



D.C. JEWITT Evaluation of Instruction Program Report

15S: EPS SCI 15 LEC 1: INTROD-OCEANOGRAPHY

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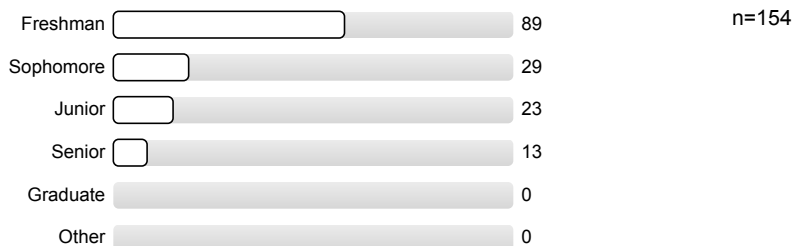
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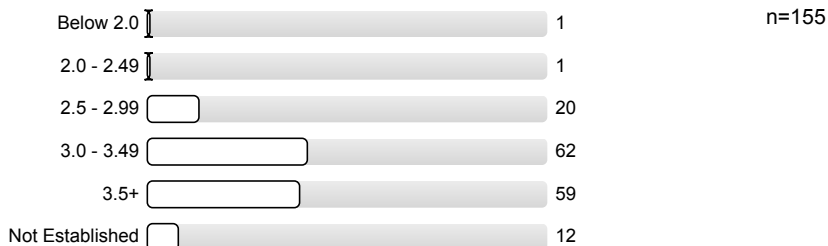
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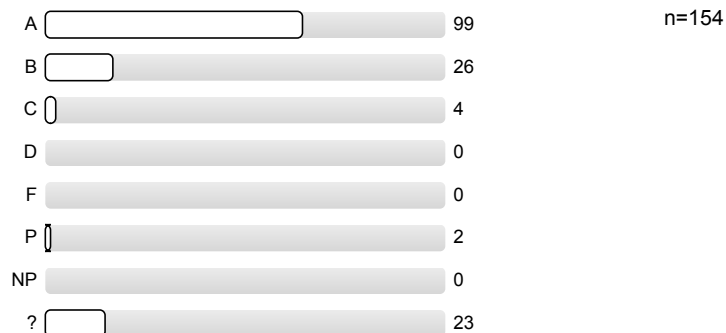
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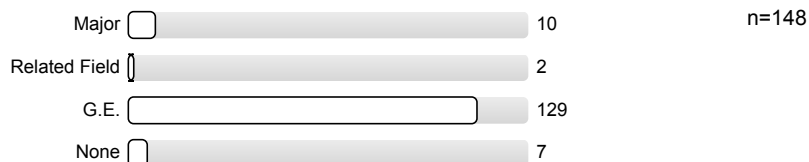
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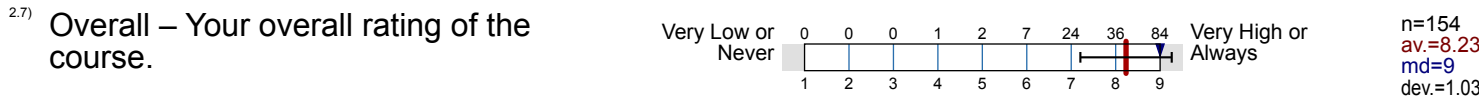
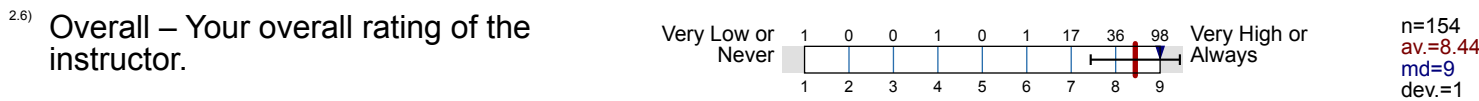
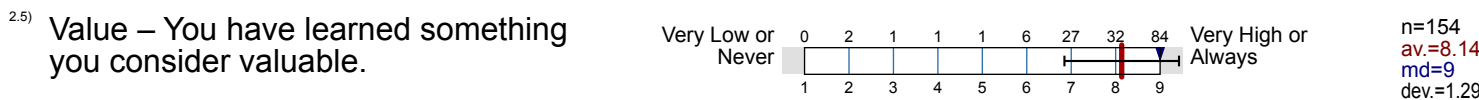
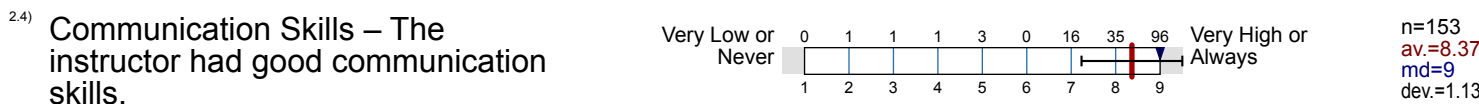
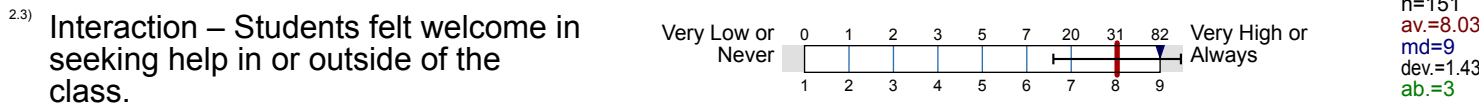
