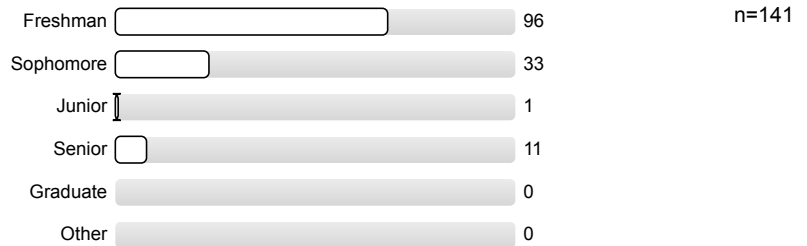




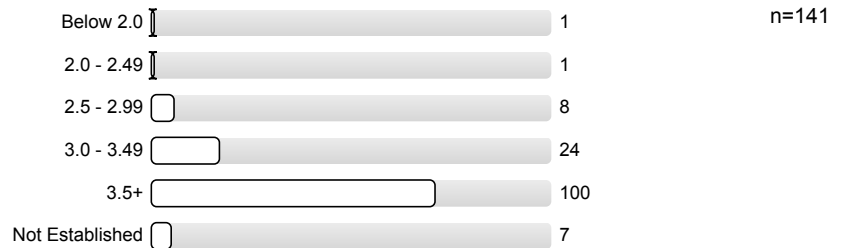
**D.C. JEWITT**  
**Evaluation of Instruction Program Report**  
 23W: EPS SCI 9 LEC 1: SOLAR SYSTM&PLANETS  
 No. of responses = 143  
 Enrollment = 427  
 Response Rate = 33.49%

1. Background Information:

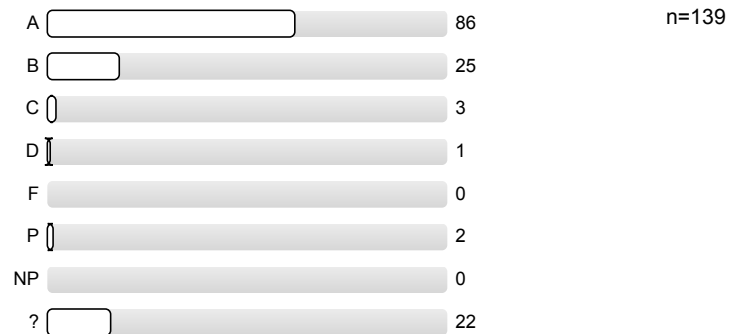
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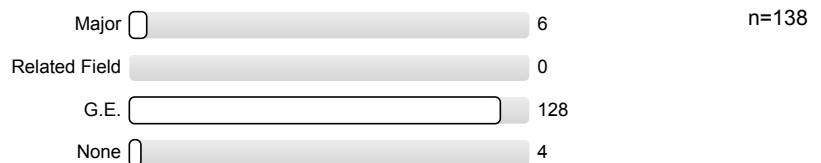
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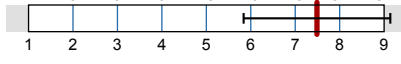


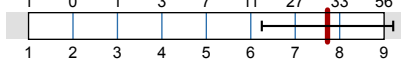
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- 2.1) **Instructor Concern – The instructor was concerned about student learning.**

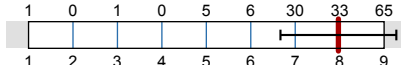
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- 2.2) **Organization – Class presentations were well prepared and organized.**


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- 2.3) **Interaction – Students felt welcome in seeking help in or outside of the class.**

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- 2.4) **Communication Skills – The instructor had good communication skills.**

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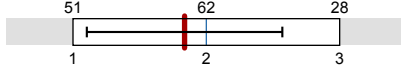
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- 2.6) **Overall – Your overall rating of the instructor.**


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- 2.7) **Overall – Your overall rating of the course.**

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3. Your View of Course Characteristics:

- 3.1) **Subject interest before course**

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- 3.2) **Subject interest after course**

