

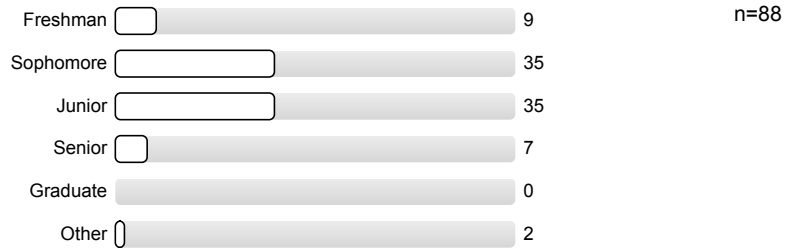


A.B. NASSAR
Evaluation of Instruction Program Report
 131: PHYSICS 6A LEC 1: PHYSIC-LIFE SCI MAJ
 No. of responses = 88
 Enrollment = 201
 Response Rate = 43.78%

Survey Results

1. Background Information:

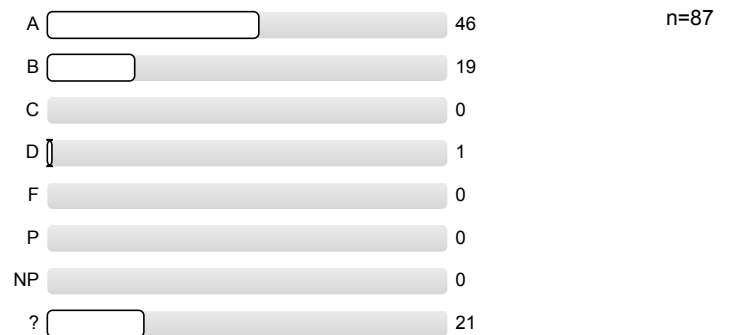
1.1) Year in School:



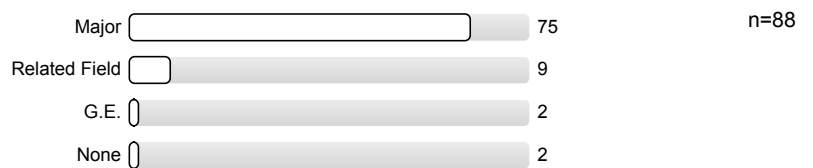
1.2) UCLA GPA:



1.3) Expected Grade:



1.4) What requirements does this course fulfill?



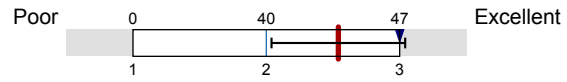
2. To What Extent Do You Feel That:

2.1)	Instructor Concern – The instructor was concerned about student learning.		n=87 av.=8.8 md=9 dev.=0.45 ab.=1
2.2)	Organization – Class presentations were well prepared and organized.		n=87 av.=8.57 md=9 dev.=0.76 ab.=1
2.3)	Interaction – Students felt welcome in seeking help in or outside of the class.		n=87 av.=8.75 md=9 dev.=0.61 ab.=1
2.4)	Communication Skills – The instructor had good communication skills.		n=87 av.=8.54 md=9 dev.=0.77 ab.=1
2.5)	Value – You have learned something you consider valuable.		n=87 av.=8.61 md=9 dev.=0.81 ab.=1
2.6)	Overall – Your overall rating of the instructor.		n=87 av.=8.82 md=9 dev.=0.49 ab.=1
2.7)	Overall – Your overall rating of the course.		n=87 av.=8.49 md=9 dev.=0.81 ab.=1

3. Your View of Course Characteristics:

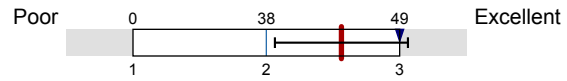
3.1)	Subject interest before course		n=87 av.=1.68 md=2 dev.=0.69 ab.=1
3.2)	Subject interest after course		n=87 av.=2.57 md=3 dev.=0.56 ab.=1
3.3)	Mastery of course material		n=86 av.=2.53 md=3 dev.=0.55 ab.=2
3.4)	Difficulty (relative to other courses)		n=86 av.=2.12 md=2 dev.=0.56 ab.=2
3.5)	Workload/pace was		n=87 av.=2.06 md=2 dev.=0.28 ab.=1
3.6)	Texts, required readings		n=82 av.=2.27 md=2 dev.=0.47 ab.=6

