



## D.C. JEWITT Evaluation of Instruction Program Report

16W: EPS SCI 9 LEC 1: SOLAR SYSTM&PLANETS  
 No. of responses = 146  
 Enrollment = 388  
 Response Rate = 37.63%

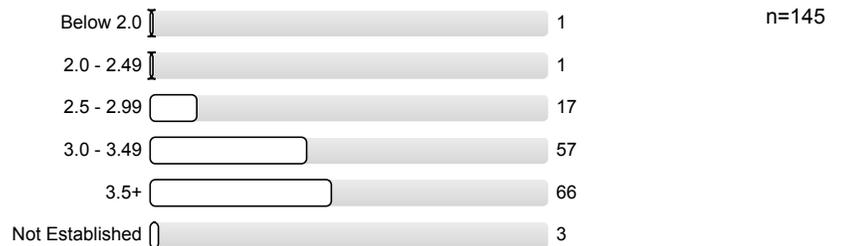
### Survey Results

#### 1. Background Information:

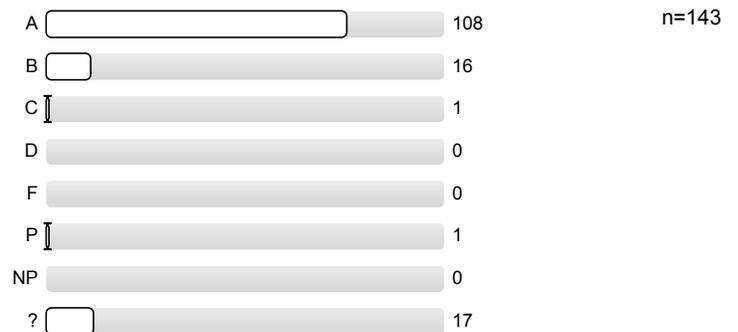
##### 1.1) Year in School:



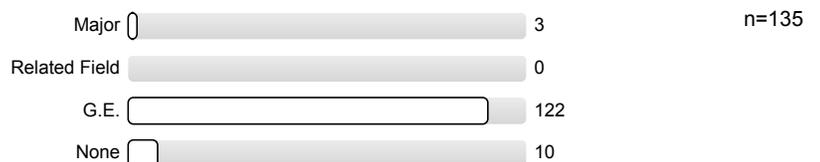
##### 1.2) UCLA GPA:



##### 1.3) Expected Grade:



##### 1.4) What requirements does this course fulfill?



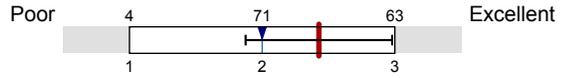
2. To What Extent Do You Feel That:

2.1)	Instructor Concern – The instructor was concerned about student learning.		n=145 av.=8.19 md=9 dev.=1.27
2.2)	Organization – Class presentations were well prepared and organized.		n=145 av.=8.32 md=9 dev.=1.11
2.3)	Interaction – Students felt welcome in seeking help in or outside of the class.		n=145 av.=8.03 md=8 dev.=1.24
2.4)	Communication Skills – The instructor had good communication skills.		n=145 av.=8.18 md=9 dev.=1.25
2.5)	Value – You have learned something you consider valuable.		n=145 av.=8.03 md=9 dev.=1.46
2.6)	Overall – Your overall rating of the instructor.		n=145 av.=8.37 md=9 dev.=0.99
2.7)	Overall – Your overall rating of the course.		n=145 av.=8.16 md=9 dev.=1.21

3. Your View of Course Characteristics:

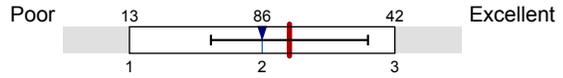
3.1)	Subject interest before course		n=145 av.=2.1 md=2 dev.=0.71
3.2)	Subject interest after course		n=145 av.=2.51 md=3 dev.=0.59
3.3)	Mastery of course material		n=145 av.=2.36 md=2 dev.=0.57
3.4)	Difficulty (relative to other courses)		n=144 av.=1.89 md=2 dev.=0.64
3.5)	Workload/pace was		n=143 av.=2.04 md=2 dev.=0.33
3.6)	Texts, required readings		n=112 av.=2.32 md=2 dev.=0.52 ab.=32

