

Summary of Written Comments from “Student Perception of Instruction” forms

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BIOL 236-01, Vascular Plants - FALL 2005

Course conducted very well, humor & stories kept it interesting. Didn't really need the books but the little yellow dictionary book helped a lot. Field trips fun & overnight nice to have!

Instructor was very helpful throughout the semester.

This class has definitely opened my eyes to the many plants in the world. I now walk around noticing vegetation and pointing at the characteristics.

Very good teacher and was fun to have.

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I felt that the course was made more interesting due to the enthusiasm for the topics presented by Dr. Ryburn. The quizzes and tests were very fair, and the review sessions were well worth the time and effort of attending. Lecture was interesting, and the comfortable manner in which the class was addressed made it a more pleasurable experience. I would recommend the course and Dr. Ryburn to anyone.

I enjoyed the way that the information was presented in this class. The laboratory exercises were helpful. The environment and enthusiasm presented by the instructor was laid-back and welcoming. I would take another class taught by this instructor.

Class was a joy to be in. Learned a large amount of information, and information has stuck in my head due to excellent teaching methods.

It's unfortunate that I will not be taking Bio I or III with you.

You are a great teacher. You explain everything clearly and concisely, so that everyone can explain. Keep up the wonderful work.

You were awesome. You got all your thoughts across well and taught very well.

The course was taught very well. Dr. Ryburn, you are a very good teacher I found that the material wasn't that interesting for me but you made it enjoyable and I actually, for once, enjoyed a biology class. The review classes were very helpful and you provided a positive learning environment. Good music choices during lab.

I mistakenly took this class, thinking it was the same as General Bio I, and didn't find out until much later that its a much harder course. Being a mass comm major, I felt in over my head. However, the lectures were interesting, and the review classes and study guides were a great help. Very well instructed.

I think your class was very good. I love the way you teach, with the slideshow lecture notes, and I really like how you make the material funny. You have a great teaching style, and are fair with quizzes and work.

Ryburn is the best professor that I have this semester. He motivates me to study hard and succeed in everything I do in class.

Although I didn't really like learning about plants, Dr. Ryburn made it a little bit more exciting and fun. I liked that he conducted lab very laid back and fun. It was a good semester.

Instructor was very good, he made sure students knew the material before moving on.

Best science class I've taken. Ryburn makes it fun. Lectures were a tad boring and hard to pay attention. Dr. Lentz made me fall asleep. Tests were a little difficult. I wish we had done more in lab besides look at slides. Labs were graded very fairly. Definitely keep putting notes on Blackboard, they helped a lot.

Best teacher ever. Motivated me to do well and have interest in plants!

Always prepared & blackboard was always up to date. Labs were fine, always around to help, talked a little too much in lab though & took up some time we could've used for lab. Tests were a little too hard and long, quizzes in lab is enough, in class quizzes shouldn't be required. Other than that - very informative.

This class was so good. I enjoyed learning from Dr. Ryburn because he taught in a way that I could remember the information. Dr. Ryburn is a great teacher.

The course material was a little hard to grasp at first. Mainly because I was unused to the lecture method and which proactive way to take & keep notes. Midway through, fortunately, I realized that it was perfectly fine to indicate to the professor that I wasn't done taking notes yet, and that my own notes were preferable over the print outs, it kept me awake and helped me identify key points. The professor made himself available and accessible outside of class and was always humorous and friendly while at the same time dedicated.

It was very helpful when Dr. Ryburn gave out review sheets and held review sessions before the tests. He always encouraged students to ask questions. The course should not be split in two. There should not be two different teachers.

Lectures were a little boring, but Dr. Ryburn was very nice and helpful. Review sheets and classes were very helpful in being successful on the tests. Quizzes were fair as well. I liked the comics before each lecture began. I didn't like that the teacher changed half way through the semester. Just as I got used to how one teacher tests and grades you switched. It's a good idea in theory but the two professors teach and test very differently and it just adds un-needed stress so far into the semester.

The course was conducted in a well managed way. I appreciate the professor's effort for lecture notes. The classes were on time.