3.7) Homework assignments



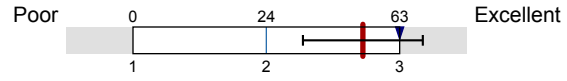
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3.8) Graded materials, examinations



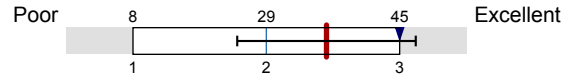
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3.9) Lecture presentations



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3.10) Class discussions



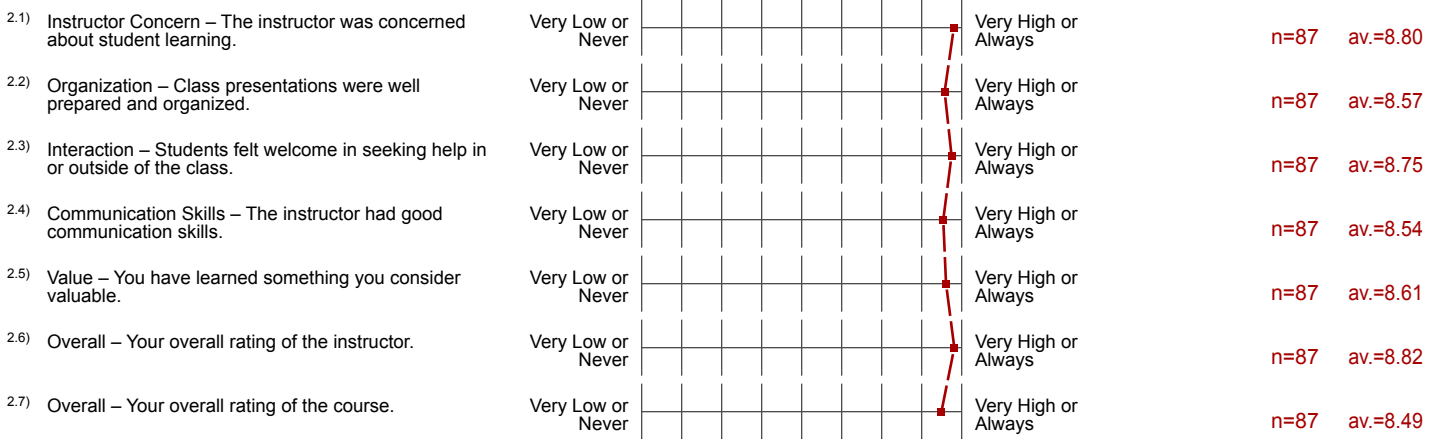
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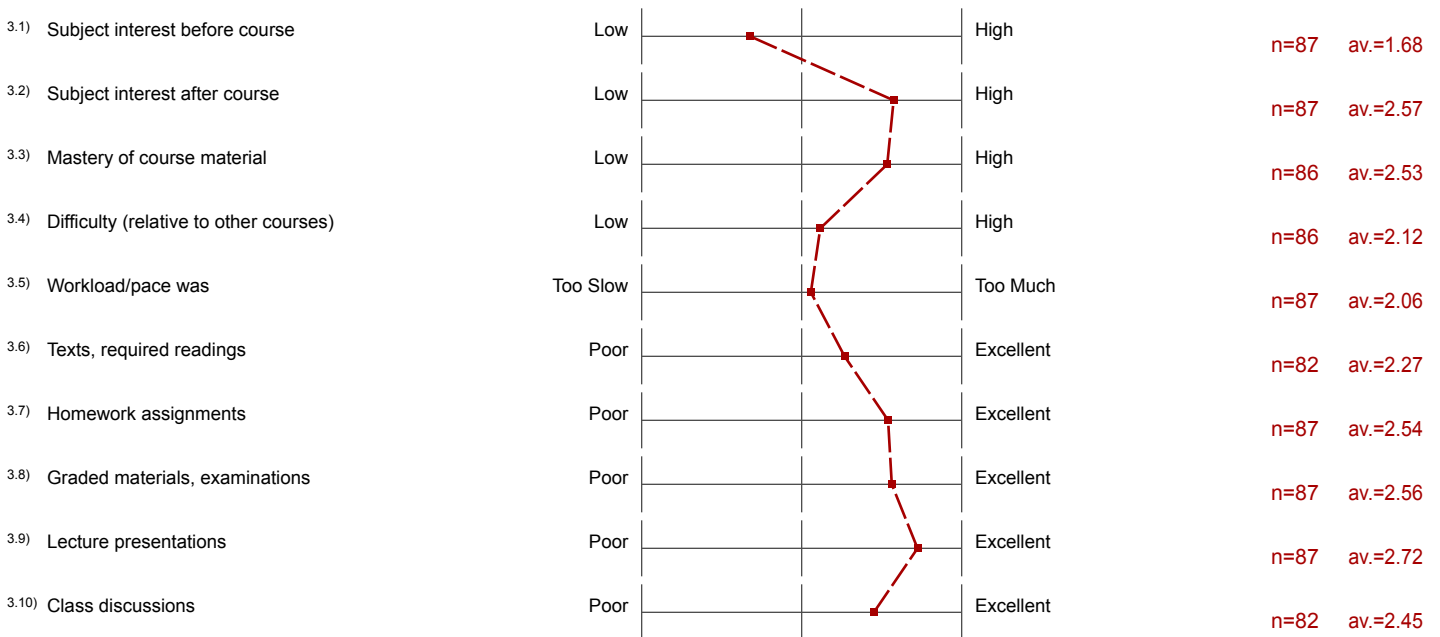
Subunit: PHY&AST
 Name of the instructor: A.B. NASSAR
 Name of the course: 131: PHYSICS 6A LEC 1: PHYSIC-LIFE SCI MAJ
 (Name of the survey)