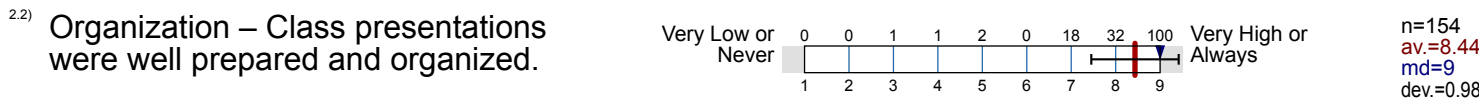
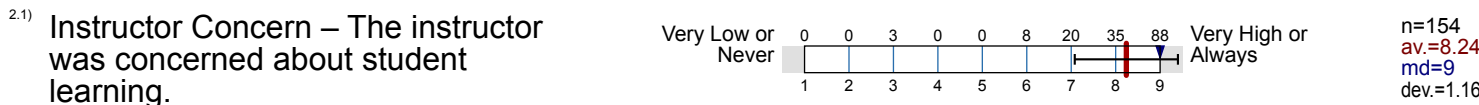
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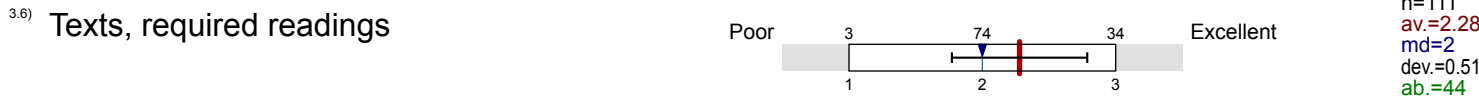
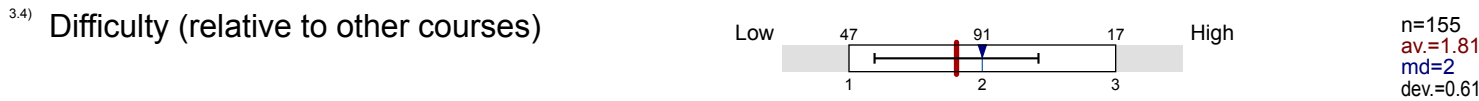
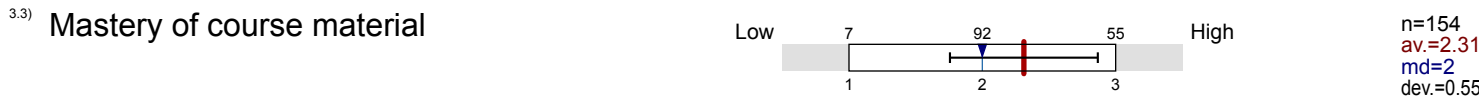
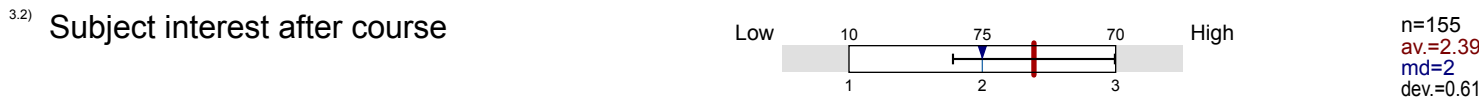
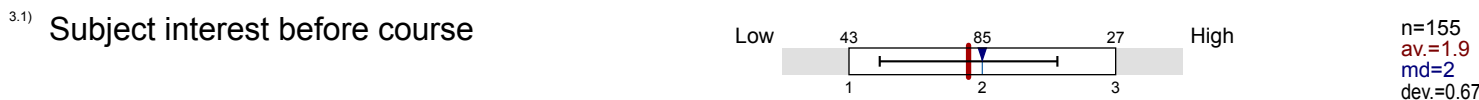
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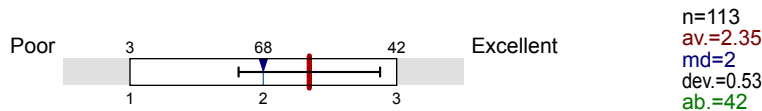
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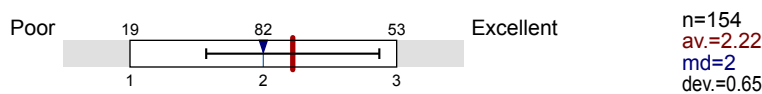
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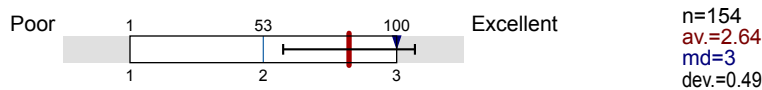
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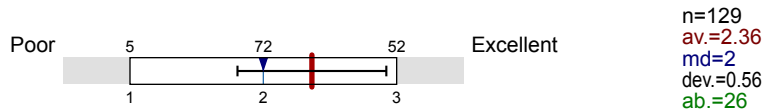
3.8) Graded materials, examinations