Professor Ryburn was an excellent teacher. I felt that the review for the tests and the study sheet were very helpful to the students. It helped us study and organize the important info. The only complaint I have about this class is that, since it was split between two teachers, they should stick to the same procedures.

I liked Dr. Rayburn a lot. He made easy notes to take, presented the information clearly and interesting with the use of computer slide shows and video clips. Lecture was fun and he would toss in a joke every now and then. I didn't like the 2 professor thing though. I didn't enjoy having a completely new teacher halfway through the semester.

I thought that you conducted class very well and explained ideas in a way that students could understand. I like the way you gave us our test review before each test and along with that, a review sheet. Biology has a lot of information and the review sheet definitely gave me a better idea of what to study and how to go about it. The material I didn't quite understand, you seemed to teach it well and explain your ideas while making it a fun learning experience also.

The instructor was great, he is always prepared; always give us quizzes, which were really helpful. There are review sessions before exams. The exams were moderate, most of the questions are direct, and there is a part for thinking, which is really fair.

Dr. Ryburn is a remarkable teacher. He makes sure his students know the material and creates a fun learning environment. His teaching methods are effective and thorough.

Dr. Lentz is a friendly person and knows her material, but I feel she pushes way too much information on us in such a little amount of time. It's very difficult to memorize all of her slides for the exam. She does not give out a study guide or review class, which would be helpful for making sure the students know the material.

Ryburn was an excellent professor, he made sure the students were familiar with his material and helped us to do the best we could in this course! I really enjoyed his half of the class.

Thank you for providing me with great info on plant life. I learned a lot from you. You're a good guy. Have a good holiday and enjoy your month off.

Dr. Adam Ryburn ' Great Professor!! He made Botany interesting, considering its All plants. The info was presented clearly. Overall enjoyed the class and now I most defiantly know about the interworkings of plants and fungus. Good job with the Bio Club as well. Hooray for plants!

Everything was good. However, something needs to be done about the third exam. There was too much information that required specific knowledge. With a class average of 68 I don't think I say that Alone.

Dr. Ryburn is awesome. I thought I hated Bio and sucked at science but he made the course wonderful. He explained things effectively and made an effort to make the class interesting. He also made an effort to actually help the students understand and learn the material. I loved when he taught the class and lab was actually fun! I got a lot out of this class, I no longer think I suck at bio or hate science. Thanks Dr. Ryburn!!

Overall the course was conducted in a good and helpful manner. Examples often used to make concepts clear. Though I strongly believe that the text material needs to be revised as it was not very helpful for certain assignments.

I liked Dr. Ryburn, his teaching methods were good and made things clear. I had a much easier/enjoyable time in his section of the course than Dr. Lens's half.

I thought the way dr. Ryburn presented his lectures was very easy to understand. I liked Dr. Ryburn's methods of teaching more than Dr. Lentz.

I liked you much better then Dr. Lentz. You put forth a lot of effort to help kids out. It's greatly appreciated. I still remember everything about plants!

Dr. Ryburn was a great professor to have. He made class very interesting and had a fantastic sense of humor. He was really easy to approach and was very friendly to all of the students.

This course had a very large workload considering it's a 100 level course. Quizzes were given around exam time which was unfair. Grading was very fair and Dr. Ryburn is very dedicated to teaching and making us know our stuff.

Course was well put together and kept interesting labs that involved laptop seemed pointless.

I thought Bio lab was fun and interesting and Ryburn was a good 100 instructor and overall it wasn't that bad.

Teacher was very well organized
Hard Tests
A lot of work

Conducted class well. Took time out to help. The class was overall a good learning experience.

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Awesome teacher. I love the way he explains everything in terms we would understand. Very thick accent.

Conducted well and organized. Very knowledgeable and helpful.

Taught effectively, made tests more manageable.

I thought the course was conducted very well - lectures in lab were very helpful to the labs & instructions were always clearly given.

Dr. Ryburn worked very hard at making his students understand the material. He was very efficient with grading and keeping the students informed of how they were doing. Overall, he is a good professor.