3.7) Homework assignments



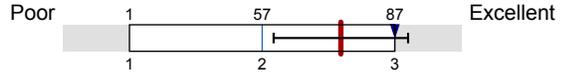
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3.8) Graded materials, examinations



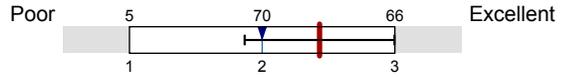
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3.9) Lecture presentations



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3.10) Class discussions



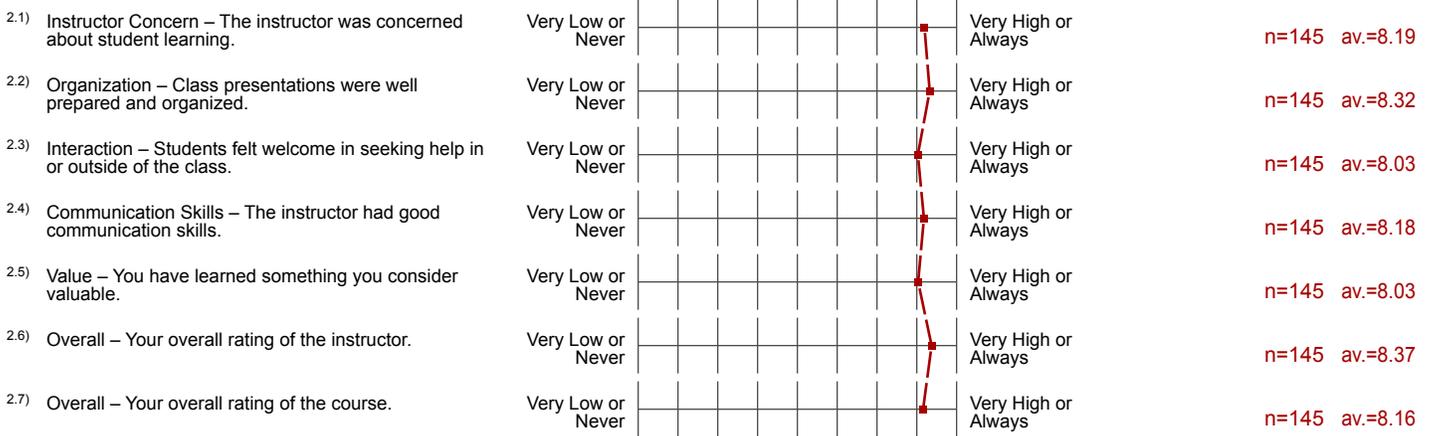
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# Profile

