

**DEPARTMENT OF SOIL SCIENCE INSTRUCTOR EVALUATION
LECTURE - SUMMARY**

<i>Instructor:</i>	Dr. Yichao Rui	<i>Term:</i>	Fall 2018
<i>Course:</i>	Soils/Plant Path 323: Soil Biology	<i>Enrollment:</i>	19
		<i>Respondents:</i>	16
<i>Using the rating scale of 4=Excellent; 3=Good; 2=Fair; 1=Poor, how would you rate the instructor in regard to:</i>			<i>Rating Average</i>
1. Knowledge of the subject matter? (16 ratings of four)			4.00
<i>Comments:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seems extremely knowledgeable. (4) • Yichao definitely thoroughly understands the concepts he discussed. (4) • Clear that he knows the subject matter very well. (4) • He was very knowledgeable about the subject matter. (4) • Very informative and well-informed about soil science. (4) • He had great knowledge. (4) • Very, very knowledgeable. Able to answer all questions. (4) • Very knowledgeable. (4) • He was very knowledgeable about the data. (4) • Fluid; concise comprehension apparent. (4) • Very evident he was an expert on the subject. (4) 			
2. Ability to teach the course: i.e., ability to present a well-organized, relevant lesson in a clear and understandable manner? (11 ratings of four; 4 ratings of three; one rating of two)			3.625
<i>Comments:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations were well organized but I think sometimes the knowledge level he tried to present at was above the students' knowledge level. (2) • Taught well with few interruptions or none to clarify topics. (3) • Some ideas a little over the level of difficulty of other topics covered in the course. (3) • Very-well organized & understandable. (4) • <u>Very</u> clear & linear delivery of material. (4) • He was very clear, well-organized and attentive. (4) • At times, it was a bit fast, but thought the slides & lecture were organized in an easy to understand flow of information. (4) • He did a good job in presenting a good amount of information, but he could have been a little more clear. Some concepts seemed somewhat vague; it would have been nice to go more in-depth. (3) • He was great, but sometimes I got lost in his teaching just because he went a little too fast. (3) • Lectures were well-planned and easy to follow. (4) • Very clear and great at answering questions. (4) • Explaining topics covered on lectures was pretty well understood. (4) • He clearly stated all information. The lecture had good flow. (4) • Answered all questions thoroughly. (4) • Graphs are added to demonstrate concepts more clear. (4) 			
3. Commitment to teaching the course: i.e., willingness to answer questions; the effort put into teaching the course? (15 ratings of four; 1 rating of three)			3.9375
<i>Comments:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When students were confused/needed clarification, he was great at re-explaining/bringing the technicality down a little. (3) • Excellent commitment to the course. (4) • Very willing to elaborate & answer questions. (4) • Lectures were well-organized, questions were answered in an understandable way. (4) 			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very open to questions. Clearly invested in students' understanding of the material. (4) • He answered questions well and was very helpful. (4) • Seemed very prepared, and I found the slides to be easy to understand. (4) • He was great! (4) • Wanted to make sure we understood the content matter and left time for questions and clarifications. (4) • Seemed to really care if students were understanding the material. (4) • He was very open to answering questions and explaining concepts and details. (4) • Enthusiastic about engaging and fully answering students' questions. (4) • He's willing to add more comments after answering questions. (4) • It was shown that he puts effort in by coming to many lectures before his to get a feel for the class. (4) 	
<p>4. <i>Success in stimulating you to think and develop an interest in learning more about the subject?</i> (9 ratings of four; 7 ratings of three)</p>	3.5625
<p><i>Comments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The subject was very well taught and peaked my interest. (4) • Interesting material – made me want to learn more about the topics covered. (4) • The content of his lectures and how he presented them got me very interested in the subject matter. (4) • Could leave a little more time for discussions and questions. (3) • He was great but similar to what I said earlier, he was too fast in certain areas that I got lost. (3) • Interesting topic! Such a complicated web of interactions; Yichao did an excellent job of emphasizing the importance of this topic to soils and soil biology, as well as their interactions to support plant life. (4) • I would definitely be interest in taking a class with Dr. Yichao. (4) • I felt he was simply supplementing our main lectures. (3) • Dr. Rui is what motivated our group to choose AMF fungi! (4) 	
SUPPLEMENTARY SUGGESTIONS FOR COURSE IMPROVEMENT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I also appreciated the extent to which he included review before getting into new material...not too much, not too little. • Great job! • Nice! Great teaching! • Dr. Rui has natural talent for teaching. 	