Welcome to Biology 117

Dr. Flores is BY FAR the best instructor I have had. He showed enthusiasm for the subject, cared about the students, answered questions, was always available for help when a student needed it, etc. I would recommend Dr. Flores to anyone….he is an EXCELLENT teacher in all aspects of the word.

Flores is an excellent teacher overall, and an interesting person. He approaches teaching with enthusiasm does well in invoking enthusiasm in students. P.S. this is only seen in WVU’s Bio Department.

He is the best instructor I have had thus far at WVU. Keep the art, music, and humor.

I didn’t give a low, he was wonderful.

I loved Professor Flores’ teaching, and he made the class more interesting.

The teacher knew what he was doing, enjoyed his subject, and taught it well. Just a great overall teacher.

He was one of the best teachers I’ve had here so far.

He really relates it to life. He is funny and easy to pay attention to the whole time.

Very well prepared, sometimes he could use a little help on running the computer system. Very fun teacher. Enjoyed class.

One of best teachers had so far. The best bio teacher so far. Very good educator. Good use of songs and art to provide enough of break to keep interesting. Very Good!!

I found this very interesting and informative. The professor sparked my biology curiosity every class & kept me wanting to learn more. This was by far my favorite biology teacher/professor I have ever had. (That’s saying a lot given how much I love my high school Bio & Anatomy teacher) Great Job & I am sad you will be leaving. I hope my future professors spark my curiosity just the same & encourage me like you.

I love taking the class (to) him but I feel that he could maybe give the answers to the study guides out maybe the night before the exam. That way the questions can be finished by the students but have the right answers.

He made the class enjoyable and bearable & made the info interesting.

I love Jorge and wish I could have him for all my classes.
31. Showed extreme mastery of subject. Very enthusiastic & fun to listen to. Moved at a good pace. Always willing to work with students.

31. I think you are an incredible teacher. The only comment I have is that for review questions we should have an opportunity to get the answers from you. It doesn’t help to study wrong answers (we think they are right though). I thought I did excellent on 1st test and ended up getting a D b/c I memorized wrong answers.

31. I wish you taught all of 117….. I love you…..you’re an awesome teacher.

31. I think he did an excellent job teaching this is just a hard subject to learn. I like the password for the notes because it forces students to come to class; ad the study questions are helpful.

31. I enjoyed the music and art! He’s a great and enthusiastic instructor.

31. Seems very enthusiastic about students learning the material. Tests were fair.

31. Instructor provided useful study aides.

31. I like how he puts art or a song into the lecture sometimes. Makes lecture a little more bearable. I like how the questions for the chapter are the same questions on the test. Answers peoples questions the best he can.

31. He was a good teacher. I liked hearing him teach. The material was interesting.

31. I loved the music/art breaks.

31. The lectures were always very entertaining and enjoyable. Time flew by!

31. Question bank was helpful. Appreciate accessibility through e-mail. Liked having notes available online.

31. He really knows what he’s talking about and knows how to explain things in-depth. Plus he makes the class interesting by using humor.

31. This course was well organized. It prepared me for tests by providing questions while learning that particular information. Dr. Flores was well organized and always demonstrated the importance of us students learning the material.

32. N/A

31. Very thorough, concerned with the students learning which is nice. Very much enjoyed the music clips to break up the lecture.

32. N/A
31. Jorge did a **great** job.
32. None

31. Cares about students. Very good teacher. Others need to follow his example.
32. Changed review questions a little.

31. Prof. Flores knew and covered subject matter excellently, answered all questions to satisfaction & overall was an **excellent** Prof. The art and music was very nice!
32. Please tell on syllabus what is & is not expected reading for each chapter; it sucks reading 15-20 pgs & then finding out it won’t be expected we know.

31. Jorge Flores is an excellent teacher who made class interesting. I would definitely recommend him to a fellow student.
32. I didn’t like having to use a password to get online notes. If I missed class because I was sick, and wanted to see the notes, I couldn’t.

31. Did a good job of keeping things interesting and practical. The grading is very fair and I thoroughly enjoyed being a part of this course.
32. Sometimes he was hard to understand.

31. His speech was very clear compared to other teachers who had an accent, and he tri3d to make things as clear as possible.
32. Lectures/Notes not very effective learning tools for particular instructor & course.

31. He really wants to educate people on how to think like a scientist.
32. His routine was very monotonous which hurt his effectiveness.

31. I really liked his teaching style. I enjoyed the art and music.
32. I didn’t like having to put in a password to get the notes online. It makes it difficult to see what you miss in class if you get sick.

31. The instructor is enthusiastic and entertaining. His personality and this enthusiasm kept me interested in the material.
32. I understand that this course should be hard and make people think. However it is frustrating when info (need) to answer questions cannot be found in book.