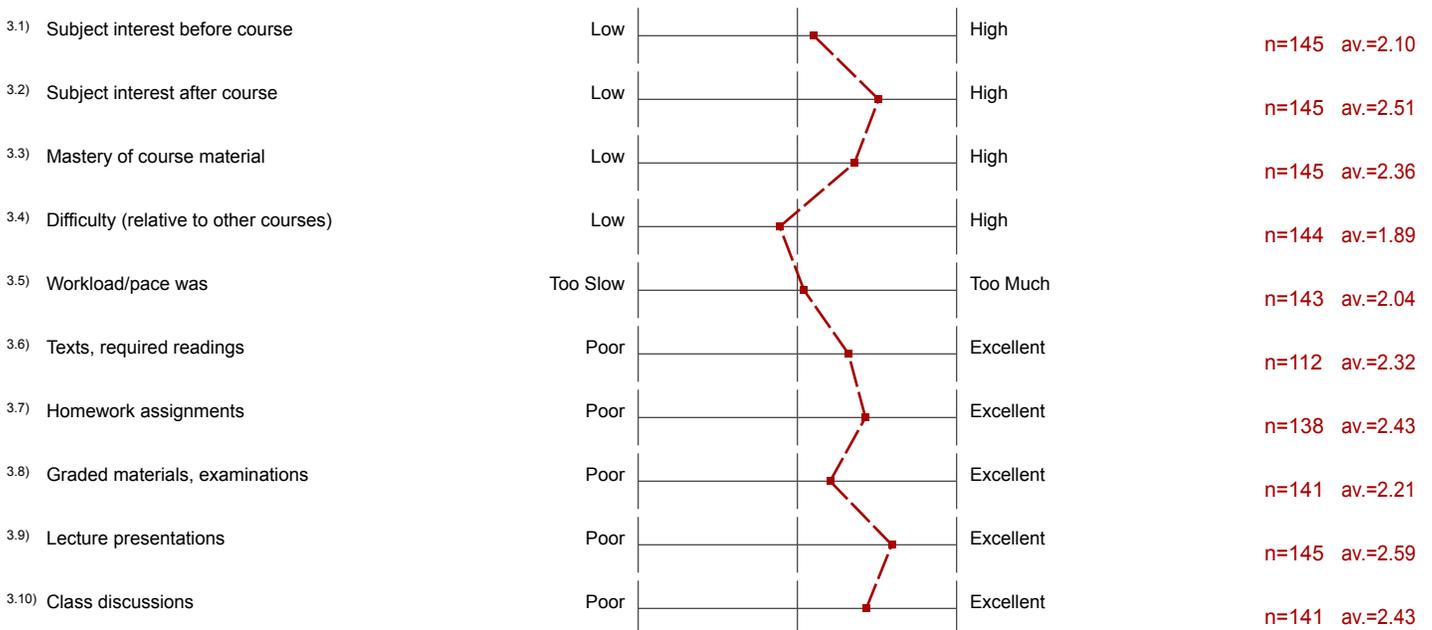
Subunit: EPS SCI  
 Name of the instructor: D.C. JEWITT  
 Name of the course: 16W: EPS SCI 9 LEC 1: SOLAR SYSTM&PLANETS  
 (Name of the survey)

Values used in the profile line: Mean

## 2. To What Extent Do You Feel That:



## 3. Your View of Course Characteristics:



## Comments Report

## 4. Comments:

- 4.1) Please identify what you perceive to be the real strengths and weaknesses of this instructor and course.
- By far one of the best teachers at UCLA
  - Class material was interesting and instructors seemed very knowledgeable about topic. Test had a good amount of fair questions but also asked for random, never-covered details.
  - DJ is a giant of science. I'm super glad to get his class.
  - Dave Jewitt is a huge figure in his field. Being able to learn the material from someone who has pioneered the field in so many ways is an incredible experience. He is a great lecturer, and his lectures are very entertaining and really make you think.
  - Dave Jewitt made the material very accessible for non-science people. The content was very interesting, as were the extra credits and the moon assignment. I really enjoyed paying more attention to the moon and having a good excuse to go to the Griffith Observatory.
  - Dave obviously really cares about his students and their grasping of the material. He is a great teacher.
  - David Jewitt is a great professor who is really passionate about his work and teaching. I really enjoy his class!
  - David Jewitt is hands down one of the best and most intelligent professors. His last lecture was unrelated to the course content but probably the most interesting 1 hour I have spent in any classroom. Amazing professor and smart guy with great sense of humor. He needs to be recognized.
  - Does a good job of clarifying questions. Material is very straight forward and clear.
  - Dr, Jewitt is great. He emphasizes a lot the importance of observation. Because of his class, I have developed my habit to observe the sky everyday.
  - Dr. Jewitt was a very passionate professor who has contributed so much to the study of the solar system. It was always entertaining in lecture and exams were short, but they tested on relevant material that we learned in class.
  - For being so influential in the astronomy community, Professor Jewitt did not show a true passion for the subject like his online reviews said he did in the past. I appreciate the mixture of videos and text in the lectures allowing the class to maintain my interest. The tests were fairly difficult and the questions were pulled from specific things said in lecture, which made them difficult. I wish we had something to go off of for studying for the midterms.
  - Good lecturer. Charismatic and helped me a lot to understand concepts.
  - Good prof and class. Lots of interesting things to learn
  - Great class! very interesting and straight forward! I learned a lot about our world and the threats that we wouldn't learn about outside of this class.
  - Great communication skills, with wonderful explanations of complex topics.
  - Great professor!
  - He cares more about student learning and appreciation of material than GPA and grades and I really respect this about him. He doesn't take himself too seriously and you can tell he is passionate about

what he does.

