

Name: Megan Serr -- Course: Hon SP Top Sci Tech

HON 296 006 Courses surveyed - HON 296 006

Response

A little more guidance for essays and discussion posts would have been nice earlier on in the semester before we had figured out what the general protocol was.

Did a wonderful job. Made the course engaging, interesting, and was very knowledgeable and passionate about getting the students to think outside the box!

Interesting, engaging, fun

Instructor was very knowledgeable about course materials, was nice to have a fellow person who spoke in biological terms as a student in the biology field it was nice to have her there to connect the communication with the biology.

Maybe more guest speaker than really needed, some were more interesting than others but overall I think there were more than we needed I would've liked more days like the beginning of the class where we would read and discuss the readings in groups and then as a class. Really informative, I think it would've been fun to have more information on the biology side of things, as the course focused heavily on communications (for good reason its a biotechnical communications class), but it still would be fun to go into a little more detail about the biology behind things, may be biased as a bio student

Offered a lot knowledge pertaining to the biological side of this course. Really awesome procedure of integrating her knowledge into the ethical perspectives of this course.

At some points the amount of guest speakers felt overwhelming and unnecessary. I appreciated their knowledge, but sometimes we dwelt on particular topics or issues for too long.

Very prepared and provided interesting information in class

Assignments and readings were useful but sometimes overwhelming when they built up such as having the synthesis post on Friday, public engagement due Saturday, replies due Monday, with readings and discussion post due Monday

Ask guest speakers to provide hands on activities not just lecture

Ms. Serr was always helpful and prepared for class.

The course was amazing. I felt that it was just the right level of "work," paired with the flexibility to learn in a way that best suits you. (For example, the engagement project was very open ended and the final course project is open ended as well.) I really appreciate that. In addition, the readings and our discussions in class have truly changed the way I think about things in life. This course is super important for those within the sciences and outside of the sciences, and I would recommend it to anyone. My only complaints are 1) that I felt the attendance policy was a little too strict, I've never had another honors course with such an attendance policy, and as honors students we generally want to come to class anyway 2) this honors course is the only one I have had that never included some sort of food/celebration from time to time. I realize this is silly, but it is part of the fun of our honors courses. (In the past, I've had professors bring in donuts, bagels, coffee, etc occasionally). 3) My most major complaint is that I do not believe it is fair to expect students to come to class and attend a mandatory after class movie. Instead, I think it would be better to either show the movie in class or cancel class during the day and just require the evening viewing. Another option is that the movie attendance could be for extra credit or something.

One of the best courses I've had!

I love what she brought to the class. She was enthusiastic about what we were doing and was very supportive as well. I appreciate that she took the time to comment on some of our discussion posts each week. I would take a class with her again in a heartbeat if I could!

This course was truly interdisciplinary and I liked how it encouraged us to think for ourselves and develop our own opinions and arguments based on the readings we completed.

The main issue with Megan's instruction was that towards the beginning of the semester, she seemed a bit closed off and hard to read. I think this was probably due to shyness and just nervousness associated with teaching a brand new course because she noticeably improved throughout the semester, probably as her comfort level with both the material and the students increased. She was clearly knowledgeable in the biological sciences, so even though Elizabeth led many of the discussions, Megan was always there to back her up with more technical knowledge. Also I enjoyed how the instructors took turns facilitating class each day depending on the topic. Rather than one always doing most of the talking and the other one always handling technology and papers in a more assistant-like role, they switched it up now and then, so the balance of power between the two was rather equal. I enjoyed getting to know both instructors throughout the course, and I am glad that Megan in particular opened up as the semester progressed.

Name: Serr, Megan E -- Course: Intro Bio Ecol/Div

BIO 181 002G Courses surveyed - BIO 181-002G

Response

I really enjoyed Megan Serr. I thought she was a very upbeat person. She knew biology well and she really liked it. She was very helpful outside of the classroom, especially responding to emails. I would love to have her for another lab in the future.

I enjoyed lab this semester and I enjoyed my TA and my lab partners. I enjoyed the labs this semester and think they were very useful and helpful.

I loved have Mrs. Serr as my TA. She was a very effective teacher. If I had had a different instructor I would not have had completely different and wouldn't have learned as much as I did.

The labs were long and had a lot of information, but otherwise it was a great experience.

Very involved and excited about the subject. Gave very useful feedback and instruction.

The course was generally useful in addition to the class. Labs were a bit long though with many different subjects involved in each.

Really liked her!

Really enjoyed the course!

Really enjoyed the lab!

Awesome lab director! Extremely helpful and on-the-ball. I was lucky to get placed in this lab

Lengthy lab, but the extended time gives us a chance to reinforce the concepts we learned during the lecture

Great lab, enjoyable and helpful

Enjoyed this lab, hope I end up with the same lab director in another Bio class!

Name: Megan Serr -- Course: Intro Bio Cell/Mol

BIO 183 005G Courses surveyed - BIO 183 005G

Response

Strengths - Very smart, knew what was going on, made the lab enjoyable Weakness - Very odd, random, got off topic

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I really liked the instructor. Every lab period, she would start with questions, comments, and concerns. She really made the lab interactive. In certain activities, she would go to individual tables to explain a concept to make sure everyone understood the material.

