- "HANDS DOWN THE BEST PROFESSOR I'VE HAD YET! Tristan taught from a multitude of viewpoints. He usually would preface that he's teaching from a certain view and that others disagree. He talked fast, we got a lot of information at once, but he taught concrete, fundamental principles in a way that I've never been taught before. A main strength is his ability to connect with students. Tristan never made us feel stupid, never talked down to us, never was demeaning, used humor to get through his lectures most times, and was very reachable outside of class. He did a lot of graphs, a lot of letter math, and a lot of vocabulary but he did it in a seamless manner. He helped make classes fly by without being a drag or boring. Please, I beg of whoever is reading this, please don't let him leave this university as a professor. Tristan is a major asset to the Economic program and the university as a whole." -- [REDACTED]
- "Tristan used class time to its fullest potential and always ensured that the class understood previous material before moving on to new subjects. He made it very clear what was expected of students for exams, quizzes, and homework, and made this material accessible." -- [REDACTED]
- N/A
- Knows a lot
- knowledge of the subject and passion
- great lecture slides, easy to follow
- "Tristan is very nice instructor. He is very patient. For example, in his office hour, if we get questions are not understanding well, he will try to explain in other way or try different words to show the answer." -- [REDACTED]
- "I really liked how organized this class was and there were no shocks on the quizzes or midterms. Basically, if you show up to class there is really no reason to not know what was going to be on the exams because Tristan was extremely clear on that. I appreciated how he made the class fun and entertaining. The homework also followed his notes very well and if something didn't make sense going to office hours cleared everything up. I also thought that the quizzes one week before the midterm is a great idea because I know what to expect and I can also see where I need to study more. Overall Tristan's class was one of the best classes I have taken here based on organization and content/material clarity! I really enjoyed this class and I would recommend Tristan to anyone for the 313 course." -- [REDACTED]
- "Knows the subject and how it relates to real world. Explains the value of the class. Explains we are building models with a lot of assumptions and not a perfect simulation of the economy." -- [REDACTED]
- "Excellent class and professor. Extremely well organized and genuinely cares about the material and us learning it. Also excellent sense of humor. Speaks quickly but slows if asked." -- [REDACTED]
- "I loved the humor to keep the class light and interactive" -- [REDACTED]
- "Tristan was a great teacher! He was always willing to help people outside of class - even on a short notice. Tristan is my favorite teacher! He wanted us to understand and succeed in this class and he did all he could to help us get there." -- [REDACTED]
- "Very funny. Very engaging for not the most interesting of topics. Felt very passionate about the class and was straightforward with what was asked of us. We have a similar personality so it made the class easy to go to for 2 hours unlike some econ classes. When he went over complex concepts while moving around the class, they made way more sense than just having someone lecture on an overhead doc." -- [REDACTED]
- "Very organized and well prepared for each class! Very well articulated lectures that flowed well."
- "He's a great teacher. He makes the class work interesting and easy to learn. It's tough material but he's well organized and makes effective use of class time." -- [REDACTED]
- "Tristan is by far the most approachable and passionate instructors I've had the pleasure of studying under at the University. The rapport he has with the class and his matter-of-fact way of explaining the content really help in maintaining interest AND comprehension levels even towards the end of the term; furthermore, Tristan truly is passionate about the field and is always available outside of class if you ever want to talk with him about any questions during the class or the possibility of pursuing a future in the field." -- [REDACTED]
- "Strengths: Tristan is a very enthusiastic and friendly teacher. Every time when I go to his office hours, he is willing to help." -- [REDACTED]
- "Tristan's teaching style is superb. He's constantly making sure his students are grasping the content, having no problem with stopping mid-lecture to explain to someone until they understand. His good sense of humor and determination to make the testing environment as honest as possible makes him one of my favorite teachers." -- [REDACTED]
- "Tristan is a really great teacher. One of his downfalls is how fast he talks. Often times, he talks too fast for me to write down what I would like. That being said, he is very well organized, so it is easy to refer back to the slides after class." -- [REDACTED]
- "Tristan did a great job and was very engaging throughout the entire course. He has been one of the strongest

