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Student Evaluation of Teaching



Enrollment 17
% responding 58%

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree				
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Please indicate the overall educational value of the course. (excellent very good satisfactory fair poor)	3 30%	2 20%	3 30%	2 20%	0 0%	3.6	1.1	3.5	10
Please indicate the overall teaching effectiveness of the teaching assistant. (excellent very good satisfactory fair poor)	6 60%	3 30%	1 10%	0 0%	0 0%	4.5	0.7	5	10
My DL Instructor is consistently organized and on time.	9 90%	1 10%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	4.9	0.3	5	10
My DL Instructor consistently has a firm grasp of the objectives of each DL.	8 80%	2 20%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	4.8	0.4	5	10
My DL Instructor is sensitive and responsive to difficulties students have in understanding physics concepts.	7 70%	3 30%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	4.7	0.5	5	10
The instructor encourages student participation in the course.	8 80%	2 20%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	4.8	0.4	5	10

Please leave additional comments.

He was a great DL instructor and we need more like him! He made sure people understood what was going on and would explain if anyone needed help.

DL took a lot of time for each exercise because Michael would go to each individual group to help them understand the concept. This meant that everyone understood the material better, but it ended up in having to rush the last few parts because we spent a lot of time just chatting than physics.

I would have enjoyed it better if he had sped up the pace a bit and explained things more to the class instead of letting us fumble around for a long time - after a while, the self-teaching is no longer effective. Especially since the wording and layout of the DL activities are so odd. It's often a challenge to figure out the point of the activity.

Michael is a really great TA. He's willing to help out whenever he can

I liked my DL instructor a lot, but I personally feel that DL is pretty pointless and too long.

Micheal was a great TA! He definitely made me enjoy and able to understand the concepts. I like that he is thorough and takes the time to let us think about the physics and work as a team. He was clear in explaining and he was approachable when I had questions. Did a great job!

There are 3 Spies that get captured. One spy is French, one is German and the other is Italian. Their captors come into the cell and grab the French spy and tie his hands behind a chair in the next room. They torture him for 2 hours before he answers all questions and gives up all of his secrets. The captors throw the French spy back into the cell and grab the German spy. They tie his hands behind the chair as well and torture him for 4 hours before he tells them what they want to know. They throw him back into the cell and grab the Italian spy. They tie his hands behind the chair and begin torturing. 4 hours go by and the spy isn't talking. Then 8 hours, then 16 and after 24 hours they give up and throw him back into the cell. The German and French spy are impressed and ask him how he managed to not talk. The Italian spy responds, "I wanted to!, but I couldn't move my hands!"

The blind man sits down, thinking he'd break the ice with the bartender by asking "Wanna hear a blond joke?"

In a hushed voice, a man beside him says "Before you tell that joke, you should know our bartender IS blonde, or bouncer is blond, I'm a 6'4" black belt, the man sitting on the other side of me is 6'2, 250lbs, and a rugby player. The guy sitting next to you is pushing 300, 6'6, and he's a wrestler. We're ALL blond. So you think about it mister, do you really wanna tell that joke?"

The blind man sat for a second, thinking over the odds and then replied "No, not if I have to explain it five times."

A cowboy appeared before St. Peter at the Pearly Gates. "Have you ever done anything of particular merit?" St. Peter asked. "Well, I can think of one thing," the cowboy offered.

"On a trip to the Big Horn Mountains out in Wyoming, I came upon a gang of bikers who were threatening a young woman. I directed them to leave her alone, but they wouldn't listen. So, I approached the largest and most tattooed biker and smacked him in the face, kicked his bike over, ripped out his nose ring, and threw it on the ground." I yelled, "Now, back off or I'll kick the shit out of all of you" Saint Peter was impressed, "When did this happen?"

"Couple of minutes ago."
