

Comments Report

1. Instructor Evaluation

- 1.1) Write any comments below that might help your instructor evaluate his/her teaching performance. What did you particularly like? What improvements could you suggest?
- I enjoyed the small group discussions. They helped foster relationships between classmates and worked for building problemsolving skills.
 - I liked the ease of watching the videos online to prepare for class. Overall organization could be improved upon.
 - I love the flipped classroom technique. It really allows me to take time with the learning process and go at my own pace, while also being able to focus on question and progress during class. I love the freedom we are allowed in the class as well.
 - I really appreciated the thought the professor put into the material he taught us. It was all worthwhile. I enjoyed the breadth in which we learned the subject. I like his interactive style and discussions. I think the professor should not be afraid to voice his own voice, we all want to listen.
 - I really enjoyed his teaching style. He keeps the class engaged, and I thought it was very helpful having the opportunities to clarify things with the students around you throughout the class.
 - I think Pete definitely made us think outside of the box and the ways that we can change to help the environment. I think explaining more on the concepts in class would be helpful to better understand the materials.
 - More lecture. Schwartz is such a smart guy with an impressive resume, I wish that I had the opportunity to learn from him a bit more.
 - Out of the three years that I've been here in Cal Poly, Peter Schwartz is still the best professor I've ever had. This is the second time I've taken a class with him and the information that he covers in this class has helped me determine that I want a career in clean energy, such as the production of solar cells. This class helped me understand a wide range of important issues that are happening today, such as our growing need to shift towards using sustainable resources; how political administrations ultimately impact the direction of energy use; how energy works; and most importantly how our habits as a society impact the world. He is damn good at teaching. He is enthusiastic and passionate about the material he teaches. He's the most understanding and empathetic professor I've ever met. Please pay attention to this man and the hard work that he has done.
 - This class had a lot of class time and work outside of class. I had a good experience with Pete. He was a great professor who really cared about his students. I liked that the class was more about learning the information and the basics rather than strictly knowing what everything was exactly. I would suggest not having so much class because with the format of a flipped classroom, having to watch videos outside of class, then having three 1 hour lectures and a 2 hour lab it was hard to focus on other classes. Although I learned a lot in the class sometimes it stressed me out having to watch the videos before hand. To actually watch them and learn the material took a lot of time. This class was time consuming but interesting.
 - This has been one of my favorite college courses. I really appreciated the low pressure atmosphere this Pete provided in this class, and I feel like it freed me up to learn more and in a more natural way. I definitely learned more that is applicable to life in this class than any other GE i've taken. Thanks Pete!
 - group discussion over small group discussion
 - i have never had a class structured like this before and it was very enjoyable and very helpful to my understanding