- professors I've had here at the U of O." -- [REDACTED]
- Strengths: Kept the lectures engaging and really answered questions in class thoroughly. <br/>Improvements: Sometimes went very quick through powerpoint slides that potentially needed more explanation for some students to understand.
  - Excellent at bringing the class into the real world. Could be stricter with regards to assignment deadlines. Many students were allowed to turn assignments in late despite syllabus. (Maybe they were just given 0's though)
  - Great teacher and great way of communicating boring material and showing how it can be applied to the real world.
  - "Great teacher, always available outside of class" -- [REDACTED]
  - "He was a great professor. He understood the students' perspective and was highly lenient." -- [REDACTED]
  - "Excellent communication of material. Very approachable." -- [REDACTED]
  - "Tristan is an very smart professor and was extremely engaging during class. He offered helpful insights and held beneficial office hours." -- [REDACTED]
  - "Really open to taking questions that aren't directly related to the course. Gives real world examples that are easier to understand" -- [REDACTED]
  - "Tristan does a good job of explaining the material in more than one way." -- [REDACTED]
  - "His passion for economics is amazing and inspiring." -- [REDACTED]
  - Slow down a little bit.
  - "Great at making sure everyone could see and hear. Explained what he was talking about and always willing to answer questions. Provided a lot of reference material and available after class for any extra help or questions. Talked about real world events too which was interesting. I would definitely recommend Tristan to any other students looking to take Economics 313." -- [REDACTED]
  - "Man, Tristan is a great teacher. He is straightforward and strict about due dates but that is because he puts real effort into evaluating assignments and gives thoughtful feedback. There is a lot of material to cover and I think Tristan did the best that he could in a quarter system." -- [REDACTED]
  - Great at teaching and speaking.
  - "By far one of the most engaging and knowledgeable economics teacher I've ever had. Tristan did an excellent job of making topics interesting and easy to follow along even if the topics itself were otherwise tedious. I look forward to taking another one of his classes in the future." -- [REDACTED]

**Please comment on the strengths and areas of possible improvement for the course as a whole.**

- n/a
- "None." -- [REDACTED]
- Great teacher. Probably one of the best I've ever had. Keep teaching how you're teaching.
- Nothing
- none
- great to work it in class and outside of class
- "Also, he is very friendly. He likes to talk with us like friend." -- [REDACTED]
- "Strengths: class time was used effectively and it never felt rushed to fit all the material into lecture. The only thing I can think of that may be improved upon is on canvas if the notes/powerpoints/homework were separated by files in the files section." -- [REDACTED]
- "The course the way this Tristan teaches it makes a lot of sense, and I think more useful then other instructors approaches." -- [REDACTED]
- "It's hard because it's a big jump from 200 level EC. But the course is as it should be!" -- [REDACTED]
- "Covered lots of material, conceptual ideas as well as actual models. Was probably the most engaging econ class I have taken at UO." -- [REDACTED]
- Wish there were more areas for practice like worksheets in class.
- "I don't see a need for improvement." -- [REDACTED]
- "The class is extremely well organized and paced, and even though the content is comprehensive, it never gets overwhelming. I can't think of any additions to the course that I could suggest that wouldn't take away from what the course currently offers." -- [REDACTED]
- "Possible improvement: I think we may need more exercises." -- [REDACTED]
- "The entire course was structured very comprehensively. The lecture slides contained step-by-step instructions and each new concept was broken down to make sure as many people could understand. This was extremely helpful if you didn't understand something in lecture or if you missed a class. The only thing I could say that would improve this class would be to fix the extremely minor mistakes on some of the slides." -- [REDACTED]
- "Improvement: More posted notes such as graphs that were drawn in class<br/>Strengths: Teaches a difficult and rather boring subject in a very effective manner." -- [REDACTED]
- "The material was interesting, engaging and well put together." -- [REDACTED]
- Strengths: I thought that the course was very well organized and planned out well. The problem sets were very helpful in understanding the material.<br/>Improvements: I do not have any improvements for the class as I thought that it was run very well.
- Very applicable knowledge to modern economics.
- Very complicated concepts he made easy to understand and an exceptional teaching method! Very good

lecturer!

