DIVISION OF THE ENVIRONMENT COURSES

Introduction

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Editor

ENV 200Y1Y Assessing Global Change: Science and the Environment

Instructor(s): A. Zimmerman; K. Ing

Enr: 321 Resp: 96 Retake: 67%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Zimmerman:								
Presents	0	0	3	7	28	39	21	5.7
Explains	0	0	1	7	26	41	23	5.8
Communicates	0	0	0	3	17	35	43	6.2
Teaching	0	0	2	6	12	43	35	6.0
Ing:								
Presents	0	0	0	5	25	48	18	5.8
Explains	0	0	0	6	17	51	24	5.9
Communicates	0	0	0	5	13	40	40	6.2
Teaching	0	0	1	5	14	49	29	6.0
Course:								
Workload	1	1	6	54	21	10	4	4.4
Difficulty	1	0	7	47	28	8	6	4.5
Learn Exp	0	2	1	29	31	28	6	5.0

Zimmerman and Ing were both described as knowledgeable and effective lecturers for the difficult course material. They presented the material in an engaging manner.

Students found the material difficult for a 200-level course. However, they also felt that this course covered very important information regarding environmental issues.

ENV 222Y1Y Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Environment

Instructor(s): K. Ing

Enr: 157 Resp: 126 Retake: 72%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	2	0	6	23	43	23	5.8
Explains	0	0	1	6	19	50	22	5.9
Communicates	0	0	0	0	18	34	44	6.2
Teaching	0	1	2	3	20	43	29	5.9
Workload	0	1	10	62	13	7	3	4.3
Difficulty	1	2	11	58	11	10	4	4.2
Learn Exp	0	2	3	21	30	23	19	5.3

Students generally liked Ing and said she presented the material well, with informative lectures and did a good job clearing students' confusion. Students found the tutorials ineffective. However most said the course was a great interdisciplinary take on global environment issues.

Instructor(s): C. Phillips

Enr: 157 Resp: 121 Retake: 73%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	2	3	15	31	28	17	5.3
Explains	2	1	4	12	35	25	18	5.3
Communicates	0	0	4	14	25	29	23	5.5
Teaching	1	2	4	15	31	27	17	5.3
Workload	1	2	9	63	15	5	3	4.2
Difficulty	3	1	8	61	13	9	3	4.2
Learn Exp	2	1	6	27	20	24	16	5.0

While some students felt Phillips' lecturing style could have been a bit "aggressive", many students attributed this to her passion for the material. She gave informative and thought provoking lectures.

Students found the course material multi-disciplinary and appreciated the policy and politics section of the course.

ENV 223H1F Fundamental Environmental Skills

Instructor(s): C. Young

Enr: 66 Resp: 33 Retake: 17%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	12	16	38	19	9	3	4.1
Explains	3	3	16	38	19	9	3	4.1
Communicates	6	6	34	15	18	12	6	4.2
Teaching	6	12	25	21	21	12	0	3.8
Workload	3	0	9	68	18	0	0	4.0
Difficulty	6	0	25	65	3	0	0	3.6
Learn Exp	20	20	25	35	0	0	0	2.8

The majority of students did not like the course and found it boring and a uninteresting. Students did not find the course relevant to environmental studies and felt it should not be a requirement.

ENV 234Y1Y Environmental Biology

Instructor(s): J. Bollman

Enr: 119 Resp: 62 Retake: 84%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	3	16	23	38	18	5.5
Explains	0	0	3	16	23	27	29	5.6
Communicates	0	0	1	10	14	43	29	5.9
Teaching	0	0	1	16	25	35	21	5.6
Workload	0	0	16	78	5	0	0	3.9
Difficulty	0	0	10	82	5	1	0	4.0
Learn Exp	0	0	0	36	25	23	14	5.2

Bollman's lectures were interesting but some students found him difficult to understand and too quiet at times. His enthusiasm and knowledge of the material was appreciated. More organization in Bollman's notes would have bee useful

The course was interesting and students enjoyed the lab section, which was deemed relevant to lecture material. Assignments were good but some students felt that they could be more relevant to lecture content. Feedback throughout the course would have been appreciated in order to help students assess their performance.

Instructor(s): I. Stehlik; V. Timmer

Enr: 111 Resp: 49 Retake: 85%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Stehlik:								
Presents	0	0	0	0	12	25	62	6.5
Explains	0	0	0	0	14	31	54	6.4
Communicates	0	0	0	0	10	29	60	6.5
Teaching	0	0	0	0	8	29	61	6.5

Timmer:								
Presents	0	2	4	25	25	27	16	5.2
Explains	0	2	4	14	37	31	10	5.2
Communicates	0	2	0	169	22	31	27	5.6
Teaching	2	0	0	14	29	29	25	5.6
Course:								
Workload	2	0	11	77	8	0	0	3.9
Difficulty	0	0	8	84	6	0	0	4.0
Learn Exp	0	0	2	14	41	17	23	5.4

Stehlik was described as very clear and concise. Lecture material was organized and concepts as well as class questions were explained further if needed.

