

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

2011 WINTER  
Form A

Instructor: JEWITT, D.C.  
Department: E&S SCI  
Course: SOLAR SYSTM&PLANETS 9  
Type: LEC 001  
Enrollment: 55

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| 1. Year in School     | 2. UCLA GPA            | 3. Expected Grade     | 4. Requirement Fulfilled |
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| # valid responses: 36 | # valid responses: 36  | # valid responses: 36 | # valid responses: 34    |
| Freshman: 61.11 %     | Below 2.0: 0.00 %      | A: 38.89 %            | Major: 0.00 %            |
| Sophomore: 11.11 %    | 2.0 - 2.49: 5.56 %     | B: 30.56 %            | Related Field: 2.94 %    |
| Junior: 13.89 %       | 2.5 - 2.99: 2.78 %     | C: 5.56 %             | G.E.: 91.18 %            |
| Senior: 13.89 %       | 3.0 - 3.49: 30.56 %    | D: 0.00 %             | None: 5.88 %             |
| Graduate: 0.00 %      | 3.5 +: 55.56 %         | F: 0.00 %             |                          |
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| Questions  | Not Appl | Low 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Medium 5 | 6 | 7  | 8  | 9  | High | No Rsp | Rsp  | Mean | Mdn | Std Dev |
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| 5. The instructor was concerned about student learning.  | 0        | 0     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1        | 2 | 7  | 9  | 17 | 0    | 36     | 8.08 | 8.00 | 1.1 |         |
| 6. Class presentations were well prepared and organized. | 0        | 0     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0        | 1 | 8  | 9  | 18 | 0    | 36     | 8.22 | 8.50 | 0.9 |         |
| 7. Students felt welcome in seeking help.                | 1        | 0     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1        | 1 | 8  | 8  | 17 | 0    | 36     | 8.11 | 8.00 | 1.1 |         |
| 8. The instructor had good communication skills          | 0        | 0     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0        | 0 | 7  | 10 | 19 | 0    | 36     | 8.33 | 9.00 | 0.8 |         |
| 9. You have learned something you consider valuable.     | 0        | 0     | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2        | 1 | 7  | 10 | 15 | 0    | 36     | 7.89 | 8.00 | 1.3 |         |
| 10. Your overall rating of the instructor.               | 0        | 0     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0        | 0 | 8  | 9  | 19 | 0    | 36     | 8.31 | 9.00 | 0.8 |         |
| 11. Your overall rating of the course.                   | 0        | 0     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0        | 1 | 10 | 11 | 14 | 0    | 36     | 8.06 | 8.00 | 0.9 |         |
| 12. Nonstandard Question.                                | 0        | 0     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0        | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 36   | 0      | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.0 |         |
| 13. Nonstandard Question.                                | 0        | 0     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0        | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 36   | 0      | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.0 |         |
| 14. Nonstandard Question.                                | 0        | 0     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0        | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 36   | 0      | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.0 |         |
| 15. Nonstandard Question.                                | 0        | 0     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0        | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 36   | 0      | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.0 |         |

| Course Characteristics                     | Not Appl | Low | Medium | High | #No Resp | #Val Resp |
|--|----------|-----|--------|------|----------|-----------|
| 16. Subject Interest before Course         | 0        | 8   | 16     | 12   | 0        | 36        |
| 17. Subject Interest after Course          | 0        | 1   | 13     | 22   | 0        | 36        |
| 18. Mastery of Course Material             | 0        | 2   | 25     | 9    | 0        | 36        |
| 19. Difficulty (Relative to Other Courses) | 0        | 6   | 25     | 5    | 0        | 36        |
| 20. Workload/Pace Was                      | 0        | 0   | 35     | 1    | 0        | 36        |
| 21. Texts, Required Readings               | 15       | 1   | 15     | 5    | 0        | 36        |
| 22. Homework Assignments                   | 0        | 1   | 26     | 9    | 0        | 36        |
| 23. Graded Materials, Examinations         | 0        | 5   | 28     | 3    | 0        | 36        |
| 24. Lecture Presentations                  | 0        | 0   | 7      | 29   | 0        | 36        |
| 25. Class Discussions                      | 2        | 0   | 18     | 16   | 0        | 36        |

PLEASE IDENTIFY WHAT YOU PERCEIVE TO BE THE REAL STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF THIS INSTRUCTOR AND COURSE.

- Intimidating, insightful, my best professor yet.
- Really well done, easy to understand lectures
- works well in conjunction with TA
- Cares about his students learning
- I would gladly take a class with him again/  
Seek one out if I could

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Professor Jewitt is hilarious! I really like going to class. I like that he shows us really interesting videos. You can tell he cares about the students and tries to make the class fun. The one thing I hated was the homework. It was extremely math intensive and sometimes unclear.

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The professor showed he was well educated on the subject and explained everything thoroughly when ever a question was asked. He did lose my attention at the mid part of lecture.

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Professor Jewitt is one of the greatest teachers at UCLA. He is truly concerned w/ our overall well-being and knowledge acquired from the class. He wants us to all learn having learned something valuable. He ~~was~~ is extremely interesting - making lecture exciting and pleasurable as a 9 AM class. Great quarter and ten weeks well spent.

