ENVIRONMENTAL STUDENTS' UNION

Introduction

The Environmental Students' Union is a student-run organization representing the students enrolled in the programs of the Centre for Environment and affiliated departments. ENSU acts as a liaison between students enrolled in the programs and the corresponding faculties. For more information, visit out website: http://ensu.sa.utoronto.ca/

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ENV 200H1S Assessing Global Change: Science and the Environment

Instructor(s): K. Ing

Enr: 453   Resp: 150   Retake: 75%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	2	0	8	26	37	25	5.7
Explains	0	0	0	7	26	36	28	5.8
Communicates	0	0	0	4	15	41	36	6.1
Teaching	0	0	1	7	25	37	28	5.8
Workload	0	3	13	66	12	4	0	4.0
Difficulty	0	2	14	63	10	8	0	4.1
Learn Exp	0	0	1	43	22	21	8	4.9

Ing presented the material in a well-organized and engaging fashion, with good real world examples. Some students found that sometimes she tended to relay too much information in too short a time frame, and so her lectures sometimes felt rushed. Ing was enthusiastic about the material.

The text was enjoyable and the tutorials were fun and helpful. The midterm was difficult and focussed too much on details rather than concepts.

Overall, a very informative and thought provoking course.

ENV 221H1F Multidisciplinary Perspectives on the Environment

Instructor(s): K. Ing

Enr: 370   Resp: 151   Retake: 81%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	4	32	40	22	5.8
Explains	1	0	0	4	25	43	24	5.8
Communicates	0	0	0	5	19	41	34	6.0
Teaching	0	0	0	4	25	40	29	5.9
Workload	0	0	10	56	21	6	4	4.3
Difficulty	0	3	10	60	18	6	0	4.1
Learn Exp	0	1	3	36	28	21	7	4.9

Students overall, thought that Ing was a very enthusiastic and organized instructor. She was engaging and helpful. Students would have enjoyed having more tutorials that were geared towards the course's wide range of readings and test preparation. Furthermore, students thought that the tests were very specific and should have focussed on broader concepts.

ENV 222H1S Interdisciplinary Environmental Studies

Instructor(s): D. Macdonald

Enr: 320   Resp: 92   Retake: 76%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	1	2	15	30	33	17	5.5
Explains	0	1	0	6	25	48	18	5.8
Communicates	1	2	2	8	24	35	26	5.6
Teaching	0	1	1	2	25	46	24	5.9
Workload	0	0	6	37	41	6	6	4.7
Difficulty	0	0	20	62	13	3	0	4.0
Learn Exp	0	8	4	39	21	21	4	4.6

The lecture outlines were more effective than powerpoints. Students wished there were more tutorials that were more structured and organized. The workload was deemed to be heavy - too many essays (3) and a midterm.

Macdonald communicated clearly and enthusiastically. His explanations were simple to understand and helpful.

ENV 234H1F Environmental Biology: Structure and Function of Ecosystems

Instructor(s): H. Cyr; J. Eckenwalder

Enr: 136   Resp: 75   Retake: 50%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Cyr:								
Presents	1	0	2	9	27	38	19	5.6
Explains	1	0	2	9	33	32	20	5.5
Communicates	1	0	0	9	22	41	24	5.8
Teaching	1	1	0	12	29	36	18	5.5
Eckenwalder:								
Presents	12	9	34	17	19	6	0	3.4
Explains	10	2	18	26	22	14	4	4.1
Communicates	6	2	9	22	20	28	10	4.7
Teaching	9	6	22	28	21	10	0	3.8
Course:								
Workload	0	0	5	35	29	11	18	5.0
Difficulty	0	1	18	50	19	4	5	4.2
Learn Exp	7	3	4	46	28	6	3	4.2

Students felt that the course was interesting, but could have been more structured. Many felt that the labs were unorganized, time consuming and required long travel. However, many felt the fieldwork was worthwhile.

Cyr was enthusiastic and explained concepts quite clearly. Her slides were informative and easy to follow.

Eckenwalder was said to be very knowledgeable and gave good examples, however, sometimes was unclear. Students found it sometimes difficult to anticipate what material would be tested.