Timmer was described as very knowledgeable, however, it was sometimes hard to hear or understand the concepts. His lectures were organized and he was approachable in order to clarify content.

The course material was seen as very informative and enjoyable. Labs and field trips were educational, supplementing course material very well.

ENV 235Y1Y Physics and Chemistry of the Evolving Earth

Instructor(s): J. Abbatt

Enr: 32 Resp: 22 Retake: 89%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	4	9	31	54	6.4
Explains	0	0	0	9	13	13	63	6.3
Communicates	0	0	0	4	9	9	77	6.6
Teaching	0	0	0	9	0	31	59	6.4
Workload	0	0	22	45	31	0	0	4.1
Difficulty	0	0	18	50	27	4	0	4.2
Learn Exp	0	0	0	10	30	30	30	5.8

Students raved about this course and the instructor. Many regarded this as their favourite course they have taken so far.

Instructor(s): C. Robin

Enr: 29 Resp: 20 Retake: 66%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	15	30	25	25	5	4.8
Explains	0	0	0	36	21	31	10	5.2
Communicates	0	0	0	15	30	35	20	5.6
Teaching	0	0	0	30	15	50	5	5.3
Workload	0	0	11	66	22	0	0	4.1
Difficulty	0	0	16	72	11	0	0	3.9
Learn Exp	0	0	0	42	35	21	0	4.8

ENV 236Y1Y Human Interactions with the Environment

Instructor(s): M. Diamond

Enr: 72 Resp: 36 Retake: 76%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	5	0	8	30	47	5	2	4.4
Explains	5	0	2	22	30	38	0	4.9
Communicates	2	0	0	5	16	41	33	5.9
Teaching	2	2	0	8	40	42	2	5.2
Workload	0	5	25	61	5	2	0	3.8
Difficulty	0	5	27	61	2	2	0	3.7
Learn Exp	0	0	10	27	34	24	3	4.8

Diamond was knowledgeable and passionate about the course material. However, she was often disorganized and off-topic. Still, students appreciated her expertise and broad knowledge pertaining to the course material.

Students found the course material simple to understand and follow. Students requested that slides be made available prior to class. Also, students would prefer a textbook with more current topics. Overall, it was a good learning experience.

ENV 307H1S Urban Sustainability

Instructor(s): C. Hostovsky

Enr: 49 Resp: 27 Retake: 76%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	4	0	12	24	24	28	8	4.8
Explains	0	0	3	11	15	46	23	5.7
Communicates	0	0	0	7	19	30	42	5.7
Teaching	4	0	8	8	32	36	12	5.2
Workload	0	0	3	84	7	3	0	4.1
Difficulty	0	0	23	65	11	0	0	3.9
Learn Exp	5	0	5	33	38	5	11	4.6

Students found the course information interesting and the lectures informative.

ENV 315H1F Chemical Analysis of Environmental Samples

Instructor(s): M. Gorton

Enr: 14 Resp: 10 Retake: 90%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	10	20	30	40	0	5.0
Explains	0	0	0	0	40	40	20	5.8
Communicates	0	0	0	0	20	60	20	6.0
Teaching	0	0	0	10	20	70	0	5.6
Workload	0	0	10	30	30	30	0	4.8
Difficulty	0	0	20	50	10	20	0	4.3
Learn Exp	0	0	0	0	55	33	11	5.6

Students responded with great enthusiasm towards the instructor and course material. They found the instructor very knowledgeable of the material. Many students felt they many have benefitted from further assistance - many cited posting notes on Blackboard as a suggestion.

ENV 320Y1Y National and International Environmental Policy Making

Instructor(s): D. Macdonald

Enr: 38 Resp: 28 Retake: 84%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	7	25	46	21	5.8
Explains	0	0	0	3	25	46	25	5.6
Communicates	0	0	0	3	14	35	46	6.2
Teaching	0	0	0	0	3	78	17	6.1
Workload	0	0	0	29	48	18	3	5.0
Difficulty	0	0	3	59	29	7	0	4.4
Learn Exp	0	0	0	22	22	45	9	5.4

Students enjoyed this course as it dealt with environmental policy. Some said the workload was high but many said they appreciated the readings.

Macdonald was described by students as knowledgeable, helpful and available for individual consultation.

ENV 321Y1Y Approaches to Environmental Issues

Instructor(s): K. Kumar

Enr: 71 Resp: 43 Retake: 76%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	16	30	25	16	11	4.8
Explains	0	0	2	19	34	24	19	5.4
Communicates	0	0	0	6	20	34	37	6.0
Teaching	0	0	0	16	32	32	18	5.5
Workload	0	0	11	62	16	9	0	4.2
Difficulty	0	2	11	72	9	4	0	4.0
Learn Exp	0	0	0	41	32	6	19	5.0

While students found Kumar to be enthusiastic, nice, and knowledgeable, they found his lectures lacking. Students would have rather heard about Kumar's thoughts and past experiences rather than having class discussions and student presentations.