- "Time Management, use of real life examples- strengths" -- [REDACTED]
- "none" -- [REDACTED]
- "The course was engaging and I enjoyed the material. The class was easy to do well if you show up and pay attention which was a fraction of the students in the class." -- [REDACTED]
- "I feel like I understand how the economy works and what variables influence the economy way more than I did before the class began." -- [REDACTED]
- "n/a" -- [REDACTED]
- "One of the best courses I've taken, Tristan was very on top of everything. Good with deadlines, constant reminders and what was taught in class was relevant to the tests. Completely fair class, very enjoyable." -- [REDACTED]
- Slow down
- "I like all the color coding, very helpful in trying to keep track of all the material. Taught the class in a way that was engaging and interesting. The material is difficult but it is taught well by him. This course helped me to gain a better understanding of economics and the role it plays in the world." -- [REDACTED]
- "The course builds upon itself, layer by layer. I think the only thing that could make this better is the integration of videos for homework that would make the course complete." -- [REDACTED]
- Great and interesting material.<br/><br/>Don't see any need for improvements.

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 Catalog & Section 313, 22049

Course Title Interm Macroec Theory  
 Enrollment 98 Responses Incl Declines 90  
 (Declined 8)

### 1. Please share with us your thoughts on the course:

Please comment on the instructor's strengths and areas for possible improvement.

- "Great guy. Hard material" -- [REDACTED]
- "Great communicative and verbal skills." -- [REDACTED]
- "He walks through lots of examples on the board, which is very helpful when we graph multiple markets simultaneously. He also teaches the material in a logical order-- explaining the markets individually before building them together." -- [REDACTED]
- "Tristan was an excellent teacher. We was extremely helpful outside of class. He posted many solutions and examples to tough problems which really helped me. His quizzes prepared me very well for the midterm and helped me learn a great deal of content. A great teacher who truly cares about his students and their success." -- [REDACTED]
- "Great enthusiasm. Made class fun. Best econ professor I have had." -- [REDACTED]
- "Tristan is the best professor I have had at UO. He knows the material really well and is very good at explaining it. He consistently relates what we are learning to real world examples, which makes the class more exciting and useful. He is a very engaging and social person which encourages discussion." -- [REDACTED]
- "Tristan did a GREAT job. I already have experience in Macro so this course did not present a whole lot of new theory based learning but more math/graph related concepts. Even then, I still found myself really interested in the points Tristan made in relation to how the topics related to real world events. Honestly one of my favorite professors so far. If you've got any cool research or classes you're teaching in the future, hit me up. You were awesome." -- [REDACTED]
- Strengths: Detail oriented and helpful. Improvements: Answering student questions in class.
- "He was really engaging and made going to class worth it." -- [REDACTED]
- "Strengths: very passionate about the subject being taught, engaging lecturer, relates topics to the real world, clear guidelines on what is expected from students" -- [REDACTED]
- Very good at communicating and extremely knowledgeable on the material. Made class enjoyable, engages well with the class
- "Tristan is not only the best economics teacher I've ever had, but one of the best teachers I've ever had. He clearly puts in significant effort into this course and explains things very clearly, is always willing to help, and genuinely cares that we as students understand the material. Best economics teacher I have ever had." -- [REDACTED]
- Good teacher making the topic more interesting by relating it to real life experiences.
- "Super enthusiastic and did tons of examples. Accommodated people for his office hours." -- [REDACTED]
- Best econ teacher I have had at this school
- great teaching style
- "You are very clear and you make it easy to learn the material. You relate what we are learning to real life and it makes it easier to understand." -- [REDACTED]
- Made dry material somewhat interesting but went too fast at times.
- Great professor that makes Econ interesting.
- Tristan is a great teacher and has been my favorite teacher thus far at the University of Oregon. He is extremely helpful and cares a lot about his student's success. He always goes out of his way to meet us whenever we ask and explains everything very thoroughly. I genuinely don't think that there is anything Tristan could improve on.
- Tristan is one of the best, if not the best professor I have had at UO. He relates to the students being younger and funny and does an excellent job teaching the course.
- "Honestly, probably one of the most interesting and informative teacher I've had taking an econ class. Explained everything every clearly and I always knew what was expected of me." -- [REDACTED]
- The instructor was very enthusiastic about economics and clearly wanted his students to do well. He was engaging and excited during lectures. It would have been very helpful if he put more of the graphs online for later reference.
- "Boring material but somehow Tristan made it fun. Wish he was teaching more upper division econ classes." -- [REDACTED]
- "Great teacher. Very interesting and good at explaining difficult concepts." -- [REDACTED]
- "I gave 5's not because it was easy to go straight down but because he really deserves them. One of the best teacher's I've had at this university thoroughly explaining material and taking time to explain difficult questions. I also liked that he gave both sides of the political spectrum and pointed out flaws with both viewpoints." -- [REDACTED]
- "Tristan, you're the man! Keep doing what you're doing. Very passionate about your work and excellent at teaching." -- [REDACTED]
- "Interesting class! learned a lot about macroeconomic changing and reasoning for them. Great teacher!" -- [REDACTED]