- He really cares about his students. I did not find space interesting before but this class allowed me to learn outside the classroom to gain a greater appreciation for our solar system.
- He's a great professor and cares more about the fun and enjoyment of learning rather than proving it through an exam. Good change of pace for UCLA.
- I appreciated that Professor Jewitt always maintained organized and readable power-point slides, especially considering the size of the room for EPSS 9. In other words, the large font was nice. I also liked his use of a microphone. Once, the microphone's battery ran out in the middle of lecture, but he came prepared with a backup battery. Little things like that showed me that the professor really cared about providing his students with quality lectures.

I'm not sure that I would recommend that Professor Jewitt make changes to his last lecture. I will just share my impression of it as one of the students in his class. It came off as a bit preachy, even though I more or less accepted what the professor was discussing. I bring it up on the chance that he finds it useful for future classes.

His open-door office hours policy was very cool, and I tried to take advantage of it a few times. It was a nice contrast to the large auditorium of the lectures.

- I believe the professor is very inconsistent in giving out his grades in both of his different lectures. He gave extra credit opportunities to other students that he didn't give to anyone else from his second lecture. There also seems to be a lot of cheating going on during his tests which obviously affects the curve. I believe that if there was more people proctoring exams and making sure no one was cheating then the curve for the class would've been much lower.
- I enjoyed this class. The lecture slides were very helpful and easy to follow.
- I love Jewitt as a professor! He says from Day 1 that he is only concerned that students take something away from his class and learn. His EC opportunities are SO cool.
- I love Jewitt, the course, and learning about it. I love the opportunities for extra credit, simply because not everyone is skilled at science, and it can be hard sometimes to quickly learn something that is difficult. My only suggestion is to have better, more efficient T.A.s who know the information they are supposed to be teaching.
- I really enjoyed learning from Dave Jewitt. He is obviously very passionate about what he does and I felt as if I learned a lot from him.
- I really enjoyed the effort you put in to keep the lectures from being boring. I noticed that you walked around the room for the entire lecture, which kept people on their toes. The only complaint I can think of is that sometimes with the mic it would be hard to hear what you said clearly -- it would sort of sound gruff. As for actual content, before this class, I knew nothing about space and had no interest in it, but after this, can say that I really enjoy learning about this much more than I thought. I really liked the Griffith Observatory extra credit too.
- I think the moon project was completely pointless. It also wasn't fair that it was assigned at a time where the moon didn't rise until very early in the morning, and expect us to wake up and draw it.
- I took this class for fun, so I really appreciated that he cared more about our learning than the grades. Even though I knew he would post the slides online, I went to class because I enjoyed his lectures. The videos and jokes he put in his lectures made it easier to pay attention in class.
- It was great to be taught by someone so knowledgeable, and even though I'm really not interested in

this course material I liked hearing him talk about it because he's so passionate and smart!