The class was fun and moved at a nice pace. I learned it all really well. Good job.

Lecture notes were always posted before you were able to follow along and add additional notes. Grades were posted in good time after the exams and quizzes. I would highly recommend Dr. Ryburn - he was professional, excellent and you learned a lot! - Lab was always fun and informative!

Conducted in a well prepared and orderly manner.

Lab was enjoyable, lecture was made better than Lentz. Will probably look to take other classes with professor again.

It was so much easier and interesting to have the class notes distributed by power point slides.

I was really glad to get the tests back really quickly because we didn't have time to over think it like w/ Dr. Lentz. The review session was extremely helpful.

I feel that the lab was conducted very well. When you went over things in the beginning of lab it helped in lab and lecture. Sometimes the notes weren't posted until right before which made it difficult at times to have them. Other than that I feel that you instructed the course very well.

This was a very good class. Allowed me to like plants more than animals. All information given applied to test. Made class as fun as you could. Overall very good class.

Both the plant and animal sections were very interesting, but the plant section was the one I learned most about. Dr. Ryburn was very clear in explaining things and taught efficiently. His accent made it harder to understand him but I got used to it after awhile. The random facts in the beginning of class was cool.

Professor Ryburn was a great professor. He taught the material clearly. He made the class not too difficult but not too easy. I thought the class overall was good.

The class was made very easy with the power point notes and blackboard use. Ryburn always presented topics with energy and made things easy to understand.

Professor Ryburn was a very entertaining teacher who presented the material fairly well. The way the tests were laid out was somewhat difficult but probably because there was a lot of material to take in. The quizzes helped with the tests however. I would recommend Professor Ryburn to future students.

I really liked that the notes were available online so we could keep up in class.

Good attempt to make bio more interesting & understandable for a non-major! Everything was alright (Lab usually ran long though).

I wish he could've been the instructor for lecture the whole semester. He made it easy to learn the course content not only in class, but in lab as well. Ryburn is very easy to like and I enjoyed having him as a teacher.

Course was conducted very well. Great instructor. Very fast with grading. No Complaints!

In the beginning of the semester I was overwhelmed with the material that we were supposed to have memorized. However, when it came time to be tested I really understood what was going on. Prof. Ryburn is a great teacher. He really makes sure you understand the information he teaches and is always there to help. I like the fact that there are several quizzes so my grade could be kept high. I'm glad that he was my lab teacher.

I really enjoyed Dr. Ryburn as a lab professor. He was very involved and interested in all labs. He is also very approachable. Dr. Ryburn's labs were conducted with no problems because he explains everything very well and thorough. Sometimes lab seemed longer than it needed to be because he talks a lot before the lab gets started.

You explain things well and treat your students equal to you. That's cool.

Dr. Ryburn is awesome. Love your teaching method. Slideshows were very helpful in taking notes. I really like that you post grades on blackboard and are on top of it unlike some other teachers on blackboard who never put grades up. Good job.

I thought Dr. Ryburn conducted the class professionally and friendly. He made this science class a fun place to learn. Seeing his enthusiasm (sp) for his profession made me want to do better in his class. Thanks.

Dr. Ryburn is an excellent instructor. He is very helpful & easy to understand. I have recommended him to oncoming students.

Great teaching. Good with plants. Boring subject, but made it interesting.

Dr. Ryburn was very fair and always helpful with questions. I enjoyed his valuable information about plants, he is very smart. I am glad he is my lab professor.

Dr. Ryburn is a very good teacher, he makes lectures and labs fun and interesting. He is very personable and easy to talk to. I enjoyed class w/ him.

Dr. Ryburn always explained everything thoroughly so that even a person like me who isn't a biology major could understand what was going on. Made lab exciting.

This was a great learning experience for me. I learned a lot in the plant section, and it was very interesting. I think the review sessions were very effective and helped a lot. The tests were very fair, and did not include information we were not taught. I would take any class you taught!
GREAT PROFESSOR!!!

This course is a valuable learning experience for me. The material of this course were presented very clearly.

