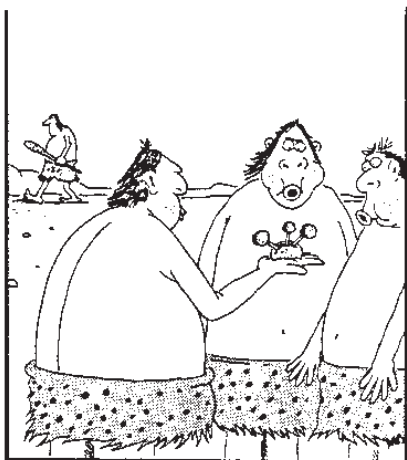# Undergraduate Geology Association

Danook shows off his Swiss Army Rock.

Introduction

The Undergraduate Geology Association (UGA) organizes social and academic events for students taking GLG courses. If you would like to get involved with the UGA, please drop by the ASSU office - SS 1068.

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GLG 102H1F Earth Science

Instructor(s): C. Bank

Enr: 18 — Resp: 14 — Retake: 35%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	7	35	21	35	0	4.9
Explains	0	0	0	21	35	28	14	5.4
Communicates	0	0	0	14	0	35	50	6.2
Teaching	0	0	0	21	28	50	0	5.3
Workload	0	21	7	50	14	7	0	3.8
Difficulty	0	21	7	57	14	0	0	3.6
Learn Exp	0	0	18	54	18	9	0	4.2

The students felt that Bank was enthusiastic, though somewhat disorganized and that the course lacked structure. Many of the students felt the course required a textbook to aid with their understanding of the material.

GLG 105H1F Evolution of the Earth: Controversy over the Last 2300 Years

Instructor(s): R. Bailey

Enr: 197 — Resp: 74 — Retake: 55%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	4	18	28	36	12	5.3
Explains	0	0	0	16	36	32	14	5.5
Communicates	0	2	9	13	37	18	17	5.1
Teaching	0	0	5	10	33	29	20	5.5
Workload	2	17	35	41	2	0	0	3.2
Difficulty	0	5	14	62	16	1	0	3.9
Learn Exp	3	3	8	54	16	8	6	4.3

Students felt that Bailey was good and knowledgeable, however, a little monotone at times. Many of the students specified that this course was a distribution requirement and though it was interesting, it was a lot of material that was poorly organized.

GLG 110H1S Introductory Geology

Instructor(s): C. Bank

Enr: 353 — Resp: 150 — Retake: 69%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	2	16	30	34	14	5.4
Explains	0	1	5	17	31	31	12	5.2
Communicates	0	0	4	9	22	32	32	5.8
Teaching	0	0	1	14	28	34	22	5.6
Workload	2	6	12	63	9	3	3	3.5
Difficulty	1	4	4	56	22	8	2	4.3
Learn Exp	1	4	3	42	26	14	7	4.6

Students found Bank to be an enthusiastic, good-natured lecturer who showed a genuine interest in geology and teaching it. For the most part, Bank was found to be very approachable.

Students mentioned the group testing methods were not worth it for a 100-level course. The textbook was a major issue - students felt the book was too expensive for the material that was eventually covered throughout the course.

GLG 202H1F Introductory Geochemistry

Instructor(s): J. Mungall

Enr: 13 — Resp: 11 — Retake: 20%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	9	0	0	9	63	9	9	4.8
Explains	0	9	9	27	18	27	9	4.7
Communicates	0	0	0	27	27	45	0	5.2
Teaching	0	0	9	9	27	18	36	5.6
Workload	0	9	0	45	27	18	0	4.5
Difficulty	0	0	9	18	63	9	0	4.7
Learn Exp	0	9	18	36	9	18	9	4.4

Mungall was found to be helpful, approachable and always had extra time after class to help. The students were pleased with the course material and found it to be extremely dry. The textbook didn't help at all because it was too confusing, the course relied too heavily on the textbook.

To help understand material better, the students would have preferred powerpoint slides, instead of writing all formulas down.

GLG 204H1S Quantitative Methods in Geology

Instructor(s): C. Bank; R. Ghent

Enr: 8 — Resp: 8 — Retake: 42%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Bank:								
Presents	0	0	0	0	50	25	25	5.8
Explains	0	0	0	12	62	25	0	5.1
Communicates	0	0	0	0	12	62	25	6.1
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	87	12	6.1
Ghent:								
Presents	0	0	0	0	25	50	25	6.0
Explains	0	0	0	0	62	25	12	5.5
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	75	25	6.2
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	62	37	6.4
Course:								
Workload	0	0	0	25	25	12	37	5.6
Difficulty	0	0	0	25	37	25	12	5.2
Learn Exp	0	0	0	33	0	33	33	5.6

Ghent and Bank had very good reviews as instructors. They were able to explain things clearly. The course had a lot of work, but it was good insight into Latex and MatLab. The problem sets were very difficult and it was very difficult to understand the topic.