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Your lectures were fantastic. Your enthusiasm about the topic creates an open~~ing~~ and exciting learning environment. The ways in which I learned the most from your lectures were when you associated a topic with a video or personal story, so keep it up. (Your countless jokes and sometimes quirky statements also made the class extremely enjoyable, especially the Arizona jokes). I came into this class not overly excited & am leaving it ecstatic to tell anyone who will listen about the story.

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This class was an awesome introduction to the solar system. I learned so many things that blew my mind. Prof. Jewitt does a really great job with the videos and presentation. I enjoyed coming to lecture. The only big downside for me was having all the equations. It seemed we talked a lot about composition and the solar system's structure, yet a lot of the questions were about equations. This detracted some from the course for me since I had a lot of trouble understanding the physics. A more balanced approach would have been great.

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He is an excellent professor, engaging, well spoken, direct, nothing to complain for there. The only improvement would be for him to talk about his personal experience more frequently during the course. We watched a 1 hour BBC film and I learned more about his work in that short film than I did from all of his lectures. He is a very accomplished astronomer and I think his fallback may be his modesty. I don't recommend arrogance, but I do recommend transparency of his work and the integration of his personal experience with the course material.

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This course is amazing. Prof. Jewitt  
~~is~~ cares so much about his students.  
He is an amazing person who can  
teach the subject in a very interesting  
way. He was always available for  
office hours and very friendly.  
Students should get to know this  
professor because he is wonderful.  
I'm so glad I took this class.  
Prof. Jewitt is the best!!

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-the videos allowed me to understand the concepts better

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great professor + class! It  
exceeded my expectations

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I feel like this course was a very "volatile" one, if that can be said. It wasn't ordinary like other courses—it felt like an adventure, and I never knew what to expect next. Prof. Jewitt is an excellent professor and a very interesting person in general. He values learning for the sake of learning, which I find very respectable. His classes weren't overly-organized—sometimes he went on huge tangents and sometimes he ran out of time—but I feel like this is what made the course valuable. Its strongest attributes were its ~~pro~~ flexibility and pioneering ... [fill in word]

Thank you Prof. Jewitt for an amazing and exciting adventure into discovering our Solar System ... and its planets. (Obviously). ☺

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Prof. Jewitt is a fantastic professor. He is very knowledgeable about the course topic and truly cares about student learning.

Moreover, his powerpoint presentations not only contain valuable knowledge but also include interesting videos. This has definitely been one of my favorite classes! 😊

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Professor Jevitt is one of best professors I have had at UCLA. He made every single lecture interesting and enjoyable, and always showed up in a good mood and excited to talk about the course material. I was never particularly interested in this field, but Prof. Jevitt made me eager to learn more. I hope to take another one of his classes before I graduate. Great course, amazing professor.

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The instructor did a good job of keeping the class engaged, but it was sometimes to the detriment of the actual material (youtube videos are fun, but watching "Double Rainbow" doesn't really help us learn about the spectrum of visible light.)

The course was fun and interactive, yet challenging enough to be a valuable UCLA class.

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Pretty interesting class - thought that the modern structure ~~was~~ <sup>had</sup> been curved, though!

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The professor shows a clear mastery of the course material.  
He made the class extremely enjoyable, especially for  
non-science majors.

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The videos were fun & an interesting way to go deeper into the concepts.

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The class was very interesting to me. As a history major, the math side was hard for me to understand, but otherwise I very much enjoyed the class.

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- Great energy and attitude from the professor.
- Great lectures, always entertaining and interesting.

### A few bad things

- Exams and quizzes were ~~very~~ hard, then expected. They required too much memorization of small details but material was fair.
- Great class, learned a lot.

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Prof. J. Plut presents information in a way that is easy to understand and fun.

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Very Entertaining

Felt material was dumbed down at first

Homework assignments irrelevant

midterm not good test of mastery of material

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Professor Jewitt brings a lot of enthusiasm, humor, and valuable personal experience to his class. It was a pleasure to be taught by him.

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I really enjoyed prof. Jewitt & Ess9. The strength of this course was its emphasis on learning rather than exams/grades/numbers. He had a great sense of humor that made me want to come to class whether or not it affected my grade.

Thanks professor, I hope to have you again but it looks like that probably won't be the case, me being an Econ major.

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professor was very entertaining and a great lecturer  
I will miss this class.

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- great professor, lots of insight and very knowledgeable
- lectures super informative, entertaining, and fun
- learned a LOT!
- he has a cool accent & good sense of humor
- loved video integration

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- Good professor, very friendly and personable, an entertaining, down-to-earth lecturer

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Strengths - Prof. Jewitt is obviously very knowledgeable about the course material and his explanations are always thorough and easy to understand.  
Weaknesses - none.

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He always had good stories, and was hilarious. He really knew how to keep a class interesting. Great teacher!

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Professor is very knowledgeable and kept students interested.  
Lec. slides were very organized / clear, which made  
learning the difficult material easier.

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