- JEWITT IS KING
- Jewitt has a really cool background, interesting to talk/listen to
- Jewitt is a very inspiring teacher and displays a true love for the subject. I enjoyed his lectures but found his midterms overly difficult.
- Jewitt is amazing and I wish he could teach every class at ucla.
- Jewitt is an amazing professor who cares about your learning. He makes the course more about learning rather than simply regurgitating information. Some lectures were a bit long and boring, but great class.
- Jewitt is great! You can tell he really cares about student learning and actually enjoys what he is teaching. Sometimes the lectures seem a little scattered and sometimes I'm not sure what to take from the power points but overall he emphasizes learning over memorization which is very important. Will be looking to take classes with him in the future!
- Jewitt is very engaging. His midterms are very specific/fact based. His assignments are fun and forces you to do things that you won't usually do on your own, but would actually enjoy.
- Keep on keeping on Jewitt!
- Passion for the subject.  
Knowledge of the subject.  
Respect for the person and potential of all students, without prejudice.  
Humility.  
Honesty.  
Attentive to the needs of students.  
Reasonable and fair.  
Always seeking to be/do better/more effective.
- Professor Jewitt cares immensely about students' learning and interest in the subject matter, and he does his best to engage students while making sure they understand all of the material. His lectures are fun. The content is interesting. Jewitt wants his students to succeed. I thought it was an excellent class.
- Professor Jewitt is an excellent and passionate lecturer. He is incredibly knowledgeable and very important in his field, and I feel very fortunate to have been able to partake in his class.
- Professor Jewitt is an excellent professor who teaches effectively while not putting too much stress on his students. His lectures were filled with obvious passion and raised my interest level in astronomy. While I've heard other students complain that the exams were hard and did not include what was in lecture, I'd have to disagree. I found all his exams to be fair; we received ample time to take them and all the questions came directly from his lectures and presentations. The extra credit assignments he gave really relieved the pressure to do well that I usually get in other classes, and they were a pleasure to do! Going to Griffith was worth the most points of any extra credit assignment, and it was absolutely incredible! I would've done these assignments even if they didn't affect our grade in any way! Overall, this class was a pleasure to take!
- Professor Jewitt is an interesting and dedicated person who makes the course enjoyable. After taking the class, I believe that there are more students who will continue to research the subject after the course has finished.
- Professor Jewitt is extremely knowledgeable about the subject and he presents it in a way that is interesting and engaging.
- Professor Jewitt is funny, engaging, and very knowledgeable. He wants to be interested in the course material and does not force you do to pointless busy work for homework. Overall, he is a very good and

interesting professor. I would recommend this class to others.

- Professor Jewitt is utterly interesting and charismatic. I enjoyed learning about astronomy through his eyes and seeing all the major astronomical accomplishments he's made throughout his career. He is funny, has interesting lectures, and answers promptly/timely to all my emails/questions.

I nominated him for Professor of the Year.

- Professor Jewitt is very knowledgeable and seems to care about student learning. Some of his lectures are a little dry, but in general I enjoy attending lecture. Both of the midterms were more difficult than I was anticipating for a GE, but not unreasonably so. The extra credit assignments offered were informative and interesting.
- Professor Jewitt is very passionate and successful in his field, and his enthusiasm shows in his lectures. Though his midterms are a hit or miss (either you memorized the right facts or not) I still feel his material is easy to digest-considering this is my first introduction to space-and I would definitely recommend the class to my peers.
- Professor Jewitt left a great impression with the last class I took with him and this class was no different. A fun and engaging professor who really wants students to learn about the course material not through words in his slides but by real life experiences where he makes them observe say the moon for this class or go to Griffith. A great class and a great professor.
- Professor Jewitt put really complex theories (usually related to math or physics) into very basic, relatable terms. He made it very easy to keep up and not feel too lost. Although his humor can be off-putting at times, and could be considered crude, all the students seemed to enjoy his lectures very much.
- Professor Jewitt was kind, funny, and tried his best to make the course interesting, being very passionate about his field. However, I felt that the midterms were rather unfairly difficult, as they were extremely nitpicky and detail-oriented. The extra credit, however, will hopefully make up for the difficulty levels of the two tests. Lectures were well-organized and Professor Jewitt was always punctual and speedy when posting them to CCLE to make them available for students, a positive trait that I appreciated.
- Professor Jewitt's greatest strengths are his likability, transparency, and sympathy for the hardworking student. He's created an easy class much to the relief of overworked students (and especially student athletes, I noticed) that manages to be interesting. He's a very solid lecturer, although the easiness of the class makes it hard to pay attention. Overall an outstanding and enlightening GE. His goal was ago inspire us (mostly humanities majors) with the possibilities of science, and he succeeded.
- Professor Jewitt's lectures were easy to follow regardless of your background or major. His lectures were easy to understand and with his explanations, all of the information presented was clear. The layout and the pace of his lectures were reasonable and through Professor Jewitt, my interest in this subject has definitely changed from low to high and gained so much knowledge.
- Professor is really cool and really clear at his lectures. I'm really glad I took this class with him!
- Strengths: interesting lectures; humorous notes/commentary; keeps students engaged; teaches students new way of looking at things