- instructor had a lot of knowledge on subject
- "Good explanations of the material and very clear throughout each lecture, but being more available outside class would be a good improvement." -- [REDACTED]
- "Tristan was a super available for meeting outside of office hours and overall great in the class. Thanks for teaching the course!" -- [REDACTED]
- "Tristan does a great job of making this course relevant to the on-goings of the real world." -- [REDACTED]
- His lecture was interesting and encouraged to learn new stuffs to all students.
- "Tristan does a great job explaining material- one of my favorite teachers here at UO. Maybe make lectures more interactive with students." -- [REDACTED]
- "Tristan was very enthusiastic and helpful. very open to questions, very open to criticism - like spelling - and was humble enough to take each and every one to heart. Sure of himself, but not full of himself. I guess the only suggestion would be to diversify his blackboard usage. I would always sit in the front-right of the class because he would always use that side, almost exclusively. The classroom we were in did not provide optimal blackboard space, so there isn't much to be done here, so I don't hold it against him;) Plus I like the bonus points!" -- [REDACTED]
- Tristan did a great job of making complicated economic subjects and concepts easy to follow
- nothing to improve
- "Teaching style is super effective for this course, no recommendations on improvement." -- [REDACTED]
- "Tristan did an amazing job relating the lessons to real world examples that were interesting, which helped me understand the content. His enthusiasm made the class enjoyable as well." -- [REDACTED]
- Tristan did a great job in teaching this class.
- "Tristan is comfortable talking in front of a large group of students. He goes through multiple examples which is helpful for understanding concepts.<br/>Time management skills weren't always the best, sometimes I felt class could have been done 20 minutes earlier." -- [REDACTED]
- "Tristan was awesome. He was one of the only professors I've ever had who was able to connect with the class and get on our level. He was also really good at explaining concepts and giving real world examples to those." -- [REDACTED]
- Tristan was an awesome professor. He related very well with students, was fair on all material, and was enthusiastic each and every lecture. Thoroughly enjoyed this class.
- "Tristan killed it this term. Funny lectures and made a difficult subject bearable. Whenever I needed help in office hours he would explain things extremely well. He also made extra office hours available when I needed it which was extremely helpful. He was also always available through email which was extremely helpful. Thoroughly enjoyed the humor that was infused into this class." -- [REDACTED]

**Please comment on the strengths and areas of possible improvement for the course as a whole.**

- "I like lectures that focus on real-world issues/events i.e. the subprime mortgage crisis." -- [REDACTED]
- "No major changes. If you could add more visuals/pictures to your powerpoint slides it might be helpful. That being said, all of the examples uploaded in color to canvas were extremely helpful." -- [REDACTED]
- "The class was well organized and I learned more than most classes. The problem sets and quizzes were good to prepare for the test." -- [REDACTED]
- "Honestly can't think of anything. Maybe work harder to get a room that's not in Deady. That room was HOT! I know you don't really get to choose but a boy can dream right?" -- [REDACTED]
- None
- "It is a really informative class" -- [REDACTED]
- "Strengths: course has taught me knowledge that I wasn't expecting to learn but I have found valuable and applicable in my daily life" -- [REDACTED]
- Instructor is very personable, wouldn't change anything
- "No areas for improvement, the course and teaching were fantastic. Only recommendation is to erase the chalkboard better." -- [REDACTED]
- very good
- keep it up
- "The class is well structured and is easy to manage. the problem sets are helpful as well as the quizzes." -- [REDACTED]
- Maybe a few less examples and go through the examples you do more thoroughly. Less material in one class then less review in the next.
- Good course, maybe more applicable macro econ would be good.
- The coursework was very manageable and this class was very interesting. The class is applicable to the real world and was the best econ class because of the amazing teacher.
- The course is good it teaches students real world happenings and can be used to help understand things that have happened in our past with models. very helpful.
- Great class.
- "The homework is very helpful to prepare for tests and quizzes and so are the study guides." -- [REDACTED]
- "I learned a hell of a lot and class made me more interested in econ topics. Very organized" -- [REDACTED]