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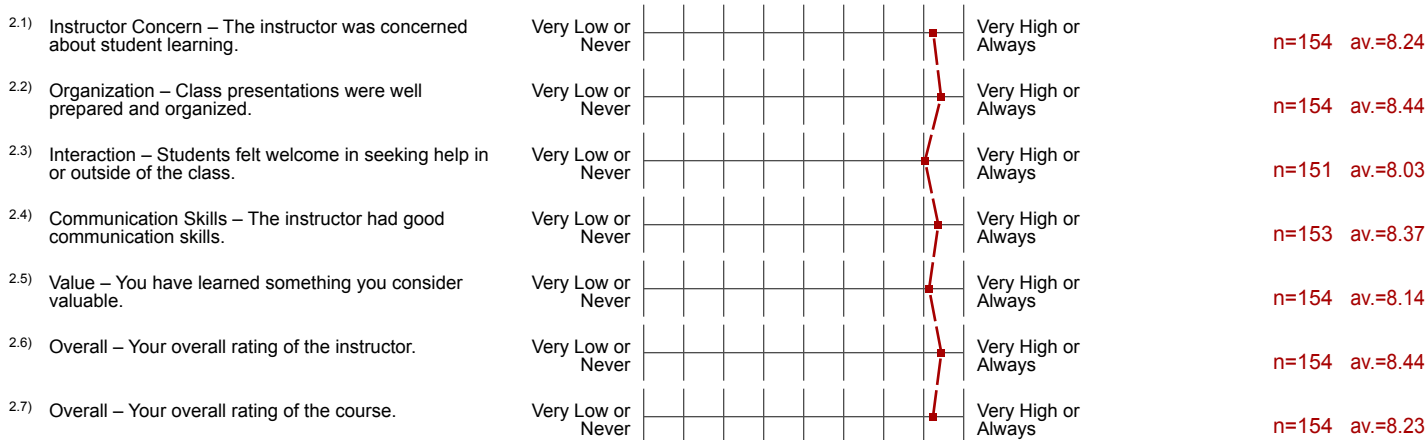


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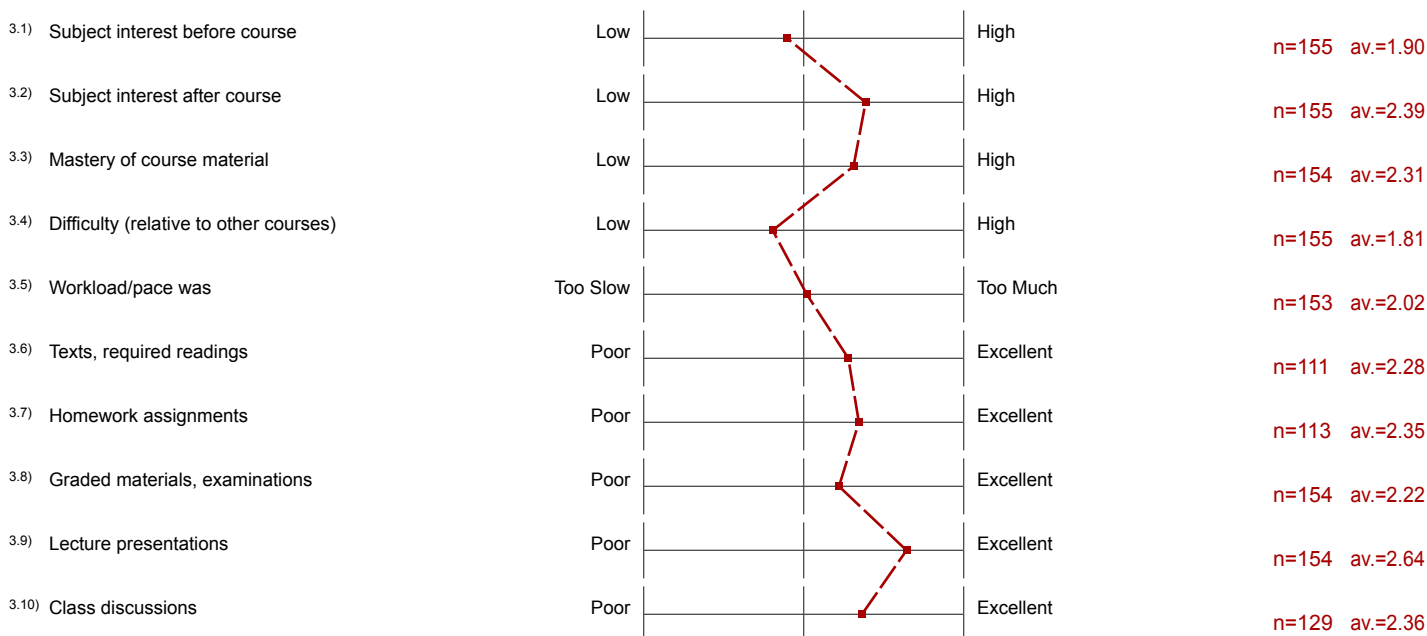
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 Name of the course: 15S: EPS SCI 15 LEC 1: INTROD-OCEANOGRAPHY
 (Name of the survey)

