

OID/Evaluation of Instruction Program
 CLASS SUMMARY FOR SOLAR SYSTM&PLANETS

2012 FALL
 Form A

Instructor: JEWITT, D.C. ID: 303858846
 Department: E&S SCI
 Course: SOLAR SYSTM&PLANETS 9 ID: 178055200
 Type: LEC 001
 Enrollment: 131

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1. Year in School		2. UCLA GPA		3. Expected Grade		4. Requirement Fulfilled	
# valid responses: 90		# valid responses: 89		# valid responses: 89		# valid responses: 88	
Freshman:	57.78 %	Below 2.0:	0.00 %	A:	51.69 %	Major:	2.27 %
Sophomore:	27.78 %	2.0 - 2.49:	2.25 %	B:	23.60 %	Related Field:	1.14 %
Junior:	7.78 %	2.5 - 2.99:	4.49 %	C:	2.25 %	G.E.:	85.23 %
Senior:	6.67 %	3.0 - 3.49:	17.98 %	D:	0.00 %	None:	11.36 %
Graduate:	0.00 %	3.5 +:	21.35 %	F:	0.00 %		
Other:	0.00 %	Not Established	53.93 %	P:	1.12 %		
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Questions	Not Low			Medium				High		No	Rsp	Mean	Mdn	Std Dev	
	Appl	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9					Rsp
5. The instructor was concerned about student learning.	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	21	21	44	0	92	8.10	8.00	1.0
6. Class presentations were well prepared and organized.	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	12	19	57	0	92	8.39	9.00	0.9
7. Students felt welcome in seeking help.	1	0	0	0	0	4	4	16	24	43	0	92	8.08	8.00	1.1
8. The instructor had good communication skills	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	18	60	0	92	8.50	9.00	0.7
9. You have learned something you consider valuable.	0	0	0	0	1	6	4	11	22	48	0	92	8.08	9.00	1.3
10. Your overall rating of the instructor.	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	29	53	1	91	8.46	9.00	0.7
11. Your overall rating of the course.	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	15	25	41	2	90	8.07	8.00	1.1
12. Nonstandard Question.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	88	4	8.25	8.50	1.0
13. Nonstandard Question.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	89	3	8.33	9.00	1.2
14. Nonstandard Question.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	89	3	8.33	9.00	1.2
15. Nonstandard Question.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	89	3	8.33	9.00	1.2

Course Characteristics	Not Appl	Low	Medium	High	#No Resp	#Val Resp
16. Subject Interest before Course	1	30	44	16	1	91
17. Subject Interest after Course	0	8	42	41	1	91
18. Mastery of Course Material	1	6	57	26	2	90
19. Difficulty (Relative to Other Courses)	0	22	61	6	3	89
20. Workload/Pace Was	0	1	85	3	3	89
21. Texts, Required Readings	33	5	42	11	1	91
22. Homework Assignments	1	3	54	33	1	91
23. Graded Materials, Examinations	0	10	57	21	4	88
24. Lecture Presentations	0	0	25	65	2	90
25. Class Discussions	5	3	45	37	2	90

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I enjoyed the class and learned a lot. Professor Jewitt is very knowledgeable and funny. The tests were very difficult though which was disappointing because I paid attention in class and studied hard. I appreciate the format of the final, however, and I feel like the class was beneficial to me and a good use of my time overall.

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Professor Jewitt makes science fun. Coming in, he said that while he could make the class extremely mathematical and dull, his chief interest is to inspire students. Jewitt's humorous and approachable teaching style does just that. He makes the course really interesting; I would not mind taking another course with him.

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I hate science, and this is the only science class I took which I didn't "ditch" lecture in. You a good professor, & this is coming from a poli sci major. I enjoyed this class & wish

I could take another science ge with you.

* Btw for the hw assignment the way to measure angle was explained poorly please tell Chris to explain it better.

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You are an excellent professor and did an amazing job at teaching us the material. Lecture was hardly ever boring as you kept us entertained with movies (especially 2001)

Your examples such as the magnet in the copper tube really helped demonstrate your point.