- more flexible office hours
- "Make more office hours available, as some students can have work on consecutive days outside of the normal office hours." -- [REDACTED]
- "The only recommendation is that the way the university structures 313, it should be that calculus is a pre-req so we're exposed to some more if the math of economics." -- [REDACTED]
- "The course is a great overview of Macro, but I think the content could be more difficult/advanced due to the fact that people have already taken a macro course going into the class." -- [REDACTED]
- Some chapters were a little hard to understand, but I learned so many new stuffs from this course.
- "The course is good as it is- it's a lot of material so classes will always run 1 hour and 50 minutes. It has good structure, but sometimes it was hard to focus because of the heat in the classroom." -- [REDACTED]
- "It was a tough class, granted; it was doable so long as one puts the work in. That said, maybe more assignments would really hammer away a deeper understanding. IDK I'm trying to be critical, but Tristan did a really good job at making this class enjoyable." -- [REDACTED]
- nothing to improve
- "Always available for help if a student is seeking to better understand the topic. Tristan is really excited about economics and it shows in his teaching." -- [REDACTED]
- "This was one of the most useful classes I've taken so far. I became so interested in the things we learned about (specially about wealth inequality), I might go for the major in Econ instead of the minor!" -- [REDACTED]
- The class as a whole had a great atmosphere to questions about topics that were a bit confusing to initially understand. One possible area of improvement would be to have visual graphs within the lecture slides.
- "Clear guidelines and expectations make it easy to understand what is expected of you. I think going with a 2 midterm and a final structure would be easier on students." -- [REDACTED]
- "Overall great course where the teacher was able to make it easier." -- [REDACTED]
- Was a great class!
- "The quizzes are great. Made me realize how much I need to study. Only thing is make the breaks a little bit longer than 3-5 minutes. The lectures can get heavy. Nothing other than that. Great course." -- [REDACTED]
- "the knowledge about every class is tooooooooooo huge.." -- [REDACTED]

## Teaching Evaluation Summary (Spring 2016)

Instructor Nighswander, Tristan  
Subject Economics  
Catalog & Section 313, 31908

## Comment Summary

Course Title Intern Macroec Theory  
Enrollment 88 Responses Incl Declines: 70  
(Declined: 8)

### 1. Please share with us your thoughts on the course:

#### Please comment on the instructor's strengths and areas for possible improvement.

- Tristan definitely knew this course like the back of his hand and it showed in lectures. I was not a huge fan of EC 202 but this class made me really like macroeconomics. I learned a great amount and lectures were very interesting. I really appreciated not being thrown any curveballs on the tests, I studied very hard for them and my grade actually showed that which is not what happened in EC 311.
- "Teach is very clear" -- [REDACTED]
- Great teacher!
- "The energy he brought everyday to class made it easy to learn. Teaching style is concise but also helps develop reasoning behind the steps." -- [REDACTED]
- "He is very clear and his lessons were fun and easy to understand. He maximizes the lesson duration to cover as much content as possible, which is great, and writes fair exams as well. Overall he is very good!" -- [REDACTED]
- "Tristan is always available to help students. He loves economics and he likes to share his knowledge with the students. I appreciated his generous mind and how deeply he understood our struggles." -- [REDACTED]
- Tristan is very enthusiastic about teaching and does an awesome job connecting economics with real world examples.
- It would be helpful to look back at in class examples with answers online when studying.
- "He is so nice, and he can explain all things. Also, his class is so interesting." -- [REDACTED]
- "Very relatable and engaging. Lectures are well organized and thorough." -- [REDACTED]
- Engaging and organized lectures, problem sets were similar to exam questions and served as study guides, overall great class and well led
- "class content is very interesting and easy to understand" -- [REDACTED]
- No. He is the best teacher for me. He always can make some difficult points easy to understand.
- nothing here. Nighswander is perfect.
- Tristan's an exceptional professor. He know's the subject matter in and out and is able to relay it in an understanding way. Excellent professor Would recommend to anyone. Tristan makes econ fun and understandable.
- very good
- "It is very nice." -- [REDACTED]
- "Tristan I found to be extremely engaging, and real good disseminator of the course material!" -- [REDACTED]
- "The instructor was very passionate about the course material and enjoyed explaining examples of the practical applications of macroeconomic theories both in a modern day and historical context." -- [REDACTED]
- Tristan was awesome. It is a challenging class but works really hard to make sure students do well.
- "Patience with his explanations and willingness to go through the problem again. Focus more on explaining ASAD, similar to how long he took in explaining ISLM." -- [REDACTED]
- "Nothing. This class was hands down the best econ class I have taken at Oregon. Tristan was very helpful, and you can tell he wanted his students to do well(unlike other economics teachers I have had) He made the material easy to understand, and the best part was he didn't try and trick his students on tests!" -- [REDACTED]
- Instructor is very knowledgeable and easy to understand. Use of class time was excellent
- "Tristan Nighswander is a superb instructor. His lectures were engaging, informative, and easy to comprehend. He was readily available outside of class to clarify confusing concepts or discuss points of interest. Without a doubt, I would take a course offered by Nighswander again." -- [REDACTED]
- "I really enjoyed that he was excited about the material that he was teaching, it made me excited to come to class and excited to learn. By far one of my favorite professors at the university." -- [REDACTED]
- "Please schedule quizzes ahead of time so students with events can adjust their schedule accordingly. Other than that, I thought you were a very passionate teacher and you definitely made the class very vivid and able to explain the material very well. Thank you for a great term." -- [REDACTED]
- "I appreciated your straight forward teaching method the most. To many teachers take to long to complete the big picture trying to cover every minor detail along the way not connecting it. Tristan presented the material in an effective and efficient matter and then used class time to go through complex examples answering questions helping everyone understand material and also know how to solve problems instead of answering simple single step multiple choice questions in tests from memory. Tristan was one of my favorite teachers I have had at the University of Oregon. I always appreciate when I know that I am getting my moneys worth and teachers put in time to teach students effectively." -- [REDACTED]
- "Somewhat tough course, but Tristan did a great job at getting the material across to the class in a very easy way. I also think he did a good job at keeping the exams tough, but fair, which is highly appreciated." -- [REDACTED]
- very high energy, but got a little scattered in his thoughts when talking about some topics, or drawing graphs.

