



Steven Kipp (as private and confidential)

## Course Evaluation Report

Steven Kipp,

In the attachment you will find the evaluation results for your course evaluation, Intro to the Planets.

The legend indicator is followed by the individual average values of the scaled questions. Student comments are included following the summary statistics.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Nathan Gustafson of the Office of Institutional Research, Planning and Assessment at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Warmest regards,

Nathan

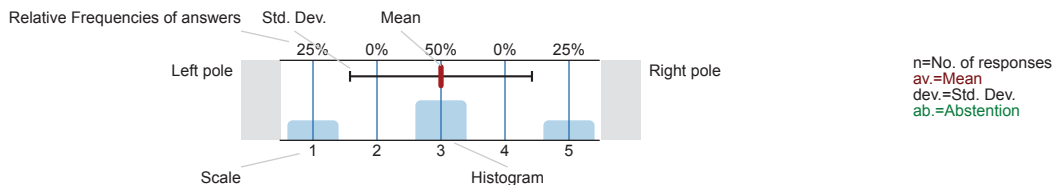


Steven Kipp  
 Spring 2013 AST 102 01 Sprin  
 No. of responses = 27

Survey Results

Legend

Question text



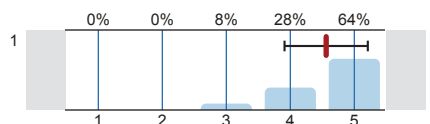
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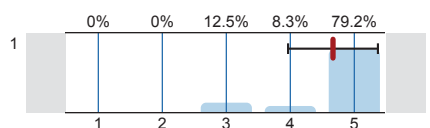


2.2) Sequential presentation of concepts



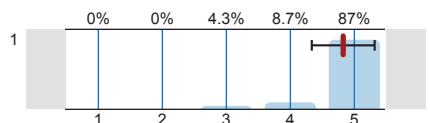
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2.3) Instructor's use of examples and illustrations



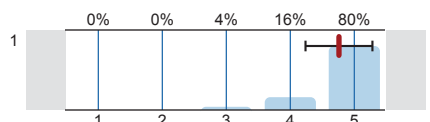
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2.4) Clarity of instructor's voice



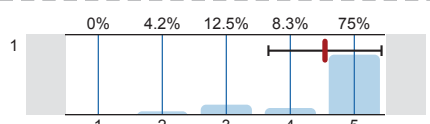
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2.5) Student confidence in instructor's knowledge



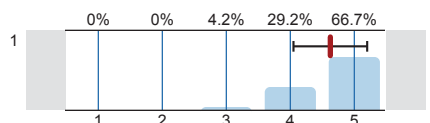
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2.6) Instructor's enthusiasm



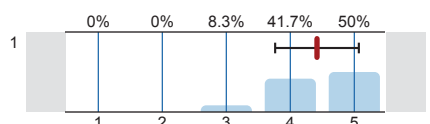
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2.7) Explanations by instructor



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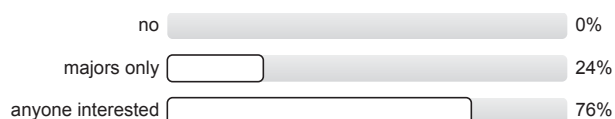
2.8) Answers to student questions



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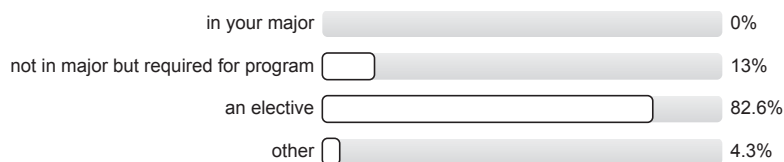
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3.1) Would you recommend this course?



