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# Student Assessment of Instructors - Instructor Interface

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## Clemson University Student Evaluation of Teaching

**Evaluation Report** for Jens Oberheide teaching PHYS 8150 001 during Spring Semester 2017

Respondents = 4 Enrolled = 8 Response rate = 50%

### University Questions (3686)

G1. The instructor clearly communicated what I was expected to learn.

**Type:** How much

Not at all (1)	2	3	4	Very much (5)	NR
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (25.00%)	2 (50.00%)	1 (25.00%)

Focus	Mean	Stdev	Median	Observations
<b>Class</b>	4.667	0.577	5	3
<b>Same Level</b>	5.000	0.000	5	3
<b>Same Discipline</b>	3.939	1.101	4	1515

G2. The instructor made the relevance of the course material clear.

**Type:** How much

Not at all (1)	2	3	4	Very much (5)	NR
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	3 (75.00%)	1 (25.00%)

Focus	Mean	Stdev	Median	Observations
<b>Class</b>	5.000	0.000	5	3
<b>Same Level</b>	5.000	0.000	5	3
<b>Same Discipline</b>	3.932	1.110	4	1516

G3. The course was well organized.

**Type:** How much

Not at all (1)	2	3	4	Very much (5)	NR
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	3 (75.00%)	1 (25.00%)

Focus	Mean	Stdev	Median	Observations
<b>Class</b>	5.000	0.000	5	3
<b>Same Level</b>	5.000	0.000	5	3
<b>Same Discipline</b>	3.997	1.128	4	1515

G4. There was a positive interaction between the class and the instructor.

**Type:** How much

Not at all (1)	2	3	4	Very much (5)	NR
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	3 (75.00%)	1 (25.00%)

Focus	Mean	Stdev	Median	Observations
<b>Class</b>	5.000	0.000	5	3
<b>Same Level</b>	5.000	0.000	5	3
<b>Same Discipline</b>	3.871	1.203	4	1511

G5. The instructor's teaching methods helped me understand the course material.

**Type:** How much

Not at all (1)	2	3	4	Very much (5)	NR
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (25.00%)	0 (0.00%)	2 (50.00%)	1 (25.00%)

Focus	Mean	Stdev	Median	Observations
<b>Class</b>	4.333	1.155	5	3
<b>Same Level</b>	5.000	0.000	5	3
<b>Same Discipline</b>	3.499	1.345	4	1508

G6. The instructor's verbal communication skills helped me understand the course material.

**Type:** How much

Not at all (1)	2	3	4	Very much (5)	NR
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	2 (50.00%)	1 (25.00%)	1 (25.00%)

Focus	Mean	Stdev	Median	Observations
<b>Class</b>	4.333	0.577	4	3
<b>Same Level</b>	5.000	0.000	5	3
<b>Same Discipline</b>	3.450	1.400	4	1515

G7. The instructor clearly explained what was expected on assignments and tests

**Type:** How much

Not at all (1)	2	3	4	Very much (5)	NR
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (25.00%)	2 (50.00%)	1 (25.00%)

Focus	Mean	Stdev	Median	Observations
<b>Class</b>	4.667	0.577	5	3
<b>Same Level</b>	5.000	0.000	5	3
<b>Same Discipline</b>	3.908	1.150	4	1514

G8. The instructor kept me informed about my progress in the course.

**Type:** How much

Not at all (1)	2	3	4	Very much (5)	NR
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (25.00%)	2 (50.00%)	1 (25.00%)

Focus	Mean	Stdev	Median	Observations
<b>Class</b>	4.667	0.577	5	3
<b>Same Level</b>	5.000	0.000	5	3
<b>Same Discipline</b>	4.122	1.121	5	1513

G9. The feedback I received on assignments and tests gave me the opportunity to improve my performance.

**Type:** How much

Not at all (1)	2	3	4	Very much (5)	NR
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (25.00%)	0 (0.00%)	2 (50.00%)	1 (25.00%)

Focus	Mean	Stdev	Median	Observations
<b>Class</b>	4.333	1.155	5	3
<b>Same Level</b>	5.000	0.000	5	3
<b>Same Discipline</b>	3.598	1.300	4	1516

G10. Overall, the instructor is an effective teacher.

**Type:** How much

Not at all (1)	2	3	4	Very much (5)	NR
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0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (25.00%)	0 (0.00%)	2 (50.00%)	1 (25.00%)
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Focus	Mean	Stdev	Median	Observations
<b>Class</b>	4.333	1.155	5	3
<b>Same Level</b>	5.000	0.000	5	3
<b>Same Discipline</b>	3.737	1.236	4	1516

G11. The instructor's grading procedures gave a fair evaluation of my understanding of the material.

**Type:** How much

Not at all (1)	2	3	4	Very much (5)	NR
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (25.00%)	0 (0.00%)	2 (50.00%)	1 (25.00%)

Focus	Mean	Stdev	Median	Observations
<b>Class</b>	4.333	1.155	5	3
<b>Same Level</b>	5.000	0.000	5	3
<b>Same Discipline</b>	4.010	1.043	4	1512

G12. How much work did you put into this course relative to your other courses?