Values used in the profile line: Mean

2. To What Extent Do You Feel That:



3. Your View of Course Characteristics:



Comments Report

4. Comments:

- 4.1) Please identify what you perceive to be the real strengths and weaknesses of this instructor and course.
- All his visual experiments helped to understand the material better. The book was great it helped me learn a lot. It was hard to hear him because the mic was low.
 - Amazing teacher--so sweet and nice and loves teaching! I wish more teachers were like him! Love his teaching style and he is so friendly and wants the students to learn, he cares so much!
 - Dear Dr. Nassar,
Thanks for being such a great instructor to me :). You were so helpful.
I really appreciated how you would answer my questions after class and how you kept my grade confidential. It really means a lot to me.
Best,
Sarah Pham
 - Dr. Nassar cares deeply about student learning and always provides extra office hours to help us. He is hugely enthusiastic about physics and it translates positively to our learning attitude.
 - Dr. Nassar is a very enthusiastic professor. His great experience teaching also allows him to almost predict any student's question and also answer it very clearly. He is very approachable and makes every lecture memorable. The in-class demonstrations and examples of how physics is applied in real life make physics truly interesting.
 - Dr. Nassar is always thorough with his explanations and has the utmost concern for his students to understand the material and concepts beyond the basics. He is always friendly, approachable, and animated. He helps obscure concept become easily within reach to even the those such as myself who never took a physics course prior to his class. Dr. Nassar is by far the best professor I've ever had at UCLA and has made all the difference.
 - Dr. Nassar is one of the best professors i've had at UCLA. I did not take physics in high school and was very nervous about taking a college level physics class. Dr. Nassar eased my nerves with his true passion and understanding for physics and actually made physics a fun class, instead of something I dreaded everyday. He explained the concepts at a level where everyone in the class could understand and was happy to answer questions to ensure everyone understood the concepts he covered. It was a joy watching him lecture and perform the demos because you can see his true passion for teaching and physics. Thank You Dr. Nassar for making physics enjoyable.
 - Dr. Nassar makes lecture worth going to. He always goes out of his way to make the lectures extremely entertaining and informative. Overall, one of the better professors I've ever had here at UCLA.
 - Eager to provide live demonstrations to further student understanding of material. Fair tests and great lectures.
 - Everything was explained well the vast majority of the time. Instructor has good communication skills and creates a comfortable environment that welcomes questions. Shows a great interest in the material he is teaching, which allows students to better appreciate the material as well.
 - Good teacher
 - He is an amazing professor. Cares very much about what students take away from the material.
 - He is very caring. Considering that the summer session is only 6 weeks, he is a very good professor. He is very organized. Homework can be too difficult sometimes though. But I am thankful that he does not

put ridiculously hard questions on the test.

