



2025 Fall Course Evaluation

Invertebrate Zoology BIO-318-001 (Full Term)- Joseph Pawlik



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Courses Audience: 46
Responses Received: 16
Response Ratio: 34.78 %

This set of questions is specifically designed to evaluate students' experiences in this course.

Overall Statistics	Value
Mean	4.50
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.63

1. I developed skills or knowledge in this subject as a result of this course.

5 Strongly Ag...	10	62.50%	
4 Agree	5	31.25%	
3 Neutral	1	6.25%	
2 Disagree	0	0.00%	
1 Strongly Di...	0	0.00%	
Total	16		0% 50% 100%

Statistics	Value
Response Count	16
Mean	4.56
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.63

2. The content in this course helped me to learn.

5 Strongly Ag...	9	56.25%	
4 Agree	4	25.00%	
3 Neutral	3	18.75%	
2 Disagree	0	0.00%	
1 Strongly Di...	0	0.00%	
Total	16		0% 50% 100%

Statistics	Value
Response Count	16
Mean	4.38
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.81

3. This course was well organized.

5 Strongly Ag...	8	50.00%	
4 Agree	7	43.75%	
3 Neutral	1	6.25%	
2 Disagree	0	0.00%	
1 Strongly Di...	0	0.00%	
Total	16		0% 50% 100%

Statistics	Value
Response Count	16
Mean	4.44
Median	4.50
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.63

4. The course policies were clearly articulated in writing.

5 Strongly Ag...	10	62.50%	
4 Agree	6	37.50%	
3 Neutral	0	0.00%	
2 Disagree	0	0.00%	
1 Strongly Di...	0	0.00%	
Total	16		0% 50% 100%

Statistics	Value
Response Count	16
Mean	4.63
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.50

5. Assignment instructions were clear.

5 Strongly Ag...	11	68.75%	
4 Agree	5	31.25%	
3 Neutral	0	0.00%	
2 Disagree	0	0.00%	
1 Strongly Di...	0	0.00%	
Total	16		0% 50% 100%

Statistics	Value
Response Count	16
Mean	4.69
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.48

6. Overall, this was an effective course.

5 Strongly Ag...	7	43.75%	
4 Agree	7	43.75%	
3 Neutral	2	12.50%	
2 Disagree	0	0.00%	
1 Strongly Di...	0	0.00%	
Total	16		0% 50% 100%

Statistics	Value
Response Count	16
Mean	4.31
Median	4.00
Mode	5, 4
Standard Deviation	0.70

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	Your Mean Score	UNCW Mean (Across Responses)
I developed skills or knowledge in this subject as a result of this course.	4.56	4.50
The content in this course helped me to learn.	4.38	4.46
This course was well organized.	4.44	4.42
The course policies were clearly articulated in writing.	4.63	4.57
Assignment instructions were clear.	4.69	4.47
Overall, this was an effective course.	4.31	4.42

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Overall Statistics	Value
Mean	4.24
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	1.03

1. The instructor demonstrated the significance of the subject matter.

5 Strongly Ag...	13	81.25%	
4 Agree	3	18.75%	
3 Neutral	0	0.00%	
2 Disagree	0	0.00%	
1 Strongly Di...	0	0.00%	
Total	16		0% 50% 100%

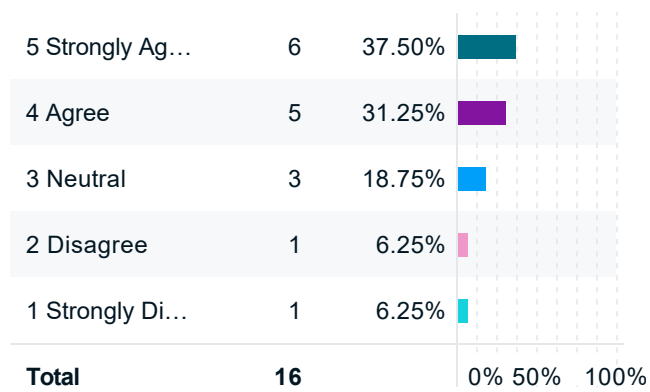
Statistics	Value
Response Count	16
Mean	4.81
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.40

2. The instructor made efforts to make the course engaging.

5 Strongly Ag...	8	50.00%	
4 Agree	3	18.75%	
3 Neutral	4	25.00%	
2 Disagree	1	6.25%	
1 Strongly Di...	0	0.00%	
Total	16		0% 50% 100%