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Strengths -

- He is so passionate about what he teaches it shows in his presentations.
- He is enthusiastic.
- Explains things in great detail
- Is very welcome to questions.

He does not have major weaknesses, I just wish I could have gone to his office hours more for him to explain in more depth some of the material.

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Dave Jewitt is one if not the most interesting man in the world. His lectures are very entertaining and come from a true pioneer of Astronomy. Very enjoyable class, got me to appreciate the beauty of the moon and space even more.

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Overall, the course was informative and well-structured. I would have liked to have made labs more interactive between the class itself and the TA, but the material of the class was well developed.

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Excellent Professor and very interesting course. He makes the material interesting and easy to understand. The lectures and the discussion labs go pretty well together. Lecture slides were well prepared.

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The instructor is knowledgeable, concerned about his students, humorous and enthusiastic in class.

The textbook wasn't used very much. But the extra information & knowledge on the textbook is good, which are not included in his teaching.

I love the assignments that he gave. The assignments are fun to do, and I can also learn a lot about this course. I love, love the assignments and extra credits.

The discussions, however, have too much to do during the discussion period, that overtime is needed.

My TA Michelle is not very enthusiastic.

So the discussions really need to be improved.

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Intresting class, but tests seem unorganized.

It would be helpful if the Prof. would give specific materials for which to study for exams.

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Strengths - great communication, very funny and interesting guy

- Super intelligent
- Solid teacher

Weaknesses - lots of material to be covered

- some assignments rather tedious/painful

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This class is not easy but not hard. The tests (midterms) would be my only problem with the class. The questions are tricky that make you doubt yourself. I'm not much of a science person but I found the class to be fun and I actually learned a lot.

Strengths: lecture notes & Jewitt's communication skills
Weaknesses: midterms; they are tricky.

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I found this class very interesting but very difficult. The exams, no matter how hard or long I studied and went to the review session I still did very bad on the exams.

I enjoyed this class, especially lectures because professor Jewitt incorporates several photos and videos to entertain his students. He is also very engaging which is normally unlikely in previous science classes I have been in.

Overall I enjoyed it but I'm fearful for my grade because it was difficult.

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Professor was able to explain difficult concepts in simple words so class could understand.

Occasionally there are words I do not understand what the professor is saying because of his accent.

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Strengths

- Great Professor
- very interesting class
- fun extra credit opportunities

Weaknesses

- Drawing the moon homework assignment - I am not a good artist and after all this is a science class, not an art class. I don't think that was a fair assignment. It doesn't matter if I spend an hour or a lifetime drawing the moon, it still won't look good.

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This professor actually cares about student learning. He has shown that he has demonstrated mastery of the course by being able to teach it well. This is my favorite professor so far at UCLA because it is what a college course should be. A welcoming environment with a caring professor that grades an effort to learn instead of promoting ~~an~~ insignificant competition.

You'd have to be really stupid to think that there are weaknesses to this professor, especially compared to 99% of professors on campus.

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Great Instructor and a great course! Very interesting material that is fun and easy to learn. Honestly, I have nothing bad to say about Professor Jewitt or ESS 9.

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Concepts were sometimes taught fast but overall
I thought the class was nice and the
professor is nice.

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- Very approachable and cares about student learning
- makes lecture very interesting
- lectures were organized and well paced
- really enjoyed the course (lecture, discussion, assignments)
(why am I not majored in this?)
- Thank you

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I was surprised at how much I enjoyed this class. This is odd, but I kind of wanted more material to read or at least review because sometimes I would feel a bit unprepared for a midterm, even though after I would do fine.

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- strengths :
- class is very entertaining and professor Jewitt is very smart.
 - A lot of interesting topics to learn about in this class.
 - Always on time.
 - presentations / clips are fun.
 - fun stories.
 - love videos!

- weaknesses :
- tests are a bit confusing and some material on the test is not gone over a lot.

