INSTRUCTOR NAME: JEWITT, D.C.

YEAR: 2012 SPRING

COURSE: E&S SCI 0009

SECTION: 001

ENROLLMENT: 108
### Class Summary forSolar System & Planets

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**Department:** E&S SCI

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Professor Jewitt was great. He's funny, smart and kept lectures interesting. He is very passionate about what he teaches and that translates well during lectures. I felt he was truly interested in students finding the subject matter interesting and learning.

It's Great!
Professor Jewitt is one of the most inspiring professors I've had at UCLA. He is an expert in his field and also is really good at explaining scientific processes in other terms, so people that aren't science majors can understand the material. His method of teaching is exactly what every other science professor can learn from and use, Dave Jewitt is a perfect example of an overall great professor who knows how to teach and what exactly he is teaching.

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THANK YOU. Your assistance in improving teaching is appreciated.
The class was much more interesting than I thought it would be. I enjoyed the lectures and discussions as well as some of the other activities (especially the planetarium). Professor Jewitt is a very knowledgeable teacher and makes the lecture interesting while adding hints of delightful humor. I'm going to miss classes like his.

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I feel that this class was very well organized and thoroughly thought out, and I enjoyed the material and activities very much! I cannot say that I am very science or math oriented, and so some material was difficult to comprehend. However, I appreciated learned much more now, and now have a stronger inclination to learn more about the solar system—it is indeed fascinating.

You are a wonderful lecturer; thank you!

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THANK YOU. Your assistance in improving teaching is appreciated.
I love this man. Best professor I've had at Weld.
PLEASE IDENTIFY WHAT YOU PERCEIVE TO BE THE REAL STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF THIS INSTRUCTOR AND COURSE.

Strengths: 1) Organization of class and lectures
           2) Professor Jewitt
           3) Subject and Material Covered
           4) TA's chosen for this class
           5) Professor Jewitt

Weaknesses: N/A.

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THANK YOU. Your assistance in improving teaching is appreciated.
Professor Jewitt is awesome! His lecture presentations are clear and well organized and I'm so thankful he posts them online. The workload/pace of the class is completely appropriate. This is a great and informative class for people who aren't science majors (such as myself). I am very thankful for all of the extra credit opportunities he provided. I will definitely recommend this course as a GE to other people.

I nominate Professor Jewitt! 😊

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The strengths of this class were the different interactive discussions and homework assignments, such as lunar observation, griffith park exploration, meteorite discussion section, and planetarium show discussion section. The informative lectures were awesome too! The weakness is at somepoints the class was a little boresome with the lecture presentations.

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THANK YOU. Your assistance in improving teaching is appreciated.
Really enjoyed this class. Quizzes were a bit difficult, but grading system was fair. I loved the extra credit assignments - very interesting and informational. Discussion sections were great. Chris did an awesome job. LOVED the meteorite lab and the planetarium!

Thank you! I so appreciate your love of this subject matter.

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Best class

Everyday!!

I like Professor's Javitz's philosophy of teaching through engaging students beyond the classroom. All the labs were great and the assignments were very straight forward and fun.
To be honest, this was my favorite class all year. I loved the way Professor Jewett made the class interesting and fun. I actually looked forward to coming to class every Tuesday and Thursday. And I really appreciate the fact that he was more concerned about students actually learning, rather than just making super hard tests. I really learned a lot and enjoyed the extra credit events!

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Professor Jewitt is an amazing professor. He has a commanding presence that makes him interesting to listen to. He is also incredibly knowledgeable of the material. I loved his class and would recommend everyone to take it.

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Professor Jewitt is one of those instructors that makes me proud to be a UCLA student. All quarter long, I got to brag to people, "I have a teacher who discovered dozens of moons, and is the reason Pluto isn't a planet!" Jewitt is a great storyteller, and makes this subject fun and interesting.

The only thing I would suggest is that he keep his ideas about religion and politics to himself, while I personally don't care, I know students who have taken offense about it.

Still, all in all, Jewitt is a master of the skies.

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Great professor. Love how he doesn't get bogged down in details and focuses on the greater implications of the material. That being said, I don't think his testing methods worked well with his way of teaching. Multiple choice asks you to recall specific details whereas a short answer or essay exam would allow us to analyze the significance of the material. I also didn't find the labs very very helpful. I would have preferred discussions. But I did enjoy the meteorite and planetarium ones.
PLEASE IDENTIFY WHAT YOU PERCEIVE TO BE THE REAL STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF THIS INSTRUCTOR AND COURSE.