I also like the difficulty of the tests since it is very doable for students who put time to study.

- He is very enthusiastic about the subject, and he has this ability to keep students engaged and interested during the lecture. He teaches in an easy to understand way. I like that he is very energetic, which makes me very energetic as well for the class. I also like that he simplifies and organizes what we have to learn in an easy to understand matter. I also love that he does many practice problems. Overall, I think he is a wonderful professor, thus I see no weaknesses in him.
- He really cares for the students. He is active in his teaching and clear in conveying concepts.
- He was really concerned about students learning the material. However due to the low microphone volume lectures were hard to follow and somewhat hard to follow.
- His strengths include his ability to explain the material while keeping it interesting! He is very straight forward about what material you need to know and how in depth!
- His strengths were he showed enthusiasm for teaching the subject, he cared about the students and he was fair.

It would be helpful to have longer testing periods.

- I absolutely loved this class. I struggled with the material and many times wanted to give up but seeing Professor Nassar's enthusiasm and love for physics made me try harder each day. He is very fair and cares about the students. Thank you for blessing us with your knowledge, Professor. And thank you for having so much energy at 8:30am each and every day. I would recommend this class to everyone!
- I think the instructor needs to work on actually teaching the concepts behind a problem before jumping into practice problems. The lecture slides were not very helpful. Overall, the professor was kind and eager to help, but seemed to need a bit more organization.
- I went into this class expecting the worst due to the fact that I had never taken physics before, not even in high school. I soon learned that physics could be enjoyable and fascinating. The demos and lectures and excellent and your enthusiasm for the subject is really contagious. You can tell that you love to teach and that you truly want everyone, even those who are only taking it for their majors, to have a good experience with physics. Thank you so very much!
- I'm sure others will say the same, he is just so determined to make sure we understand and not memorise, that I learnt something which can now stick to me. However, there are way to many people in this class! (I understand, because of high demand for him the class is really full) but still...discussions should be a lot smaller..
- It's rare to find a teacher who cares about each and every student in a class of about 200 students. Though I didn't go to office hours, I knew that if I needed to, Nasser would always be available and willing to answer any questions I had. His enthusiasm for physics made me want to understand the concepts he was talking about, and the demos were great. I felt like the tests were EXTREMELY fair and that he cared deeply about having students truly understand concepts and not just regurgitate information. One thing that I feel could be improved are the presentations. At times, I felt that we were jumping around a little bit, learning one concept here and there, and I couldn't understand how it all came together to form the big picture. But overall, this course was great because of Nasser. Thank you for a great class!
- Nassar is honestly one of the greatest, more approachable, and dedicated professors I've had. He's concerned with the transfer of knowledge and the complete understanding of the subject material and breaks down the material into easy-to-learn, understandable methods that truly encourage students to value learning and the subject of physics. Prior to this class I was afraid of taking this subject with the fear that I would not succeed, and although I might not get the A that I want, I can honestly say that I would be happy with a B knowing I understand the material pretty well. All science classes should be taught by enthusiastic professors like Nassar. He is one amazing man.