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I learned a lot that I didn't know before. Great instructor, great class. probably need to get a classroom where the equipment works well...

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I enjoyed this class, and I learned some interesting information about the solar system. The material was simplistic. The midterms were good, but short so if you missed a few it was detrimental.

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I usually hate sciencø GE's, but this one was great. Such an awesome professor!

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Strengths: communication, creating
interest w/in students

Weakness: should be pod casted

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David is absolutely knowledgeable for materials in this class and can present them in a neat, organized but also humorous way.

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The instructor is really funny and passionate about the course and his education.
Class is interesting and instructional.

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- Teacher knows material very well
- Good presenter

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Professor Jewitt is so awesome. He is very knowledgeable about all topics pertaining to Earth & space sciences. He makes me proud to be at UCLA. The content was very interesting and his lectures were well organized. He is so humble despite the many monumental discoveries he has made in his field.

The exams were kind of difficult and specific for me. I studied hard and ended up not getting A's on them. However, the curve and extra credit that Dr. Jewitt so generously offers should compensate for it (I hope).

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The professor has a great sense of humor and inclusion of movies throughout the lectures helps aid learning as well as improves the flow of lectures.

In regards to HW #1, while the point of the 10 observations is clear (observe the moon as it goes through cycles), the point of the bigger detailed moon drawing is not.

The only concrete reason I can think of is "something to grade for credit" as we only have 2 HW assignments.

Prompt for HW 1 can be given earlier on in the quarter
Prompt for HW 2 can be more detailed

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Professor Jewitt is extremely knowledgeable & an entertaining lecturer. I'd have to say my only real problem w/ the course was the obscurity of questions on the exam. Even though I studied well I found the exams harder than I expected, harder than they should have been for the type of material we covered in this class.

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You are awesome Prof.
So cool to see u in the two
Videos, haha!!
Hope to take more classes of yours
and u really raise my interests in
Space Science though that's not
my major.

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I loved learning about the subject; however the tests were extremely difficult. I felt the wording of the questions made it harder than what they needed to be. The class was good but the tests SUCKED!

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I really enjoyed this class; it has strengthened my interest in astronomy and further pursue it seeking out astronomical and scientific information on my own rather than just learning about it in class.

My only concern was that, at times, the presentations or lectures were a bit rushed; I would have liked more time to digest the information and comprehend it more fully before learning about the next topic. Other than that, the course proved to be very enjoyable.

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As a non-science major, I learned a lot and thoroughly enjoyed this class. When I became a rich adult, I will definitely support NASA. I think you're an excellent lecturer that has a knack for simplifying complicated material. My main criticism of the course is that throughout the lecture, many slides would be stripped over so I didn't know if they were important or not. I would definitely recommend this class to a peer.

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The best class I took in UCLA so far. I'm so lucky that I took this class, because the professor is awesome. Professor Jewitt is an expert in his field, and is good at teaching. He made this class very interesting, and I learned a lot from the ^{class and} assignments. And I don't have to concern about the exams too much. It will be wonderful if I can take his other class again.

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He is a really nice man. If I have some problems and mail him, he always replies to me as soon as possible. I think he is absolutely a good professor. The assignments were interesting and did not take me a lot of time.

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- The lectures were well-organized and interesting. The professor really knew the information well and had some interesting inputs.
- I really enjoyed having the Powerpoint slides & incorporating videos into the lecture.
- I thought the class was going to be simply about space and the solar system, but it also covered topics aside from what I had expected, and I really liked that.

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(+) Strengths for students

- Powerpoints posted on website
- tons of extra credit (interesting ones too)
- questions for final given beforehand
- funny professor (LOL)
- video we watched was good

(+) Weaknesses

- No review sheet for both midterms
- Midterm questions were "all over the place"
- Should have focused the midterm more than just randomly adding questions that can be seen as "trivia"

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I really enjoyed Prof. Dave lecture this ~~semester~~^{quarter}. He is extremely knowledgeable about some very interesting material. I learned a lot and have more of an appreciation ~~of~~ for the subject.