	Low <span style="font-size: small;">19 66 56</span> 	High n=141 av.=2.26 md=2 dev.=0.68
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3.3)	Mastery of course material	Low	18	98	25	High	n=141 av.=2.05 md=2 dev.=0.55
3.4)	Difficulty (relative to other courses)	Low	26	97	18	High	n=141 av.=1.94 md=2 dev.=0.56
3.5)	Workload/pace was	Too Slow	2	130	8	Too Much	n=140 av.=2.04 md=2 dev.=0.26 ab.=1
3.6)	Texts, required readings	Poor	5	66	46	Excellent	n=117 av.=2.35 md=2 dev.=0.56 ab.=24
3.7)	Homework assignments	Poor	4	62	58	Excellent	n=124 av.=2.44 md=2 dev.=0.56 ab.=17
3.8)	Graded materials, examinations	Poor	20	77	43	Excellent	n=140 av.=2.16 md=2 dev.=0.65 ab.=1
3.9)	Lecture presentations	Poor	5	52	84	Excellent	n=141 av.=2.56 md=3 dev.=0.57
3.10)	Class discussions	Poor	18	68	51	Excellent	n=137 av.=2.24 md=2 dev.=0.67 ab.=4

## 4. Comments:

- 4.1) Please identify what you perceive to be the real strengths and weaknesses of this instructor and course.
- A strength of this instructor was his passion and knowledge about astronomy.
  - A very dense class, with little direction. A very interesting professor with a unique teaching style. Wish class was more structured and the exam was easier in terms of content. Mastery of course is not as high as I could have achieved. Still very passionate professor.
  - Discussion has little to no correlation with lectures and the midterm/final but he seems very kind.
  - Dr. Jewitt is kind and amiable. He has outstanding works that a lot of us admire. The extra credits of this course provided students with a lot of opportunities to travel while learning stuff.
  - Dr. Jewitt's strengths are keeping class interesting to maintain everyone's attention, posting announcements to answer questions everyone had, and giving many extra credit opportunities. The only weakness of Dr. Jewitt that I can identify is not being clear on instructions sometimes.

- EPS 9 is supposed to be an easy GE but it is so much more than that. Professor Jewitt is one of the only professors that I've had that cares more about his students' learning rather than grades, which was refreshing as he cares about teaching us things that are important to our lives and inspired to ignite our love for science again. He is an amazing lecturer who knows how to keep the material engaging while still being informative, funny, and interesting. His presentations always had lots of illuminating info with lots of videos and pictures and instead of making us read boring text or do cumbersome homework assignments, he just wants us to learn instead taking the fun out of doing so, such as providing extra assignments that have us actually explore and learn from that and still help our grades at the same time. Jewitt is an amazing professor and I wish I could take a class with him again, even if I'm not majoring in EPS. I wish lectures had been recorded so that I could have gone back and watched them, especially the last lecture which was just so encompassing and motivational but I did like the mini lectures. The exams are especially hard though. Despite that, Professor Jewitt is truly passionate about teaching, his students, and eps, something that translated into his class and into his students.
- GOAT!
- Good
- Great Lecturer.
- Great class.
- Great teacher, knew everything he was talking about and made it a lot interesting to learn about.
- He is a professor that shows true compassion for this subject while also ensuring the well-being of his students by focusing on if his students are worried about actually learning the material instead of just getting a high grade through his extra credit assignments. Although, the lectures can be a bit slow and dull from time to time.
- He is a really great professor, it was interesting to hear his lectures and he always opened up questions to the entire class. He was also really funny and had a sense of humor. The only thing that did make me uncomfortable was that he sometimes would push atheist beliefs. An example is during one lecture while giving examples of things that aren't true, he put in the phrase "God will protect you" which he rejected and claimed as false, which many religious students including myself may find offensive. Other than that, he was a good professor.
- His lectures were very well organized. I personally liked the short summary videos that he posted and the thinkpages that helped us with revision. However, I think the exams were too hard and the class average for the exams were too low.
- I appreciated that while Professor Jewitt is incredibly knowledgeable and accomplished, he made the course material fairly approachable especially considering most of the people in the class are non-STEM majors. However, the slides and lectures seemed slightly unorganized at times. The midterm exam also seemed especially difficult considering the lecture material. That being said, I am incredibly grateful for the extra credit opportunities Jewitt provided as they were not too difficult and fun. He was also an entertaining lecturer and made the subjects fun.
- I believe that the strengths of this instructor and course are the that he truly cares about the students' learning and education, rather than focusing on grades themselves. He provides lots of assistance in and outside of lecture to understand the material, such as additional resources on Bruinlearn. A weakness of the course would be the math portion, as there was little explanation on the problems and were fairly brushed over despite being on the midterm and assuming the final.
- I enjoyed this class as a GE. I really appreciate how the professor put an emphasis on actually trying to learn certain material in the context of the real world, rather than a bunch of memorization. The extra credit that was offered was not only generous, but enjoyable to do. I found myself enjoying doodling the moon, and visiting the Griffith Observatory. Although the material itself could be hard to keep up with sometimes, I felt as though the class allowed me a newfound interest in the Solar System.