Excellent professor! Made learning easy and interesting. He always made it very clear what he expected his students to know / learn.

Dr. Ryburn made class a little more interesting. Lectures and labs were well organized and explained.

Dr. Ryburn was an excellent teacher. He showed that he loved what he was teaching, and was always willing to help out if you had any questions.

The class was conducted very well. The text for the class was helpful. The tests were a good measurement for knowledge. Overall the teacher was very helpful and I would like to have him again for another class. I feel I have learned a lot and will retain it do to the way it was presented, keeping the classes interesting. I would recommend this class to anyone interested in Bio.

I felt that the material was hard, but he did instruct it in a good way. The tests were hard; but he helped is out more with them, by telling us what he expected, and holding reviews. Better than Dr. Lentz

Well - instructed. Sometimes you went through a lot information in a short - period of time; and it would be helpful to slow down and go over it again.

I liked that we had powerpoints to be able to see pictures, but it took awhile for me to grow accustomed to printing out notes rather than writing them. Whenever I had questions they were answered and I understood completely.

I thought the instructor was nice but I feel like the class didn't help me with my major. I don't want a bad grade to drag me down when it's not closely related to what I want to do. The tests were also very long and hard!

This course was a lecture class where Dr. Ryburn would put notes up on Power Point & lectured to the class about them. Because it was a lecture class, the class was pretty boring and really not that interesting. However, he did teach it with some enthusiasm and stressed major ideas we needed to know. Dr. Ryburn was not monotone & almost made the information seem very interesting in a sarcastic way. He got his point across well. Also, he made sure that we knew specific information that was going to be on the test. That made it easier to study b/c he prepared us for it. He was a good teacher & made the class more interesting than it really was.

I felt the information provided on the overhead in class went too quick. It made the course harder for me because I am used to learning by writing out the notes while listening. It's great the notes are available on blackboard, but I still have trouble paying full attention in class when I can't keep up with the text.

I enjoyed the Botany portion of the course. Lectures were good and I developed a interests in plants. I liked the way lab was conducted. Unlike my Bio 100 course, labs were due the following week which gave me a chance to absorb the info. Quizzes (daunting as they were) forced me to keep up with the material, and I appreciated them on exam days. The only feasible

imprint I can think of as change in lecture schedule. DO AWAY with Tuesday Thursday lecture. MWF lecture 50 mins in durations works A Lot better than two hour and 15 mins Lecutres a week. Students will pay attention better and fall asleep less.

BIOL 101, Plant Biology - SPRING 2006

Despite the amount of work required & that I only took this course to meet my science requirement I both learned a lot & enjoyed it. I learned how to use Blackboard my efficiently than ever, learned how to obtain and use my notes and exactly how interesting the development of plants can be. The instructor made class interesting & entertaining when possible and gave great notes, review outlines and enough assignments to prevent the class from failure.

Good.

Not Bad.

This course was great! Notes and materials were very clear and made tests easier to study for. The instructor was always well prepared and cared about his students passing the course. He was very helpful with review sheets and made plant biology interesting and fun!

For a 100 level course, I was pleasantly surprised by the level of detail. I have learned quite a bit, and would highly recommend this course to anyone. Dr. Ryburn has a passion for plants, and it makes class that much more interesting.

Dr. Ryburn presented all the material very clearly. It was easy to grasp concepts and to follow along. The review for the tests was perfect. Everything on the review sheet was on the test. He made this class very enjoyable.

Good class. The teacher went at a good pace and had a good sense of humor.

Course was conducted in a fair manner and all materials used during the course were relevant to studies. Use of notes on blackboard is a god sent because there is a lot of information covered and it helped to keep things organized. Instructor was very knowledgeable of subject matter and a good teacher.

I would and have recommended this class to others. Dr. Ryburn is an excellent professor with a great personality. Class was always fun to come to and he helps you whenever you need it.

1) The course was conducted in an organized manner, 2) powept was very effective w/ examples given afterwards. 3) The instructor shows enthusiasm within classroom, easy to talk to and approach.

