

BIO 318 (1): Invertebrate Zoology

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Fall 2013

Faculty Reports



22

Students Enrolled



19

Students Responded



86.36%

Response Rate

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Comments

- Dr. Pawlik is an amazing professor and very intelligent(he knows something about everything). I believe everyone should take his class because you learn a lot and he makes it fun and interesting.
- Dr. Pawlik, this was an excellent class and I am very happy that I decided to take it this semester. I enjoyed learning about such a large diversity of invertebrate animals and it has definitely increased my interest and appreciation for them.
- Excellent teacher, great class, huge amount of material to learn.
- Hardest class I've ever taken. If had the chance to do it over, I would not take this course. GPA killer, especially for my major. Should not have as much material or should be broken into two semesters. Would like to be informed of my overall grade including with the curve throughout the semester instead of wondering and hoping I will pass, coming from a student with a GPA above 3.6.
- I give Dr. Pawlik credit for being able to teach such dense material in a relatively short period of time. The material in the class is not difficult until the time constraint is placed upon it. It was a lot to learn in a short amount of time but I think Dr. Pawlik is probably one of the only professors I've had that has managed to go over all the material he set out to do. I learned a lot and I look forward to using the knowledge I've obtained from this course in my future studies!!
- Made the subject matter interesting but there was too much information that we were expected to remember. Also, lab practicals would always be placed too close to the date of a test making both of them more stressful. Overall I would not recommend this course to any one because of the huge amount of information expected to be learned and the clear joy that Dr. Pawlik shows in this fact.
- One frustrating thing about the class that was sort of frustrating, that I'm sure isn't entirely under your control because molecular evidence and phylogenetic groupings are in flux, was that in some cases you would tell us that something has recently changed but that "for the purposes of this course" not to worry about it and to learn it the other way. Also that the book had some deviations from what you had in class, and since reading it was in my experience the best way to study it was a little tricky sometimes (not too often) to make the distinction and not get mixed up. Your class is very challenging but you made that very clear from the beginning which allowed me to mentally prepare myself so thanks for that. There have only been a handful of times when I have really been impressed by how my professors wealth of knowledge came through on a subject and this was definitely one of those times. It was a challenge but definitely worth it, it blows my mind now to think of all these different organisms that almost everyone has no clue exist.
- Overall, the class was very difficult and required a lot of work and studying! However, dr. Pawlik cared about the subject matter, made the course extremely organized, and thus made the course interesting. The only thing that I did not like was the lab. It required little to no effort and usually resulted in me copying the material as fast as I could just to be done. I feel like more hands on activities such as looking at a live starfish from a tank etc. would aid in the overall lab experience!
- Thank you for the informative and enjoyable course
- The material was very interesting and presented in such a manner, however the amount of information students are required to learn is unrealistic.
- The tests were fine. They were hard and challenging, but we were warned ahead of time. The lab practicals were pretty much impossible to make an A on. He might want to make the labs more interactive to actually teach the students instead of just laying out stations and make you take notes on them.
- This was the most challenging course I have ever taken at UNCW. That being said, it was my favorite biology class by far and I learned so much throughout the course of this semester. The professor was very passionate and extremely knowledgeable about the subject he was teaching. I feel that this class should be required as part of the Marine Biology degree because of the valuable information learned. Also, most of the species discussed were marine in nature and actually have important interactions in the marine ecosystem. If you are willing to put the effort into studying for this class, it is definitely a worthwhile class to take and I would highly recommend it to any of the Marine Biology students at UNCW.
- Your class was interesting but your tests were too difficult and I couldn't really follow where the material for the tests came from.