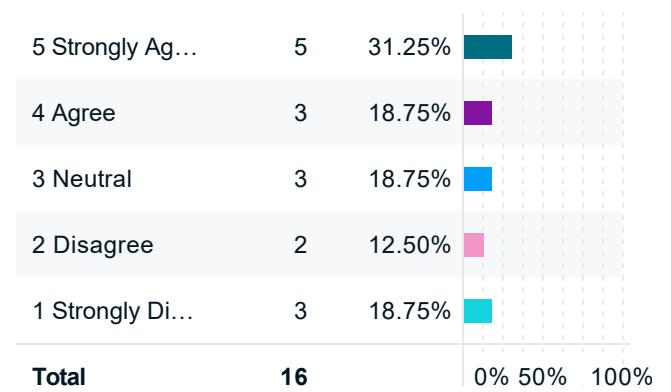
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Response Count	16
Mean	4.13
Median	4.50
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	1.02

3. The instructor's teaching methods increased my understanding of the subject.



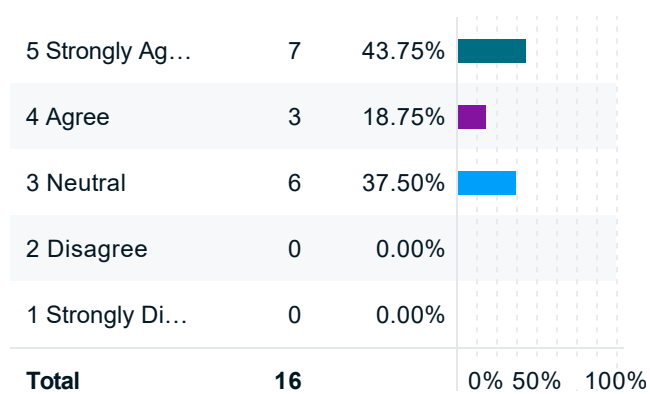
Statistics	Value
Response Count	16
Mean	3.88
Median	4.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	1.20

4. The instructor provided meaningful feedback on my work.



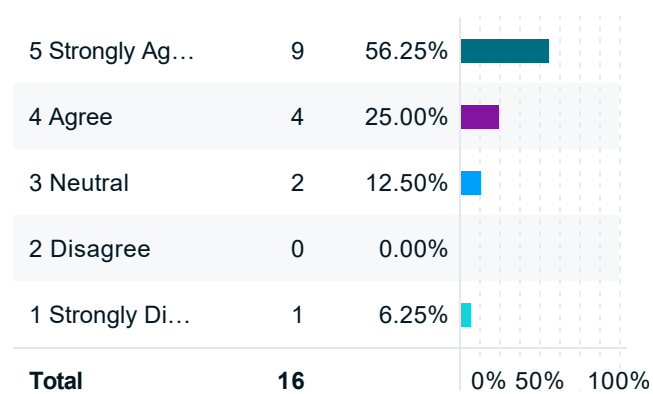
Statistics	Value
Response Count	16
Mean	3.31
Median	3.50
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	1.54

5. The instructor provided timely feedback on my work.



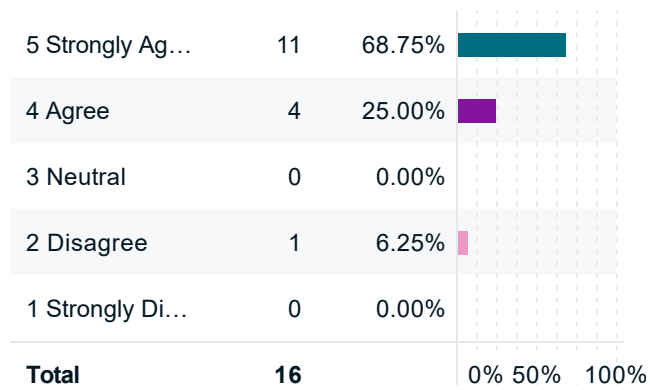
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Response Count	16
Mean	4.06
Median	4.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.93

6. The instructor treated students with respect.



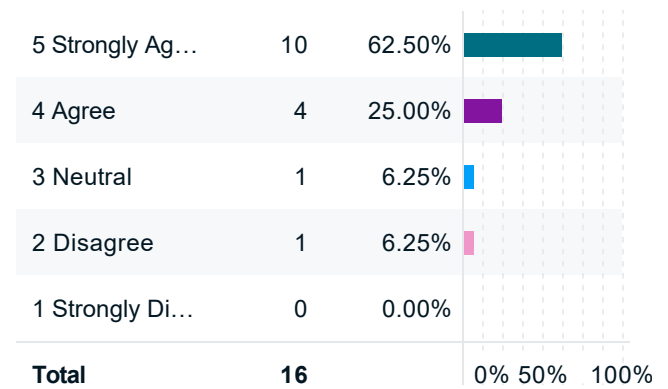
Statistics	Value
Response Count	16
Mean	4.25
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	1.13