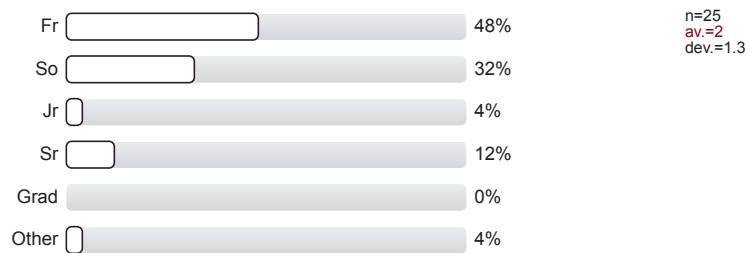
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3.2) Is this course:

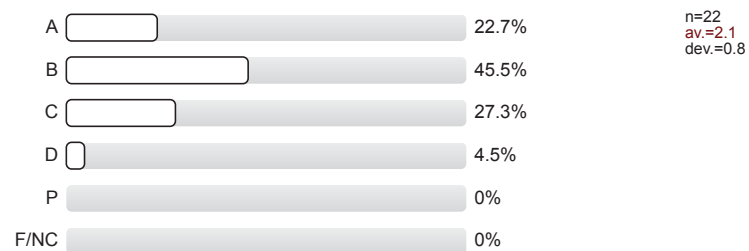


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3.3) Class:



3.4) What grade do you expect to receive?