This lab was designed to enhance the knowledge from the lecture, and it was successful to a certain extent. The lab could be a lot more concise in its activities. Some of the activities seemed irrelevant, of the time given to the activity was way more than it needed to be. For example, we spent around 30-40 minutes learning about meiosis and mitosis with plastic beads. Each person did not really need to give a presentation that outlined both processes. Students would be more focused if the objectives of the lab were met in a more efficient and clear manner rather than doing activities that are just busy work.

Lab practicals, point system, and instructor's grading were fair.

The amount of time spent in the lab can be condensed to two hours.

SUCH a nice person, loved having her as my lab TA.

Go frogs!

Very good at connecting with students. Was always there to help with anything. Also her lab was challenging but very fair at the same time. She took time to explain concepts that we discussed in class to make sure that everyone completely understood.

No weakness

Megan was always very enthusiastic and happy to be in lab. She was a tough grader on our papers but not to an unfair extent.

The coursework itself was fine, however it is difficult to remain fully involved in lab when it goes on for 2 hours and 45 minutes.

I felt this lab met the requirements any standard lab course should.

Megan is very good at explaining the material and extremely friendly/easy to talk to. I like how in depth she goes with her power points because it really helps when doing assignments. Instead of trying to make the lab hard she tried to help us learn the material and succeed. She is the best bio lab instructor I've had.

The labs sometimes had a lot of waiting around, which made it boring and feel longer than the already long 3 hours.

Instructor was very nice, treated students with respect.

Course was not very difficult but lasted a long time.

Name: Megan Serr -- Course: Bio Mod World Lab

BIO 106 002 Courses surveyed - BIO 106 002

Response

Loved getting feedback for quiz answers

Loved the alternating in class- online style of the course

Mrs. Serr was very enthusiastic about teaching the lab and made sure we walked away with new knowledge after each class. She thoroughly explained new topics and made what seemed like a difficult lab easy to understand.

Some of the online labs were hard to follow and learn from, I felt like the in-class labs were more beneficial than the online ones.

Megan Serr is a great instructor for bio lab. She was fun and engaging but also explained on things we learned in class to help us better understand the material. Great person to take the lab with.

Name: Megan Serr -- Course: Bio Mod World Lab

BIO 106 005 Courses surveyed - BIO 106 005

Response

Dr. Serr is very kind and helpful.

I really enjoyed the in-class labs, but the online labs did not always work as they were supposed to.

I think all of in-class activities were great, but I believe the online labs need to be checked to ensure they work on all types of computers before assigned.

online lab materials were easy to use

Prof. Serr was really nice! Very responsive to emails, and always kept labs interesting. Her powerpoints were also helpful and the quizzes were manageable.

Clearer guidelines for online lab activities.

Sometimes the online labs were a bit tedious because of the links. They weren't always 100% clear with directions at times and I sometimes struggled with it.

One of the best instructors I have ever had. She knew what she was talking about and taught all students well. I was very sick one week and she helped me make up my work and cared that I could not make it to class. She should be in a classroom. I would take a class with her.

Megan was always prepared before class and explained each concept very well and was thorough with the material and her expectations. Was always walking around the class to make sure we were understanding what we were supposed to be doing in lab. She made the course really fun and easy to learn.

No criticism! The fact that this is a hybrid course is great.

Everything was great about the course. The material and how it was presented, the instructor, the topics covered, and the hybrid format is all awesome.

Great class great professor

She was always well prepared and to ready to answer questions from students. Moreover, the in lab activities were always set in order not to spend time doing it. I think that some quiz

Very informational class. This lab helped understand the information that was poorly taught in BIO 105.

Megan Serr was so passionate about her job and was always ready to help her students in any way possible. I loved this class and have no complaints regarding her teaching style; she was so helpful.

The only weakness was that the post-lab quizzes were slightly difficult and had some frivolous questions, however I recognize that all Bio 106 classes use these same questions and that this is not up to the instructor's discretion.

Mrs. Serr was always ready to help and made the course educational and fun at the same time, no complaints.

This lab was better than my 105 class. I attained way more information from these sessions than I did all semester in my lecture class. The instructor was such a nice lady who was always patient and there to offer her help. The labs were honestly fun and informative. One of the best classes this semester!

Name: Megan Serr -- Course: Bio Mod World Lab

BIO 106 009 Courses surveyed - BIO 106 009

Response

I thoroughly enjoyed this lab section primarily because of how enthusiastic Mrs. Serr is about teaching, learning and engaging with her students.

Ms. Serr interacted with the students well and made sure we understood what we were doing and what it explained in biology.

She made the labs for bio enjoyable and understandable. Which for me helped a lot because in high school it was hard for me to understand what I was doing and why, but she did an excellent job.

enthusiasm for course, explained everything well, conducted fun labs
the labs were fun and very educational

Great professor, loved the way she controlled the class

Was a lot of fun and very educational

Awesome lab to go along with Bio 105