- "He is amazing at teaching and making sure that students understand all the new material as well as everything we've learned thus far. He makes class really interesting, and he is always willing to help. He could possibly be more encouraging with class participation, but that's not really his fault." -- [REDACTED]
- "Real life examples were tied to concepts in class which helped a lot. I liked the power points and two homework assignments before every test helped keep me on top of studying. The in-depth quizzes also gave me an idea what the test would be like which helped a lot." -- [REDACTED]
- Absolutely amazing teacher, always engaging, always incredibly knowledgeable yet very respectful. Honestly, I had fun coming to this class and still managed to learn more than pretty much all of my economics courses beforehand.
- "He was very passionate about Economics as well as his students success." -- [REDACTED]
- Sometimes you get the students hopes up by saying things like "If we get through this, we can leave early, but that probably won't happen" so things like that for example can be left unsaid. And that is not a direct quote, just an example. Also, you draw your graphs/LM curves so fast it's hard to draw them and listen to what your drawing at the same time. Some colored chalk would also be nice if you teach in the same room again.
- "Tristan did an awesome job showing enthusiasm for the topic and made the content engaging." -- [REDACTED]
- "very nice! nice ppt! nice teacher!" -- [REDACTED]
- "I very much appreciate your demeanor in the class, but most of all your realistic outlook on where students are at in life and with our other classes. You made the material and yourself as accessible as possible while also creating an environment where students need to work hard to succeed." -- [REDACTED]