Values used in the profile line: Mean

2. To What Extent Do You Feel That:



3. Your View of Course Characteristics:



Comments Report

4. Comments:

- 4.1) Please identify what you perceive to be the real strengths and weaknesses of this instructor and course.
- A good- natured professor who not only teaches an interesting subject but presents it in an interesting way. He really makes one care about this course by encouraging students to go out and learn for themselves and teaching the overall relevance of the course to the whole of humanity.
 - A wonderful teacher with a seemingly endless source of knowledge of so much more than just oceanography. He keeps things light with his dry sense of humor and locks you in with interesting presentations. A joy to be in class with.
 - Actually cares about student learning- makes everything fun and not about the grade. amazing professor
 - All the videos - LOVED THEM! Especially with the Benthic Life and Whales lecture, all the videos Dr. Jewitt used to present lecture material were very fun and entertaining. I feel I learned a lot more by seeing many of the organisms and processes he was describing, rather than simply reading them off a slide and through pictures. The extra credit assignments were fun to do. I liked how they were 5% each because it definitely helped take the stress off of the midterms during this busy spring quarter. Thank you!
 - Although not all of the material was what I would have expected to learn in an introductory course for oceanography (e.g. ship warfare), the course was much more interesting and enjoyable because Professor Jewitt seemed to genuinely like what he has teaching. The one thing I would maybe change (if I really had to pick something) is the extra credit. I think going to places and having hands on experience is truly valuable, but it can also be difficult to find the time/transportation to do so outside of other classes and jobs. Having one option that is a little easier to complete could be a good idea.
 - Amazing professor. Very intelligible. I did wish there was a little bit more organization regarding the submission of extra credit and assigned lab assignments, which end up becoming very tedious instead of educational.
 - An excellent instructor,
 - As someone who does not really enjoy taking science classes, I really enjoyed Oceanography with Professor Jewitt. I really appreciated his style and the fact that he was really just there to teach and have students learn something, rather than focus on grades. I enjoyed doing the extra credit opportunities as well. I really liked his lecture presentations where he included many videos and graphics to keep things interesting, because some of the things we learned about were admittedly dry. I feel like I have learned really valuable things in Professor Jewitt's class! If I was better at math and science I would consider pursuing atmospheric/oceanic studies after taking this class!
 - Best professor! Reaches out to his students, adds humor and life to lecture, is extremely interactive, and forces students to be passionate about the subject without assigning completely boring assignments and tests. Loved the interactive extra credit, it taught me more than a textbook ever could. I appreciated the professor and class so much, it was refreshing and different than anything I've taken. He truly sparked my interest in the course and subject and I learned a lot, without being overwhelmed.
 - Class lectures were somewhat scattered in topic, but were very interesting to learn. Prof. Jewitt's focus on student interest in material over grades helped me learn more material and become more interested.
 - Class was pretty interesting which didn't focus much on grades which allowed for a more relaxed learning experience

