Antitrust (LAW607-001-14A): Course Evaluation Report

Course: LAW607-001-14A
Title: Antitrust
Instructors: Klick
Evaluations: 26/33

Standard Questions Report

Students rated the Instructor and Course on the following questions. "5" is the highest ranking and "1" is the lowest ranking. Note: Totals that do not equal 100% are due to rounding.

### Choice Questions

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#### 6. Would you recommend that other students take this course?
1. Would not recommend
3. Would recommend
5. Highly recommend

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### Essay Questions

9. **Is there any special preparation or background necessary to take this course?**

- Contracts and corporate law are the foundations. Economics is really helpful.
- No Answer
- Some economics background is probably helpful but not required. He does a good job of providing an economic baseline for building on later in the course.
- No Answer
- The knowledge about the economics is highly required. Otherwise you cannot understand what the prof. is talking about.
- No Answer
- Background in economics would be useful.
- No Answer
- Some background on microeconomics is strongly encouraged, cause relative topics are not well explained in class. Difficult concepts are explained in seconds and then presumed to be known.
- Not really. But good economic intuition may be helpful but you can make up for that part in the class. Kick is a super nice guy!
- Some background in economics would be useful, but not essential
- Basic economics
- No Answer
Some economic background is needed.
No Answer
A background in economics is helpful.
No Answer
Basic Micro Economics OR take Torts with Professor Klick
No Answer
Econ would be super helpful; although Professor Klick says it is not required.
No Answer
Some understanding of microeconomics is extremely helpful. After the last section this class let out, there was a run on micro-related books in Biddle.
No Answer
Micro would help tremendously
No Answer
Prior experience in microeconomics and statistics would be helpful, but is not necessary.
No Answer
Background in Economics is helpful, but not necessary.
No. Maybe some micro econ but most info you need to know is covered in review sessions at the beginning of the semester.
No Answer

10. Comment on the instructor’s stimulation of interest in the subject matter and independent thought.

Prof. Klick is a thought provoking and pleasant instructor. Classes are never boring with him and problems are always approached from different and sometimes unexpected angles. I personally really enjoyed to be in his class and I learned a lot.
No Answer
Klick is great at captivating the class by discussing everyday questions and how their answers relate to the subject matter at hand.
No Answer
He focuses on the economics too much. I learned little about the antitrust legal aspects from the class.
No Answer
He did not really explain certain things for students who are not familiar with economic concepts
No Answer
Sometimes the structure of the lecture was not so clear, which made it difficult for me to concentrate on it.
No Answer
Very matter-of-fact attitude, which I appreciated. No-nonsense approach to some of the arguments made, great use of analogies.
No Answer
Through-provoking questions.
No Answer
No Answer
The class is focused on the economic analysis of the cases, thus, the discussion of the cases are related to that area.
No Answer
No Answer
No Answer
The professor was excellent at presenting complex material in an accessible way. I was fortunate to have some background in econ and took Klick for torts so I was at somewhat of an advantage, but even so I feel like the ideas were presented well.
No Answer
We have brain-teasers every once and a while to try to analyze economic implications either forming people’s decisions or resulting from their decisions.
No Answer
Prof. Klick dispensed almost entirely with the formalistic legal junk and cut right to the underlying economics. In light of that fact, the beefy casebook felt a little unnecessary, particularly because we didn’t dwell much on the courts’ opinions/doctrine/any of the typical stuff you care about in most law school courses. That said, I certainly came away from this course wanting to learn more about micro- in general, and even if it wasn’t on the exam, watching the judiciary refine its approach to antitrust analysis was interesting for its own sake.
No Answer
No Answer
Professor Klick has tends to approach issues in antitrust solely from a neoclassical perspective. Fortunately, life is more vibrant than aggregate utility--and the class would be improved if Professor Klick encouraged students to think beyond the four corners that bind blackboard economics.
No Answer
I personally love this subject, and he managed to make it boring.
No Answer
Professor Klick was good at stimulating interest, especially w/the econ puzzles we went through at the beginning of each class.
No Answer
No Answer
No Answer

11. Comment on the instructor with respect to attitude toward students and accessibility outside of class.

He is very friendly and easygoing. He clearly respects students and he seems always available to discuss after class.
No Answer
No Answer
No Answer
N/A
This is the laziest class I’ve taken at Penn. The Syllabus was sloppily made, and assigned weeks worth of reading at once rather than breaking it down to the cases we would actually expect to cover. I guess he is available outside of class, tried to record class when students missed but not always successful with this.
No Answer
Professor Klick seemed accessible outside of class, although admittedly I did not try to get in touch with him outside of class meetings.
No Answer
No Answer
I never took advantage of Prof. Klick’s office hours, but he let student questions guide class a lot, and was a good sport about rehearsing the basis for a room that was at least partially made up of econ virgins. He’s also an easy-going and entertaining teacher.
No Answer
No Answer
N/A
The professor always seemed like he was available after class and was always friendly and respectful.
No Answer
No Answer
He is open to questions in class.
No Answer
No Answer
Very approachable
No Answer
Prof. Klick is friendly
No Answer
No Answer
No Answer
He talks fast, nonstop and incoherently. I often had difficulty in catching what he’s talking about. Besides, most students don’t have economics background. It is hard to follow the class.
No Answer
No Answer
No Answer
12. **Comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the course. How could it be improved?**