This course was a valuable learning experience. The instructor was always prepared and very knowledgeable in the subject. I enjoyed it a lot. Dr. Ryburn is an excellent professor and I would recommend his class to anyone.

Good class, well organized, good structure. Don't change a thing!

First actual college level 100 class I've taken, really I got a good detailed overview of the material. I wouldn't change a thing about how it's taught, except maybe focusing a bit more on botanical applications in life such as how plants are used, what can be done, what is being done, etc.

The book is expensive but quite good.

Since I didn't learn anything about plants it was hard to remember all the information given, it was a lot. Too much to learn for the test.

Mr. Ryburn is an interesting & energetic professor. He did a good job in keeping the subject interesting & fun.

BIOL 220, Economic Botany - SPRING 2006

It was a great and refreshing course. I enjoyed the fact the you didn't teach to have the student regurgitate the information, but you used different resources to help us learn and appreciate plants more. I thought the textbook was of little use though. I read the first few chapters, but ended up just studying from the notes. The boxes in the text were entertaining though. Have a wonderful summer!!!

I enjoyed the course, there were many interesting things presented and I gained a greater knowledge of the material. The only thing I did not like was moodle; it made things difficult. Such as getting the notes offline. Other than moodle it was a very good class which I enjoyed a lot.

- 1) Liked notes & plant of the day. Notes easy to follow always waits until people are done to move on to next slide.
- 2) Never opened my book, notes are good enough!
- 3) Graded fairly & kept same grading scale throughout the yr.
- 4) Funny! Doesn't make plants boring.

This course was very good because I felt that we learned a lot from the material, yet it wasn't incredibly difficult. Presentations were excellent and overall I think Dr. Ryburn did an amazing job. I would like to see this class have more field trips

I didn't like the textbook. I found it to wordy and difficult to read because of its wordiness Tests seemed to reflect more of the scientific name and origin as opposed to the economic importance. Lectures were well organized and easy to follow.

Class was enjoyable and interesting. I learned a lot about things I did not know. Instruction of class was very good, Dr. Ryburn made the class fun. Overall I am really glad I took this class.

I enjoyed the course, the information was valuable and it provided a good learning experience. The book was of no importance. It was not a useful tool. The website (moodle) was useful.

I loved the way the course material was presented through powerpoint - easy to take notes & study for exams. The tests followed what the review sheet had & were very well presented. I liked incorporating the botany of desire & several movies into our Friday lectures - made it more exciting to discuss the economic botany in today's world. This class was fun & Professor Ryburn is a great instructor.

The notes are easy to copy and read. It is easier to learn from them. Class isn't boring because you add in little stories.

I felt that this class was a valuable learning experience for me. Dr. Ryburn explained concepts very well until everyone understood. he was also very willing to help students & made the class interesting. My one complaint is that notes were never put up on moodle until the night before the next class. I live off campus & this is a 9 o'clock class which often made it difficult for me to have the notes for class. When I asked him to make them available earlier, he said he couldn't because he had too many other things to do & not enough time.

Economic Botany was an enjoyable class. The class was very structured. The power points notes were very organized with the main points of each topic nicely outlined. The exam review sheets were very helpful in studying. Also I think the paper was a good idea for us to pick one plant and learn in great detail its economic importance. I did not use the text book a lot because everything was so well explained in class. (Not sure a textbook is needed). Botany of Desire was a good supplement to the lecture material.

BIOL 220, Economic Botany - FALL 2006

This botany class has left me with more knowledge than almost any other class I've taken. The way the class was organized, the textbook, the other book, lab exercises & field trips all contributed to a highly interesting learning experience. I wouldn't change anything about the class. I'm thankful for the professor's teaching style, which was easy to understand and exciting to follow. I would recommend this class to friends who are interested in plants, agriculture, or biology in general. Also, I really liked the Plants of the Day idea.

This course was really cool & I took a lot from it. The Botany of desire is a good book to use for the class. The other Economic Botany book was useful but I could definitely get by w/out it. The hardest part so far was test #2. Where I studied intensely for may hrs. but still didn't get what I wanted. Overall, everything was good, teacher was enjoyable as he usually is. Test #2 was difficult due to all the orgins of the plants.