7. The instructor provided opportunities to ask questions.



Statistics	Value
Response Count	16
Mean	4.56
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.81

8. The instructor held class meetings consistent with the official schedule published for this course.



Statistics	Value
Response Count	16
Mean	4.44
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.89

9. The instructor communicated well with students about the class.

5 Strongly Ag...	11	68.75%	
4 Agree	5	31.25%	
3 Neutral	0	0.00%	
2 Disagree	0	0.00%	
1 Strongly Di...	0	0.00%	
Total	16		0% 50% 100%

Statistics	Value
Response Count	16
Mean	4.69
Median	5.00
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.48

10. Overall, I consider this individual to be an effective instructor.

5 Strongly Ag...	8	50.00%	
4 Agree	5	31.25%	
3 Neutral	3	18.75%	
2 Disagree	0	0.00%	
1 Strongly Di...	0	0.00%	
Total	16		0% 50% 100%

Statistics	Value
Response Count	16
Mean	4.31
Median	4.50
Mode	5
Standard Deviation	0.79

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	Your Mean Score	UNCW Mean (Across Responses)
The instructor demonstrated the significance of the subject matter.	4.81	4.62
The instructor made efforts to make the course engaging.	4.13	4.51
The instructor's teaching methods increased my understanding of the subject.	3.88	4.36
The instructor provided meaningful feedback on my work.	3.31	4.37
The instructor provided timely feedback on my work.	4.06	4.40
The instructor treated students with respect.	4.25	4.70
The instructor provided opportunities to ask questions.	4.56	4.68
The instructor held class meetings consistent with the official schedule published for this course.	4.44	4.64
The instructor communicated well with students about the class.	4.69	4.60
Overall, I consider this individual to be an effective instructor.	4.31	4.54

• What additional feedback do you have for the course?

Comment

I did enjoy this class, however I think that there should have been more resources available on Canvas for exam review. We received a practice exam for the first exam at the beginning of the semester that very much helped me in my preparation for the exam, but we were not given any sort of study guide or practice exam for any of the other exams, and I strongly believe that my grades would have been much improved had we been given study resources. I also think that our final and lab practical should not fall on the same day. Our lab practical is assigned for the day we get back from thanksgiving break and our final exam is scheduled for that tuesday, the day after the practical. I do not understand this because we have an entire week set in place for final exams, why are they both scheduled within 24 hours of each other the day after Thanksgiving? I believe it is overwhelming and unnecessary since thanksgiving is about spending time with family and celebrating the holiday, not studying every day for 2 exams in the same class during our time off from school.

Giving students to do the lab on their own time without supervision created a backlog in the lab and provided the opportunity for people to be inconsiderate of others' time and abuse the equipment and ruin specimens. Students would take well over an hour at a station just drawing or texting on their phones rather than moving to another chair for others to start working. Also, being told that the emails on Monday that are sent out are to keep students out of the professor's office is just another way of saying don't come to me for help.

None; this was one of the most informative classes I have taken throughout college. I appreciated the understanding Dr. Pawlik displayed on the subject matter, as well as how much life on Earth is covered in the course.

Dr Pawlik is very transparent on the course schedule, difficulty, and provides meaningful advice to pass this grueling course. Only thing I wish was done differently, we aren't able to view our grades until the course is finished, while feedback is readily available seeing your current score is not.

This course was super dense and covered a lot of material, but I feel as if I learned a lot about invertebrate zoology. However, I found the grading scale to be confusing and feel that I would have benefitted from a more clear explanation for how our final grades would be determined.

There is a ton of information to learn in this course. Dr. Pawlik was very transparent on the first day of class that he expected us to learn from this course and that it would be overwhelming if not studied for properly. I have learned more from this course than any other class I have taken for marine biology and believe it was crucial in my college courses. I would take this class again even knowing how much effort and work it required.

Though this class is a lot, I really enjoyed it! I am a visual learner, so most slides having pictures or just being pictures was amazing.

He's only effective for certain students. Slides are more than often information heavy or just pictures. This course is also unnecessarily complicated, most of the contents are found in BIO 202 or 201. HE has also misgraded a few exams marking the correct answer incorrect.

This is one of my favorite classes I've taken here. Dr. Pawlik is an excellent instructor. If I have any complaints, it's that he used ChatGPT to get a statistic that he taught us. It's frustrating to see a marine scientist casually using unnecessary technology with a disturbingly high carbon footprint. Generative ai is also not intended to be used as a search engine, especially for incredibly niche information.

Made an average of 1–2 grading errors on each exam, but was understanding and willing to correct errors when pointed out. My own poor handwriting is the likely culprit, but I was not the only one to face this problem. Professor could possibly benefit from creating a bubble form as a solution for fast grading, even if it's not scannable. Great to talk to, and loved the class.