



**D.C. JEWITT**  
**Evaluation of Instruction Program Report**  
 20F: CLUSTER 70A LEC 1: COSMOS AND LIFE  
 No. of responses = 108  
 Enrollment = 232  
 Response Rate = 46.55%

1. Overall Rating:

1.1) Your overall rating of this instructor.



n=108  
 av.=4.69  
 md=5  
 dev.=0.52

1.2) Comments for this individual instructor:

- Absolutely hilarious, everybody loves him and I do too. Sometimes his lectures are slightly disorganized, but otherwise, a standout guy.
- Amazing job! Very knowledgeable and passionate about the subject and it showed in their teaching :)
- Awesome lecturer. I was blown away by his knowledge and charisma. Was also really helpful in answering questions after class. Thanks for being my teacher!
- Best ever.
- Clearly very educated. Was a little strange when we were forced to watch his bbc documentary.
- Course contained too much information to digest for individuals who are not incredibly interested in the subject matter (but are at least interested to some degree). As a result, it was difficult to stay fully attentive throughout lectures at all times. Could incorporate more breaks or other informative tangents to provide time to digest information. The tangents/stories incorporated were entertaining and interesting.
- Dave's the best. His lectures emphasize learning for learning's sake and enjoyment instead of studying to the test.
- David Jewitt was not only very knowledgeable about his subject, but he is a very entertaining professor. I greatly enjoyed both his humor and his presentations he created.
- Definitely the best instructor. The only critique I have is that Jewitt often explains a lot that isn't in the slides and when I revisit the slides to study, sometimes I find the information isn't there and I have to rewatch parts of the recorded lecture. I am very grateful for the recorded lectured this semester though.
- Engaging discussions and very helpful real life examples but lecture slides were sometimes hard to follow which made it difficult to take notes on during lecture
- Great speaker, obviously is an expert and breaks down the material for us to understand fairly easily
- Had a lot of fun listening to lectures from Professor Jewitt! Sometimes it would be nice for answers to students' questions to be a little simplified for us to understand, but also those questions are on-the-spot, so I appreciate the great extent to which they've been answered this quarter :)
- He is a very funny and charismatic person, he makes lectures enjoyable. He is good at explaining concepts in different ways for students to understand. I can tell that he enjoys working with students. One downside is he moves quickly through the material, which personally makes it hard to keep up (but understandable given the course material).
- He is badass!! Very enjoyable to listen to and is interest in the material is contagious. I thoroughly

enjoyed his lectures.

- He is so incredibly knowledgeable and gives super insightful and interesting lectures. I appreciate how he always provides students with extra resources to dive deeper into the topics he introduces.
- He is very earnest and knowledgeable and I feel engaged when he is speaking. He also seems very kind and I would feel comfortable asking him any questions. The only negative I have about him is that often his microphone will go out or disconnect him completely, and once he could not even hear other students asking questions during the lecture. I understand that this is not his fault but it draws my attention away from the lecture and I often miss some information that I have to go back to rewatch.
- He is very knowledgeable in his field, and it really shows during his lectures. I appreciate the way he focuses on big picture ideas as opposed to small details. I also think that his lectures engage students as he finds ways to connect material to observations he has made in his own life. I think he brings in outside situations and videos that especially solidify concepts and my understanding of course material.
- He likes to focus on very straightforward and main ideas rather than get bogged down by minute details. This is appreciated. The accent makes the lectures more enjoyable as well. I also feel that the lectures can be disorganized sometimes.
- He was my favorite of the two main instructors, not to hate on Petigura in the slightest. I always seemed to have questions for him, and he always seemed to have great answers! I will say that one thing to improve could be the way you space your powerpoint slides to keep pace, I thought that could be a bit better.
- His lectures were very engaging and he explained things very well. However, students have to listen well in the lectures because his slides presentation do not always have a lot of notes, and he mostly gives us pertinent information during the lecture.
- Honestly one of the coolest professors I have ever learned from.
- I absolutely loved (virtually) attending Professor Jewitt's lectures. I appreciated the pacing of his lectures, both in terms of lecturing speed and amount of material covered. I never felt overwhelmed by the sheer amount of material or speed at which it was being explained (in the way I sometimes did during Professor Petigura or Friscia's lectures). It was also great how P. Jewitt's personality shined through in his lectures; it was just as interesting hearing his analysis of the portraits of certain scientists ("He looks like someone who'd compel you to flee the country and never look back") or genius analogies ("the earth's mantle is like really cool tomato ketchup") as it was the rest of his course material. I also so appreciated how he only gave us supplementary materials that would enrich our understanding, not further confuse us. I thoroughly enjoyed watching the assigned videos and documentaries, especially "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly," which heavily featured P. Jewitt! That was awesome. P. Jewitt also offered very thorough answers to any student questions during office hours or via email. I will never forget the pleasant surprise of receiving an email response, once, in under ten minutes! Thank you for helping make this a great quarter, (King) Jewitt.
- I deeply appreciated Professor Jewitt's focus on inspiring us to become more scientifically literate by changing how we viewed science! I am also very grateful that despite his expertise and fame within astronomy, he chose to teach this GE Cluster for primarily non-STEM majors, I could easily tell how passionate and knowledgeable he is from all of his lectures and quick responses to my emails. The only suggestion I have is to rephrase the Free Response question on Quiz 3 about "key features of the structure of the solar system" and instead emphasize "key features of the solar system on a large scale". Overall, thank you Professor Jewitt!
- I enjoyed the format of Professor Jewitt's lectures - it was brilliant to have a few powerpoint slides of diagrams and short videos accompanied by verbal explanation, and then a slide with a few bullets of text summarizing what Professor Jewitt had said. I found this method of presenting a lecture to be very efficient both for taking notes and for absorbing the information thoroughly. Further, I want to say that Professor Jewitt was truly a delight to listen to in every lecture he gave. His tone was always engaging and amusing, and he brought his own experiences to the table, whether day-to-day or related to his