- I found this class to be a good GE to take for someone who had little to no prior knowledge of planetary sciences. I liked the structure of the major assignments (midterm and final online with multiple choice questions). I found the lectures a little bit hard to follow but was generally able to understand most concepts. I REALLY appreciated all of the extra credit opportunities. Not only were the extra credit assignments fun and educational, but they took the stress off of the midterm and final.
- I loved this class. Professor Jewitt is very knowledgeable and understands the topic very well. He explains such abstract and advanced topics with such easy to understand examples, comparisons, and breakdowns. I normally have to struggle at times to go to lectures and watch stuff since it is dry but this is not the case. His style and questions are all fair. Strengths: presentation style, communication, passion Weakness: Does not help much about how to prepare for the Final or Midterm (but was not a problem for me)
- I loved this class. Professor Jewitt teaches so well, and makes the class super engaging and informative. Id love to take another class by him again.
- I loved this class; if I could wipe my mind and retake it, I would. Originally, I took this course as a GE to get requirements out of the way but I truly loved how the professor taught. He made class both entertaining and a great way to learn about the solar system. I think my favorite part of the course was when we got to look at the sun through the telescopes, or when he called out the grade monkeys via announcement. When it came down to grading, he was more than fair as he offered several extra credit assignments. In the future, if the professor offers any other courses, I'd probably take them even if I don't really need to. I'll be leaving the course much more knowledgable about the solar system and with a renewed interest in researching it on my own.
- I really enjoy Professor Jewitt. He is funny and caring but also the lectures can tend to get boring because we are just taking notes the entire time and it's not very interactive.
- I really enjoyed the interactive lectures and powerpoint slides
- I really enjoyed this class and I think Professor Jewitt is a great professor. I think he was really good at explaining complex topics into staighfoward and easily understandable ways. My only complain is the difficulty of the exams. I studied very hard for the midterm but felt as though I was unprepared for a good chunk of the questions. However, the extra credit seems to make up for that. Overall, I thought it was a great class.
- I think Professor Jewitt is extremely kind and understanding of students' lives, and truly wants to endow students with a desire to learn rather than just achieve a high score. Overall, I found the class to be interesting and the workload was never too much.
- I think the material Professor Jewitt goes over is extremely interesting, and his grading structure allows students to take interest in the material and course without needing to be overly worried about the grade they will receive. My only gripe would be that it sometimes feels like Professor Jewitt is not open to anyone asking about their grade. While I understand it can be irritating to hear such similar questions multiple times that are not about the course material, students do have to take some initiative in keeping track of their grades.
- I thought the material I was learning was really interesting and how in-depth the professor got into about solar systems, extraterrestrial life, and life on Earth. I also really appreciated how he gave us ample extra credit that was applicable to our lives and it allowed us to leave campus. I feel the the extra credit was both memorable and educational and really fun to do with friends.
- In all seriousness, Professor Jewitt has been one of the best professors I have had here at UCLA. He is truly attentive with real world problems and issues that can arise in an individuals life. He also cares deeply about what he is teaching but rather than attempting to be a professor who wants you to retain all the information he has given you, he wants you to have fun learning. Professor Jewitt has definitely taught me more than I would have thought to learn in an eps sci class. It is very hard to determine a weakness that Professor Jewitt has but if I had to say one is that sometimes he includes random math equations into his slides that aren't used at all in the material we learn. Other than that he one of the

best professors I have had by far.

