

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY STUDIES

COURSE ASSESSMENT: TERM 2, 2008-2009

LECTURES

COURSE: HPSC1006 History of Modern Biology TUTOR: Dr Joe Cain

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Number of forms received: 16 out of 28

**1. Roughly, what percentage of the lectures did you attend?**

DNR: <70%: 3 70-90%: 5 >90%: 8

**2. Do you feel that your pre-University education, or previous course units had adequately prepared you to embark on this course?**

DNR: 2 YES: 12 NO: 2

1 (Very Poor/Not Useful at all) to 5 (Very Good/Very Useful)

|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5  | DNR |
|--|---|---|---|---|----|-----|
| <b>3. Structure</b>  |   |   |   |   |    |     |
| <i>Were the aims of the course made clear?</i>               |   |   |   | 6 | 10 |     |
| <i>Were the aims of the course met?</i>                      |   |   |   | 6 | 10 |     |
| <i>Were teaching sessions well prepared?</i>                 |   |   |   | 1 | 15 |     |
| <i>Were the lectures presented in a logical order?</i>       |   |   |   | 2 | 14 |     |
| <b>4. Teaching Delivery</b>                                  |   |   |   |   |    |     |
| <i>Was the lecturer audible?</i>                             |   |   |   | 1 | 15 |     |
| <i>Was the subject matter clearly explained?</i>             |   |   |   | 2 | 14 |     |
| <i>Was the lecture well paced?</i>                           |   |   |   | 3 | 13 |     |
| <i>Were overheads etc adequate &amp; well prepared?</i>      |   |   | 2 | 2 | 12 |     |
| <i>Were handouts/reading lists useful?</i>                   |   |   | 1 | 6 | 9  |     |
| <b>5. How stimulating did you find the teaching?</b>         |   |   | 1 | 2 | 13 |     |
| <b>6. Workload and feedback</b>                              |   |   |   |   |    |     |
| <i>Did you receive adequate feedback on your coursework?</i> |   |   | 3 | 5 | 8  |     |
| <i>Was the feedback on your coursework prompt?</i>           |   |   | 7 | 4 | 5  |     |
| <b>7. Was student participation encouraged?</b>              |   | 1 | 4 | 5 | 6  |     |

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**8. General Comments:**

- Professor Cain made the whole subject very interesting. He was always willing to help if we approached him. There was not much need for students to participate during the lecture.
- Best lecture course of the year!
- Very good
- Will miss these lectures ☺
- Should be able to obtain lecture notes for those with clashes.
- Thanks, it was fun!
- A great course
- Not really sure actually if students were encouraged to ask questions.
- Prof Cain is a fantastic teacher. I've never taken a history of science course before and I wasn't sure if I would like it but I really enjoyed myself. This was my favourite class even though I'm a psychology major!
- He made the material very interesting, as I may have lost interest if he hadn't made it fun.