

Summary of student responses to question “Please comment on the effectiveness of this instructor” in evaluations of Physics 140

Below is a summary of characteristic student responses to Question 912 “Please comment on the effectiveness of this instructor”. This open-ended question was added to the regular Physics 140 course evaluations during both semesters that I taught the class last year – Winter 2016 and Fall 2016. Only responses that have more specifics, details, and examples were selected. There are literally 38 more pages of similar responses with less detail.

Original spelling and punctuation are preserved in all student responses. The emphasis (bold font) is mine.

Promoted critical thinking, and a simplified approach to seemingly complex problems. Yuri is **a god among men** and I could not have asked for a better lecturer.

Absolutely fantastic professor. Without a doubt the best one I've had at the University so far, made waking up and walking to class a pleasure. Learned the material very well because of how effectively he taught it. **I cannot stress enough how good of a professor this man is.**

Doctor Popov is an **amazing instructor**. His dedication to the students and teaching physics clearly shows through his lectures. **The fact that he has not been promoted to a higher position than a lecturer astonishes me.** His lectures were vital to me and countless other students for understanding concepts of physics and I feel **he should be promoted** for this.

The best professor I have encountered at the University. In all honesty I don't usually write evaluations (especially since they're sent out in final exam study time) but I absolutely had to for Mr. Popov, since my experience in Physics 140 with him was **fantastic**.

Most effective teacher I have probably ever had - enthusiastic, passionate, intelligent, balances lecture notes with participation from the class, solves problems in class so that we gain a better understanding of how to do challenging problems, addresses students' questions on online homework and keeps the class engaged by also addressing funny questions, demos make the material in class even more clear, encourages questions and begins each day on a positive note. I am very fortunate to have been in Yuri's section.

He is **an incredible man and professor**, and he **always spoke from the heart**. When awful things in our community happened, Yuri addressed them before class started, and it was very comforting.

Awesome Professor with tons of energy and a passion to teach. Best professor I have ever had!

Professor Popov was a **phenomenal instructor**, and his teaching went **above and beyond my every expectation**. I would love to have him again for Physics 240.

Could not have asked for a better instructor, Yuri won my heart with his quick wit and expansive knowledge of the physical world.

I don't see this course needing any improvement: it was **perfect**.

Overall, the lecture was engaging and most importantly, helped me learn a lot IN CLASS, which is not something a lot of classes do.

Incredibly effective; he wasn't soft on material or expectations

Professor Popov is the best instructor I have ever had in any course. His thorough knowledge on the subject, great humor, and bubbly personality made this class and my life much better. **Hats off to him**.

I loved **the focus on learning**, not on how well you can take an exam

Overall **fantastic teacher**. I thought he was **very well spoken** as well as entertaining. **I wanted to wake up in the morning to go to his class**.

Professor Popov made Physics 140 extremely interesting and engaging. Content that would have otherwise been intolerably boring was made enjoyable by his positive and energetic teaching style, and his charisma truly made it worth going to class. He interacted well with students, and really tried to make every student feel welcome in class. Professor Popov is a **phenomenal teacher**, and went out of his way to answer everybody's questions.

Super effective. He was great at delivering the material in a fun, convincing way.

Yuri Popov is **the best teacher I have had** here. He understands what he is talking about and **makes physics fun**. I decided taking the class was worth it solely because that meant I got to have him as a teacher. He turned a weed out class into the best way to start my day, and the best way to end my semester.

Great professor and better person. Was funny and made lectures fun.

Dr. Popov was my **favorite instructor** this semester. He always discussed the topics **in a captivating way**, and made excellent use of in-class demos. He is a teacher that **truly cares about the success and happiness of his students** and I wish I could take more classes taught by him.

He is a **fantastic lecturer** and has a **good understanding of the needs of the students** and addresses them effectively.

Yuri Popov is an **excellent lecturer**! He got exponentially better as the course went on, and I loved his flip it physics quotes that he shared. I'm glad he was able to teach to the lower grade students, but also satisfy the questions of the higher grade students! Funny sarcastic (in an intellectual, humorous way) and comforting if you keep an open mind

He was excellent. I don't like this subject at all and I hate the class, but Yuri made lectures interesting and fun. **I'd probably be failing if I didn't have as good a teacher as him**.

My favorite aspect of this course was the professor, Dr. Popov truly did make Physics 140 the best way to begin my day.

Yuri is **one of the best teachers I've ever had**. He truly cares about what he's teaching and wants everyone to know it just as well as he does. This makes learning a very hard topic so much easier!

Yuri was a **terrific instructor** that made lectures very enjoyable to attend. He added enthusiasm and occasionally some humor to his lectures, which added to my interest in the subject.

Very good instructor that **explained clearly, gave examples, used time well, and answered questions**. Also very funny. **Respected by students**.

The professor was **awesome**. **Yuri Popov is a beast!**

Popov was an **unbelievable professor!** My favorite that I have had so far. The class is incredibly difficult but he did a great job of improving student understanding and was always there to help outside of class hours.

The instructor was the highlight of the course for me personally

Yuri Popov is a **very animated instructor** and engages with the class in problem solving and explaining. He does his best to make sure the ideas he is presenting are understood and always offers the chance for students to ask questions.

He did a really good job explaining the material theoretically and also did a really good job explaining how to apply the material to problems. He **was very time efficient and stayed on topic**, but made the class a fun environment to learn in.

Yuri is one of my favorite instructors and I thoroughly enjoyed his lectures. Despite the i-clickers being annoying and difficult at times, it made me constantly focus on the material which in turn helped me learn better. Overall, I really enjoyed the lectures.

Yuri Popov made an excellent impression on me as far as **how awesome physics is**.

Yuri was **clearly passionate**, and he made everyone in the class want to learn the material.

Yuri was an **excellent professor**. He taught all of the information in an interesting and effective way. I also really enjoyed his sense of humor during lectures.

Dr. Popov made physics interesting for me. I took the same class in high school but found little interest or motivation to do well. Because of Dr. Popov, **my love for physics has been boosted** and I hope he can do the same for many students to come.

Yuri is a **fantastic professor**, clearly explains all concepts and is very helpful in answering any questions we have. His excitement about the subject material made me excited to be in class.

He always seemed **so enthusiastic** that it made the material more interesting and it made the class a lot more fun.

I'm gonna miss you professor Popov.