**Please comment on the strengths and areas of possible improvement for the course as a whole.**

- Class was structured very well and we stuck to the schedule which makes life easier for students. Only thing to improve was the classroom. That classroom was 100 degrees every single day.
- "-" -- [REDACTED]
- "The class was very interesting. He integrated a lot of real world examples which helped me a lot understanding economics. as well, he is resourceful. He would share interesting articles, economist point of view which I appreciated. Last but not least, every day he recapped what we learned in class and emailed us which was super helpful. It helps us to track the course." -- [REDACTED]
- No.
- There is no A/C in the classroom.....
- more small assignments or maybe just more assignments in general practice goes a long way in this subject matter.
- no
- "It is very nice." -- [REDACTED]
- "Tristan I found to be extremely engaging, and real good disseminator of the course material!" -- [REDACTED]
- "Course did a very good job in explaining much of the underlying assumptions in economics that have guided world powers in policy and regulation. The course was very well done and it is hard to see how it could have improved." -- [REDACTED]
- None.
- "I enjoyed learning about real world examples and the Great Recession." -- [REDACTED]
- "His powerpoint's and notes were very easy to follow and very helpful. His delivery of the material was exceptional. The best economics teacher I have had." -- [REDACTED]
- Course was well organized and easy to follow
- "The course was interesting and informative. The material on exams was challenging, yet predictable." -- [REDACTED]
- "I am not the biggest fan of Econ, but truthfully this was one of my favorite classes this term. The material was interesting and Tristan taught it well. I enjoyed the structure and have recommended that many of my friends take this class with him." -- [REDACTED]
- "My favorite part of the class was understanding the many different models presented to us and then using those models to understand how real policies affected the economy." -- [REDACTED]
- The last two chapters were awesome topics, we should focus on those more!
- "The class could have a study guide set up for each test so that all students taking 313 learnt the same material." -- [REDACTED]
- "Not Tristan's fault whatsoever but the classroom was WAY too hot to concentrate. Made me not want to go to class on exceptionally hot days." -- [REDACTED]
- It was well-structured, clear, and fair. No complaints.
- "I dont feel like the course needs to change." -- [REDACTED]
- I think more handouts would be helpful! You made a handout once and it was super nice but then we never got another.
- "I like the organization of the course, it naturally builds on itself and also left room for Tristan to talk about content that he was interested in." -- [REDACTED]
- "The course relied heavily on math, which is not my strong suit, but I feel I understood the material much more than in Econ 311." -- [REDACTED]



- "Very enthusiastic and happy to teach. Really wanted to make sure students understood the topic." - [REDACTED]

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 Subject: Economics  
 Catalog & Section: 313, 21988

Course Title: Interim Macroeconomic Theory  
 Enrollment: 49 Responses Incl Declines: 36  
 (Declined: 1)

### 1. Please share with us your thoughts on the course:

#### Please comment on the instructor's strengths and areas for possible improvement.

- "Tristan did a great job of engaging the class and keeping the lectures on topic. He is also very good at building a relationship with the class and I feel like that helps with teaching. His lectures and homework assignments were not only well balanced, but led to success on tests as long as you put in the effort. I would gladly take another class taught by Tristan" -- [REDACTED]
- "Tristan is absolutely the best Econ professor because he brings energy to an otherwise boring subject. No comments on improvement." -- [REDACTED]
- Great grasp of the material and teaching abilities.
- "Very clear and organized. Kept 2 hour class interesting." -- [REDACTED]
- Able to talk to students without students getting bored.
- None
- "Great instructions, really enjoyed the class and felt like I learned a lot! Tristan was very available when I needed him and is willing to explain concepts until they are clear." -- [REDACTED]
- "Tristan is very straightforward with the information and what you need to know for the tests. Even though he is upfront about the information, he is still able to challenge you on tests and quizzes. His teaching style is exceptional and easy to follow. His lectures are engaging and stick to the most important information, while also giving real world context to issues today. Very glad I ended up in Tristan's class." -- [REDACTED]
- He has great class organization and explain important points clearly
- "very organized and interesting, focus on the real world make this course more interesting" -- [REDACTED]
- I think the lectures could be condensed down to the first hour of class. He talks a lot without conveying that much information.
- "You did a great job making me feel like economics were exciting and interesting. I greatly enjoyed the discussions about current events and the real-world economy." -- [REDACTED]
- Very good teacher, was able to keep students engaged for the most part.
- "Tristan was extremely friendly and helpful to all the students and was great at teaching the material. He was extremely helpful when needed and made learning the difficult material seem easy and relatable." -- [REDACTED]
- "Tristan was one of the best teachers I've had at the UO thus far. He knows how to relate to students extremely well and visibly wants everyone in the class to succeed. I don't really see many ways that he could improve his teaching in this class, besides maybe moving from slide to slide a little slower (but even then, that doesn't really matter because he posts them online and they are extremely thorough)." -- [REDACTED]
- There are so many content that I can't review if I absent some of the classes because we need take so much notes. The sides doesn't have all the content as we learned in class.
- To be honest Tristan has been the best professor that I have had at this university. He has this passion about what he is teaching which creates a sense of engagement from the students. The class was organized extremely well and everything was expressed very clearly. The use of step by step processes and examples made it very easy to pick up the material.
- Strengths- Good use of class time, strong enthusiasm and engagement in class
- very enthusiastic and tries to get students involved with the long lectures
- "Wonderful instructor and one of my favorites. Had a lot of energy and enthusiasm every day and taught the material in several ways so that we could continue to improve our understanding." -- [REDACTED]