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Professor Jewitt is my favorite professor by far. His lecture is really interesting, as well as homework assignments and extra credits. He really wants ~~us~~ to develop our interest in this class and he did it! If he ~~will~~ teaches any other GE, I will definitely take it.

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I came into this class with little knowledge of the solar system, but I leave it with a great understanding of the subject. Jewitt was hilarious during lecture, and you could tell he had a great passion for the subject. I looked forward to every lecture and discussion. The slides covered everything that needed to be known for the tests. It was awesome seeing him as the star of the videos we watched. I recommended this course to all of my friends.

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Very well organized + interesting class. The professor was very concerned with student learning. I also think it's amazing how Prof. Jewitt discovered the Kuiper Belt yet he's teaching an easy class on the solar system.

I didn't like how some questions on the exams had answers that weren't on the lecture slides or we didn't cover them at all. Other than that, I like how we have a lot of opportunity for extra credit & we can work at getting an A.

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Professor Jewitt is an all around fantastic human being. He gives the University a great name. His lectures are always captivatingly interesting and never ceases to give me a surge of adrenaline.
Overall great course, I recommend it to everyone.

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Science can be really boring sometimes. Professor Jewitt made the learning aspect of this class really fun. I really enjoyed the lectures and Professor Jewitt based his presentations on questions then used his powerpoint slides to answer the questions. I'm leaving the class with a great desire to learn more.

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Good

Overall, the class was very engaging, which I think really helps to make the whole relaying of information more effective. The lectures were well structured and organized, all the information talked about is all that you need to do well in the class. I also appreciate that there are no curve balls in the exams. This class definitely is my favorite science class here at UCLA. I'll definitely be recommending my friends this course.

Bad

It's really hard to say because the professor was great to say the least. But the only piece of advice that I can offer is send students interesting articles that relate to lectures. I feel like it's a good way to supplement lectures.

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I really enjoyed the content covered in this class and I feel like I will walk away with a useful general knowledge of the solar system. I would definitely consider taking another class in this subject area. My two complaints are ~~that~~ that the homework assignments seemed a lot like busy work and didn't add to my performance on exams and I feel like the exams often tested us on trivial knowledge that I didn't pick up on, even if attended lectures every day.

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~~I really enjoyed this class, I had no idea that professor Jewitt was~~

This class was great. The professor's lectures were great. Every ~~day~~ ~~lecture~~ lecture day I learned something new about our solar system. I'm not a science person myself, but now I am considering taking more science classes. ~~that~~ The way he taught the lecture was awesome; ~~his personality~~ he was liked by all students.

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Good communication/interaction during lectures, very Entertaining.

A little too fast paced though.

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Strengths

Jenett is funny and engaging; he seems to genuinely care about the material and his students.

Weaknesses

He is the man responsible for the demotion of Pluto to a dwarf planet and that makes me sad.

Course

Weaknesses

The discussions/labs seemed completely out of synch with the lectures, while the TAs were nice, I felt as if I was at a discussion for another class.

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Very positive experience. Lectures well paced and interesting, discussion activities interesting and varied (though we often felt pressed for time). Overall: learned a lot, great class, great professor. Thank you for everything this quarter.

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Professor Jewitt is a real master of astronomy and he is very skillful in presentation as well. He is humorous and keeps his students interested in the course. He is creative and assigns homework that is truly interesting and meaningful. There are also many hands-on activities which I like a lot.

It would be even better if there are more planetarium activities for us to have a direct look at the sky.

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I enjoyed this class very much. I only took this class because it fit my schedule but turned out to be my favorite of the 3 classes I am taking. Professor Jewitt is very knowledgeable in this field and makes the course very interesting. HW load and exams are very manageable. I really enjoyed this course.

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He was very organized and his lectures were very comprehensive. Also his humor made the lectures more interesting.

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Tests are far too difficult.

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It was a pleasure and an honor to be in Professor Jewitt's class this quarter. His passion for astronomy and studying our solar system came through in each lecture. I learned a great deal from Professor Jewitt. Additionally, I appreciated all of the opportunities for extra credit.

