Biology Department/York Federation of Students
Course Evaluation Questionnaire

Course: BIOL 4160 3.0 (Photosynthesis) (fall, 2011)  Instructor(s): Roger Lew
Tutorial/Lab Assistant: Shahin Khazai

Please answer all questions as accurately and honestly as you can. Write your additional comments in the space(s) provided. Do not sign this form. The instructor will ask a student representative to collect the forms. Circle only one response per statement. A rating of 1 represents the least positive response and a rating of 5 represents the most positive response.

Motivation:
1. I took this course because it was: Required (2) Elective (11)

Rating of the Course:
2. The course fulfilled the description given in the syllabus
3. The required textbook(s) were useful
4. The required readings were useful
5. The grading system was fair
6. I feel I learned a great deal taking this course
7. The course content was interesting
8. Rate this course overall

Comments: What did you like most/least about the course?
• Most: Lecture materials, general student experience; Least: Variety of information covered, more practical application required
• Most: A very thoughtful course: Very interesting to learn more about photosynthesis and the Prof. was very enthusiastic about the course and it was that much more fun!; Least:
• Most: Enthusiastic prof, well-structured lectures, helpful TA; Least: Quite a few labs failed, had to redo
• Most: Subject matter; Least: Exam layout
• Most: Very entertaining; Least: Long labs
• Most: The way it was taught; Least:
• Most: The professor!; Least: The analytical approach to the exams
• Most: The content; Least: Lab repetitiveness
• Most: How Dr. Lew explains in class is really self-explanatory; Least:

Comment on the Marking Scheme:

Rating of the Instructor:
9. The instructor’s command of the course material was extensive
10. The instructor’s presentations were well organized
11. The instructor explained difficult or abstract concepts well
12. Graded material was returned promptly
13. The instructor was available and willing to answer questions
14. The instructor was able to stimulate interest in the course
15. Considering all factors, rate the instructor

Comment on the abilities of the instructor:
• Very Good
• A great Prof!
• Excellent Prof, top tier.
• Excellent.
• An absolute pleasure!
**Laboratory:**
16. The laboratory assistant was an effective teacher  1( )  2( )  3(1)  4(2)  5(11)  4.71
17. The lab was an effective learning experience  1( )  2(1)  3(2)  4(2)  5(9)  4.36

**Comment on the laboratory experience:**
- Labs were quite long, sometimes failed.
- A great environment to learn.

**Retake:**
18. Ignoring any degree or professional requirements, would you have enrolled in this course knowing what you now know?  YES (13)  NO (1)

**Advice to Prospective Students Thinking About Taking the Course?**

*From the students…*

- Be prepared for the lab! Grinding spinach will be second nature. Ask questions, review often, and understand, don’t memorize, have fun!
- Take this course if you like being challenged, not your run of the mill biology course.
- Take it if you are very interested in photosynthesis.
- Best professor I have ever had at York University! Study his notes well, think outside the box, attend classes and ask questions.