Instructor(s): L. Tutty

Enr: 136   Resp: 71   Retake: 46%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	1	1	7	21	36	25	7	4.9
Explains	1	0	2	15	48	22	8	5.1
Communicates	2	0	10	14	31	34	7	5.0
Teaching	1	0	7	16	43	26	4	5.0
Workload	0	0	1	38	29	10	19	5.1
Difficulty	0	0	15	46	24	8	5	4.4
Learn Exp	10	0	4	46	27	8	2	4.1

Tutty was considered by most to be a good lecturer who was generally clear and easy to understand. Students appreciated comments on the midterm.

ENV 235H1S Physics and the Environment

Instructor(s): B. Milkereit

Enr: 48   Resp: 32   Retake: 25%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	12	25	22	25	6	6	0	3.1
Explains	6	12	22	29	12	12	3	3.8
Communicates	6	6	16	29	12	12	16	4.4
Teaching	6	19	19	19	22	12	0	3.7
Workload	0	12	6	61	9	3	6	4.0
Difficulty	0	3	6	45	22	12	9	4.6
Learn Exp	12	12	16	54	4	0	0	3.2

While Milkereit was enthusiastic, students felt lectures were poorly organized and lacking in focus. Explanations were unclear, though students appreciated the use of slides. They also wished his handwriting on the board was clearer and larger.

ENV 307H1F Urban Sustainability

Instructor(s): B. Savan

Enr: 45   Resp: 31   Retake: 60%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	3	9	22	32	29	3	4.8
Explains	0	6	6	20	30	30	6	4.9
Communicates	0	0	3	9	35	32	19	5.5
Teaching	3	3	6	32	16	32	6	4.8
Workload	0	0	3	30	33	26	6	5.0
Difficulty	0	0	10	50	33	6	0	4.4
Learn Exp	4	4	8	24	24	24	12	4.8

Overall, students thought that the course description did not reflect the content of the course. Students wished they could have received their grades back sooner and also thought that the assignment expectations needed to be communicated clearer. However, students loved the guest lecturers.

ENV 315H1F Chemical Analysis of Environmental Samples

Instructor(s): M. Gorton; C. Bray

Enr: 15   Resp: 15   Retake: 78%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Gorton:								
Presents	0	0	6	20	40	33	0	5.0
Explains	0	0	0	7	28	42	21	5.8
Communicates	0	0	0	28	35	35	14	6.1
Teaching	0	0	0	0	28	57	14	5.9
Bray:								
Presents	0	9	27	18	27	18	0	4.2
Explains	0	0	8	25	25	25	16	5.2
Communicates	0	0	9	0	326	36	18	5.5
Teaching	0	0	25	8	33	16	16	4.9
Course:								
Workload	0	0	0	46	26	26	0	4.8
Difficulty	0	0	0	80	6	13	0	4.3
Learn Exp	0	0	0	46	7	38	7	5.1

Gorton was described as an enthusiastic instructor who took ample time to go through the material. Students found the course to be very useful.

Students found Bray to be an enthusiastic instructor. However, some felt that he spoke too fast at times.

ENV 320H1F National Environmental Policy

Instructor(s): D. Macdonald

Enr: 59   Resp: 30   Retake: 82%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	6	36	30	26	5.8
Explains	0	0	0	6	23	30	40	6.0
Communicates	0	0	0	0	24	27	48	6.2
Teaching	0	0	0	10	23	30	36	5.9
Workload	0	0	0	53	40	3	3	4.6
Difficulty	0	0	3	62	34	0	0	4.3
Learn Exp	0	0	0	17	39	30	13	5.4

The instructor was described as knowledgeable, enthusiastic, engaging and he was always available and helpful to students.

ENV 322H1S International Environmental Policy

Instructor(s): D. Macdonald

Enr: 65   Resp: 43   Retake: 79%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	12	31	31	24	5.7
Explains	0	0	0	4	21	43	29	6.0
Communicates	0	0	0	4	12	43	41	6.2
Teaching	0	0	0	2	17	48	31	6.1
Workload	0	0	4	56	26	7	4	4.5
Difficulty	0	0	4	61	21	11	0	4.4
Learn Exp	0	2	0	29	37	16	13	5.1

Macdonald was engaging, intelligent and passionate and was described by some as inspiring. The course material was interesting and well-organized. The hands-on mock UN meeting was very useful and well-appreciated. Many students would recommend this course to others.