- Nassar makes physics fun. He exhibits a genuine love and passion for the subject which makes lecture engaging and informative. Most importantly, he is fair. His tests truly reflect the material taught in lecture and covered in the homework. One of the best professors I've had.
- One of the best physics professors out there!
- One of the best professors I have had at UCLA. I had never taken any type of Physics courses prior to this course. Professor Nassar is very enthusiastic and that had me paying attention in every lecture. He takes his time in explaining every topic and asks students if they understand before he moves on. I leave this class with greater interest in physics than before I took this class.
- One of the best science professors at this school. Extremely enthusiastic, competent and committed.
- Prof Nassar is absolutely brilliant and he really knows how to teach difficult topics of physics to students without confusion.
- Prof. Nassar is an excellent lecturing, so funny and engaging, overall, one of my best experiences with physics. I took ap physics in high school but I found that Nassar explained topics such as torque much better than my high school teacher ever could. it would be nice if prof. Nassar spoke a little bit clearer, only because the mic makes things fuzzy. All in all, prof. Nassar is a fantastic justice teacher who truly knows how to convey physics to first time learners and people who already learned physics in high school. I will surely miss this class because of the lectures that I went to everyday.
- Professor Nassar has been the best science professor I've had at UCLA.
- Professor Nassar has been the best teacher I have had at UCLA. I greatly enjoyed Physics 6A with him and I believe that he is an incredible professor. I can honestly say that this professor has no weaknesses because he is great at what he does. He is an absolutely amazing professor because he teaches very well and he really cares about the students.
- Professor Nassar has piqued my interest in physics and he shows great compassion for his students.
- Professor Nassar is INCREDIBLE. We need more teachers like him at UCLA. Not only is he smart, funny, clear, and caring, he is concerned that students learn the material and really do well- he tries as hard as he can to help students earn the best grade they can. Nassar should be hired here so he can teach full time rather than just in the summer. He is SUCH a gem, and I am so glad I waited to take physics till the summer so I could have him!
- Professor Nassar is amazing.
- Professor Nassar is an amazing teacher. He discusses the material in a way that the students are able to understand very clearly what he is teaching. I have had a great experience with him and he has made me grow fond of physics.
- Professor Nassar is an awesome professor. You can tell that he is truly concerned with the education of his students and does his best to make physics interesting. He is a very reasonable grader and the workload is just right. I just wished that the lecture was a little more organized. Sometimes I had a hard time understanding his accent, but overall he is a great professor.
- Professor Nassar is an excellent professor. He is dedicated to teaching and that dedication allows him to convey his knowledge and passion for physics into a clear and organized style of teaching. He really cares that you learn. His homework was more difficult than the exams and I feel like that is the way it should always be. I wish he taught physics during the year. He is just a wonderful professor.
- Professor Nassar is excellent at teaching. Physics is not an easy subject, but Prof. Nassar makes it straightforward and very do-able. I greatly appreciate the thoroughness of his explanations and the amount of examples he provides to reinforce the material.
- Professor Nassar is great. The subject of physics may be hard, but he teaches the subject well. He is willing to help every student and really wants us to do well in his class. He is friendly, welcoming, and

approachable. His experiments and demonstrations in class are entertaining and funny. He covers important topics of physics in the span of 6 weeks successfully. He has increased my interest in physics.

- Professor Nassar is so concerned about his students' learning. He tries to make a lecture feel as small as possible so the environment is more comfortable. He encourages students asking questions and just truly cares about our learning. He is by far the most dedicated and passionate professor I have had so far during my time here at UCLA. His presentations are thoroughly enjoyable as well. HE IS THE BEST!
- Professor Nassar is the best physics professor ever!! I took this class over the summer, session A 2013. He sincerely cares about his students and shows this by answering as many questions as possible and holding numerous office hours. Simply said, I do not like physics. But Prof. Nassar makes it bearable, and sometimes even enjoyable, despite it being at 8:30 am everyday. His demonstrations are very interesting and his passion for physics really shows! He emphasizes key points over and over again. One of the best things he does is go over homework problems in class. He gives homework points, which gives us students incentive to actually do homework. He goes over the problems during class and explains it as clearly as possible (I get lost sometimes, but that's because I'm slow when it comes to physics). Another thing I REALLY appreciate is that his exams are DOABLE! They're not like some exam with strange, extremely difficult and confusing problems you've never seen before. If you do the homework and understand the concepts, you will be ok on the exams. Although this was the only class I took during session A, I studied a lot for this class because I feel like it's not hopeless for me to do well in physics. I'm not sure what my grade will be, but I'm hoping for the best and studying to the best of my abilities! Thank you Prof. Nassar! You are a wonderful professor and I really hope to see you again! Thank you so much for caring about your students and helping us out!
- Professor Nassar is the best professor I have had the privilege of having at UCLA. He came into class every day with enthusiasm and positive energy that made lectures enjoyable and engaging. His teaching style was perfect in helping me understand physics, a course that I was nervous to take. I appreciate the hours he would put in after class in office hours going over the material with us and answering 1-1 questions. I have not had a professor who cared so deeply about the success of his students. The teaching assistants he selected were excellent. I would take any class taught by Nassar.
- Professor Nassar is the hottest professor ever. He makes me super wet.
- Professor Nassar is very enthusiastic about the subject that he teaches. He really tries to make sure the students understand the course material. My only qualm is that sometimes I cannot hear what he is saying because the microphone is muffled.
- Professor Nassar really cares about his students and wants them to do well. He tries to repeat all the important points in his lectures multiple times so that people can absorb and write down the information, and he doesn't require us to read the book, instead emphasizing that he wants us to really understand the main, important points that he covers in class. Outside of class, he is always very welcoming and he answers questions on his own time at office hours. While some teachers can be very demeaning and discouraging when they are asked what they feel are unintelligent questions, Professor Nassar gladly embraces any question and makes students feel comfortable asking. Aside from being incredibly sweet and kind, he is extremely enthusiastic about physics and often prepares in-class demonstrations which are both entertaining and helps show us the real-life ramifications of what we are studying. He made me see the wonders of physics and its applications to our daily lives. In short, he is the kind of teacher that all teachers should aspire to be; caring, fun, and passionate about his subject.
- Professor Nassar was a great instructor who explained the concepts well and really wants his students to succeed. He is very kind and went over problems that were relevant to the exams and was very helpful in making the students feel good about the material.
- Sometimes you kind of mumble and it's hard to hear in such a big lecture hall even with microphone
- Strengths: emphasized learning of concepts and relationships between topics
Weaknesses: Not enough focus on practice