- Instructor was very good at answering questions but a weakness would be that the slides were very wordy thus making it difficult to take notes at times.
- Interesting content; professor is very interested in the topic; I enjoyed the funny videos
- It's evident that Professor Jewitt is passionate about this subject and learning as a whole. It definitely is a lot of material to cover in so little time, but he does a good job. His lectures were well-made and easy to understand. I enjoyed his class overall. It was the only class I did not skip this quarter, partly because he does not record his lectures (which is good because it forces me to go) but also just because he is a funny and interesting man. He also offered a lot of extra credit opportunities, which made learning fun, even for non-STEM majors. I will say that I thought that his attitude might have made some students feel stupid at times, but I know he didn't mean anything by it. When someone asked about an extra credit deadline once, he called them out on it directly in the Canvas announcements and advanced the deadline. Additionally, his exams are incredibly difficult, but I guess the extra credit makes up for it. Discussions were not helpful at all and not at all relevant to the course material. While discussions were mandatory, none of the "content" was testable, and it seemed really random. I wish that discussion would be a place to get help and elaborate on subjects talked about in class, but this did not happen. I do think that Jewitt's strengths outweigh the weaknesses of the course, so I would recommend it to other students in the future. But there are definitely some things to work on.
- Jewitt is really smart, funny and chill. He is really passionate in this subject, and knows how to attract students to be interested in this subject. I can't really find any weakness in Jewitt.
- Lectures clear and entertaining
- Made this course interesting and incorporated a lot of different media to let the material sink in.
- N/A
- Notes are disorganized and doesn't cover the math aspects of the course very well if not at all, aside from that, his lectures are engaging and informative. He also offers lots of extra credit which is something you don't see much of anymore
- Personally, coming into this class it didn't spark my interest. I only took it for a GE. So, I can't comment too much about the course itself because I was always lost in the class. However, I think the professor did a good job in preparing the lecture slides. He has good communication skills and also made himself available for help. I think a weakness is like I said, I did not really take anything away from the class. I don't know if that's just me though.
- Professor Jewitt always found a way to make the class entertaining. He understood his audience and explained hard-to-learn topics in easy-to-understand ways. I always appreciated how quickly he responded to emails and made a significant effort to answer student questions in class and after. I really enjoyed the lack of homework and readings. I feel like Professor Jewitt made the material digestible enough in class, that any other readings would be redundant. However, he always uploaded further resources if a student wanted to further continue their interest in the lecture material. Professor Jewitt also found ways to incorporate life lessons which I never really expected from a science G.E. This was a really enjoyable class.
- Professor Jewitt is a cool instructor and just gets straight to the point in his lectures. There is a lot of material to go over but if the subject is interesting to you, I definitely recommend. Also, he offers a lot of extra credit opportunities throughout the quarter so take advantage of those.
- Professor Jewitt is always incredibly interesting/engaging/entertaining during lectures. It would be helpful to have a set office hours time so that it is easier to understand a good time to attend them. But besides that, the course was top-notch.
- Professor Jewitt is an entertaining and engaging professor. His lectures are always interesting and he

keeps the attention of students. He also has good communication skills and makes sure students are set up to pass the class. The class itself is not too difficult, however, the midterm and final are a bit tricky as some questions felt like they were based on topics we hadn't discussed in the lecture. The discussion for this class was not good, and most of the activities were only slightly related to what was discussed in the lecture. There was more math in this course than I expected, but most of it was not too difficult or was graded on completion.