GLG 205H1S Confronting Global Change

Instructor(s): J. Bollmann; J. Eliades

Enr: 374 — Resp: 59 — Retake: 54%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Bollmann:								
Presents	3	3	3	22	43	13	10	4.8
Explains	5	1	15	14	43	15	3	4.5
Communicates	5	3	5	34	32	12	6	4.5
Teaching	1	6	6	27	32	20	3	4.6

Eliades:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	5	7	12	21	43	5	3	4.2
Explains	1	7	12	16	44	12	3	4.5
Communicates	1	3	8	19	35	24	7	4.8
Teaching	5	5	12	25	32	16	3	4.4

Course:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Workload	7	5	14	61	9	1	0	3.7
Difficulty	7	7	20	47	12	3	1	3.7
Learn Exp	9	7	16	42	14	7	42	3.8

Students found the head TA to be unhelpful and unapproachable. In regards to the instructors, some students felt that they were somewhat unorganized and difficult to understand, but knew their material. They also found the term test to be difficult and not a good representation of course material, especially the multiple choice questions.

A number of students felt that the science students in the class had an advantage because this course was suppose to be for social science and humanities students.

GLG 206H1F Materials of the Earth

Instructor(s): G. Henderson

Enr: 38   Resp: 29   Retake: 55%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	14	10	28	28	17	5.2
Explains	0	0	11	7	51	18	11	5.1
Communicates	0	7	0	10	7	42	32	5.8
Teaching	3	0	7	3	14	48	22	5.6
Workload	3	3	7	37	22	11	14	4.6
Difficulty	0	3	3	28	28	17	17	5.1
Learn Exp	8	8	0	25	33	16	8	4.5

Students felt the only downside was the amount of memorizing required by the class (though it was stated at the beginning). The students felt that Henderson was fun and personable with an excellent knowledge base. He made class fun and enjoyable to attend.

Some of the engineers felt the course should have included components more geared to them.

GLG 207H1S Rock-forming Processes

Instructor(s): C. Bank

Enr: 33   Resp: 19   Retake: 29%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	36	52	5	5	4.8
Explains	0	0	26	31	26	10	5	4.4
Communicates	5	5	5	22	33	16	11	4.7
Teaching	0	11	11	5	44	22	5	4.7
Workload	0	0	0	57	36	5	0	4.5
Difficulty	0	0	5	42	36	15	0	4.6
Learn Exp	0	11	16	33	27	10	4	4.1

Students generally found Bank to have been a good and approachable teacher. A few students found that the lectures were quite vague.

GLG 216H1F Dynamic Geology

Instructor(s): U. Wortmann

Enr: 18   Resp: 16   Retake: 81%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	12	18	37	31	5.9
Explains	0	0	6	12	12	18	50	5.9
Communicates	0	0	0	12	12	37	37	6.0
Teaching	0	0	0	18	18	6	56	6.0
Workload	0	0	0	50	37	6	6	4.7
Difficulty	0	0	6	62	25	6	0	4.3
Learn Exp	0	0	0	46	0	15	38	5.5

Students found the teaching style very effective through the use of excellent examples and diagrams. Most students found Wortmann very enthusiastic, however, some students had difficult reading the course notes and requested more online notes.

GLG 217H1S Earth Evolution

Instructor(s): J.B. Caron

Enr: 17   Resp: 13   Retake: 100%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	25	66	8	5.8
Explains	0	0	0	0	46	46	7	5.6
Communicates	0	0	0	7	23	53	15	5.8
Teaching	0	0	0	0	38	46	15	5.8
Workload	0	0	7	76	15	0	0	4.1
Difficulty	0	0	7	92	0	0	0	3.9
Learn Exp	0	0	0	0	36	27	36	6.0

Students thought Caron was friendly and enthusiastic about the material. Caron was very organized. Students found labs enjoyable.

GLG 217H1S Earth Evolution

Instructor(s): D. Rudkin

Enr: 17   Resp: 13   Retake: 100%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	16	75	8	5.9
Explains	0	0	0	0	15	61	23	6.1
Communicates	0	0	0	0	8	58	33	6.2
Teaching	0	0	0	0	23	38	38	6.2
Workload	0	0	7	76	15	0	0	4.1
Difficulty	0	0	7	92	0	0	0	3.9
Learn Exp	0	0	0	0	36	27	36	6.0

Rudkin was a very good instructor because he was very enthusiastic about the material and very friendly. Students enjoyed the lab sessions and felt they learned a lot. However, a few students felt that Rudkin lectured too quickly.

Instructor(s): K. Seymour

Enr: 17   Resp: 14   Retake: 100%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	7	0	0	7	0	50	35	5.9
Explains	7	0	0	0	7	64	21	5.8
Communicates	7	0	0	0	7	21	64	6.2
Teaching	7	0	0	0	0	46	46	6.1
Workload	0	0	7	85	7	0	0	4.0
Difficulty	0	0	7	85	7	0	0	4.0
Learn Exp	0	0	0	0	18	54	27	6.1

The students enjoyed Seymour's portion of the course and found him to be enthusiastic and knowledgeable. The labs were found to be fun and well-organized.