- Dave Jewitt is by far one of the best professors I've ever had here at UCLA. His lectures are always filled with relevant information, not only to the class subject but to our lives as individuals. Every lecture was efficacious yet entertaining, well communicated, and always so intriguing. His teaching, this class, and all of the important concepts I've picked up in the class have made this difficult quarter so much better. I tip my hat to this gentleman, he is brilliant and every person should take this course or any course with Jewitt!
Thank you, for such an amazing quarter.
- Exams were too specific, and "optional" extra credit became almost necessary since exams were so challenging
- Excellent and engaging professor. Really peaked my interest in a subject that I had previously not known anything about.
- Favorite professor I've had at UCLA. Want to take more classes with him!
- GREAT Professor! Only issue was that he's moody. You could tell if he was in a good mood or bad mood, and sometimes, it felt like he took out on his students in lecture.
- Good introduction to oceanography GE, Professor Jewitt does a decent job breaking down concepts to be understood easily. Enjoyed the Extra Credit assignments! On a side note, It felt like Professor Jewitt seemed to criticize/lightly make fun of organized religion by some of his comments in class at times.
- Great class, great professor!
- Great lecturer, and a great person! Class was fun to attend, and this is how all GEs should be modeled, where students can focus on learning a broad scope of material while having fun, not by competing neck to neck over grades. Professor Jewitt made what is often seen as a boring subject relatively fun, and had a class setup which really promoted interest in the material.
- Great professor
- Great professor, knowledgeable and passionate about subject area.
- Great professor, never have taken and probably never will take a class as fun and interactive as this one. He should be a model for other professors.
- Great professor, very knowledgable and interesting. Although the course material itself might seem not that exciting, somehow you are always looking forward to going to lecture.
- He is hilarious in class. He's perfect.
- He is very knowledgeable and always prepared. I learned something useful and valuable. The videos he played during the class helped me understand the concepts better too. I hope there are more professors like him.

Thank you for teaching this class!

- He made jokes and made the class enjoyable. Very knowledgable about the material. Very good experience.
- Hes really funny
- His powerpoints were plentiful with information that was never expanded on, and his midterms were ridiculous. There is no reason that a midterm average for this GE should be a 62% and not be curved up when students studied for hours on end to only be hit with ridiculous questions or questions with answers that were never worded or found on the slides that way.
- I did not like how the labs did not have anything do with what went on in the lectures. Over all, the class was very interesting and the lectures were great. The only difficulty with the class was the way the test

was set up. They were extremely specific with many questions and broad with others. No matter how hard you studied, the exam questions were set up with trickery almost as if they were not made to pass.

- I love that you're a professor who is more concerned about our learning than examinations and grades. I really enjoyed your last lecture about finding the meaning of life instead of considering the meaning of life as searching for the highest-paying job. The extra credits you gave I really enjoyed especially the Point Dume one. I learned a lot and and really respect you! Thanks!
- I really appreciated all the videos incorporated into the presentations. It made lecture a lot more interesting and fun. The two midterms were relatively simple and straightforward, I just didn't like that there were a lot of questions that required memorizing figures and numbers. Overall, I really enjoyed this class. It was definitely worth taking.
- I really enjoyed this class
- I really enjoyed this class and learned alot. As an engineer, my classes can be a bit boring and depressing. This class made me excited to be majoring in the sciences. I hope to take more classes in the Earth, Planetary Science Department in the future! Thank you!
- I really liked this professor because he cares about making students learn about the material by having fun with it rather than by pounding them with work. I believe that his thought process into getting students interested in any subject is correct and works well.
- I think this professor does an excellent job of teaching this class. He really focuses of having us learn the material without the stress of grades. He wants us to enjoy the class and learn about the oceans and that is exactly what I did. I have had an amazing quarter with him.
- I thought he was nice and I like that he wanted us to focus on the material and not the grades. I felt the midterms were fair and I liked that he had us do extra credit even though if you didn't have access to a car some of them would have been impossible to accomplish. The labs were a little confusing but since they were more graded for completion it didn't matter that much. Overall, I thought this was a good GE course and I feel like I got something out of it.
- I'm not sure if cursing in these is permitted, but Dave Jewitt IS THE F**KING BEST! He is the most awesome professor I have ever had at this school. Sure I'm not within any science department (the economics department is abysmal), but it does not make a difference. Not only is Dave the most interesting and effective lecturer I've ever had, but he also brings a great sense of humor and vast knowledge to the classroom EVERY MEETING. I have learned a ton, and enjoy the process. I want to nominate this man for My Last Lecture, because I want to know his life secrets and how he's so happy and successful.
- Interesting subjects, the instructor clearly wants us to learn and enjoy science. But the labs were not integrated well and the midterms were much more difficult than expected in the context of the lectures. I appreciate the extra credit, but for someone without a car, it was impossible to complete much of it.
- Jewitt is a great professor! His lectures are interesting and engaging. He always find an applicable use to what we were learning, especially with the use of his hands-on extra credit assignments.
- Jewitt is very, very passionate about oceans, and his humor and interest shines through when he presents the material.
- Jewitt was such a great professor! Loved his personality and sense of humor...he definitely made learning easier. Midterms were slightly difficult, but his extra credits made up for them. Absolutely would love to take more classes with him!
- Knowledgable and organized professor. Lectures could get boring and repetitive. Extra Credit assignments were interesting and fun.