- Professor Jewitt is an entertaining and extremely knowledgeable professor, making it easy to pay attention to the lecture and actually enjoy what we are learning.
- Professor Jewitt is clearly very knowledgeable, passionate, and accomplished in the subject that he teaches; and that shines through in his effortless teaching style. I believe this course was fair in terms of material and weekly courseload. Something I would have enjoyed more out of the course is being able to rewatch some of the videos that we view in class, when class is over. The videos displayed in class put certain topics into perspective that are difficult to understand and it would be nice to see them a second time as I would not know where to locate these videos myself. I also enjoyed the extra credit opportunities.
- Professor Jewitt is doing something very valuable in his teaching. He is getting people excited about science who otherwise probably wouldn't be, I think that the way he teaches science reach's deeper then just the equations and hard facts, when he is teaching he is also instructing us on how we use our time, how we treat our planet, and who we let put words into our heads.
- Professor Jewitt is excellent at his job. Despite the difficulty of the content, he was able to provide examples and easily explain the material. I enjoyed attending lectures, however, the lessons can get a little confusing. The only thing I would have liked to see is more in-class participation. I noticed that interactive activities helped students with the material
- Professor Jewitt is extremely knowledgeable and he has nothing but my greatest respect.
- Professor Jewitt is very passionate about learning and science as a whole.
- Professor Jewitt is very passionate and overall a cool guy. I enjoyed him as a professor but just had a hard time keeping up with all the content. I think it would be very beneficial for Professor Jewitt to have specific office hours; though it was very nice for him to say that we could stop by whenever he was there, I always worried I would bother him and would prefer he set aside a time where I would not feel bad interrupting him. Alternatively, I would worry that he would not be in his office. The other thing I struggled most with in this class was the discussions. Every week, we were given a worksheet and expected to figure it out with very little help; I particularly worried about the ones that included math. In the future, I think it would be nice for the TAs to guide the students through the worksheet and do it together. One thing I loved about this class was the extra credit. I had so much fun doing them and still admire the moons phases. It was a great way for me to explore LA. I also appreciate Professor Jewitt's emphasis on learning over grades. Finally, I loved his last lecture where he tied it all together. That was iconic.
- Professor Jewitt was really clear and repeated important concepts during class in different ways, so that we could understand it. I liked his humor and interactions with students during class because they livened the mood even if it was a huge lecture hall. I also think that his perspective on the world should be heard more often because he talks about the loss of passion for science and the lack of common sense throughout the course which needs to be heard. I definitely appreciate his adamant desire to help everyone regain a love for science and learning.
- Strength: The instructor made learning fun and exciting, making me want to go to every lecture  
Weaknesses: The lectures were not correlated with the discussion work which was part of our grade (it really depended if the TA was good at explaining or not to ensure we understood the material)
- Strengths - I like that he emphasized overall learning and not being obsessed with grades. Weakness - lecture slides were not the most organized, discussion sections were a mess

