

# Followup Reflection and Career Readiness

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This assignment has two objectives. First, is to reflect on your study strategies in Econ 3101 for Midterm 1 compared to Midterm 2 and self-assess whether you implemented the study strategies you outlined in the extra credit assignment after Midterm 1. This followup is meant to help you evaluate your progress since you updated your approach to studying.

Second, I want you to practice talking about how your experiences in Econ 3101 will help you demonstrate that you meet job and/or graduate school application qualifications. After this assignment, you should be aware of the post-graduation opportunities available for economics majors and understand how to use your academic experiences as evidence in explaining how you meet job qualifications.

Attendance for the Career Services presentation and completing this assignment sheet will get you up to 8 bonus points on Midterm 2. Students who do not provide detailed answers or do not attend the Career Services presentation will not receive all bonus points. Answer the following questions thoroughly.

1. Did you hand in Problem Set 3? Circle:                      Yes                      No
2. Did you hand in Problem Set 4? Circle:                      Yes                      No
3. Did you hand in Extra Credit for Midterm 1? Circle:      Yes                      No
4. Write 5-6 sentences comparing how you studied for Midterm 1 with how you studied for Midterm 2. Did you notice a change in how you felt during the exam? Did you see a change in grade on Midterm 1 versus Midterm 2 (write down your Midterm 1 and Midterm 2 grades)? Did you use the study plan you detailed in the Extra Credit assignment for Midterm 1?
5. Did you attend the Career Services presentation on April 18th? Circle:      Yes      No
6. Did you find the presentation helpful? Circle:      Yes                      No

7. Next, I want you to explore the Core Career Competencies and CLA's Career Readiness website to first learn about the different general skills that employers want from CLA graduates (graduate schools also want students with these skills). This information will help you articulate the competencies you have learned in Econ 3101 in a way that makes you marketable to your job or graduate school of interest.
  - (a) Visit the [UMN CLA Career Readiness website](#). Read the information about the Liberal Arts Advantage, Core Career Competencies, and the Career Readiness Experience.
  - (b) Download the [Career Readiness Guide](#) and read pages **11-15** of the pdf (through the page numbered 14). These pages talk about the Core Career Competencies in detail and ways to talk about how your experiences in classes can demonstrate your proficiency in those Core Career Competencies.
8. Write down 2 Core Career Competencies that you think relate to your semester in Econ 3101, summarize their definitions, and explain how you have worked toward developing these 2 skills in Econ 3101 in 2-3 sentences. An example sentence would be something like this: "*I have developed stronger leadership skills by managing my study group. This includes coordinating everyone's schedules to find times to meet, dividing the work equally, and making sure we all verify and understand the questions on the homework.*"
9. Search on UMN GoldPASS or another job search website and find an entry-level position (that is, a job you could get right after you finish your undergraduate studies) that interests you. Write out the job title, description, qualifications, and the url-address where you found the application. If you are planning on going to graduate school, you should search for a graduate program that interests you and write out the program title, description, qualifications for admittance, and the url-address where you found this information.
10. Write 3-4 sentences describing how your experiences in Econ 3101 qualifies you for the position your described above. These 3-4 sentences should be of good enough quality that you could put them in a cover letter for the job/graduate school you mentioned. Think about your answer as practice translating your semester of Econ 3101 into something that can help you get a job.