

What have been the best aspects of this course? 10 responses

I really enjoyed the gross science videos

I liked completing the phyla charts & I enjoyed lecture but there was a lot of information to take notes on and sometimes I got lost in the material.

The videos

The labs that were more interactive (i.e. the last two)

All the videos and field trip and everything else that I got to see or have contact with hands on.

The best aspect was learning all about animal biology.

The best part of the course has been videos we watched that were helpful and also handouts with illustrations.

Learning about the different animals have been cool.

I loved the challenge of the course....even though it really got me at the beginning

Videos and real life experience

What aspects of this course have you liked the least? How can this be improved? 10 responses

I had issues with the nature journals. It felt like I was writing just to fulfill rubric requirements instead of being able to watch nature and write about what I saw

I didn't enjoy lab very much because it just overwhelmed me. I don't think much could be changed about that but I liked the few times where we would go over the answers to questions at the end of class.

How logistical this class is and that its not spread out evenly

PPTs not being provided on material before class. I like to review them before class so I am more prepared to ask questions. Maybe they can be posted for a limited time on BB during the semester.

What I did not like is that we rushed through notes because we were behind and we did not have enough time to really talk about whatever notes we were going over.

The aspect I like the least is how dense and heavy this course is. I feel like I don't have a true understanding about everything we have learned. I think people would enjoy and learn more from this class if it was split up into two semesters.

I feel like we had too much work to complete and not enough time. Nature journals and projects were sometimes taking up so much time that it took away from studying for the course. If we had less excess work, grades may be better.

All of the EXTRA work on top of studying for exams. There can be more exams with less information on them.

I don't like how assignments are done. I think it could be improved if they felt more involved with class.

Lab-graduate level work, not enough time in lab

What aspects of this course and your instructor's teaching helped you learn best? 9 responses

I liked how everything was organized very well and that Dr. Sorger would follow up on questions that people had in class.

The notes being typed out

Diagrams

The powerpoints for me was very very helpful and pictures/videos.

I liked having the notes on a powerpoint instead of copying hand written notes. They were more organized and easier to understand.

I learned best when the slides were on blackboard and I could focus more on what you were saying and the additional information you provided.

I liked the powerpoints

Organization

Very open to questions

What specific advice would you give to help your instructor improve this course? 8 responses

I think the teaching was great. I don't think I would change anything about the information provided in class. I would suggest quizzes though. When I have quizzes in a course it helps me keep up with the work and information.

Slow down, and really make sure we understand definitions

Make all the labs like the last two because those were the most interesting and I could tell a lot of thought was put into them.

To structure more the material in a way you are able to have time to talk about it with your students instead of rushing it and telling them to just look it up on blackboard.

I think with all the information that comes with this class. Both instructors conducting and taught the information the best they could.

It would be helpful if we had access to slides used in class and had more time for discussion.

I would space out the exams and have less information on each exam.

Daily quizzes to encourage study skills

Room for additional comments 10 responses

There was a lot going on with this class; I feel like I got caught up in worrying about the smaller assignments and making sure they were all done by the book and it really distracted me from reviewing the actual class material for the exams

Thanks for a great class!

loved hearing your story

Thank you for a great semester!

Overall, I loved this class and your teaching was great. I honestly did not have any problem and I think you did a great job teaching animal biology. The only problem is what I mention above, but that is it. I know for a fact I learned a lot! And I mean a lot and I see everything differently now. It was a great experience and a pleasure being your student.

Thank you Dr. Sorger! You were an amazing teacher and we all appreciate all of your hard work and all the effort it took trying to follow another teachers set up of the class.

The transition between professors was hard, but I enjoyed having both. It would be helpful if we had less busy work because this class is so content heavy. Also, having discussion about the minor phyla or maybe changing what we need to know about them would be helpful. There are too many phyla focused on. If we did not have to know so many classes and orders then maybe knowing all phyla would be ok.

I really loved the class and I thought that Dr. Sorger was very adaptable and entune with the needs of the students

I believe you are great professor and you truly care about each and every student. If I could take an entomology course with Dr. Sorger I would. Honestly the most beneficial class I have ever taken. Helped me chose a direction to take my degree and helped me conquer many struggles I faced within the class