

SUMMARY OF TEACHING EVALUATIONS

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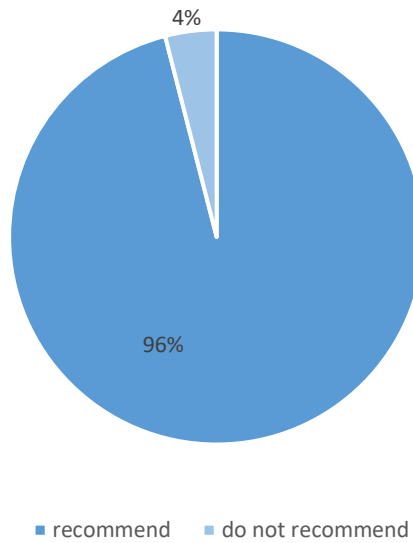
SIO 181 Marine Biochemistry Lecture

Spring 2023

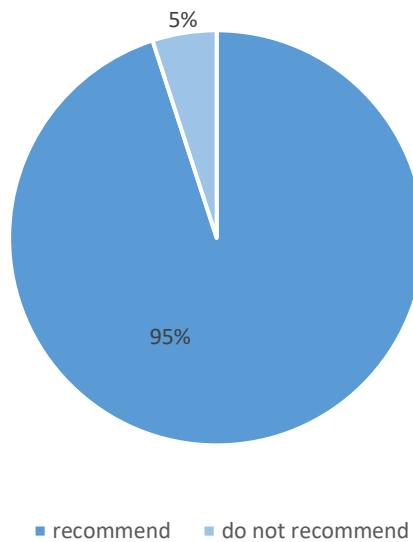
Instructor: Lauren Shipp

137 students enrolled, 56 evaluations submitted

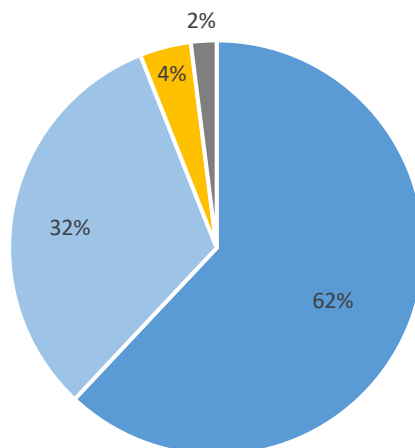
Students recommending instructor overall



Students recommending the course overall

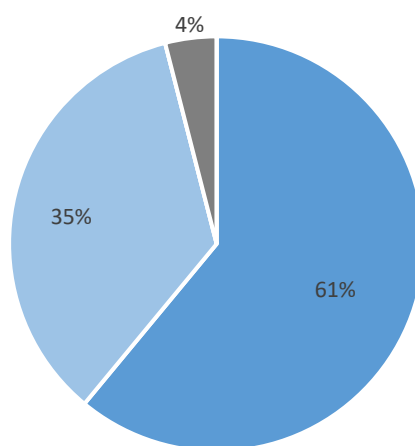


Instructor displays a proficient command of the material.



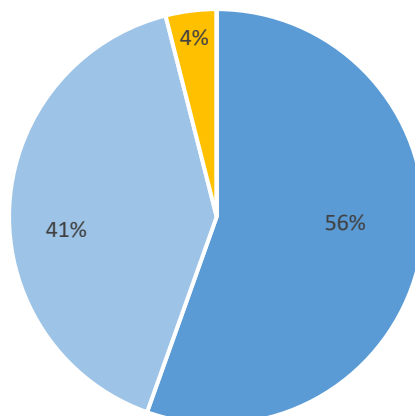
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Instructor is well prepared for classes.



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Instructor promotes appropriate questions/discussion.



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A sample of student comments is below. These quotes have not been corrected for grammatical or spelling errors, and they represent typical responses from students.