Instructor(s): S. Cohen

Enr: 70 Resp: 49 Retake: 58%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	4	18	48	16	12	5.1
Explains	0	2	6	22	26	32	10	5.1
Communicates	0	2	2	8	29	35	22	5.6
Teaching	0	0	0	16	24	44	14	5.6
Workload	0	0	4	68	10	14	2	4.4
Difficulty	0	2	4	59	22	8	4	4.4
Learn Exp	0	0	8	43	32	16	0	4.6

While students found the material interesting, a few felt that the readings were heavy and that course work was marked harshly.

Students felt Cohen lectured well, and was knowledgeable and passionate about the material.

ENV 333H1F Ecological Worldviews

Instructor(s): T. Leduc

Enr: 37 Resp: 26 Retake: 73%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	11	23	50	15	5.7
Explains	0	3	0	15	15	42	23	5.6
Communicates	0	0	0	0	15	50	34	6.2
Teaching	0	0	0	3	19	42	34	6.1
Workload	0	4	8	60	24	0	4	4.2
Difficulty	0	4	12	64	16	0	4	4.1
Learn Exp	0	0	0	52	19	14	14	4.9

Leduc was enthusiastic, organized and a great teacher overall.

ENV 335H1F Environmental Design

Instructor(s): S. Waite-Chuah

Enr: 51 Resp: 29 Retake: 64%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	10	0	17	13	31	27	0	4.4
Explains	0	6	3	24	20	34	10	5.0
Communicates	0	0	0	13	24	41	20	5.7
Teaching	0	10	10	10	37	27	3	4.7
Workload	0	0	24	72	3	0	0	3.8
Difficulty	0	6	24	62	6	0	0	3.7
Learn Exp	8	4	13	39	17	17	0	4.0

Many students felt that too much time was spent on student presentations for which the marking seemed unfair. Although the presentations were interesting, students would have preferred more lecturing by Waite-Chuah. The questions on the quizzes were unclear or irrelevant.

Students did enjoy Waite-Chuah's enthusiasm and the interesting course content she presented. But overall, felt the course could have been better organized.

ENV 340H1S Informed Environmental Practice

Instructor(s): C. Young

Enr: 32 Resp: 20 Retake: 27%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	10	10	10	25	20	25	0	4.1
Explains	5	5	15	35	30	10	0	4.1
Communicates	0	0	5	20	55	20	0	4.9
Teaching	15	10	20	30	25	0	0	3.4
Workload	0	0	15	65	20	0	0	4.1
Difficulty	5	5	25	60	0	5	0	3.6
Learn Exp	6	6	20	46	13	6	0	3.7

Some students felt that the educational value of this course was questionable. They felt that the expectations from assignments were not made clear and assignments were not marked fairly.

ENV 341H1F Environment and Human Health

Instructor(s): A. Abelsohn

Enr: 78 Resp: 66 Retake: 74%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	16	52	18	13	5.3
Explains	0	0	0	10	35	36	18	5.6
Communicates	0	0	0	11	26	39	22	5.7
Teaching	0	0	0	6	35	43	14	5.7
Workload	0	0	9	74	14	0	1	4.1
Difficulty	0	0	12	72	11	0	3	4.1
Learn Exp	0	0	0	41	43	10	4	4.8

Students felt that tutorials could have been improved. They wanted clearer instructions for the assigned work and they also felt that the marking was harsh.

ENV 410H1F Environmental Research Skills

Instructor(s): D. Macdonald

Enr: 37 Resp: 17 Retake: 43%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	5	23	29	29	11	5.2
Explains	0	0	5	5	17	58	11	5.6
Communicates	0	0	0	5	23	35	35	6.0
Teaching	0	0	0	0	17	58	23	6.1
Workload	0	0	0	52	41	5	0	4.5
Difficulty	0	0	5	82	11	0	0	4.1
Learn Exp	0	0	7	35	42	0	14	4.8

ENV 421H1Y Environmental Research

Instructor(s): K. Ing

Enr: 33 Resp: 28 Retake: 52%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	11	15	65	7	5.7
Explains	0	0	0	19	23	38	19	5.6
Communicates	0	0	0	11	26	30	30	5.8
Teaching	0	0	0	7	11	65	15	5.9
Workload	0	0	0	20	12	32	36	5.8
Difficulty	0	0	4	29	33	33	0	5.0
Learn Exp	0	0	4	9	50	18	18	5.4

Students mentioned that the workload was heavy for a half credit course. They felt that they learned a lot from this course including valuable research skills.

ENV 422H1F Environmental Law

Instructor(s): P. Muldoon

Enr: 45 Resp: 24 Retake: 95%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	9	13	27	27	22	5.4
Explains	0	0	0	4	22	27	45	6.1
Communicates	0	0	0	4	4	21	69	6.6
Teaching	0	0	0	4	13	34	47	6.3
Workload	0	0	4	43	39	8	4	4.7
Difficulty	0	0	4	39	43	4	8	4.7
Learn Exp	0	0	0	5	44	5	44	5.9

Students were very enthusiastic about Muldoon. They appreciated his enthusiasm and passion towards the course. Many wished that this class was smaller for a more intimate learning experience.