- Loved the enthusiasm of the professor about learning and the topics covered. But he seemed to be a bit scatter-brained and the questions for the midterm and final were very confusing and frustrating for someone who attended all the lectures.
- More extra credit assignments! Love them!
- My favorite professor! Keeps a lecture of so many people engaged and interested.
- My main problem was that I didn't really feel that I was taught some of the things that were on the midterms. I studied for both and didn't do as well as I'd hoped. The class over all was interesting, but I wish it had been more equally bio based.
- One of my favorite classes that I've taken so far at UCLA! Professor Jewitt is simply amazing to say the least. His lecture presentations were always attention grabbing and he genuinely cares about his students learning. I was always highly interested in oceanography and I am still highly interested in this subject after taking this course. His extra credit assignments were also very educational and fun at the same time. Overall, I really loved this class.
- One of the top 3 professors I have had yet. Very knowledgeable, nice, and wise.
- Professor Jewitt keeps the class interesting yet informative. I'm glad to have the opportunity to enroll in this class while he's teaching it. I would recommend this class and this professor to other students.
- Professor Jewitt does a fine job at explaining the course material in a very engaging manner. Class is quite entertaining and interesting. Overall, Professor Jewitt is a very knowledgeable professor who can lecture effectively.
- Professor Jewitt has made this course very entertaining. His extra credit assignments have allowed me to experience the subject-matter in person and I understand more about the course as a result. I feel as though too much information is put into lectures, making it more difficult to study for exams. I think it would be helpful for Professor Jewitt to limit the amount he covers in lecture.
- Professor Jewitt has very strong teaching skills. I can tell he is very concerned about student learning. He is understanding that this is a G.E. class, and so many of the students do not have strong science skills. The exams are a little bit more difficult than expected considering how digestible the lectures are, however, there are plenty of good extra credit opportunities to make up for it. I am a theatre major, but I find science interesting when it's not too difficult, and this class fit that well.
- Professor Jewitt is a terrific professor! There was one thing in particular he said that I really appreciated. He explained how most students are so concerned with their grades that in some instances students begin to lose sight of what learning is actually about. Grades are important yes, but Professor Jewitt explained that there's a bigger picture to a class than what you get on test. Having the opportunity to apply what you have learned through real life experiences to me is the pay off. I'll probably never be an oceanographer, but I'm happy to say that this was a class worth taking. I've enjoyed this class and would recommend to anyone!
- Professor Jewitt is a very clever yet humorous individual who is able to go through his lectures while still being interesting. He gets the information out and clearly and is a great professor overall.
- Professor Jewitt is an interesting professor who does his best to try and keep his students interested in the subject matter. His exams are extremely difficult in my opinion, but he offers extra credit to offset the difficulty of the exams.
- Professor Jewitt is by far one of the best professors I've had at UCLA. I hope he continues to keep his students engaged through fun extra credit and make class material relevant!
- Professor Jewitt is funny, interesting, and knowledgeable about the course material. I felt he realized how many of his course takers are doing it for their GE requirement, and so he tries to blend in basic oceanography facts with a lot of interesting tidbits to keep us engaged. Also a very nice touch with the

extra credit exercises, although it would have been nicer if he could make one of the extra credits something that we could do in UCLA instead of having to travel all the way to Point Dume.

- Professor Jewitt is so caring, and an awesome guy!! Made the class enjoyable, and the extra activities were great! You actually learn by going and doing, rather than sitting in class all day. Also, very helpful how he provided the movies from the lectures along with the PDFs! Great supplements, even when you miss class
- Professor Jewitt is very charismatic and his lectures are entertaining as well as informative.
- Professor Jewitt made this class so enjoyable! The class offered a great comprehensive overview of oceanography, and I feel like I learned so much more about a topic I was already interested in. The video clips made the lectures more interesting and were good visualizations of whatever topic we were learning that day. It was also very helpful how he posted the lecture slides beforehand on CCLE, although I wish he put the links to the videos in the slides as well (so we can go back and refer to it on the slide PDF). Professor Jewitt is funny and explained conceptual topics like the "Gaia Hypothesis" very well.
- Professor Jewitt makes learning very interesting and fun, and always tries his best to make his classes as engaging as possible. So far, this has been a class that I have been most engaged in during lecture and because of that, I have learned a lot of about the oceans. The extra credit exercises are also very fun and interesting and helped me go to places that I would have otherwise never ever considered going; this really helped me appreciate the nature and beaches around me more.

I have really enjoyed the class and really recommend other students taking it.