Course feedback for SIO 181:

- “This course material is intimidating, but professor Shipp does the best job at making the material interesting in the lectures and discussions. I feel supported in this class due to the constant announcements, the accessibility of the TAs and the understanding that this material is not intuitive to all people- it takes time. Overall it’s a great class and I’ve learned a great deal!”
- “I am not super into chemistry, but I understood and respected the relevance of course material. Definitely a lot of information but the class format makes in manageable.”
- “A very interesting course that can be overlooked as difficult but just takes a great deal of comparing the information taught to situations (both real and imaginary) in order to fully grasp the topics. It also is very organized so where concepts link up together where you begin to understand how various processes work and are connected.”
- “I took this class because I really enjoy biochemistry and I had never taken a marine biology class before and thought it would be fun. This class has made me consider getting a minor in marine biology. I can't believe how cool marine creatures are and I am beyond grateful that I took this class. I really loved how diverse the different topics were and how we focused on a wide variety of different marine creatures. My only regret is not taking this class earlier!”
- “I love that there is a biochemistry course that is marine-focused, and it has proven to be an overall delight. I am very grateful that this course values students' learning and engagement over regurgitation of facts and academic rigor. I love the use of guest

speakers, especially for new students who need to be exposed to the many faces at SIO. Overall, wonderful course!”

- “SIO 181 is extremely material-heavy and involves a lot of memorization, as well as detailed learnt knowledge about biological systems and molecular interactions. Though it's harder than the average SIO undergrad course, I understand why we need to take it. I think it's great for what marine biology majors need, since a lot of our courses are very overview-oriented. This class gives me more confidence in my working knowledge of marine physiology and organismal function.”

Instructor feedback for Lauren Shipp:

- “Professor Shipp was a great professor. She successfully got us through a quarter of dense material to learn while also recognizing and accommodating the fact that the topics may be tricky to understand. How she was able to keep the course on track and on pace while ALSO being receptive to student feedback is something I'll never understand. She also kept the class light-hearted and as engaging as you can make marine biochem. Overall a great professor and I would 100% sign up for courses she teaches in the future.”
- “Professor Shipp is a kind, knowledgeable, understanding and articulate professor. I appreciate her teaching style, as she is very proficient in rebounding information in a way that is digestible to students who may not understand all concepts right away. She has been a wonderful professor throughout the quarter, and I feel privileged to have taken a class from such an informative and intelligent person on biochemistry.”
- “Instructor Lauren Shipp was a fantastic professor for this class. Her passion and knowledge were imparted well and made for a very entertaining course.”
- “This instructor highly promotes active learning for the students in order to catch up on certain information that can strain so much in their minds. The professor provides a break in order for the students to relax and prepare themselves to absorb more information in class. The professor also asks students on how they are doing and tries to motivate them in order to be mentally prepared for the class.”
- “Inspiring woman in ocean science, was continually impressed by the way she was able to explain the course material to us”
- “Dr. Shipp was extremely knowledgeable in marine biochem, and I could see her expertise shown in her explanations of course concepts. She is clear, patient, and personable, as well as smart. She would be a great instructor if taken on by SIO permanently as faculty, and I would take classes taught by her again. I think she could slow down a little bit during the lectures, though - - they were very fast and information-dense and I had difficulty keeping up.”
- “Professor Shipp is very knowledgeable and does her best to be helpful to her students but also keeps those expectations of us to use what is taught and connect the concepts together. With that being said she will always provide examples of connecting concepts and always has time for questions either during or after class in order to ensure our understanding of the complex material. Would be great to see her teaching this course again.”

- “Dr. Shipp is incredibly knowledgeable and has a clear mastery of the subject. Simultaneously, she was always approachable to answer questions and provide support.”
- “This was Dr Shipp’s first time teaching this class and she did a great job.”
- “Great at condensing heavy lecture material into digestible formats”
- “I loved professor Shipp as a teacher. I never went in person because my schedule didn't allow it but I am so thankful she made the class accessible to those who were watching the podcasts because then I was able to take this wonderful class. I thought she explained all the material very well and that assignments and exams were very fair. The way the class is set up makes it so I can enjoy learning without having to overly stress about my grade while still being challenging enough to promote deep thinking about the different topics. I will definitely be looking for other classes she teaches!”