- Strengths were insightful learning and helpful engaging lessons. Weaknesses were that it was mostly test and quiz based which created an environment contrary to what Professor Jewitt seemed to want to create.
- Strengths: Plenty of opportunities to engage in the topic and get a good score because of the extra credit assignments; the discussion section worksheets were interesting. The weekly Thinkpages and mini-lectures were very helpful.  
Weaknesses: The lectures have too much content for 1h15mins -- it becomes really hard to follow the professor at some point.
- Strengths: he really wanted us to learn which is why he didn't like grading systems. Weakness: didn't record lectures and discussions were sometimes but not things we learned in class or things we learned in a passing slide. Though, there were labs (like the last one and others ) where I did learn a lot and was actually able to apply the lecture knowledge to the lab instead of trying to find answers online.
- Super fun class to take! The professor is very funny and makes lectures engaging. Would definitely recommend this course!
- The Prof. is very organized and you can tell he wants his students to learn. Great professor who always comes to class prepared with lecture slides that are organized and entertaining. Multiple videos in the slides and keeps the students attention throughout the lecture.
- The exams were extremely difficult. I doubt the TA's would've been able to do well on this because of how many questions seemed outside the lecture content. However, this was balanced by the strengths of the course which was the extra credit.
- The extra credit opportunities are what makes the class stand out. They are super interesting and they improve our grade.
- The instructor was very passionate about this class and it was nice of him to post the lecture slides and resources on Canvas. I also loved the amount of extra credit opportunities he provided us with. The main weakness of the instructor is that he would talk very quietly.
- The lectures are very well-structured and the course materials are fun. The topics covered are broad so I can understand the subject through a wider lens. The professor gives out interesting extra credits which provide a chance for students to go and learn outside of the classroom. The only weakness of the professor I would say is that sometimes he can provide a simpler explanation/introduction of the concepts before directly jumping into the definitions.
- The lectures were organized well, but there was often information that did not pertain to the lecture.
- The lectures were very interesting and supplemented with videos and visual aids, which was very helpful. The extra credit in the class was extremely interesting and a fun way to supplement our learning. It also helped me to not be as stressed about my grade in the class and be able to view the material from a calm mindset and really find it interesting to learn about planets and solar systems. Some of the questions on the midterm were confusing and unclear, but overall this is an amazing class and an amazing professor.
- The professor is great and wants his students to learn without feeling forced to for a "grade". Professor Jewitt is highly intelligent and has a passion for sharing his knowledge which is shown through his lectures. As a whole this a good course where you learn a lot.
- The professor is very knowledgeable and passionate about what he teaches and gives supplementary material to his lectures. However, his constant nitpicking of "grade monkeys" is discouraging to students, and I would've appreciated a different way of encouraging students to care more about learning than performance. However, I did appreciate his extra credit opportunities and they gave a good way of interacting with class material outside of lectures.
- The professor talks very slow and quietly it makes me fall asleep. The professor seems to know what



he's teaching.

I personally don't like that the professor doesn't have midterm or final review guide. I feel like the thinkpages that he offers aren't structured in a way that we can use in the midterm or final.

- The professor was interactive and caring. I liked how he gave a lot of extra credit assignments and was very informative about what he was doing and keeping us on track about his plans for the rest of the quarter.
- The professor was very educated on and interested in the course material he was presenting. The work pace was pretty good and not too difficult. The discussions were very enriching and engaged. My ability to thrive in this class was not impaired by the professor or TAs, but because of struggles in my personal life. The professor was weirdly dismissive and overly critical of religion. I know this is common about scientists but I find it kind of uneducated perspective because religion has helped plenty of people and isn't the source of all the world's problems. Christianity, maybe because it was in part backed by imperialism and colonialism. But religions like Hinduism never hurt anyone.
- The real strengths of this instructor and course are that they teach the class well, they help other students if they don't understand something about the class and they understand the concept of the class when teaching and the weaknesses would be none.
- The strength of this teacher was definitely his enthusiasm and intelligence for the class. As expected he knew what he was talking about but he talked about those topics in great detail and in all sorts of angles for people to understand. His enthusiasm for the class was another thing I greatly appreciated as it made the class much more fun and interesting to learn. This has been one of the most enjoyable and eye-opening classes I have taken in a while and I hope to have another instructor like this soon.
- The strengths of prof. Jewitt is that he is open and respectful to any questions regarding the class. He is also very passionate about the course material, so I was able to trust that we'd learn everything we need to know. The only weakness was that the lectures weren't too exciting, and some were a little hard to sit through because it was difficult to stay engaged.
- The strengths of this course is the fascinating material and professor Jewitt's passion for the topics, the weaknesses if anything were not having enough review before the midterm and final.
- This class was honestly kind of boring. I took astronomy last quarter and thought that this would be a good extension of the previous class, but it was a little disappointing. His lectures gave a lot of information in a shorter period of time which felt slightly overwhelming whilst his actual lectures were more of him just reading off of the slides. His class wasn't necessarily hard, just a bit of a boring one. Overall, he knows what he is talking about, it just isn't as interesting as other classes.
- This class was not overwhelming with the workload, and the professor was very clear in his expectations for the course. Professor Jewitt definitely cared about student learning as he encouraged us to go out in the world (outside Westwood) to learn about space more interestingly and engagingly. Although the tests were difficult, he gave us many opportunities to do well in the course outside of the tests. Many of the discussion sections were very interesting as well, as they were very hands-on.
- This class was very lecture-oriented. The most important part was probably just showing up to class and paying attention. The professor pitched in his very unique sense of humor into the course. Overall lectures were engaging for the most part and were somewhat interesting for me at least.
- This is the first class at UCLA where I would not only look forward to attending the lecture but be excited about it. Learnt a lot from this course and Professor Jewitt. The course is just perfect the way it is. Cannot express how happy I took this course.
- This professor is ok. You can tell his expertise in this field, but his lectures correlated nothing with the sections so I didn't even know what I should be taking away from his lectures. Also, he's pretty far-off from students, meaning that he doesn't really interact with students.
- This professor was really good. He is very knowledgeable, and he knew that most of us were in his