- Strong enthusiasm is his strength as well as his ability to relate physics to every day life example.
- The class is set up really nicely and it went through material really quickly. At times, I couldn't hear the professor, because of classmates chattering with each other, but that is not a weakness from the professor. I enjoyed this class, but I'm not sure that I'm going to pass this course.
- The course is very well taught i hate physics but nassar makes the course very interesting and appealing so as much as i dislike the subject nassar has helped me realize how important physics is and i can honestly say i have taken something from his lectures. he is a great professor and breaks things down until he is sure we all understand the subject at hand.
- The instructor is really concerned about student learning and I really like how he makes time available to help his students in this course.
- The lecturer made great use of experiments to keep interest and to demonstrate the use of physics in the real world. These were really fun and always relevant, and helped me to visualize the physics behind written problems. The lecturer goes through a lot of the homework problem which sometimes helps but, if the problem has already done before, just gets repetitive. His delivery makes it to the back of the classroom which made it really convenient because there are so many people in the lecture hall. The examinations were appropriately hard and well-scaled. I think using some time to go over the questions would have helped although in the end the pace was still manageable. It was a pretty fun class and I enjoyed it thanks to the structure and delivery of Professor Nassar.
- The professor is very enthusiastic and passionate about teaching his students physics. He puts a lot of effort in what he does as well as making the subject as interesting as possible. Nassar is an amazing professor.
- The professor was really understanding. His enthusiasm and energy made the class a lot more enjoyable than expected.
- This professor is incredibly good at making physics understandable and fun to learn. He has great explanations for all my questions and is extremely helpful. He has definitely made me even more interested in physics than I already was.
- Thorough and effective coverage of concepts and mathematical proofs and processes
Made complex topics understandable to those without a strong math background
Engaging demonstrations, really helped bring the class alive at 8:30am
Truly cared about students and student learning
Only professor I could personally vouch for that was on the student's side
Honest and committed to helping students do well to earn their grade, not to set curves much like other science professors

Thanks for making me want to learn and completely understand physics! I never thought I'd be able to think of it in the real world and in my life, even now today.

Could be more available to students, please don't schedule office hours when students have lab sections if possible!

- Very enthusiastic and helpful. Simplifies material very well and is always willing to answer questions and help out.
- Very well organized. Unclear grading scale - though very generous. Definitely a strong and entertaining professor
- You can tell he is truly concerned about students understanding the topic and that he has a passion for what he is teaching. He passes this passion onto his students through clear communication and patient explanations.
- great professor! shows great concern for students! learned a lot!

- he is extremely interested in ensuring the students were well-prepared for the exam. He focused on our overall understanding of physics, wanting us to leave the classroom being very knowledgeable of how physics applies to our everyday lives.
- i think professor nassar is a great professor. He really cares about student learning and tries to make the material interesting by discussing real life applications, which i think made the class especially enjoyable for me and I am a person who did not like physics. I like the way his class is structured. He goes over problems during class, which is great help for the homework and the exams. In addition, he answers everyone's questions, which ucla professors rarely do. Sometimes he goes through the problems quickly, so he might want to slow down a bit so that students can absorb the information. In addition, it would be helpful if he spoke a little louder also.