

Course Evaluation

AIDS and Other Human Diseases

Fall 2003

I What did you like BEST about this course?

1. Presentations and tests.
2. Learning about diseases
3. The presentations
4. The structure. It was clear and organized.
5. All the information about all the diseases.
6. Everything was pretty spread out grading wise.
7. The content/information really struck me.
8. It involved the application of a lot of current events. History is important, but we are young and need to be able to apply things to our lives.
9. The interesting material.
10. The movie "And the Band Played On" and the discussion about it.
11. Very interesting topic
12. The videos...The Band Played On.
13. I like the subject matter and I liked that we related it to sociological issues.
14. Group work/movies
15. Learning about aspects of the virus (I.e.chemical compounds & stages of transmission) that are difficult to learn independently.
16. I liked how interested the professor was in the topic. His continuous interest kept my interest as well.
17. I enjoyed the portion of prevention methods as well as the group presentation.
18. I liked the information provided and the enthusiasm of the professor.
19. The sociological aspects of HIV/AIDS. Plus, the film and videos that were shown were very good and informative.
20. In class demonstrations and exercises helped in putting things in a clearer way.
21. The material was interesting to learn about. It was also presented very well throughout the semester.
22. I liked the social affects of AIDS/HIV such as the videos on South Africa, etc. along with the film And The Band Played On.
23. I like the course content. I really never knew much about the biology of HIV/AIDS and I found it to be quite interesting.
24. The AMAZING clarity and organization of lectures. VERY easy to follow. Presented most interesting aspects of the topic.
25. I enjoyed the lectures...they were interesting and easy to follow. I also enjoyed the videos that we watched, I think they showed the real face of the disease.
26. The explanations given by the professor were so clear. For someone who is not studying biology, it was easy to understand.
27. How enthusiastic the professor was and how he made the class exciting. The subject matter was really important to learn about.
28. Learning about so many different diseases, and watching the videos.
29. All of the group work was especially helpful in reiterating the material covered for that particular day. I enjoyed the videos as well, they provided a human perspective to the disease.
30. Instructor presented class material in a way that was interesting. Instructor was very enthusiastic.
31. The thing I enjoyed was learning about how AIDS works & how the scientific community discovered & dealt with it. It gave a good overview as to everything that involved this disease (other countries lifestyle/attitudes).
32. Exploring all aspects of the disease & I liked the different forms of teaching-videos,debates,articles,etc. This class was highly relevant.
33. It was a fascinating course. AIDS is such an important disease I believe everyone needs to be educated on this topic. I just enjoyed learning the effects AIDS has had on society.

II What did you like LEAST about this course?

1. Learning the biological aspects...the cells, etc. Simply because I'm not a huge fan of the sciences. But one has to know and learn this in order to understand the virus. Necessary evil.
2. The movies
3. The homework
4. I hate chemistry (personally). But I liked everything else.
5. Testing format
6. The homework seemed graded hard for homework
7. Constant homework & how hard the material was.
8. The books were not necessary because the teacher is very knowledgeable.
9. The attendance policy
10. Splitting into groups.
11. Too much chemistry/biology...I didn't feel I had enough background to understand some concepts.
12. The group work
13. It seemed dumbed down.
15. We didn't get to study much of the other diseases (cancer, diabetes).
16. I feel that a class this size may have trouble with class activities. The presentations were great! However, the classroom activities got a little tiring. Maybe if we could pick our own groups that would help.
17. I felt that the first 1/4 of the class focused too much on biochemistry. I felt that sociological issues regarding AIDS is more important. Awareness is a necessity facilitated through the minds of young people.
18. Nothing
19. The chemistry aspects were pretty difficult for a non-major, but after enough studying, it did become easier.
20. Nothing really-enjoyed class. Tests were a bit difficult for me though.
21. That we weren't able to discuss the two other diseases we decided on at the beginning of the semester.
22. What I liked least was all the biology but I understand that it's a necessary part of the course.
24. 9:00 A.M.!!! For science majors, it moved kind of slow sometimes-understandably so, since this is SMC.
25. I didn't like the whole class discussions. I felt as though many people never talked during them and nothing was accomplished. I also didn't like the exams. I thought the expectation was not clear in them. Where all that was expected was not clearly stated.
26. Nothing!! It was perfect.
27. How much of a biology class it was-as a nonbio major I felt somewhat at a disadvantage-I wasn't too fond of the class group activities either.
28. What I liked least was the professor's method of grading. He should not be so anal/picky about our answers on final exams/tests. We are all not biology/chemistry majors.
29. Probably Dr. Neu's visit. I didn't find it particularly helpful or relevant.
31. This class was one of the best I've taken here.

Note: Not everyone wrote written responses to each question which accounts for the different number of responses to each question.

	Highest		Lowest		
Scale	5	4	3	2	1

		Mean
		<u>N=34</u>
III	Were the goals and objectives of this course clearly stated?	4.76
IV	How well was the course organized?	4.88
V	Do you think the instructor knows his material?	4.94
VI	Did the instructor express himself in a clear and concise manner?	4.79
VII	Did the instructor make himself available outside of class?	4.69
VIII	Was the instructor enthusiastic about this class?	4.79
IX	Did the instructor welcome questions in class?	4.85
X	Was the instructor prepared for class?	4.91
XI	Was there a proper balance of learning techniques?	4.65
XII	Did this course stimulate and hold your interest?	4.32
XIII	Did the exams cover the material presented in class?	4.76
XIV	Did the instructor return graded work in a reasonable amount of time?	4.82

Note: Because this was my sabbatical year, I did not have any faculty committee responsibilities this semester. The numerical part of the evaluations are unusually high (0.2 – 0.5 higher than in other years), which probably reflects the fact that I was able to devote more of my time to teaching my classes this semester than is usual.

XV Any additional comments about the instructor or the class?

1. I love AIDS
2. More knowledgeable than when I started.
3. He seemed very passionate about his work
4. Good instructor, knew his stuff, had fun w/learning the material, just hard to remember all of it.
5. He was very organized & presented material well.
6. Dr. I. Is extremely excited and educated about the material in this class, he was a very approachable and understandable prof.
7. I would enjoy taking another course w/professor
8. Dr. limoto is great! I love his enthusiasm for the subject.
9. Great! I wish I had time to take Biochem!
10. I am really glad I took this course because I never knew the severity of this disease. The class was extremely informational and very interesting. I never wanted to miss a day of class.
11. I think everyone should take this class because it deals with an issue we should all be concerned about.
12. The instructor should be less picky on grading.
13. Dr. limoto was extremely well prepared and informative.
14. I recommend everyone to take this course--very insightful.
15. Keep teaching this class so that others could have a class in which they fully enjoy & aren't just taking to fulfill their major or lib.ed. requirement.
16. This is an excellent class. Perhaps it should be offered more often so more people can take it. I know there is always a large waiting list and people have to settle for other courses.
17. Instructor was excellent, knew his stuff, made the class interesting and fun. Would recommend class to everyone, should be requirement. Thanks for educating me.
18. This was the most informative class I have ever taken at Whittier (and I am a senior!). The content will not be something you forget after you walk out after finals. This class left a lasting impression and awakened me to a lot I was previously not aware of.