The professor made the class both fun and interesting, with the multiple field trips and vegetable cook out. I plan on taking another class with the professor next semester.

Good instructor, very straight forward, very simple teaching style. Made the class easy. I enjoyed the labs that we've done and the field trip we took to the orchard/vineyard. I didn't really use the textbook at all nor did I really need to.

The course, labs, field trips, and methods of lecture were interesting and useful. The textbook was too technical, (boring, not complicated) but most texts are. B.O.D. is an interesting read and should continue to be used. Tests fairly reflected course material, but contained too much information to memorize for one test. Knowing Latin & common names, uses, and places of origin are good for a test, but cannot be memorized for 50 different species while material need to be memorized for other classes.

Dr. Ryburn is an excellent instructor. Notes are clear and easy to follow. The book Botany of Desire was very interesting, however the text for the class was not very useful. Tests were somewhat difficult but were graded fairly and were an accurate assessment of class materials. Overall a very good class.

Text book was good.

Botany of desire was ok

Class was very fun and interesting.

Dr. Ryburn makes class fun and you as a student want to go.

Strongly recommended prof.

I enjoyed this course very much. The Botany of Desire was an interesting book and it went along well with this course. The field trips were a great experience also added interest to the course.

Very good instruction. Botany of Desire was also a good choice for literature other than the text.

Field trip was good but too much time on the road & not enough in Geneva. Labs were fun & helped back-up what was taught in lecture. Overall great experience.

I thought this was a great course. I enjoyed reading the *Botany of Desire*. I liked the power point lectures and having them put onto Blackboard so that we could follow along.

I really like your teaching method with the slideshows. The Plant of the Day presentations I thought were an effective way for students to learn about a lot of economically important plants and it was fun. I liked the class with long tables to sit at because then we could all see one another and be more of a group. Great Job!

I found this course to be an excellent academic experience. The lecture material was fascinating and the labs and field trips enriched the experience. The textbook was well written and easy to understand. The *Botany of Desire* was a good choice as a supplementary textbook. I have a great deal of respect for Dr. Ryburn. Not only does he have a vast knowledge of Plant Biology, he is also an outstanding professor. He provides ample opportunities to ask questions, he goes out of his way to help students, and his tests are fair. I truly believe Dr. Ryburn to be one of SUNY Oneonta's best professors. He shows a passion for his area of expertise that is unrivaled. Plant Biology is typically under represented and disliked in colleges. However, with professors like Dr. Ryburn, I am certain that more students will gain an appreciation for plant science. SUNY Oneonta desperately needs to allow Dr. Ryburn to teach more plant courses. As a future graduate student, I look forward to taking more plant courses with Dr. Ryburn. Thanks for a great semester!

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Ryburn is the man. He is straight forward and tells you exactly what is coming at you. Go. Nebraska.

I really enjoyed this course. It was fun and I also learned a lot too. Ryburn is a good guy and a great teacher.

Overall I feel you are a wonderful teacher with a good sense of humor. You are very smart and I respect that. I feel there was too much work in this class, but you are still a good guy.

This lab has been easy, informative and fun. Dr. Ryburn is an excellent teacher with an infinite amount of knowledge in those green things that grow. I think they are plants.

Ryburn was an excellent teacher for this course. He made the lectures interesting and was very helpful. He was clear in his instruction. His labs were easy to understand and helped in learning the course material. I would recommend maybe a little less lecture during class and use other forms of instruction.

I liked how the course was set up. The notes were given clearly. There was a lot to know for the tests but if you keep up with the material it is very possible to do good. Overall, a good teacher. I learned a lot.

Class was good. Labs could have been better however. Labs with slides around the room didn't help much to learn the material. Book was expensive and wasn't used enough for the purchase.

Labs were a little hard. Dr. Ryburn does a great job making the class fun & learnable. Tests are tough but very fair. Good teacher.

