

UB TEACHING EVALUATIONS

The following are responses to the statement, “Please comment on how effective the INSTRUCTOR was in teaching this course.”

GEO 389/504 – *Business Geographies Laboratory* (Fall 2007)

- Very effective. Taught us well. Helped us all understand material and keep on track.
- The instructor was excellent in providing the content for the course and assisting when assistance was needed. He was an excellent instructor in his approach to presenting the material for the class. The only change that I feel he could make is maybe slowing down his presentation of course content just a little.
- Very nice guy. Will be good professor one day.
- He made himself available for extra help. He was willing to work through any problem no matter how long it took.
- Assisted others even during free time (not office hours)
- We need more TAs like him. Helpful, patient and willing to teach material that was totally foreign to me. Great TA!
- Very clear, good humor, great overall
- The instructor is very helpful and easy to follow. I really enjoyed this class.

GEO 101 – *Earth Systems Science I* (Fall 2009)

- The course was a brief geologic history of the earth and its many processes. I found it interesting that every class was different and aimed at a different topic. It get kept me interested and not staring off in space and occupying myself by means of texting or any other form of distraction.
- Bottom-line, the class was very well done.
- He kept it as fun and exciting as a 50 minute lecture could be. He seems passionate about his field. He brings up opportunities to get involved outside of class. He's very understanding and approachable.
- For people who learn in the classroom, the instructor was engaging while teaching in class.
- Professor Trgovac's personality made (what could have been a brutal) class very fun, interesting, and accessible.
- Interesting professor. Made lectures interesting by joking and used pictures to explain elements of the lecture...good professor, good class.

- Very comedic. I loved that. He made the class laugh at every class which my kept attention on him at all times. He was very knowledgeable about the topics and talked to the class as if we have been his friends for a while. He didn't talk down to us but rather seemed to try to get the class to participate. I understand he has a lot of information to go over but I think that if he is able, more class participation would be beneficial.
- Very approachable, friendly, lively and energetic, good teacher and would recommend/take another class of his if offered.
- The professor was incredibly effective in teaching the course, had an obvious knowledge of all the materials, and made the class extremely enjoyable and fun. It was a class I looked forward going to just to experience the attitude of the professor.
- Teacher was very effective, made it easy to learn difficult material

GEO 481/506 – *Geographical Information Systems Laboratory* (Spring 2010)

- He was very well prepared to teach the material. His personal style was engaging and pleasant. Coming from a background with little computer experience, I needed a lot of reassurance and extra guidance. Drew was really amazing with regard to the extra support he gave to the students, frequently interrupting his own work to help students working outside of regular class hours, and was also available for help via email. I really enjoyed the class, and got a lot out of it. I feel strongly that his teaching skills and willingness to work with the students at their level made all the difference.
- Very organized and timely, yet made it fun. Very high recommendations for this instructor.
- Extremely great interaction with the students. Very approachable and willing to help with issues. The only suggestion would be to slow down a little during the lab demonstration.
- Great instructor! The labs were very helpful.
- Drew was one of the best instructors I have had. Especially among PhD candidates in our department. He loves to teach and it shows. Thanks Drew!
- Drew was a great instructor. He made class time effective and entertaining. He was prodigiously patient with the students. He took a lot of time each week answering questions and helping students with their labs.
- Without Professor Trgovac, I would have been completely lost in this course. He was incredibly helpful and funny. He made attending lab a pleasure.
- Very organized and timely, yet made it fun. Very high recommendations for this instructor

GEO 201 – *Disasters: A Study of Natural Hazards* (Fall 2011)

- He is cool, smart, awesome, fun, and interesting. One of the best professors I've ever had. Other professors should model their styles after his.
- Great, fun, personable instructor gets his points and the material across in a good manner and timely fashion.

- I loved how he made every class interesting and asked questions of the class. Sure, we were reluctant to answer, but it tended to keep up awake and engaged! I also enjoyed the stories he told, because not only were they interesting, but they were also usually relevant to the lesson. It helped me learn better, since I remembered certain terms/concepts because of the stories. I also appreciated the energy he had every class, even though it was late. This was a very exciting and enjoyable class...thank you for your hard work!
- I enjoyed him as a professor. He taught well and was very knowledgeable about the course material.
- Andrew was funny and enjoyable to listen to even when we really didn't want to be there
- My favorite teacher! I took this class because it seemed interesting, and because I had taken one of his classes before.
- He was very effective at trying to make the very long class not seem so long, and he succeeded at making it funny with side comments about the particular topic of the day. He used different mediums to bring the topic to the students' level with videos and clips that showed real life footage of the certain events we happen to be talking about that day.
- Andrew combined current events, such as the snow storm in Alaska and the earthquakes in Virginia, with the data-based course effectively, which kept the students interested.

DAEMEN COLLEGE TEACHING EVALUATIONS

The following is a response to survey statement, “Please provide any additional comments regarding the course or the instructor.” Only one response was recorded.

GEO 117 – *World Geography* (Fall 2011)

- Drew Trgovac was a great instructor. I learned a great deal and enjoyed the class, which is not easy to pull off during 5:30 – 6:50 pm after a long day.