Strengths
- Laid-back course (focus on learning rather than graded)

Weaknesses
- Lectures a little disjointed
- Exams a tad pedantic

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The quizzes/exams (2 in-class) seemed a bit too short and didn't really cover what I found to be more central and significant.

For instance, I don't really see the point to the question, "If a person has lived 30 years, how many seconds is that?"

Plus I wasn't sure what he wanted us to focus on when studying for the quizzes.

But his lectures can be interesting.

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- Extra credit assignments were helpful and fun.
- Good lecture slides.
- Labs involving computer simulations were not helpful or fun.
- Only the planetarium lab and telescope labs were beneficial.
- In-class exams were very hard even with studying lecture notes thoroughly.

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**Strengths**
- Knowledgeable professor
- Lectures were very interesting
- Favorite class thus far at UCLA
- Funny joker
- Taught the information so everyone could easily understand it
  - Liked that the professor played videos to show the class
    - His discoveries [really cool!]

**Weaknesses**
- Computer
  - Didn't like the labs we had to do in discussion section
    - Were stressful and didn't teach me too much

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Amazing instructor
Show the NASA videos early
I was honored to take a class by such a prestigious faculty member
(helping disprove Pluto as a planet? I'm still in awe, that is one of the biggest things a human being could accomplish)
Professor Jewitt, Planet Destroyer!!

Thank you for such an amazing class experience

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I really appreciated how knowledgeable & passionate the Prof was about the subject. He really wanted students to understand big-picture concepts of the course, & made them interesting w/real-life examples. However, some homework assignments/labs did not really fit w/ the course. Altogether, very informative & entertaining course - thanks!
Fun and interesting class to take. Really opened my views on the solar systems and planets.
Professor was always concerned with our learning.

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THANK YOU. Your assistance in improving teaching is appreciated.
Professor Jewitt successfully made the course very fun, interesting and exciting. His lectures were well prepared and his style of teaching was very commendable. One weakness is that it was difficult to meet him for office hours.
Very interesting lectures and the slide show.

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THANK YOU. Your assistance in improving teaching is appreciated.
I really liked this course a lot!
The professor was awesome 😊.
Dave Sewell is a fantastic professor who cares about students learning. This makes the class easy to comprehend and enjoyable. I would recommend this class to anyone.

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- The prof. made the course very interesting, learned many new material.
- He knew what he was talking about and helped motivate students to gain interest for the subject.

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INSTRUCTOR was very funny/engaging
during lecture.
Material relevant to course.
Weakness: not easy to contact
no set office hours

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THANK YOU. Your assistance in improving teaching is appreciated.
Jewitt was entertaining and clever. Loved integration of non-space concepts to explain course concepts.
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Generally, Prof. Jemiti is really good.

However, as a science major, I sometimes felt that this class was designed for arts students. Some physics knowledge were a little easy.

Hope that there can be more science for South-campus students.

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THANK YOU. Your assistance in improving teaching is appreciated.
Great speaker, thinker and teacher. Very fun and interesting as well as clever and wise. Most fun class I have taken at UCB! I came to learn for fun, not because it was mandatory. Thanks to Prof. Jel \textit{it} for a great experience extending beyond science as a principal but oh everyday life and practice.

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The professor was really laid back and funny but was still able to teach a lot of information. I really liked the class and can't think of any weaknesses. I'd do him.

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I really enjoyed this class, and I feel like I have learned something of value.

Prof. Jewitt is great - he made the class relaxed, fun, educational, and engaging.

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Professor Jewitt is a fantastic educator that truly cares about student learning. This was a fascinating course, and Professor Jewitt taught it very well.

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THANK YOU. Your assistance in improving teaching is appreciated.
I like the way you present the class with videos, which are both fun and educational. However, sometimes, you get sidetracked too much and go off topic, but still, your stories are quite amusing.

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I really enjoyed the different opportunities to observe the stars and the sky outside of class via the Griffith Park extra credit and the moon observations.
PLEASE IDENTIFY WHAT YOU PERCEIVE TO BE THE REAL STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF THIS INSTRUCTOR AND COURSE.

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The instructor was very knowledgeable about the material. He made it easier to understand and fun to learn.

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THANK YOU. Your assistance in improving teaching is appreciated.
I think everything was very fun. Professor and TAs were awesome and helpful.
Made this course really fun and enjoyable, and is very good at communicating with students.
PLEASE IDENTIFY WHAT YOU PERCEIVE TO BE THE REAL STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF THIS INSTRUCTOR AND COURSE.

