

Student Feedback

Investigative Biology BIOG1500

Prompt: what aspects of your lab instructors teaching did you like the most?

"I liked Heather's enthusiasm, dedication to teaching the class, and openness to questions"

"She was very patient and accessible. She was always prepared for lab and engaging during her lectures"

"She does a good job breaking down the material into simpler parts so they are easy to understand"

"She provided clear and understandable responses to questions that generally helped the whole class learn"

"She asked us questions that were directly related to the lab and helped us apply what we had read for the day, She helped us think for ourselves and was really skilled at explaining complicated processes. And if I didn't understand something, she was willing to explain all she could. She went slowly and thoroughly during the material too which was super helpful"

"She explains things very well and knows what she is talking about. Her slides are helpful and interesting. Also she herself seemed generally interested in what she was teaching which helps because some of this course was a bit tedious and repetitive. Also the morning music was a plus!"

"Heather made 1500 lab a great experience. She was always enthusiastic, approachable, and had fun in her class. She always holds review sessions before prelims and the practical, which was so helpful of her. She was always quick to respond to emails and really went above and beyond what my other TAs have done"

Prompt: what aspects of his/her teaching could be improved?

"Spend more time during lab reviewing more important concepts that will be tested and less time on things we don't really need to know"

"Maybe it is just the subject matter but it sometimes seems like we move very slowly through really basic things – which I guess can be a good thing sometimes..."

"Better explanations on graded work about why points were missed"

"I would not suggest changing anything. Our TA always keeps class extremely involved but also knows when to give us the room to learn and grow independently."

"There really is not anything I would ask her to improve upon, maybe just check email more often, but she is everything I could ever want from a TA, patient, kind and helpful"

"Maybe explain the procedures for a lab a little more clearly before we get started, but even at that we still usually know fairly well what is going on. She can sometimes be a little long winded, but it is only because she truly cares about what she is teaching"

"Heather needs to work on her timing. Updating blackboard – every time I checked the course site I felt like what I was looking for hadn't been posted. Also, it would be useful to have comments/grades back sooner."

"More organized in classroom participation other than that nothing much. She has done a phenomenal job."

"Teaching is great. Tell jokes?"