- Professor Jewitt really cared about the students learning and made it possible to receive a good grade if hard work is put in.
- Professor Jewitt was a great professor. He made the lectures fun and truly informative. He integrated his slides with videos and this made things fun.
- Professor Jewitt was an absolute pleasure to learn under. On the first day of class, he assured us students that as an introductory course, his class was not designed to be difficult or trip us up, and he stuck to his word. While midterms were a bit difficult, he offered his students a sizable amount of extra credit (15%). Jewitt made me interested in a seemingly dry subject--oceanography.
- Professor Jewitt was an amazing professor. He was enthusiastic and really cared about the students learning and interest in the subject. I really liked his philosophy of not bogging the class down with overly detailed material and aiming to just have fun and learn! I enjoyed all of his lectures, which were organized, filled with great pictures and videos, and very interesting information! He himself makes a lot of funny jokes and makes the lectures engaging. I loved all the extra credit assignments, which made me do educational and fun activities I would never have done otherwise. His multiple choice midterms were a little too tricky and focused on minute details rather than overall concepts, which I did not like. However, it was a great class and I'm really glad I took it my last quarter at UCLA.
- Professor Jewitt works hard to try to get students more interested in oceanography and science in general. I enjoyed the lectures when he incorporated various videos because it helped me to become more interested in the topics we were studying and see real world examples. But, some lectures he just talked the whole time and didn't make the lecture as interesting/engaging compared to others. The major weakness of this course are the midterms. Despite having around 8 lectures worth of material to memorize for each midterm, there were only around 25 questions on each midterm, so there was a very limited amount of information that was tested, so our midterm grades were just determined by whether the numbers and facts we memorized showed up on the exam or not. These midterms are not a true reflection of how much the students know about oceanography and how much effort each student put into studying for the exams. I studied over 6 hours for each midterm but got horrible grades because each question was worth a huge percentage of the grade and the majority of the concepts I memorized from the lecture slides didn't show up on the exams at all. I was very disappointed. Definitely increasing the number of questions on the midterms to around 50 questions will make the

midterms a better reflection of how much students know about the concepts and will be a fairer way to assess students. Professor Jewitt emphasized how he doesn't want students to obsess over grades. I understand his point of view and I agree that learning should be fun and it would be much less stressful if there didn't have to be exams. However, some students, including me, have to have a certain GPA in order to get accepted for the major we want and therefore, we don't our grade in this class to potentially hurt our chances of getting accepted to our major.

I really enjoyed doing the extra credits and I like how these reward students for their effort and encourages students to try something new and get hand-on experience.

Going off of Professor Jewitt's idea that the emphasis should be placed on enjoying learning, I think 5-10% of the grade should be based on attendance at lectures (use clicker to take attendance) and less percentage of the overall grade should be based on the midterms. I have been working very hard and haven't missed a single lecture or lab and did all of the extra credits, but am still not sure if I will be able to get an A range grade because of my horrible midterm grades. It is frustrating for students when their effort is not reflected in their grade.....I will do my very best to study for the final exam and hopefully I can end up with the grade I believe I deserve. Anyways, I think students who are eager to learn by attending lectures should be rewarded/that should be reflected in the students' grades because I think it makes sense that students who work hard and are dedicated should get A 's in this class even if science isn't their forte.

- Professor Jewitt's strength is that he is very knowledgeable in the material, and he genuinely has an interest in the subject. The weakness would have to be that it's hard to understand which parts are important in regards to the midterm. It was hard to figure out which parts of the slide were crucial for the examination.
- Professor Jewitt, just by hearing him speak in class, seems to be one of the most intelligent, laid back adults I've encountered so far at UCLA. I honestly wish I would've engaged with him more in class and I want to speak to him more about other research he does. He really had a way of making me incredibly interested in the course material. Overall, I would recommend the class to someone because not only is it fun but you learn a lot about the earth and the moral, ethical, and countless other problems that are arising due to the human race and what we can do the help solve them. GO SCIENCE!
- Professor makes the class engaging and interesting.
- Really enjoy professor Jewitt's humor. Also loved the integration of all the videos in lecture to make it less dull. The extra credit was helpful for students who needed it and wanted the A. Great class overall!
- Really enjoyed this professor and his class. He was extremely knowledgeable, interesting and funny.
- Strength: Organized lectures well explained.
Weakness: Lab was too hard, please make it more fun(more hands on experiements on ocean)
- Strength: truly cares about student learning
Kind of a weakness: the sound checks scared me.
- Strengths of the professor were that his lectures were engaging and informative. He used videos that helped students learn ideas more concretely. He was funny and kept students engaged the whole time. He was more concerned with students learning his material than them being obsessed with grades.
- Strengths- I really liked the power points and the visuals, He really knew what he was talking about and I liked how passionate he was
Weakness- I never felt prepared for the test. I went to every class and took notes, yet still felt lost when it came to the midterms
- Strengths:
-lectures stated in clear language
-Professor Jewitt had a good sense of humor
-extra credit assignments that I found I learned a lot from
weaknesses:
- too big of a class.