The classes labs were taught very well by Dr. Ryburn. He helped make the class and labs enjoyable. The book itself was very large but helpful to the course. I would hop Dr. Ryburn

would continue the way he teaches. Maybe get some new jokes.

The quizzes given in lecture were very helpful. They helped when it was time to study for the test. The review in class was also helpful it was like a review session. Even though I dislike the course the instructor was great.

This course was very well prepared and enjoyable. There were no surprises and the instructor did an excellent job. I've never met a teacher more prepared than this one. The book was easy to understand and really helps during studying. I loved that the instructor gave out the slides, it made the class go smoothly. The tests are extremely fair.

The course was well organized, material was well presented and interesting. Tests were fair. Quizzes were helpful to learning the material. Test questions were fair, and easy to understand if one studies for exams. Excellent class!

Biology 200, taught by Dr. Ryburn is one of my favorite classes. His lectures were very well organized, well presented, and relevant to the subject matter. Tests and quizzes were clear and relevant, and grading was fair. The labs were fun & educational.

As for the book, it is a good resource but a bit big and expensive.

Lindsey was a nice addition to this class. She answered all of my questions knowledgeably.

The number of people in lab should be more evenly distributed. Also, I felt that class and lab content could have been better related. A better organization of the material would make it easier to understand. I really enjoyed your teaching style, it keeps the class interested even though the material isn't always the most captivating.

Dear Dr. Ryburn,

Thank you for signing me into this course. It was a good challenge. I had to study for crazy hours in order to do so well, but I felt really smart afterwards with all my big vocab words I acquired, Pteridophyta. However, I won't remember any of it in a year from now and that's sad. Kind a silly I have to take this class for human anatomy and physiology cause it really doesn't prepare me for that at all. We should get rid of bio 100 for a prereq for this class cause I did not take it and I did fine. Plus, I never owned a book (sorry ;) I don't think it helped really even when I borrowed someone else's. Its a big expense too expensive. Love you, Tracy

I enjoyed when Dr. Ryburn lectured. He presented the information presented, although difficult to grasp at times, tended to be clearly organized and explained. Even though my degree isn't in the field of Biology (it's Anthropology), I felt that Dr. Ryburn really taught his section well - I'll always remember the differences in plant types. I really wish he could've taught the animal units in class, but I guess only the plant units were good enough. Lastly, he's a great teacher -

Dr. Ryburn is enthusiastic and energetic about the course material, and relates well to students. While his persona is intimidating at times he is very helpful to students.

Professor Ryburn is an excellent professor. Always prepared, and very knowledgeable about course content. However, the professors in the course are like night and day. So therefore the first two exams are completely different than the last two. Way too confusing.

This course was very beneficial. I like the way the instructor presented the information in an easy to understand manner. Dr. Ryburn is an excellent instructor. I plan on taking a class with him again.

Amazing teacher! Even though I'm not a huge fan of plants. I would def. take another class with him!

- 1) I like the slide show approach
- 2) I like that you pass out the notes & the labs at the beginning of the semester
- 3) Grading is fair, your tests were fair
- 4) Kept me interested in the subject at hand

Frog lab not done well!

Maybe it should be a class activity so the quiz goes over smoother!

BIOL 100, General Biology I - FALL 2006

I thought you were very helpful in answering questions. Also, I liked how you went over the lab, and the important ideas, before we actually did the lab.

Very helpful and easy, not boring or drawn out taught new information in an understandable way in general it was a fun class.

The course was well organized and provided an effective learning experience. It helped start me off my freshman year productively. The labs were explained very well and quizzes were easy to prepare for. It helped me figure out what I want to do with my future.

The instructor for lab was very nice. Explained material well and helped out any student that needed it. He never rushed any student and he took the time to explain ideas to the ones who need extra help. He did a great job and I probably would have failed if it wasn't for his help.

I think that this lab helped me to greater understand the subject. May of the things I learned in lab helped more w/ tests that lecture materials. Dr. Ryburn is a great instructor and does his best to spark an interest in the subject.

