

Student Evaluations/Comments for Kara Loeb Belinsky

“Insects and Human Society” ENT 126, large lecture course with 200 students

Overall rating of instructor's teaching = **4.17** (1=never effective, 5=always effective)

Selected comments:

“Kara was extremely nice and enthusiastic, she's one of my favorites that I've had in college so far. She really loves the subject and actually makes bugs somewhat interesting.”

“Kara is always very well prepared, composed, and very professional”

“I liked how she had energy and kept us awake in the morning. I liked her teaching style with the slides and the fill-in notes- very effective.”

“She is a really good lecturer. Even though the notes were in Powerpoint form, I never felt like she was just reading off the board. She also did different activities to keep it interesting.”

“She was always enthusiastic in whatever she was talking about and she made it contagious. I've learned a lot about insects that I thought I could [have] cared less about, but it was interesting and fun.”

“Very enthusiastic, prepared, explains material clearly and effectively, fair.”

“Biology of Social Issues” BIOL 105H, interactive honors course with 20 students

Overall rating of instructor's teaching = **4.28** (1=never effective, 5=always effective)

Selected Comments:

“The information in this class really made me think about things again- Thank You”

“This course did a great job letting us speak our own opinions. We had many good debates”

“We definitely learned about the biology. We learned about different opinions on each issue. I don't think many people's opinions changed, but we certainly argued a lot”

“This [STD survey] was another fun assignment- getting to make up our own questions and seeing what people knew was cool.”

“I think we fulfilled these goals [goals of the course] very well, all were presented in-depth and with great detail. I know much more about today's biological issues now”

“Ornithology Laboratory” BIOL 544, laboratory sections (2), 20 students each

While all students wrote comments on the TA evaluation form, only one gave numerical scores (5/6).

Selected Comments:

“You tried your hardest to get us to learn the most and I did, although I may have gotten a painful grade in this class, you were helpful and readily accessible. I came in with a dislike for nature in general so getting me outside and actually liking it was a great accomplishment of yours.”

“I learned a lot of birds and their calls”

“The subject matter was interesting. The TA was enthusiastic.”

“I usually am not an outdoors kind of person, but it was great to go outside to hear and see what we were learning in class.”

“The quizzes were fair, and it was nice not having to be in the lab all day”

“Animal Behavior” BIOL 550, advanced-level lecture course with 40 students

End of course evaluations not available yet.

Selected mid-term evaluation comments from discussion groups:

“Enthusiastic (awesome!) about what she's teaching.”

“The lectures are very informative and interesting. We like the video clips that are shown!”

“Her explanation of material is clear, high energy”

“Need to listen, interpret and write your own notes because it helps in comprehension. We can't get everything from the slides [lecture slides], you have to listen”

Written on the back of the final exam: “Congratulations on a course well taught. Thank You.”