research, in a relatable way. The mixed-media presentations and supporting materials were also exceedingly helpful and interesting.

- I like that Professor Jewitt provides many real-world examples in his lectures because it makes the topics easier to understand. He also includes many pictures and videos in his lectures that help explain the topics further and make the lecture engaging.
- I liked Jewitt. His lecture style was easy to understand. I also liked his use of supplemental videos in addition to lectures.
- I love Professor Jewitt's attitude/energy and his lectures are always entertaining. I love his videos of random experiments and all the BBC clips he is featured in.
- I loved Professor Jewitt's lectures. He is amazing at providing loads of information, while also making it engaging and accessible.
- I personally love Professor Jewitt's teaching style! He has the best lectures. His teaching style is informational, humorous and enjoyable. I come out of the class inspired by the course's material and by Professor Jewitt as a person. The course material is relatively interactive and fun as we are able to see extraterrestrial materials, such as fragments of actual meteorites and comets that Professor Jewitt brings to class.
- I personally think professor Dave Jewitt is the BEST professor I have ever had in my entire life. His lectures are engaging. He is SO passionate about the subject. He is always willing to answer any question we have. He is amazing! It's also amazing to see him on all these documentaries on BBC and Youtube about asteroids. Overall fantastic professor.
- I really enjoyed Professor Jewitt's lectures! He's clearly passionate about the material and did a good job of conveying it to us. I learned a lot from him this quarter!
- I really enjoyed how Prof. Jewitt actually showed experiments in his lectures given the online nature of this course. Prof. Jewitt was also just a really great professor, like really good. I was motivated to come to his lectures and always walked away learning something. I really wish this was not an online course because it must be even better when this course is in-person.
- I really like Prof. Jewitt's lectures since he seems so well-versed in the topics of astronomy. He's passionate and encourages critical thinking while also attacking the controversial education system based on grading. I think he demonstrates how students should focus on being passionate, ambitious, and hard-working rather than worrying about a letter grade. Furthermore, his lectures were compelling and engaging and filled with interesting information.
- I really liked how you incorporated your own ideas/philosophies into your teaching
- I really liked this professor. He is one of the experts in his field, but he managed to explain concepts in a way that we could understand. His humor kept things interesting, as well as the videos and extra tid bits he incorporated into his lectures. Additionally, the supplemental material for his lectures was very easy to watch and made the material exciting for me. Overall, I think he is one of my favorite instructors from my (brief) time at UCLA so far.
- I really value everything Professor Jewitt teaches us and that he really tries to make difficult concepts easier to understand.
- I think all the Dave's in this course got something goin' right. Prof. Dave Jewitt, much like Dave Milewski, was an encouraging source of knowledge in an otherwise confusing subject.
- I truly appreciated Professor Jewitt's enthusiasm for the material and his willingness to answer questions during the lecture.
- I would have loved Jewitt in a traditional classroom setting but for some reason (I think his microphone was kinda bad?) I could hardly ever hear a word he said so I just stopped going to class.

- Immensely knowledgeable and willing to share information at any time.
- Incredibly knowledgeable, great at lecturing, and just a great professor in general.
- It was an amazing opportunity to have such a renowned scientist in his field as a professor. Jewitt's passion for his work truly shined through when he taught it. My only complaint would be the fact that he often breezes through his slides too quickly and doesn't touch on all the information listed.
- It was super cool to be taught by someone as distinguished in the field as professor Jewitt!! He was very knowledgeable and made his presentations more interesting by including videos and other types of media in order to teach. I wish I could be in a classroom with him in person!
- Jewitt did not utilize zoom to its full capacity, such as utilizing polls and other functions, he also experienced many technical difficulties and added a lot of videos on CCLE that sometimes got overwhelming. However Jewitt slowed any student to interrupt him with questions if any material was unclear and also used many movies and pictures throughout the lecture to make sure students who are visual learners are able to understand the lectures better.
- Jewitt was an amazing instructor and I will forever be grateful for being taught by him. His lectures were extremely interesting, I can truly say I learned the most from him. Not only that, but he was the only introductor that brought in different perspectives about the subject that tied in really well with the material. I appreciated that aspect a lot, you can tell it was important for him to do so, as well.
- Lectures are a little disorganized. It's difficult to tell what information is actually important and what is a sidenote. During lectures, he sometimes says that something won't be needed, but then it shows up on a quiz. Sometimes he skips over math in the lecture and tells us to review it later, but these tend to be more difficult to understand than the rest of the material. Overall though, he cares about his students and explains things pretty well.
- Liked his personality. Thought he explained concepts well.
- Love Professor Jewitt's style of teaching. He has powerpoints but he doesn't simply read off the slides. He talks about each topic in an engaging and connected manner with one topic smoothly transitioning to the next one. The little comments he makes sometimes are also very humorous and helps to keep me engaged in the lecture.
- Love the energy Professor Jewitt brings to the lectures!
- Not a science guy by any means, but Professor Jewitt's subtle jokes, commentary, and videos kept me intrigued and entertained for the most part, which means I actually learned some stuff. The material is sometimes hard for me to grasp and I understand that the class has to move at a certain pace to cover the necessary material, so thank you for recording the lectures. I have rewatched pretty much every lecture at least once and find that I understand the main concepts better the second time around. His pure curiosity, enthusiasm, and charisma all make the class bearable despite my natural tendency to daydream during a lecture on a subject which I generally have no interest in. Quiz 3, however, I felt wasn't clear in the slides. When I rewatched the lecture, it seemed like you were talking about objects like asteroids and comets since those were so heavily emphasized. This confused me and as a result I got my lowest quiz score so far. maybe include (these are NOT objects) or something like that to really distinguish the difference more.
- One of the quizzes had a very vague question which could have several interpretations and the marking scheme was very strict and unfair, causing many students to get marks as low as 3/10 and 2.5/10 in the quiz, which affected our morale and drive, as well as our faith in the quiz markschemes.
- Personable instructor, and made it very easy for us to seek him out for questions and concerns.
- Prof. Jewitt clearly presents the material and provides interesting feedback and information about the subject. He also takes time to answer questions and is very helpful in understanding the course material. He also provides valuable supplemental material which is also very helpful.

- Prof. Jewitt is awesome. Not just awesome, double awesome.
- Prof. Jewitt was super informative, knowledgeable, passionate and engaging. Prof. Jewitt's lectures felt more like him featuring his hobbies than him just presenting information, which made the lectures all the more interesting and engaging. I found it super cool how Prof. Jewitt also provided lots of videos of stuff that he would probably show at the classroom, such as meteorites or small experiments to demonstrate concepts. This definitely bridged the gap between online and in-person learning a little bit more, and overall I really enjoyed Prof. Jewitt's class.
- Prof. Jewitt was very engaged in his field of study and his enthusiasm made it very interesting to learn as well. He was also great at explaining concepts in a way that both showed the full picture and were easy to grasp.
- Professor Dave was one of, if not, my favorite professor for the quarter. He is a notable figure in the field of astronomy so it was really awesome to hear from someone who has had the type of experiences he has. His passion for the subject really came through during lectures. He made complex subjects really easy to understand and I also liked how he injected humor into all of his lectures. I hope to take his seminar in the spring (if he is teaching one)!
- Professor Jewitt is a very accomplished man in his field and his knowledgeability is clear in classes. His lectures are slightly lengthy but they provide all the necessary content. His sense of humor makes class enjoyable and is appreciated when dealing with more serious concepts that may de-motivate students.
- Professor Jewitt is a wonderful professor. I learned a lot from his and it was interesting that he had his own asteroid that he discovered. He sounded very confident about the subject and knew what he was teaching. He provided a lot of his experiments for students to understand better about certain topics.
- Professor Jewitt is an incredibly interesting and entertaining lecturer to learn from. It is clear how invested he is in the subject which helped make me excited to learn as well. Even over zoom, class with him was always fascinating.
- Professor Jewitt is easily one of the most interesting instructors that I've ever had the chance to learn from. The amount of genuine interest that he has in his work is astounding, and I felt bad that he didn't always get to elaborate on the topics that he wanted to talk about due to time constraints. I'll be honest, I do not plan to go into the natural sciences myself, but Prof. Jewitt could have changed my mind if we had spent more time together. He presents material in a way that's easy enough for anyone to understand and gradually dives deeper into it. Despite appearing somewhat of a reserved person at first, he is excellent at communicating the concepts behind space. My favorite part about learning from him, was that he would always answer the question of "How do scientists know about that?" without being asked first. He presented the course's ideas seamlessly but always reminded us that there was a process of scientific discovery behind every finding.
- Professor Jewitt is passionate about the course material, and it shows in the lecture. He is very helpful outside the lectures as well, and he is great at explaining things.
- Professor Jewitt is very knowledgeable about the field, and his anecdotes make learning this material very interesting. Professor Jewitt actively posted announcements and extra materials through emails which helped remind students, however, I wished that he posted his presentations before his lectures. Additionally, Professor Jewitt also tends to spend too much time elaborating on questions asked by students which makes the lecture go a bit over time. However, Professor Jewitt incorporated a lot of visual material into his presentations which captivated many students and his hands-on "experiments" were very unique. He also included a lot of engaging videos and articles that added to the overall learning experience. Overall, Professor Jewitt thoroughly explained everything and made class very enjoyable.
- Professor Jewitt is very knowledgeable and passionate about the course material. He was always very funny and engaging and I looked forward to his lectures.
- Professor Jewitt is very knowledgeable and passionate about what he teaches. He is always happy to

answer questions and always makes the effort to ask if there are any questions. He does have technical difficulties sometimes due to his wifi network but that isn't a big issue. He does go pretty quickly on the material which is understandable considering how much stuff there is to cover and how fast the quarter system is.

- Professor Jewitt knew what he was doing. Even in a virtual environment, he was happy to answer all and any questions. His words and general approach was understandable, he explained complex topics such as the cloud collapse in more "trivial" ways. In doing so, we were able to absorb the content to a greater degree. Furthermore, he brought up questions and brought up interesting topics, making the process more fun.
- Professor Jewitt provided interesting course material both in and out of class. Be it through the optional readings (or viewings), or through the short little videos included in the lectures, every class was thoroughly enjoyable. Professor Jewitt was very helpful in answering questions as well. I greatly appreciated how he emphasized so much more on the knowledge we obtained rather than our grades, and how lectures were always designed to reflect that pursuit of knowledge.
- Professor Jewitt was a great instructor that brought a great energy to class. He made good use of videos to illustrate some of the more challenging concepts during lectures.
- Professor Jewitt was a really funny and understanding professor who had both extensive knowledge of the topics he was talking about and how to address the class's question with courtesy. The only issues that I experienced with Professor Jewitt during his lectures were the internet issues that tended to obscure his lesson and make it hard to understand what he was saying as the connection interrupted his teaching. Prof. Jewitt also tends to talk extensively about certain topics that are not as applicable to the quizzes, and this sometimes made it frustrating to try and find the correct answer through the lectures themselves (although this may just be a different issue with the way the course's quizzes are written). However, Dave is the man and a really great professor to have overall.
- Professor Jewitt was extremely engaging during lecture and made the lectures enjoyable so that it was extremely easy for me to understand what he was teaching and to stay paying attention for the entire length of the lecture. He was very open to questions from students, stopping throughout the lecture to welcome them, and answered them thoroughly. I also enjoyed how when asked a question he did know the answer to, he would use his own time outside of the course to research and send us the answers, as well as posting additional resources and media that could help us understand the course. This showed that Professor Jewitt thoroughly enjoyed teaching his lectures and made me feel much more excited to learn the material he taught.
- Professor Jewitt was one of my favorite professors in this course! He has some hilarious jokes and knows how to get me engaged in class.
- Professor Jewitt was really knowledgeable and was always willing to stay after his lectures to answer questions.
- Professor Jewitt's lectures have been fascinating and engaging. The supplemental videos and materials he's posted has been extremely interesting and I've highly enjoyed his lectures so far!
- Professor Jewitt's lectures were my favorite part of the course. Everything he covered was super interesting and stimulating, and I never wanted to miss anything he said. I appreciate how he stopped for questions several times throughout his lectures. I also found his supplemental material (the articles, documentaries, etc.) extremely interesting and useful. His witty comments also always made me laugh and made me genuinely love attending the lectures. Overall, he is an absolutely amazing professor, and I am so upset that I can't meet him in person.
- Professor Jewitt's lectures were really well organized and went at a good pace. Sometimes I got lost on the tangents he went on, but other than that, a great lecturer.
- Professor Jewitt's lectures were very compelling and interesting. I loved how he incorporated movies into his lectures because they helped me stay engaged, when it can be hard to stay focused when

staring at a screen all day. I did get confused though when he was explaining more complex topics and he sometimes went quite quickly. Overall, he was a great professor and made class fun.

- Professor Jewitt's passion and teaching through a multimedia approach was fantastic. I truly learned a lot in his class and he was successful in making me as curious about everything around me as I was when I used to be child. I found his teaching style to be very effective and I think it was easy to follow along with all the lecture material he covered in class. Overall, Professor Jewitt was great and always very accommodating for his students in my experience!
- Professor Jewitt's passion for his subject is very obvious and helped with my engagement in the material during lectures. I wasn't always comfortable asking questions because it didn't feel like a very welcoming environment for me. I felt rubbed the wrong way after the first lecture he gave when I stayed later for office hours, and I was told that I had an "emotional outburst" after asking a question (as a woman, that phrase has unfortunate connotations). Besides this incident however, he has been an interesting lecturer with a large breadth of knowledge that I appreciate.
- So amazing!! A remarkable man and teacher who is very inspiring. His teaching and accomplishments provided a lot of thorough knowledge and it was clear he has a clear understanding of the content he was teaching us.
- Such a great professor! Really enjoyed watching his lectures, had genuine vibes. It was clear that he is very passionate about what he teaches. Always lecture fun, made remote learning almost like the "real thing". It was an honor to be taking this class because I learned a lot about his research, and gave me a sense of how lucky I am to be learning from such a highly educated professor.
- Teacher was funny, relateable and passionate
- The lecture materials were very interesting and presented in an interesting way with plenty of examples to help students understand.
- The material was presented in a clear and fun way that made class interesting and engaging. However, sometimes we went a little fast during lectures and it was hard for me to keep track of everything. Also, sometimes I wanted to type questions in the chat so it may have been helpful if the instructor had the chat open.
- This instructor was a very engaging lecturer, but perhaps could have been more clear in emphasizing what the key takeaway points of each lecture are.
- This instructor's teaching was very clear and interesting. He knew how to do his job well and showed a great passion for his work. I also liked his humor and kindness.
- This professor is awesome!!! It is clear that his priorities are with having students understand the bigger picture. His teaching style is very modern and approachable. I found myself focussing on learning concepts rather than stressing out about minuscule details, and because of this I was able to enjoy learning more. I hope I have this professor again!
- Very engaging and knowledgeable lecturer, who was very welcoming as well. Effectively answered questions in lecture, and also did a very good job of sending out emails before and following lectures about important information to know or extra material to look at if interested. Overall a very effective and interesting professor.
- Very fun to listen to. Great sense of humor, and made class feel like a more informal, fun learning environment. His lectures were easier to follow, but also contained information that I felt wasn't necessary overall.
- Very good instructor. Incorporated real-life examples to explain concepts. Also a good sense of humor, which help lectures feel more engaging. Sometimes goes over slides with text too fast for notes to be taken.

- Very interesting and engaging lectures!
- Very interesting subject matter presented in a digestible and fun manner. He is very knowledgeable and passionate about what he teaches
- Very knowledgeable and funny guy! We learned very effectively with him even though there were essentially no homework readings involved. Be patient with him about computer things.
- clearly explains material and answers the questions of students
- good
- this dude is so cool! I thought his lectures were very interesting and that he accommodated students as well as he could while teaching us cool new things. also pretty funny guy even though he is kinda old



# Profile

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