

SIRS Summary Report: Behavioral Ecology of African Mammals (IBIO490)

Superior	Above average	Average	Below average	Inferior
1	2	3	4	5

Summer 2017

Students: 17
Evaluations: 13
Instructors: Eli Strauss,
Tracy Montgomery, Zach Laubach

Summer 2018

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Question	Score (Mean \pm SD)	
	Summer 2017	Summer 2018
Instructor involvement		
The instructors' enthusiasm when presenting course material.	1.38 \pm 0.62	1.38 \pm 0.48
The instructors' interest in teaching.	1.30 \pm 0.60	1.23 \pm 0.42
The instructors' use of examples or personal experiences to help get points across in class.	1.23 \pm 0.42	1.15 \pm 0.36
The instructors' concern with whether the students learned the material.	1.38 \pm 0.62	1.84 \pm 1.02
Student interest		
The course as an intellectual challenge.	1.46 \pm 0.49	1.53 \pm 0.49
Improvement in your competence in this area due to this course.	1.15 \pm 0.36	1.38 \pm 0.62
Student-instructor interaction		
The instructors' encouragement to students to express opinions.	1.38 \pm 0.73	1.46 \pm 0.49
The instructors' receptiveness to new ideas and others' viewpoints.	1.30 \pm 0.60	1.46 \pm 0.49
The student's opportunity to ask questions.	1.23 \pm 0.42	1.30 \pm 0.46
The instructors' stimulation of class discussion.	1.38 \pm 0.73	1.41 \pm 0.64
Course demands		
The appropriateness of the amount of material the instructors attempted to cover.	1.75 \pm 1.16	2.07 \pm 0.82
The appropriateness of the pace at which the instructors attempted to cover the material.	1.91 \pm 1.32	2.15 \pm 0.86
The contribution of homework assignments to your understanding of the course materials relative to the amount of time required.	1.69 \pm 1.06	2.00 \pm 0.67
The appropriateness of the difficulty of assigned reading topics.	1.53 \pm 0.84	1.84 \pm 0.66
Course organization		
The instructors' ability to relate the course concepts in a systematic manner.	1.38 \pm 0.73	1.92 \pm 0.72
The course organization.	1.46 \pm 0.92	2.15 \pm 0.76
The ease of taking notes on the instructors' presentation.	1.46 \pm 0.92	2.69 \pm 0.99
The adequacy of the outlined direction of the course.	1.46 \pm 0.84	2.00 \pm 0.78
Your general enjoyment of the course.	1.23 \pm 0.57	1.23 \pm 0.42

Comments:

“Definitely the most amazing study abroad. TEN OUT OF TEN.”

“This was amazing, thank you all for the wonderful opportunity :)”

“Give more feedback so people actually know what they did wrong.”

Note: All questions and comments included.

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Academics Question	Score (Mean \pm SD)	
	Summer 2017	Summer 2018
The instruction was... 1 = great 5 = terrible	1.08 \pm 0.28	1.67 \pm 1.32
The workload was... 1 = light 5 = heavy	4.00 \pm 0.71	4.44 \pm 0.53
The assignments were... 1 = educational 5 = busywork	1.69 \pm 0.63	2.22 \pm 0.97
The grading was... 1 = easy 5 = hard	3.23 \pm 0.60	3.56 \pm 0.53
The instructors were _____ available for questions. 1 = always 5 = never	1.46 \pm 0.88	1.78 \pm 0.67
I was intellectually.... 1 = challenged 5 = bored	1.62 \pm 0.51	1.56 \pm 0.73
I could have learned the same material at MSU. 1 = agree 5 = disagree	4.46 \pm 0.66	4.67 \pm 0.50

Comments:

Because this survey was very free-form, there were too many comments to include here. Email me at montg215@msu.edu if you'd like a copy of these evaluations.