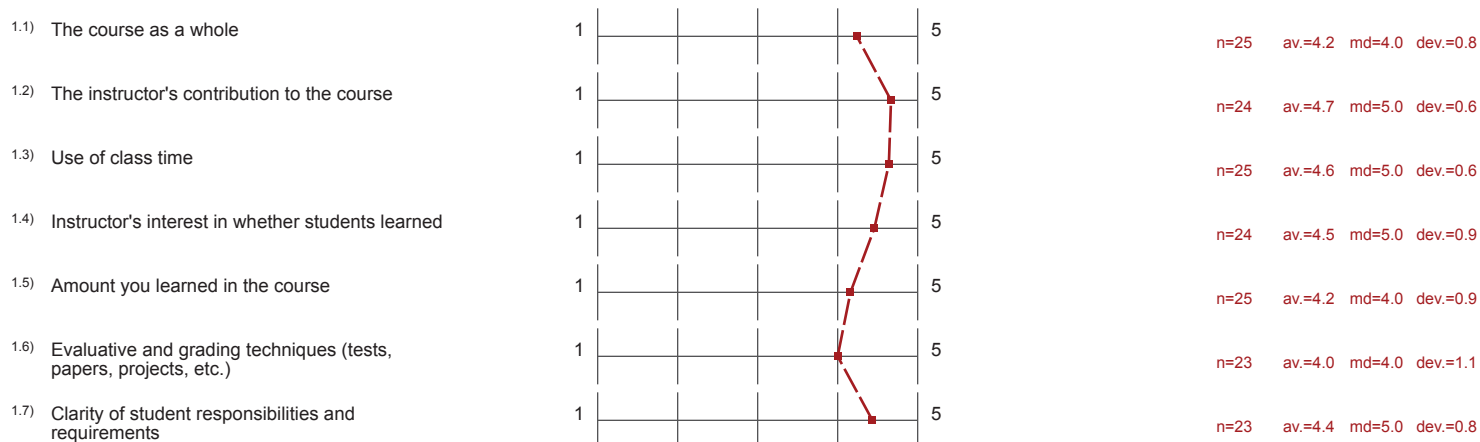


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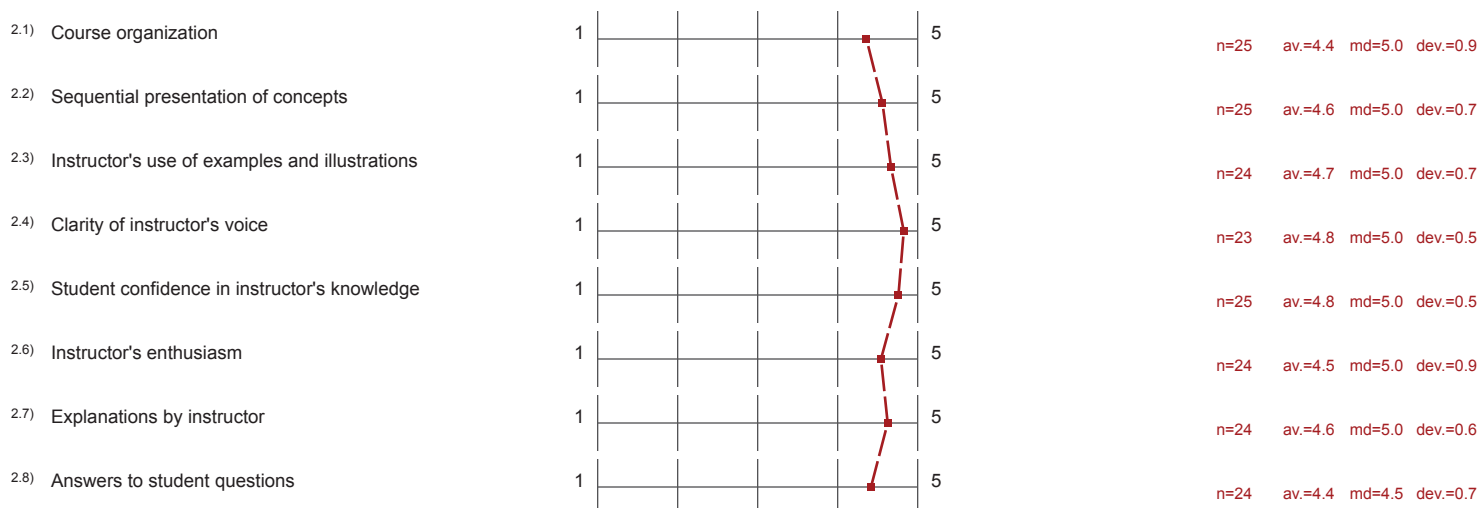
Subunit: Department of Physics and Astronomy  
 Name of the instructor: Steven Kipp  
 Name of the course: Intro to the Planets  
 (Name of the survey)

Values used in the profile line: Mean

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## Comments Report

## 4. Please comment on the following items:

4.1) What are the major strengths and weaknesses of the instructor?

Awesome! Very excited about the course & wants us to learn. Always wears the same sweater, only different colors. Sweet.

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Uses good examples, cares about students.

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Not quite as up to date with new discoveries (like last six months new) but can recognize most celestial objects on sight.

The professor has great knowledge of the topics discussed. Tests are fair and lectures are good.

Strengthening were he was knowledgeable on all  
 chapters. Weaknesses would be making tests so  
 hard even with lots of studying it's  
 difficult to pass

He gave great explanations on topics as well as use  
 of using powerpoints, although sometimes it was uncertain  
 if he gave a clear explanation of the topic that  
 was being discussed.

- Keeps the class interested.
- Goes over tests and explains answers clearly.
- No weaknesses

Weaknesses: Only lectures, long, tedious, lack of excitement. Quizzes don't prepare students for exams.

Full of passion of what he taught

Strong knowledge

Very fun to listen

# Nothing

Kipp is a great instructor and knows astronomy well.

- He is extremely knowledgeable, clear, enthusiastic, and entertaining.
- One of the best professors I've had and definitely cares about students' knowledge gain.

+	Enthusiastic, Knowledgeable, Entertaining
-	Sometimes examples hard to follow

- None

- strengths: does a great job presenting information



Good powerpoints!  
Not enough points!

Strengths: Extremely knowledgeable!

Weaknesses:

Strengths: Organized, easy to follow

Weakness: lack of aliens

When you ask questions he can come off as a jerk

Strengths - Knows what he is talking about and tries to keep the class interested, sends out powerpoints ahead of time so notes are easy to access

Weaknesses - book is not mandatory but still takes questions from it, test questions seem like ~~the~~ items were not discussed in class

- keeps lectures fun & interesting
- provides personal insights into class materials

I believe Steven is an overall great instructor. He is very passionate about the topic which makes it interesting. However, at times he goes too quickly.