class for a GE. As such, he made his class pretty broad and informative. He really tried to instill curiosity and complex thinking in us, and I think he did really well. His exams were hard and a bit out of the blue at times.

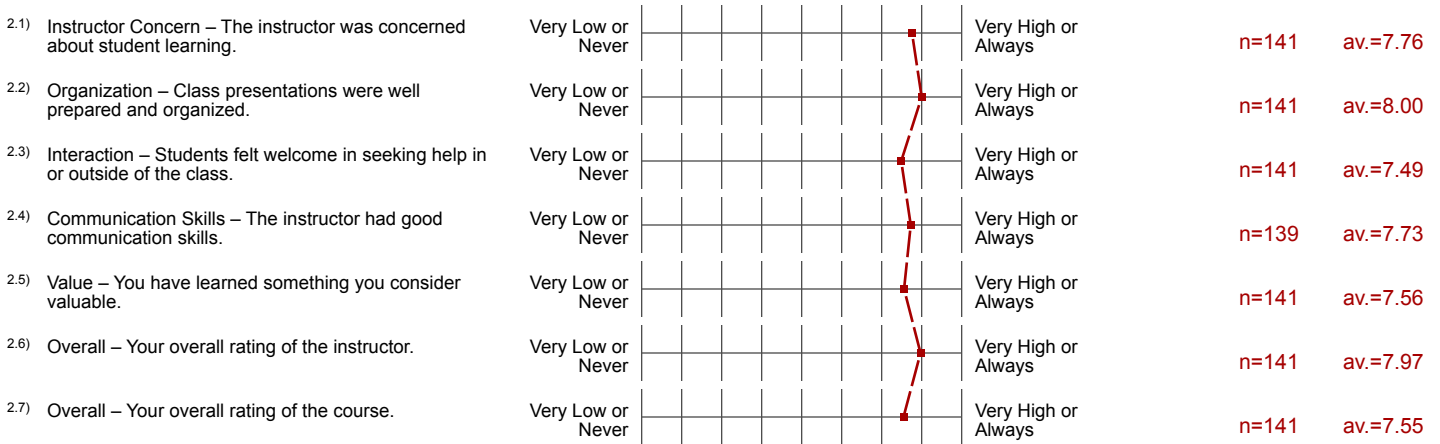
- Weaknesses: lectures felt very long because the powerpoints had lots of information (too much text), so students try the whole time to copy down all the text into their notes.  
Strengths: clear the professor was very knowledgeable and interested in course material. The discussion sections were organized well and helped understand the course material better.
- he made class enjoyable and was able to communicate the information well. there isn't a weakness i noticed in the class.
- he's passionate about the topic but the test it way too specific and there's no study guides to help out especially with the amount of info in this class
- instructor is interesting and is very knowledgeable and passionate about the subject. made me interested in the subject, and presents information and lecture in a organized way. supplements with many videos and photos that help to understand the topic better and create more interest. funny prof too, and very understanding of any situations that come up.
- yes
- you are amazing.

# Profile

Subunit: EPS SCI  
 Name of the instructor: D.C. JEWITT  
 Name of the course: 23W: EPS SCI 9 LEC 1: SOLAR SYSTM&PLANETS  
 (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:

