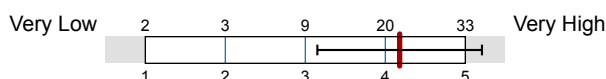




**D.C. JEWITT**  
**Evaluation of Instruction Program Report**  
 23F: CLUSTER 70A LEC 1: COSMOS AND LIFE  
 No. of responses = 67  
 Enrollment = 260  
 Response Rate = 25.77%

1. Overall Rating:

1.1) Your overall rating of this instructor.



n=67  
 av.=4.18  
 md=4  
 dev.=1.03

1.2) Comments for this individual instructor:

- A bit unclear, the lectures are not super helpful
- Although this instructor provided useful information and great examples for students to get a good grasp of the material, this professor included material that I found offensive to my Christian beliefs.
- Answers questions adequately during lecture and keeps class engaged, controls the rather large classroom well. Lectures contain a great deal of interesting information, and short videos embedded in each slideshow help reinforce some of the harder concepts to grasp in the course.
- Brings up entertaining topics to engage students, and uses simple anecdotes to illustrate complex concepts, which really helps understand course material.
- Dr Jewitt is by far the most eccentric instructor that I have ever had in lecture. You can tell that he really has a passion for science and teaching, which is evident in just how much he interacts with students. His lectures tended to get derailed quite frequently, but I found those the most enjoyable. It was almost as if he understood that going down the rabbit hole a little bit is the only real way to get non-scientists interested in science.
- Dr. Jewitt is an excellent instructor. He weaves humor throughout his lectures, as well as fascinating historical background with each topic. His personal contributions to the field of astronomy are enormous, so it is always impressive to hear his understanding and work in each of the topics we learn.
- Dr. Jewitt is very engaging in his courses. The use of more pictures than words on a slide and visual demonstrations of things help students remember info and engage in the content. the only complaint I have is the math incorporated in the multiple choice. I felt like I didn't know how to solve the problems and they were with a time limit that I didn't get to some questions which was difficult
- Dr. Jewitt's lectures are very different than Dr. Petigura's, but it was a good change of pace. His insights are astounding, and it's clear that he's very knowledgeable in his field, which I grew to appreciate.
- Dr. Jewitt's lectures were always very fun! He made the topic very exciting as well. He was also very helpful during office hours. His quizzes were sometimes confusing and vague in terms of how/what we should answer.
- Dr. Jewitt's passion for his work is clear in his lectures and is infectious. I also appreciate his efforts to keep us engaged with amusing videos, and his genuine care for the wellbeing and intellectual curiosity of his students. I am grateful for his commitment to office hours after every lecture and his willingness to answer my questions. Sometimes his material is presented too fast for me to keep up with, but because the presentation is posted on BruinLearn and he has so many office hours opportunities, this is not much of a problem.
- During this quarter, I would say this instructor was my favorite instructor, in terms of that way he taught

the material. He made lecture enjoyable to go to with his slight humor throughout lectures. Also, I enjoyed the fact that he would demonstrate on certain topics.

- Engaging lectures, and I like that the professor sometimes brings a humanities perspective into the material; however, he sometimes goes off-topic, and it's difficult to see the point.
- Established course relevance very well, especially with the final climate lecture.  
A little chaotic, mostly in a good way - brought humor to class.  
Could go on tangents occasionally, or focus on videos that were not always helpful.  
Additionally, the quizzes assigned for his content section did not seem to connect very strongly to course content. Instilled panic (though I tried hard not to focus on grades like a grade monkey). Please do not put math on timed multiple choice quizzes.  
Overall, I thought Dave Jewitt presented content in an understandable, engaging, and interesting manner.  
I would recommend this lecturer to other students.
- For my first quarter at UCLA, Jewitt was a great instructor. Not only is he incredibly smart and knowledgeable about the course material, but he shows his passion and interest in the subject during lectures. He was very organized with his slides and made going through the PowerPoint enjoyable. I liked how he would show interesting videos to steer clear of boring the audience and would take questions to make sure everyone was on the right page.
- Good lectures makes class interesting
- Great professor and lecturer. Class is very interesting and engaging and his personal experiences make the class very cool. No complaints at all.
- He explained the concept in a very comedic but relatable way and I love that he motivated us to learn more about the universe. I also love the past research he had done finding the Kuiper Belt. Would love for him to keep teaching this class to future students.
- He made the content very understandable and liked that he included many examples and videos to help us get the concept. He is also very entertaining when lecturing that makes you learn better.
- He was an interesting instructor but made some very questionable comments about Nazis and overweight people. But he was a better professor than Petiguria.
- He's funny and the content is easily understood and relates well to the quizzes
- His lectures are very engaging, he is also very funny! I also appreciate that he is very thorough in his lectures.
- I LOVE HIM. He makes lectures so fun and easy to understand. He gives us real life examples of concepts that not only make them easy to understand but also remember. He jokes with the class in an educational way and makes me want to never miss a lecture.
- I believe Professor Jewitt is very passionate about what he teaches, and he does a great job of explaining concepts in familiar ways. He always answers questions thoroughly. The only complaint I have is that sometimes the quizzes regarding his material contained questions that had been only briefly covered. However, other than that, I would say that Professor Jewitt is both a knowledgeable individual and great at keeping his students engaged and making the material interesting.
- I do not appreciate the way Professor Jewitt conducts himself during course instruction. He comes off very abrasive, arrogant, and has a superiority complex. For example, one time during class there was some unidentifiable sound being made by some student's computer. Almost immediately Professor Jewitt singles out one girl and scolds her for interrupting his lecture and "causing a distraction for the entire class." Understandably the girl was very confused and didn't realize that Professor Jewitt was talking to her (probably because it might not even have been her computer), and so Professor Jewitt continued to get closer to her and berate her. In many other moments during Professor Jewitt's lectures

he has inappropriately made references to political beliefs and subjects. At least a couple of times, he has made jokes mentioning gun violence making me extremely uncomfortable, having grown up less than 30 minutes from Sandy Hook Elementary. It is also extremely clear his opinion on Republicans, Donald Trump, and political conservatives, which also make me uncomfortable even though I am not a Republican. It isn't even as if there are situations that call for mentions to political topics, instead he will go out of his way to attempt incorporating these kinds of "jokes." His overall personality makes it difficult for me to retain the course material when it is consistently paired with offensive commentary.

- I enjoyed his section of this class this quarter. I appreciated the more entertaining way he went about teaching during lectures which I felt kept the class more engaged. The quizzes during this time felt slightly more manageable, and I felt that the format for the second half of the quizzes during his section of the class were much more manageable and a better way of being evaluated.
- I enjoyed the lectures. They were interesting and I liked all of the analogies Jewitt made to help remember difficult concepts. However, I will say the multiple choice quizzes for Jewitt's section of the quarter were a bit difficult and were not obvious based on the lectures.
- I found his lectures intriguing, as he was engaging with the class. Not only were his lectures organized, but he did an excellent job of connecting modern-day examples to information about the course.
- I genuinely loved his lectures. They were very entertaining, funny, and easy to follow. We love Dr. Jewitt!
- I really enjoyed Professor Jewitt's lectures as he made them very interesting and easy to follow, specifically with all of his analogies. The only thing is that he made the multiple choice quizzes pretty difficult, while I was hoping that they would reflect lectures a little bit more since I was actually able to absorb that information.
- I thoroughly enjoyed having Dr. Jewitt as a professor. Dr. Jewitt is a very witty, intelligent, and engaging professor. He makes the lectures entertaining and explains the concepts extremely well, making sure to answer any questions the class has as well. He has a great sense of humor and incorporates witty jokes and videos into his lectures to keep us engaged. I think his research is so fascinating and it is so cool that he was at the forefront of denouncing Pluto from planetary status. I have learned so much from Dr. Jewitt and enjoyed doing so. I will miss having him as a professor.
- I wanted the Nazi rant. Jewitt was the better prof than Petigura and thank god the quizzes were doable and easier than Petiguras'. But I swear every time I come to lecture this guy has a stick up his ass because he always seems so uptight and aggressively tells people to stop talking. Other than that a solid prof with fair quizzes.
- Jewitt is a great professor. He is extremely knowledgeable and passionate about the topics he teaches. His lectures are dense, but he uses many videos and examples for students to grasp the concepts. Additionally, his quizzes are more attainable given the pace in comparison to the other professors.
- Jewitt is a great public speaker and has a fantastic sense of humor. I do think he sometimes got sidetracked when it came to lecture and wasn't as engaging and concise as Petigura. But I do appreciate the mixed media of his lectures and how organized they were, such as how they included both written text, images, and videos. I like how Jewitt simplifies difficult astronomy and Earth science concepts by comparing them to everyday things (such as resonance with swing sets and the Earth's mantle with silly putty). Overall a great instructor who really taught me a lot about the solar system and our planet.
- Lectures are engaging, funny, and related to quiz material. I walk away from lectures feeling like I learned something worth my time and I feel confident for the test upcoming.
- Lectures are very engaging and his analogies to explain complex scientific concepts are very good. I never get bored during his lectures and learn a lot.
- Lectures were always entertaining, Prof. Jewitt is not only extremely accomplished in his field but he also provided clips of funny videos to help engage students in lectures. Also, the quizzes for his

sections were always fair and connected to what we were learning in class. Especially in a course catered towards non stem majored students, having written quizzes was very beneficial because it helped us communicate how we understand the material in ways other than science/math.

- No.
- Prof. Jewitt is a well-renowned scientist so it is an honor to be able to study under him. However, the only thing I don't like about his format of lecturing is that he often skips over a lot of material that ends up being tested. Furthermore, he expresses his disregard for grading and makes us watch documentaries regarding himself for our tests even though they are not very helpful to the content of exams.
- Professor Jewitt captured my interest the most with his interactions with the class and incorporation of bulleted slides, pictures, and relevant videos. He expressed the most interest in answering student questions, which is an important characteristic of a teacher. He was not opposed to going off on relevant tangent lines, making the class more tailored to the students' interests.
- Professor Jewitt is truly engaging during lectures. Not only is he funny, but it is apparent how passionate he is for both the subject and the students in the class. His way of explaining the material is very clear, the only complaint I would have is sometimes he can go through the slides a little fast. However, since they are posted this isn't too much of an issue. I appreciate his willingness to answer questions. It is encouraging and fosters a great environment. The best example that comes to mind is when he didn't have a specific answer in class for a student, so he sent out an email answering the question when he found the answer. That made me feel as though he truly cared about each student's success and experience.
- Professor Jewitt was a great lecturer and made the lectures genuinely fun and interesting. I always looked forward to his lectures because he is really good at explaining his material and provides a lot of great examples and videos to help.
- Really liked the diagrams they used to teach in lectures.
- The information is always presented in an interesting way, which I appreciated. Sometimes, the course material was covered very fast, or concepts were brushed over that were on quizzes, so more clarity on that would help students.
- The instructor was a very entertaining and interesting lecturer. He was good at explaining concepts and using videos to aid. The only negative side was tests were hard as giving math questions during the timed multiple choice left me with no time to solve them, forcing me to guess. The video based free response tests were also surprisingly bad as they were graded harshly without any rubric to explain what I did wrong.
- The random videos during lectures don't really apply, and the FRQ questions that are 2 hour documentaries featuring the professor were a waste of time.
- This instructor made the class enjoyable and understandable. He would make the class fun and use real life and understandable examples to connect with the course material
- This professor gave informative, engaging lectures and reasonable quiz questions that correlated well with the material taught in lecture.
- Very knowledgeable about his work and the material but sometimes doesn't explain it in a digestible manner; however very helpful in answering questions in and outside of class.
- You are incredibly good at giving lectures, especially with the videos and "experiment". Also, you add more detail to the lectures that are very useful.
- I like how Jewitt would sometimes start class with a funny video to make us laugh and relax before the actual content kicked in.

- i love this professor, he was super fun and engaging, teaching us a lot while also making us laugh and giving us some breaks. He's a very smart and talented individual, and I loved having him as a professor. I hope he continues to teach us as the year goes on.

# Profile

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Name of the course:  
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Values used in the profile line: Mean

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