

CHEM1301 – Basic Physical Chemistry (2011/12)

Summary of student comments compiled by Kevin Douglas
Responses by course organiser (Dr D M Rowley)

Number of responses: 34 (10 with comments)
Total number of students: 136

Overall score for course: 4.0

Score for Lab: 3.7

Comments on course

General

Generally positive comments, such as “lectures very interesting”, “I enjoyed the course as a whole” and “interesting content in all sections, my favourite course this year”. One student suggested an organised revision lecture before exams. Overall positive views about tutorials, with students commenting that they were excellent and very effective. However students also commented that more tutorials would be better, with more questions to do, and with more time available in tutorials to ask questions. Several students also requested the answers be put on moodle. One very negative comment on the course as a whole, saying the course was poorly organised, that more maths support is required for some students with a maths background, and that the tutorials were intimidating to attend.

DMR

Several students commented that the notes were sometimes unclear and hard to read.

WAB

No comments.

DWL

Several students commented that the notes were sometimes unclear and hard to read, and that the lectures sometimes move too fast. One student suggested putting the lectures on moodle to help this. One student commented that the material was extremely complicated, but that DWL is a stimulating lecturer.

Comments on Lab

Mixed comments, with some students commenting that the experiments were tedious and others that they were good. One student commented that the demonstrators were very helpful, however another that there were not enough to go round.

Response from Course Organiser: Dr D M Rowley

Response to Lecturers, Content and Help Sessions

Glad that the overall view of this course was positive, and the lecturer scores were high. Don't quite understand the 'poorly organised' comment. The detailed timetable was put on Moodle before the start of the course and adhered to, along with the order of tutorials. Tutorials were generally well-received. More tutorials would not fit in the timetable, and there were revision sessions arranged in third term.

Action to be taken for next session

Course Content

No change

Lecturing Staff

No change

Coursework

No change, although we are planning to move to in-class tests next year to speed up the marking/ feedback to students.

Signed by Course Organiser:

David Rowley

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