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Note: I just wanted you to know that I'm really sorry that sometimes I fall asleep during lecture. It's not because of the course material or the lecture, but because I can rarely stay awake in every class. I try though and still learn the lecture notes online.

I really appreciate having the powerpoints online and your concern for us.

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The instructor was very passionate about course material and he presented the subject in an interesting way. workload and examinations were very manageable.

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The topics of this class were always interesting to learn about while the slideshows had a lot of cool visuals & examples that help enforce the topic. Being a non science major, the stuff we go over isn't too overwhelming or too abstract to the point of utter confusion.

The only weakness of this class being ~~the~~ not enough time to go over the topics in discussion because we have labs and most of us are scrambling to finish those labs. Other strengths are how well the instructor teaches/explains the topic w/o everyone ~~from~~ zoning out.

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great Professor

great Class

Power points were great,

I would suggest posting them before class so people can review them at home or during phone in class.

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strengths: organized powerpoint presentations, good visuals (pictures & videos), many extra credit opportunities, a fair workload.

weakness: went very fast at times.

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Instructor is very passionate about the subject which in turn makes it very interesting to learn about.

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I loved this class. The tests were really hard but I was able to make up low test grades with fun extra credit, like the Griffith Observatory so overall the class isn't too hard. Jewitt is a great guy & knows tons about his subject. Sometimes he goes deep into difficult scientific processes, but as long as I understood the main ideas I was fine.

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Strengths

- Professor Jewitt was truly one of the best teachers I have ever had. His passion about subject matter led to interesting lectures and made me excited to come to class. His knowledge and experience in this field truly makes him one of the best people in the world for us to learn about the solar system from.

Weakness

The quizzes and tests did not cover some info covered in class - often found info on tests to be irrelevant to course discussion + lectures.

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I really enjoyed this class. Professor Jewitt makes everything really simple to understand with lots of videos and power points. He would often crack jokes and make lectures interesting to listen to. The TAs are also really helpful and nice. They always helped answer questions and were available to help students when needed.

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Loved this course. Would certainly recommend.

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Lectures were intriguing and informative, but occasionally scattered.
Overall, Prof. Demitt was a very well-informed instructor, and more or less effectively communicated his knowledge.

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Strengths

- Humor during lectures, extremely rare in any lecture
- very, very friendly
- Interest for the course is huge part from the instructor

Weaknesses

- math-related content within midterms, unexpected level of difficulty
- stark difference between the difficulty of lectures and midterms.

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Great class, don't change a thing!
Loved the youtube videos.

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Cares about students
having a well rounded
knowledge of our social
system.

Professor Jewitt is a
master of this material

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The last time I have taken a solar system class was probably in elementary school, therefore my expectations for the class were high, and I was pretty excited over it as well. When taking it, the professor was always energetic and passionate toward what was being taught. I enjoyed lectures. In the end the only weakness is that the exams, although they were multiple choice still managed to come out as hard for me, and because of it, believe the textbook should be mandatory for those who don't understand the course material as quick as others.

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Strengths: He's a very intelligent man with a lot of knowledge and has mastered the material

Weakness: That ^{knowledge} does not always transfer over to the students well. He didn't communicate appropriately with the TAs on what ~~the~~ material was going to be covered on the tests.

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I've always been interested in the solar system and this class just increased my interest in the subject. The information was tough at times but not impossible to learn; the tests were worded and arranged in a tricky manner, which I found difficult, especially for the 2nd, but overall, I learned a lot. The extra credit is helpful too. Thank you! I think Jenett is awesome because of his achievements, the Kuiper Belt and Pluto and such.

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Great class! Best one in my 1st quarter at UCLA.
Dave's character & personality were definitely
why I actually paid attention in the
materials. I've never been interested in
science, but taking this course was
actually fun, and I can say I have
learned a lot. 😊

p.s. What other classes will you teach?
maybe you can send us an email?

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