Strengths:
- Very helpful and informative
- Made the material simple and clear to understand easily
- Definitely concerned for students learning the material

Weaknesses:
- None really
- Maybe have some lab simulations a little more engaging/interesting (especially the one on cratering)

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Professor Jewitt,
I enjoyed your class. You're a very funny astronomer. Lectures were good. I liked how you wrote out what you said on the slides and posted them. The computer lab simulations were tiresome and boring though.
Thanks for the enjoyable lectures and (though you'll probably roll your eyes at this) God bless you! ☺️
I liked this class a lot; as a science major, not all the lectures were very useful for me, but I feel like I learned enough. I appreciate that this class was interesting but not stressful, and Professor Johnson was very nice.

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Background information in physics was sufficient to impart a basic familiarity with planetary interactions.

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Good lecturer - definitely passionate about work

Tends to go off tangent a lot which is actually good since it provides a decent amount of background knowledge. Might be better to limit it though.
In this class, I think everyone should take it.
I really enjoyed this class. I greatly appreciate all the extra credit assignments that you offered. I came into this class not knowing anything but the names of planets. I now know far much more and find all the information you presented very exciting to learn about. Thanks for a great class!

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I loved seeing the Venus Transit and going to the planetarium and the Griffith Observatory.
PLEASE IDENTIFY WHAT YOU PERCEIVE TO BE THE REAL STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF THIS INSTRUCTOR AND COURSE.

Great Professor

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THANK YOU. Your assistance in improving teaching is appreciated.
Dewitt is awesome and made me interested in science. Love it.
Total waste of time. He is a terrible teacher. Probably good at research, but terrible at teaching. Endless slides of rocks in most lectures, then test questions seem to be taken from totally separate material that was either barely skimmed over in class or not even mentioned. The grading system for this class is a total mystery. He seems to make it up as he goes along.

Astro 3 w/ the Scottish professor was way better. Cannot even compare the classes really. There is such a huge difference. I have also taken Astro 5 which was also fantastically better.
PLEASE IDENTIFY WHAT YOU PERCEIVE TO BE THE REAL STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF THIS INSTRUCTOR AND COURSE.

Jemmitt is the man.

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THANK YOU. Your assistance in improving teaching is appreciated.
Jewitt is hilarious and is not one of those asshole professors who wants to make his students lives harder. He wants us all to pass, that is a beautiful thing.
He made the material easy to understand and very interesting. Definitely peaked my interest in the subject.
I thought that Dave Jewitt seemed to be concerned for students and loves to teach. But as for the subject, I feel like I was not that interested in. I wished that he tries other methods for teaching to make it a little more interesting, but I did like the videos.
Jewitt is a splendid professor. He is an amazing lecturer & able to engage students w/ his knowledge & humor. It was an amazing experience. Jewitt cares a lot about the students' well-being and works to ensure that it'll be beneficial to the students. One class activity really a hands on experience, of the annular eclipse viewing, partiality at the observatory, planetarium and looking at meteorites. Jewitt has really fulfilled our duties of teaching.
Please identify what you perceive to be the real strengths and weaknesses of this instructor and course.

Great prof
- Great lecturer

- Engaging and interesting material

- Extra credit made me want to learn material

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Thank you. Your assistance in improving teaching is appreciated.
I really enjoyed coming to lecture, interesting, funny, educational. Sun class to learn about astronomy!

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THANK YOU. Your assistance in improving teaching is appreciated.
Great Professor, Great Class.

Professor Jewitt made potentially boring material very fascinating and was always well prepared for class on time. I would recommend this class to friends and non-science majors.
amazing teacher. Syllabus was slightly confusing. We should visit the planetarium more often in class & also use the telescopes from the MS Building.
PLEASE IDENTIFY WHAT YOU PERCEIVE TO BE THE REAL STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF THIS INSTRUCTOR AND COURSE.

Very interesting.
Good material for people with no knowledge in astronomy.
Intelligent professor excellent job describing the materials and showing us cool videos.

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This was one of my favorite courses because the emphasis was on learning and not grades. The way presentations were set up were conducive to remembering certain facts.

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VERY interesting course! Professor Lewitt was great and knew his material while teaching it in a fun way!

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I first only wanted to take this class because it was a GE and it was the only class that fit my schedule. However, it became my favorite class of the whole quarter. Thank you for being a fun professor, professor Jewitt! 😊
Brilliant man. Sometimes I think he forgets not all of us are as quick and can follow his tangents. Not sure how helpful some tangents are.
PLEASE IDENTIFY WHAT YOU PERCEIVE TO BE THE REAL STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF THIS INSTRUCTOR AND COURSE.

- Personally, I felt that the course could have easily covered more material without making it more difficult.
- Sometimes, too many videos were used to illustrate a point.

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