#### Please comment on the strengths and areas of possible improvement for the course as a whole.

- "Strengths of the class - the homework assignments were really helpful in understanding the material. Room for improvement - add some more (maybe optional) homework assignments so students have more checkpoints along the way to see if they understand the material or not." -- [REDACTED]
- Good class. Enjoyed it more than most intermediate level college courses.
- "Spread out Problem Sets a little bit more" -- [REDACTED]
- Interesting material but dry at times.
- None
- "Really enjoyed when we would use real - world examples. Overall thought the balance of chalkboard and slides were good." -- [REDACTED]
- "Love that all the lectures, along with graphs and explanations that he does on the board are all posted on canvas. Helps to make sure any notes that students may have missed are available." -- [REDACTED]
- some classes go over fast
- "nothing" -- [REDACTED]
- "This course is hard but full of useful information and could maybe just use a little more structure." -- [REDACTED]

- "EC 313 was probably my favorite course I've taken at the UO so far. I've always been a huge fan of macro economics and this class just enhanced my excitement for the subject - not really any areas for improvement." -- [REDACTED]
- Need improve the slides
- If you want this course to be taught well, have the other professors follow Tristan's lead.
- Strength- Homework and quizzes were helpful to learning material
- interesting course
- "Well structured and organized. Learned a lot and I very much enjoyed this course." -- [REDACTED]

## Teaching Evaluation Summary (Summer 2015)

## Comment Summary

Instructor: Nighswander, Tristan  
Subject: Economics  
Catalog & Section: 380, 40740

Course Title: Intl Econ Issues  
Enrollment: 57 Responses Incl Declines: 41  
(Declined: 0)

### 1. Please share with us your thoughts on the course:

#### Please comment on the instructor's strengths and areas for possible improvement.

- Sometimes, the instructor might speak too fast, but that is understandable since this is a one month class.
- Very good, energetic teaching style really cared about the material.
- "Tristan is an excellent instructor! Besides his clear competence with the material he is teaching, he is wonderful at getting students engaged in discussion which (in most students minds) is one of the most important factors in how students do in a class, and how well they retain the material." -- Rob Devleming
- "Very helpful class, I can not only learn the knowledge from the class but also acquire how this knowledge apply to the real world." -- [REDACTED]
- "Tristan was extremely clear on what we as a class needed to know for tests/homework and for that I am greatly appreciative because most teachers at the U of O lack this ability. He is very knowledgeable on the material, and probably the smartest teacher I've had at the U of O, by far the best teacher I've had at the U of O. For the first time since I started at the U of O I feel like I got my moneys worth for a class. I came out of this class more knowledgeable on the study of economics and am able to engage in real world material with a better understanding on how the economy works. The only area for possible improvement is that the University should allow Tristan teach more classes in the economics department. I feel the student body as a whole would benefit greatly from his teaching and work ethic." -- [REDACTED]
- Good teacher
- "great class, despite it only being a 4 week class i feel that the pace was very good." -- [REDACTED]
- Classes are very organized. If teacher can speak a little bit slowly, it would be better.
- "The lectures seemed well perpared, and your energy levels and teaching style kept me engaged during class. The lone criticism I have is that sometimes you speak too quickly." -- [REDACTED]
- "Great communicator, very energetic and passionate about his field of study. Thanks to Tristan's efficient use of time, we were able to learn and master a significant amount of material in only four short weeks. Loved how casual but straighforward his personality was." -- [REDACTED]
- Great instructor! Always energetic and motivated in making sure that he explained concepts clearly. His personality made the class, kept things interesting.

#### Please comment on the strengths and areas of possible improvement for the course as a whole.

- could be more clear about hat chaçters e will cover and when. Maybe post lecture slides before class. Not a huge deal though
- "None!" -- [REDACTED]
- Good class
- "the book is extremely pricey especially for just a 4 week course." -- [REDACTED]
- "I liked the good balance of homework, quizzes, and tests in the short course. I would recommend to make each homework a bit shorter next time, however, that is how the material is mastered so I would not change much about the course." -- [REDACTED]
- I enjoyed the class and learned new material that I had not necessarily known before. Because of this and the effectiveness of the instructor's teaching methods, not sure I have any constructive criticism for the course as a whole.
- "speaking is too fast" -- [REDACTED]