Strength's: Knowledge of material & ~~Enthusiasm~~  
Enthusiasm

Strengths - very helpful, good examples and detailed notes, clear and accurate

Weakness - N/A

major strengths of the instructor are that he is very enthusiastic about the class and is always very helpful with any questions that students have.

4.2) What aspects of this were most beneficial to you?

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Got me excited about the course as well

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Great teaching.

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This was a very rigorous course that included a great deal of physics & chemistry oriented knowledge, and required a basic understanding of both to really understand. Very intensive for 3 credits.

Review and picture slides.

Visual critiques of the planets

Having the powerpoints being all sent as once so  
I was able to prepare in advance for the  
next days lecture.

- everything related to the class, good knowledge taught  
about current astronomical events.
- enjoyed very much!

None of it was very beneficial

## Pictures

Improved my study skills.

Everything. This class made me realize my love for Astronomy and aided me in choosing my degree.

~~By~~ Astronomy is only currently offered as a minor, but I intend to pursue Astrochemistry as my graduate degree.

learned a lot about space & the planets

- the powerpoints

The observing and videos!

I know way more about the planets than I expected to learn.

Learned about space

Professor wanted us to learn and to pass, so things were made easy to understand, but was not spoon feeding us.

- encouraged class engagement + curiosity about class material

Learning about how our solar system came to be & how the planets formed.

Made learning and class time very interesting.

improved study skills

improved my study skills a lot since last semester

4.3) What do you suggest to improve this course?

More videos?

More pictures to help remember planets/  
terminology

easier tests and less notes

Better study guides gave only a broad view of what was discussed on study guides.

- keep emailing the notes, make study guides

Other methods of teaching besides just lectures and assignments throughout semester

The tests are hard



More on what will be on the test. I wish there was more to support grade than 3 tests.

Make the tests harder so these nonchalant wastes of air fail more. ~~My~~ My goal for this life I live is to attempt to decode nature so I can share the beauty this world has to offer with those who ~~can't~~ ~~currently~~ ~~comprehend~~ it in hopes of further interesting ~~people~~ ~~to~~ aid in describing the unknown.

Maybe more details on certain aspects like escape velocities or orbital planes

- Nothing

More points/hands-on stuff:

Smaller tests!

The tests were very large; had a lot of information to cover.

more aliens

Make it more interesting it comes off very dull & boring lots of useless memorization of asteroids & comets not a lot of interesting topics.

Everything's good

More in class quizzes to prepare for tests

Slowing it down.

don't lump all tests into 3 tests,  
too much to study / remember at  
once

Not have so many chapters on one test maybe  
space them out a little bit.

4.4) Comment on the grading procedures and exams.

Love it! I am doing well in this course

Both were very straight forward.

grading / tests were fair to me

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Very unjust 2 tests and 4 quizzes only

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Good grading, very fair, easy to pass if you go to class

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It's just multiple choice quizzes and exams, nothing requiring much effort

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ITS. C+ Key

Grading was good.

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Make the tests harder. Very few people in this course attended lecture and less than 10% of those showed any true acknowledgment for the professors generous dispersion of his knowledge. We need more scientists.

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Exams straight forward if you study

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- Exams were very straight forward

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Wish it were easier;  
Hoping for a B.

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grading was acceptable. fair.

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They will right

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It would be nice to have one assignment

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Would like more small quizzes to keep things fresh for tests

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There was a little difficulty with one of our tests regarding the feedback from a Scantron machine. The issue was resolved for subsequent tests.

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Good.

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I really liked your course. As a Senior/finance major, this was my favorite class ever 😊

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grading is fair

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Grading & exams were always very clear on what was going to be on the exams and how he was going to be grading everything