31. Instructor’s command of material was much better than instructors for Bio 115.
32. As with Bio 115 there are too many ambiguous questions on the exams. Too many questions like “which of these things is least related to the others, and questions where there is more than one possible right answer depending on the original intent of the person who wrote it. The pool of test questions for Bio 115 & 117 has to be re-evaluated!

31. Class was well organized and well taught.
32. The exams were incredibly hard!
31. I liked that the test questions were given to us in the question pools. I liked that in comparison to Biology 115, there were more tests so not as many chapters had to be learned for one test. Also, in comparison to 115, I liked that answering all of the questions in the pool was attainable.  
32. I felt that the instructor’s mood very much depended on how much help he was willing to give. Before the first test, I e-mailed him 7 questions of 280 from the pool of questions that I was unsure of. Although I had no trouble with the remaining 273, he told me in an e-mail I basically hadn’t studied. I had- I was just unclear on some things. However, our e-mail communication GREATLY improved for the second test.

31. Well, it will be more benefit if in the syllabus we had the number of pages we were supposed to read before any class session.

31. His speech was clear and concise.  
32. N/A

31. The reviews for the test are a good study aid.  
32. It would help if answers were provided for the chapter reviews.

31. He was very enthusiastic during class and made it fun for the students.  
32. It was good to give pools of questions for each chapter but it would help if he could provide the keys.

32. Doesn’t speak clearly.

31. Very enthusiastic  
32. Clickers should be used. They keep your attention and it is an incentive to go to class. His accent is sometimes hard to understand.

31. Question bank makes for a fair test.  
32. Some of the questions are very misleading and unclear.

32. Not very helpful when we ask questions at office hours.

31. I appreciated his effort to maintain a positive atmosphere by breaking up the lecture and showing slides of artwork or playing songs. I also really liked the question bank.
32. The instructor was often moody. He was either very helpful or not helpful at all. However, when you asked him one question for clarity purposes, he felt like you weren’t studying. I also think it would be helpful to put the notes online in a more organized fashion such as in order by chapters.

31. Enjoy the art. When there is a question he does his best to answer.
32. I hate biology!

32. Once the exam is taken a key with the correct answer should be available as to prepare for the final.

32. The exams had a few mistakes.

31. I really enjoyed this class.
32. I think that some of the test bank questions were hard to understand and were not ever covered, but nothing too difficult. Overall it was a good class!

31. Makes boring subject funny and entertaining.
32. N/A

31. He was very good about telling us know what printout we needed for class the next day.
32. There was very little feedback after the test.

31. You did a wonderful job w/everything. I liked the art and music, and you were well organized with a high understanding of the material.
32. N/A

31. He is very enthusiastic and likes what he is teaching.
32. I think he should focus his lecture more on what is going to be on the test.

32. Prefer clicker (___) than listening to music.

32. Sometimes difficult to understand his speech. Writing is terrible! Needs to proofread lectures and notes.

31. He was funny & easy to listen to. Explained the material well.
32. Don’t have complaints. I enjoyed the class.

31. The instructor was nice, I enjoyed the music, & art. Add some WVU marching band music to it, we’re awesome.
32. Sometimes it would go over our heads.
31. He kept us interested during his lectures & was funny. He seemed to know what he was talking about.
32. His speech was a little poor.
31. He followed the syllabus & tried to stay on track the best he could.
32. He needs to be more clear when answering questions & help more with the questions.
31. None were marked excellent.
32. He cant really talk to well. I cant understand something he says. (sic)
31. N/A
32. Hard to understand, doesn’t make things easy to comprehend!
32. Biology isn’t exciting and he doesn’t help.
32. Biology is confusing and I feel like this class is too hard.
32. Dr. Flores was terrible when it came to answering questions. He continually announced that he would be happy to help and answer questions. But instead he talked down to me, explained that my questions were stupid and explained his intelligence. His class setup promotes memorization- not learning. With little effort, it is possible to get a good grade and learn nothing. This should not be the case for a class of this importance.
32. The test should be curved espeshaly when the whole class did good. (sic)
32. The instructor has poor English. He did not answer or clarify questions in class.
32. Needs to work on spelling and English. Needs to answer questions more clearly.
32. It would be helpful to have the answers to the chapter questions the night before the exam. I always feel that I am studying the wrong answers even though I looked each answer up.
32. Speech
32. Should provide answers to study guides. Should also not require a password for notes, because if you don’t have them in class then we aren’t provided with enough time to copy them from the slides.
32. The material from the tests will be on the final. However, though I was handed back the test the teacher refused to supply the correct answers- so I don’t know what I did wrong for the final!!
32. I would like to know the answers to the questions on the test.
32. When answering questions on occasion he made things more confusing than they actually were.