- Prof. Klick could employ a slightly less friendly socratic method and, at least sometimes, call on people even if they don't volunteer.
- No Answer
- No Answer
- No Answer
- I'd like to ask the prof. to speak more slowly and briefly and to consider most students are unfamiliar with the economic analysis.
- No Answer
- It doesn't use graph or clear explanation about the economic theory, which confused us a lot.
- No Answer
- It could be more organized and follow the textbook
- No Answer
- It is like the course being divided into two levels: one according to the book (which is pretty understandable) and one according to Prof. Klick which is complicated and difficult to understand.
- No Answer
- Sometimes lost track into hypotheticals, felt we could have spent a little more time on case-law.
- No Answer
- No Answer
- The class does not state clear legal analysis of the subject. In the other hand, it stress the importance of the economic framework of Antitrust. These characteristics can be a strength or a weakness depending on your interest in economics.
- No Answer
- No Answer
- Strengths - excellent professor.
- Weakness - too much reading/dense textbook. I was not incentivized to read for class because I knew the lecture would far surpass the textbook in terms of explanation. That said, it was harder for me to participate - big incentive to be a free rider.
- Improvement - Just assign the cases or select areas of the textbook for class. The lecture is better at explaining the material anyway.
- No Answer
- I would say it is too heavy on econ, even for someone with a minor econ background. Either slow down in teaching it during class, or simply say it won't be tested on the exam, but here is some background information. I have heard the exam can be pretty heavy econ, and I am slightly concerned about that.
- As long as you're either (a) an economics-literate human or (b) OK with sitting here at the end of the semester having no idea what kind of grade to expect, but feeling like you got a little better at articulating and testing microeconomic intuitions, you'll dig this class. I was very different than any of the other courses I've taken at Penn Law. It made me intellectually uncomfortable in a way that a lot of other "math-y," finance-oriented courses didn't. Also, I think it actually taught me stuff. I don't have any suggestions for improvement.
- No Answer
- No Answer
- The course materials were a great strength of the class – both the textbook readings and the ones that Professor Klick assigned ad hoc. The course could be improved with more consistent class meeting throughout the semester. It was easy to overdose on antitrust on the Fridays with three hours and twenty minutes of class and hard to keep in touch with the material during the weeks when class was cancelled.
- Move through the material more quickly, have a more precise syllabus, do not let the LLMs derail class discussion with irrelevant tangents.
- The econ review classes in the beginning of the semester were helpful although not all of the topics we talked about came up in the cases. I would maybe do one fewer class of review material by taking out some of the extra material. Also, it is sometimes unclear how the econ puzzles we do at the beginning of class relate to the material, so that connection could be made clearer.
- Also, sometimes the details of the cases were sometimes overwhelming what the real take away from each case was, so it might be helpful for the professor to be more clear about the significant of each case.
- No Answer

13. **Other comments:**

- For personal reasons, I ended up adding this class to my schedule after the add/drop and I'm really grateful that I was able to join Prof. Klick's class. Prof. Klick is a very thoughtful teacher with a nice sense of humor. His classes are never boring and his approach never obvious. I think I learned a lot from this class and I really admire Prof. Klick teaching style.
- I would highly recommend this class to students interested in Antitrust.
- I wanted to learn more about the cases, not about economic analysis. Also, there are too many classes canceled and too many make-up classes. I often couldn't make it due to conflict of schedule.
- No Answer
- No Answer
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- We missed far too many classes. And we had to cover the same material in shorter period than usual.
- No Answer
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- For student with no economic background is not easy to follow the microeconomics analysis.
- No Answer
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- Professor Klick is an awesome professor, even if his interest in econ somewhat outweighs his interest in the law (especially case law). He is bright, laid-back, and very intelligent.
- You should take a look at one of Klick's previous exams before signing up. If I hadn't, I think I would have been alarmed and/or upset by how little he focuses on "traditional" law school stuff like citing cases and reading statutes. But it's not bad at all once you know what you're in for. And maybe grab yourself a micro primer to go with that giant casebook.
- No Answer
**Percentage Questions**

14. Please note the approximate percentage of classes that you attended.

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