I really enjoyed this lab class & can't wait till I get to take Bio 200 with you. You always explain everything very clearly & help us when we need it. Also it's always nice to get out early especially on exam days. The set up is nice; I think the table help us out because we are able to talk with our neighbors & such without much difficulty. You were a great professor!

Professor Ryburn is very nice. teaches very well and fun. Very helpful and patient with class. I would choose him as my teacher again.
RYBURN FOR THE WIN!!!!

RYBURN IS THE MAN!!!

I thought that Dr. Ryburn was very good in explaining the things that he was teaching in great detail and also made the class worth while and easy to attend. Overall a good course and teacher.

This class was by far the most entertaining and educational class I've taken this semester. Which says a lot cause Bio isn't my major. I learned a lot and had fun while doing it. You are an amazing teacher and look forward to getting you again in next class.

Great teacher. Made coming to lab fun.

The course was very organized. We used microscopes and many other great learning tools. The teacher was great. Always helped us out.

Felt the course was conducted well, the calculations for the Horoly Weinberg lab were tedious, and the lab should've been shorter. Overall positive experience in the lab, and felt the material learned was all relevant to the course and not lousy work.

I think the material learned from this lab helped me get a better understanding of the subject. Dr. Ryburn gives fair grades and offers a helping hand whenever needed.

I believe Dr. Ryburn was a very good instructor that I understand. He was very clear and direct with all his explanations. If I ever had a problem, I could go to him with ease and he would completely answer it. He helped me have an overall understanding of the material.

This was the best lab ever!

Don't change anything. Learned so much w/o having to unnecessarily stress.

Ryburn's the man!!!

(wait) - my friend had a good point

can you try to save the shorter labs for test days. Thanks!

Have a great break!

Happy Holidays!

This lab was everything I've dreamed of and more. If I could take bio again without lecture I would. Ryburn's the man! The only change I would make - shorter labs on test days. It was stressful when we had labs that took the entire lab time on test days because I would've preferred to use the time for last minute studying. I learned lots, thanks!

he was a good instructor, and he provided humor in his explaining. However, his lectures were long, but he was very helpful during the actual lab. He's a solid 9 out of 10.

Ryburn was a good instructor, but may have spent a little too much time explaining lab before we did it. Overall very good and helpful.

Professor presented the material for the class clearly and was very helpful in explaining what the students did not understand. The labs were graded fairly. I am glad that there was no lab work to be done outside of class. If there were, it would have been overwhelming. I would recommend professor Ryburn to other students.

This course I found to be more helpful and provide a hands on experience not offered in the lecture. Dr. Ryburn is an awesome professor who know his material and how to effectively convey it to the class. I would recommend this lab.

Great teacher! Very helpful funny, and has super patience.

Made lab very easy and explained things better than lecture instructor. Fell I did better because he was easy to talk to and explained things better.

You made the course some what enjoyable imagine that!! The one class I didn't mid coming to. Wish all classes could be taught in such a manor!! And I still learned something

Ryburn is kick ass.

Good teacher & helpful.

I had a pretty good time in lab overall. Ryburn is a very nice guy and a good professor.

Classroom was tight in space, no place to put your jacket.

The instructor presented ideas in an effective and organized way. I never felt scared to ask questions and I found it greatly helpful when the instructor came around the classroom during the lab to answer questions.

This Professor explained the labs very well which helped me on my test. It also helped with my understanding of the topic of Biology. The size of the lab was not too big which helped me to gain individual attention if necessary. Overall a good and beneficial course.

Dr. Ryburn made it easy to enjoy this lab. He made each lab informational as well as fun. He was very easy to approach about questions or concerns. He is a great teacher.

Labs always followed the course and provided information for the tests.

The instructor was very interactive with the students and was helpful. I enjoyed taking the class with him.

Dr. Ryburn is an awesome teacher and he is willing to help out as best he can on labs. I loved the class and enjoyed every meeting.

The course was great and the materials used during the course were very helpful. The instructor was very helpful and knew his materials. He also showed some interest in teaching us and making things easy.

The teacher was very helpful!