- Strengths: His primary focus was on insuring that the students actually learned the material. He wanted everyone to come out of each lecture knowing something new. He made me want to attend classes.
Weaknesses: If there was some topic with multiple viewpoints, he would only discuss what he believed to be true rather than giving other theories equal weight.

- Strengths: passionate about teaching and material

Weaknesses: tests focus on memorization of facts rather than the understanding of the course material. The teacher himself insists that the tests are just prove that you know the material, but this isn't true. The questions are designed to trip you up on petty details. It would be better if he at least gave partial credit on the questions (especially for the questions that require you to choose the correct combination of answers).

Another problem is the extra credit he gives. It's very generous for him to give 15% extra credit, but all of them require leaving campus and taking at least a 30 minute bus ride or an Uber to places like Malibu. This is pretty inconvenient for students who don't have their own cars or money to spare (let alone time) to go to these places, but considering the unnecessarily tricky tests, you are kind of forced to do this if you want an A. I think there should be at least one extra credit option that doesn't involve leaving campus or spending money.

- Thank you for a great quarter, prof. Jewitt!
- The class structure was tolerable and Jewitt tries to engage the students with his wit, however his derogatory, biased, and politically incorrect comments are much unnecessary and unwanted. His presentations also seem to be very outdated and extremely unorganized.
- The homie.
- The lecture presentations were engaging and informative. I appreciated how the topics interconnected and related to our everyday lives.
- The lecture slides are extremely helpful because they contain all of the necessary information for the exams. Lectures were still helpful because the slides were explained. I enjoyed this class a lot and I think Professor Jewitt was a great professor.
- The lectures were always interesting, and I learned quite a bit in this class. I appreciated the heavy metal sound checks, they were great. I have no major complaints about the lectures; it's clear that it was well prepared.
- The lectures were both informational and interesting. Professor Jewitt was extremely knowledgeable but very enjoyable and comical as well. The extra credit opportunities were extremely helpful to my grade and very enjoyable so that was great. However, the difficulty of the midterms seemed extreme compared to the rest of the course. I studied what I thought was plenty and I got a 50%. Either the material should be simpler or we should be given some sort of study guide.
- The material was interesting, and the instructor did his best to make students experience the material by giving extra credit opportunities that expose students to some of the real-life applications of the material. The instructor was a great lecturer and I would recommend him to any of my friends.
- The professor made the lectures interesting with his commentary. The extra credit assignments were a good incentive to get good hands on experience.
- This class is alright in my book. As a GE it's easy, straightforward, and everything a freshman would want out of a intro course. I'm taking this for the earth and environmental science minor and I'm not REALLY getting to much out of it for my purposes. It's too broad, I'm relearning a bunch of stuff I learned in other courses so for me it wasn't as engaging as I wanted it to be. For me personally it was just too easy for me to get interested.

- This professor is hilarious, knowledgeable, creative, engaging, and interesting. He showed his interest and care for the material and was always very engaging during his lectures. Sometimes it was hard to keep up with the slides in the presentation, just because of the amount of information. Overall, I really enjoyed this course and could not imagine it with a different professor.
- This professor was very good in explaining concepts and communicating it to the students, although he did sometimes just read off the power points which made a few lectures tedious. He is very spontaneous and is very approachable. He actually cares about the material and about students learning it which is greatly appreciated. He was also able to combine outside activities with lecture which helped greatly with respects to learning.
- Too fast.
- Very delightful professor who is funny, engaging, knowledgeable, and serious all at the same time. He does a great job of delivering interesting lectures and in conveying the course materials. I'd definitely take his class again!
- Very fun class, I enjoyed the extra credit assignments. Jewitt is very generous and is a marvelous Professor. Thank you!
- cool guy please keep
- engaging and exciting professor. understands that this course is primarily a GE for a lot of students and caters to that well. the chances for extra credit were great
- excellent professor. Very knowledgeable and friendly. Really well made extra credit assignments
- made lecture interesting and easy to follow
- professor Jewitt is a great professor. He really enjoys what he teaches and even throws in a joke or funny video into his lectures which is great. The midterms were not difficult you just really need to study the ppt and you should be fine. I really enjoyed his class and the topic as well, I recommend this course with.
- strengths: - made the class laugh
 - always had interesting facts
 - well organized
 - let us out on time or even earlyweaknesses:
 - honestly can't think of any
- strengths: powerpoint slides were done in a way that was easy to understand