GLG 318H1F Igneous and Metamorphic Processes

Instructor(s): J. Brenan

Enr: 16   Resp: 14   Retake: 83%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	7	7	71	14	5.9
Explains	0	0	0	0	14	35	50	6.4
Communicates	0	0	0	0	7	42	50	6.4
Teaching	0	0	0	0	7	57	35	6.3
Workload	0	0	0	50	42	7	0	4.6
Difficulty	0	0	0	21	50	28	0	5.1
Learn Exp	0	0	0	18	18	27	36	5.8

Students thought Brenan was enthusiastic and had very good teaching methods. He was organized and students learned a lot. However, some felt he spoke too fast at times.

Students felt the TA was not adequate considering the requirements for the labs. Also, the labs should have included more slides.

GLG 345H1S Structural Geology

Instructor(s): S. Cruden

Enr: 24   Resp: 20   Retake: 35%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	26	52	21	5.9
Explains	0	5	0	0	31	47	15	5.6
Communicates	0	0	0	5	29	41	23	5.8
Teaching	0	0	0	0	26	52	21	5.9
Workload	0	0	0	31	21	21	26	5.4
Difficulty	0	0	5	36	26	31	0	4.8
Learn Exp	0	6	0	25	31	25	12	5.1

Students thought that Cruden was very enthusiastic, knowledgeable and prepared; considering the difficult of the material, he was very helpful in explaining examples. Maybe, the use of 3D models would have helped to better understand the material. Labs were good and useful, but time consuming.

GLG 351H1S Geochemical and Biological Regulation of Aqueous Systems

Instructor(s): C. Omelon

Enr: 18   Resp: 14   Retake: 46%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	14	0	14	14	21	14	21	4.6
Explains	0	15	15	7	23	23	15	4.7
Communicates	7	7	21	7	21	14	21	4.6
Teaching	7	7	0	28	21	21	14	4.7
Workload	7	7	7	64	14	0	0	3.7
Difficulty	0	21	7	35	14	21	0	4.1
Learn Exp	0	16	25	33	8	8	8	3.9

GLG 360H1F Sedimentary Geology

Instructor(s): G. Bryant

Enr: 14   Resp: 12   Retake: 41%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	25	50	16	8	5.1
Explains	0	0	0	33	25	41	0	5.1
Communicates	0	0	0	0	8	58	33	6.2
Teaching	0	0	0	8	41	50	0	5.4
Workload	0	0	0	90	9	0	0	4.1
Difficulty	0	9	9	63	18	0	0	3.9
Learn Exp	0	0	0	83	16	0	0	4.2

GLG 430H1S Basin Analysis

Instructor(s): U. Wortmann

Enr: 6   Resp: 7   Retake: 83%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	16	16	33	33	5.8
Explains	0	0	0	0	50	33	16	5.7
Communicates	0	0	0	0	16	66	16	6.0
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	83	16	6.2
Workload	0	0	0	66	33	0	0	4.3
Difficulty	0	0	0	83	16	0	0	4.2
Learn Exp	0	0	0	0	60	40	0	5.4

Students found the overall learning experience to be very beneficial through the use of group discussions. Many students found the seminar-like experience to be an exciting difference compared to regular courses.

GLG 440H1S Advanced Petrology

Instructor(s): J. Brenan

Enr: 7   Resp: 7   Retake: 80%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	0	33	66	6.7
Explains	0	0	0	0	0	33	66	6.7
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	20	80	6.8
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	16	83	6.8
Workload	0	0	0	16	33	16	33	5.7
Difficulty	0	0	0	0	16	16	66	6.5
Learn Exp	0	0	0	0	40	20	40	6.0

Students found Brenan to be an excellent and enthusiastic teacher. A few students found the problem sets to be challenging although very enriching.

GLG 442H1F Mineral Deposits

Instructor(s): E. Spooner

Enr: 9   Resp: 9   Retake: 88%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	11	55	11	22	5.4
Explains	0	0	0	0	12	37	50	6.4
Communicates	0	0	0	0	11	22	66	6.6
Teaching	0	0	0	0	11	55	33	6.2
Workload	0	0	0	44	22	22	11	5.0
Difficulty	0	0	0	44	55	0	0	4.6
Learn Exp	0	0	0	12	37	37	12	5.5

The students enjoyed the teaching methods of Spooner, especially in terms of applying their geological knowledge to practical scenarios.

GLG 465H1F Geodynamics

Instructor(s): R. Pysklywec

Enr: 9   Resp: 9   Retake: 85%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	11	0	77	11	5.9
Explains	0	0	0	22	11	44	22	5.7
Communicates	0	0	0	0	11	66	22	6.1
Teaching	0	0	0	0	11	44	44	6.3
Workload	0	0	0	88	0	11	0	4.2
Difficulty	0	0	0	44	22	11	22	5.1
Learn Exp	0	0	0	12	25	25	37	5.9

Pysklywec was a great teacher who was enthusiastic about the subject. Students found the seminar portion a great way of understanding the material. However, better examples would have been preferred to understand the difficult concepts.