Weaknesses: some exam questions are a bit disconnected from lecture notes and discussion work (touch upon things that are not covered in depth)

- The class is designed so everyone fails the midterms and final and then do 20% of extra credit.. I feel like it would be better if he actually tested us on topics from lecture and didn't offer extra credit. Or maybe turned the "optional" extra credit into a few homework assignments.
- The class was overall very engaging and interactive! The professor is a great lecturer and always kept

classes very entertaining. Only weakness is that midterms were too difficult and I felt as though the class did not prepare me for the difficulty of the exams.

- The class was very interesting and enjoyable to attend. Sometimes things were a bit unorganized and I was unsure how exams would be formatted, but with extra credit and help, it was very enjoyable. This was one of my favorite classes at UCLA.
- The information was interesting however the class was slightly boring
- The instructor teaches the class in a way which makes the student want to learn, listen and attend lectures.
- This class was okay. Not really interesting
- This professor was absolutely amazing! He is very knowledgeable and loves talking about this subject. His passion for this subject is what made me interested in astrophysics.
- This professor was amazing! Maybe I just think this because I thought the subject was very interesting, but he is such a smart man that I just loved listening to his lectures. He is famous in his field and listening to him speak was an honor. I also have spoken to him out of lecture a few times and he really takes the time to talk to his students about anything they may need.
- Truly enjoyed Professor Jewitt's course. He clearly wants students to be as passionate and interested in the information as he is. It makes all of the difference during lectures.
- Truthfully, I couldn't understand anything Dave said in the lectures because I couldn't understand his accent but that's my own problem. This probably took away from the experience of the class, but overall I would say it was just average. I liked that it wasn't an intense class so I could explore my interests without overloading myself though. The lecture slides were helpful and not overwhelming, but lecture itself seemed a bit redundant to me. I did not feel prepared at all for the midterm despite studying a lot. I wished there could've been a study guide or anything to help us.
- Very concerned about the grades of his students.
- Very fun class. I really enjoyed it.
- Very good at explaining scientific concepts and evoking interest about solar system & planetary science! Great & valuable class.
- Very interesting class and very nice professor
- Very knowledgeable about the subject
- Very knowledgeable and credited, amazing professor and made class very interesting
- exams were extremely difficult and the class did not prepare for the exam questions
- good job
- great professor, always helps when they have a good sense of humor.
- great sense of humor, very knowledgable, kind of goes on tangents but they are extremely interesting
- he was very great, sometimes difficult to hear but besides that he was a very great professor. he would laugh here and there with the class and his midterms were a bit difficult but its great because he offers a great amount of extra credit.
- i think you are an amazing teacher! you're very passionate about this subject and i feel like i rarely find those teachers who speak passionately about what they teach and so i want to thank you!
- knowledgeable, cool professor. Interesting class.

- pretty fun and engaging class
- really passionate about his work and teaching others but was really unexpected in his test questions
- thank you professor for your social commentary. I always dread GE classes especially in the sciences as many can turn out to have subtle racism in it, making the whole experience quite dreadful. Thank you for making this an enjoyable class both via your commentary and content. I view science differently and appreciate nature even more than I did before. I only hope more science GEs were as insightful as this one, my UCLA experience would have been more pleasant, enjoyable and actually gotten my money's worth but I guess I have learned to filter out the nonsense even GE classes as well. Thank you!
- the instructor is very amusing because he cracks jokes but the material is a bit dry sometimes but it could be because of lack of interest
- the instructor: engaging, humorous, an expert in his field, easy-going  
course: informative and organized
- very nice!!