ENV 333H1S Ecological Worldviews

Instructor(s): K. Kumar

Enr: 104   Resp: 43   Retake: 76%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	2	19	40	26	11	5.3
Explains	0	0	2	11	41	32	11	5.4
Communicates	0	0	2	6	25	44	20	5.7
Teaching	0	0	2	22	48	30	16	5.6
Workload	0	0	11	69	13	4	0	4.1
Difficulty	0	0	16	69	6	6	0	4.0
Learn Exp	0	3	9	45	22	16	3	4.5

Kumar was very enthusiastic and knowledgeable. Students thought the course material was interesting.

ENV 335H1S Environmental Design

Instructor(s): S. Waite-Chuah

Enr: 40   Resp: 32   Retake: 96%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	3	9	34	37	15	5.5
Explains	0	0	0	9	25	37	28	5.8
Communicates	0	0	0	3	12	51	32	6.1
Teaching	0	0	0	12	25	34	28	5.8
Workload	0	0	23	73	3	0	0	3.8
Difficulty	0	6	17	58	17	0	0	3.9
Learn Exp	0	0	0	22	40	27	9	5.2

Overall, students found the course concepts to be very interesting and thought Waite-Chuah was enthusiastic and did a good job of conveying the material.

ENV 350H1F Energy Policy and Environment

Instructor(s): K. Stewart

Enr: 98   Resp: 47   Retake: 81%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	4	10	31	36	17	5.5
Explains	0	0	0	8	36	36	19	5.7
Communicates	0	0	0	6	12	40	40	6.1
Teaching	0	0	0	10	34	36	19	5.6
Workload	0	6	17	67	2	6	0	3.8
Difficulty	0	0	19	71	6	0	2	3.9
Learn Exp	0	0	2	29	32	18	16	5.2

Overall, students enjoyed the course and instructor.

ENV 422H1F Environmental Law

Instructor(s): P. Muldoon

Enr: 49　　　　　Resp: 32　　　　　Retake: 92%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	6	6	37	21	28	5.6
Explains	0	0	0	0	25	34	40	6.2
Communicates	0	0	0	0	12	40	46	6.3
Teaching	0	0	0	0	12	37	50	6.4
Workload	0	0	0	54	25	16	3	4.7
Difficulty	0	0	0	35	45	16	3	4.9
Learn Exp	0	0	0	11	40	33	14	5.5

Most students expressed that the course was interesting and the instructor was knowledgeable and a good teacher. Most students also felt that the learning experience was relatively high compared to other ENV courses. Some suggestions made by the students were to include class outlines or powerpoints before lecture.

ENV 430H1F Environmental and Health in Vulnerable Populations

Instructor(s): C. Wiseman

Enr: 11　　　　　Resp: 11　　　　　Retake: 100%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	36	9	54	6.2
Explains	0	0	0	0	27	18	54	6.3
Communicates	0	0	0	0	18	18	63	6.5
Teaching	0	0	0	0	9	18	72	6.6
Workload	0	0	9	63	27	0	0	4.2
Difficulty	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	4.0
Learn Exp	0	0	0	0	0	50	50	6.5

Students enjoyed the instructor's teaching style and appreciated the student-centered class style (i.e. focus on debate and presentations).

ENV 431H1F Urban Sustainability and Ecological Technology

Instructor(s): B. Bass

Enr: 7　　　　　Resp: 4　　　　　Retake: 50%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	50	50	0	5.5
Explains	0	0	0	0	25	50	25	6.0
Communicates	0	0	0	0	25	50	25	6.0
Teaching	0	0	0	25	25	25	25	5.5
Workload	0	0	0	75	25	0	0	4.2
Difficulty	0	0	25	75	0	0	0	3.8
Learn Exp	0	0	50	0	0	50	0	4.5

Bass was described as well-spoken and enthusiastic.

ENV 451H1S Current Environmental Topics

Instructor(s): D. Macdonald

Enr: 61　　　　　Resp: 30　　　　　Retake: 53%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	3	16	40	20	20	5.4
Explains	0	0	3	10	26	36	23	5.7
Communicates	0	0	0	0	27	41	31	6.0
Teaching	0	0	0	3	23	36	36	6.1
Workload	0	0	6	37	41	6	6	4.7
Difficulty	0	0	26	62	13	3	0	4.0
Learn Exp	0	8	4	39	21	21	4	4.6

Students enjoyed the engaging classes and the great guest lecturers. They appreciated Macdonald's enthusiasm and the knowledge he shared. However, students found the workload to be heavy and the TA marking to be unfair.