**Type:** How much

Not at all (1)	2	3	4	Very much (5)	NR
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (25.00%)	2 (50.00%)	1 (25.00%)

Focus	Mean	Stdev	Median	Observations
<b>Class</b>	4.667	0.577	5	3
<b>Same Level</b>	4.667	0.577	5	3
<b>Same Discipline</b>	3.915	0.960	4	1512

G13. How difficult was this course for you relative to your other courses?

**Type:** How much

Not at all (1)	2	3	4	Very much (5)	NR
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	2 (50.00%)	1 (25.00%)	1 (25.00%)

Focus	Mean	Stdev	Median	Observations
<b>Class</b>	4.333	0.577	4	3
<b>Same Level</b>	4.500	0.707	4.5	2
<b>Same Discipline</b>	3.955	0.998	4	1511

G14. To what extent was this course a requirement for you?

**Type:** How much

Not at all (1)	2	3	4	Very much (5)	NR
0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	2 (50.00%)	2 (50.00%)

Focus	Mean	Stdev	Median	Observations
<b>Class</b>	5.000	0.000	5	2
<b>Same Level</b>	5.000	0.000	5	3
<b>Same Discipline</b>	4.651	0.766	5	1513

G15. Was this course in your major?

**Type:** Yes - No

Yes	No	NR
3 (75.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (25.00%)

G16. Was this course team-taught?

**Type:** Yes - No

Yes	No	NR
1 (25.00%)	2 (50.00%)	1 (25.00%)

G17. Please indicate your satisfaction with the availability of the instructor outside the classroom by choosing one response from the scale. In selecting your rating, consider the instructor's availability via established office hours, appointments, and other opportunities for face-to-face interaction as well as via telephone, email, fax and other means.

**Type:** Satisfaction

Very Dissatisfied (1)	2	3	Very Satisfied (4)	NR
0 (0.00%)	1 (25.00%)	0 (0.00%)	2 (50.00%)	1 (25.00%)

Focus	Mean	Stdev	Median	Observations
<b>Class</b>	3.333	1.155	4	3
<b>Same Level</b>	4.000	0.000	4	3
<b>Same Discipline</b>	3.366	0.755	4	1515

G18. Please comment on the strengths of the instructor and the course.

**Type:** Essay

**Student**

**Comments**

- #1** - pay lots of time on students
- #2** - The course was taught in a well organized way. The feedback after the mid exams and the oral homework also helped to understand the concepts better.
- #3** - Usually always available to answer questions about homework; outside work (e.g. recitation, oral homework) was beneficial in learning the material

G19. Please comment on the weaknesses of the instructor and the course.

**Type:** Essay

**Student**

**Comments**

- #1** - 1. talk too much math on class  
2. Pathria's book is not a more ideal textbook than Greiner's  
3. didn't clarify the physics concepts clearly  
4. homework is not typical. Sometimes it is even not relevant to the material in class. Homework is collected on Wed, but we always couldn't learn enough before Mon, which means we only have Tue to finish the HW.  
5. it's good to have recitation, but sometimes it would consume more than one hour and only work out 1 or 2 problem. Group talking should be just 5 min, which is enough for sharing ideas. And should list the equations we may use on the paper. sometimes we couldn't do the problem is just that we can't remember the equations.
- #3** - I feel like we rushed the material towards the end of the course. Material at the beginning was taught at a comfortable pace but towards the end we didn't spend as much time on each topic as I would have liked (since there is a lot of material to cover in Stat mech)

G20. Please comment on any teaching methods you found particularly helpful, and suggest alternative methods that you feel would improve the course.

**Type:** Essay

**Student**

**Comments**

- #1** - talk more physics than math and derivation.
- #2** - The recitation class was very helpful in understanding how to approach problems and solve them.

**#3** - During recitation when we did "on your own" for a few minutes before doing "with a group" was helpful in having to actually think about the problem first rather (because sometimes someone would automatically jump to what needed to be done before everyone else had a chance to think and analyze)

G21. I would recommend this instructor to a friend. Yes or no? Why?

**Type:** Essay

**Student**

**Comments**

**#1** - No, he is working hard, but his teaching method is actually not American kind. I mean we just learn what he taught, but that is all on the textbook. For me, his class didn't help me better understand the material on textbook. After this whole semester, actually I can just remember some professional vocabularies. He may be good at Classical Mechanics, but apparently not Statistical Mechanics.

**#2** - Yes

The professor puts a lot of effort in teaching this course and he does it in a very effective way.

**#3** - Yes, I feel like I learned a lot of material and (hopefully) learned it well

**Departmental Questions (5809)**

D1. I have significantly improved my critical thinking and problem solving skills during this course.

**Type:** Yes - No

Yes	No	NR
2 (50.00%)	1 (25.00%)	1 (25.00%)

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