

Homework 7: Part D Mid-Semester Survey

*These surveys are completely anonymous and nothing you say here will be held against you or affect your grade in any way. **Be honest!***

Part 1: Labs

Relevance:

Rank the following labs on a scale of 1 to 10: 10 being “very useful and relevant to the rest of the class” and 1 being “why did we do this one?!”

Interest:

Rank the following labs on a scale of 1 to 10: 10 being “this one filled me with glee and wonderment” and 1 being “a snooze”

1. Nature of Science Relevance ranking: _____ Interest ranking: _____

2. Intro to Observations Relevance ranking: _____ Interest ranking: _____

3. Spectra Relevance ranking: _____ Interest ranking: _____

4. Sun Relevance ranking: _____ Interest ranking: _____

5. Jupiter’s Moons Relevance ranking: _____ Interest ranking: _____

Which was your favorite?

Least favorite?

If you have any comments on individual labs, or on the labs as a whole, please list them here. Feel free to be honest. In particular, the Sun lab is new this semester and I’d be interested in how to improve it

Part 2: Lecture, Classtime and Homework

For each of the following questions, circle the most relevant choice:

1. During labs, I feel lost/am not sure what to do next
often sometimes rarely never
2. I think that lecture tutorials are
useful and engaging so-so boring and useless
4. I feel that I do / do not (circle one) have enough background now to complete the observing portions of the homework assignments.
5. I think that in general the homeworks are:
too hard hard, but doable just right too easy
6. Outside of class time, I spend ___ hours per week on this class.
0-1 1-2 2-4 5-10 more than 10
7. The thing that helps me learn best is:
Lecture Labs Lecture Tutorials “Voting” Questions
Discussions with my Classmates Homework Mastering Astronomy
8. I wish that we did more
Discussion Lecture Tutorials Practice Problems Lecture Labs
9. So far how much had this class helped you to improve your math skills?
A lot A fair amount Some Very little/none
10. So far how much has this class improved your ability to distinguish science from pseudoscience?
A lot A fair amount Some Very little/none

11. How relevant have you felt the Mastering Astronomy Assignments have been to the course? Have they helped you to understand/process what we've learned in class?

12. The "Math Skills" activities that you have been completing in your homework assignments used to be part of a two class lab activity. I have expanded them and broken them apart to try and make them more manageable.

a) Have any of the math skills been new to you (as in you've never seen them before)? If so, which?

b) Do you see any of the math skills we've covered so far being useful in your everyday life in the future?

c) Have you found the explanations useful in completing the activities?

d) Do you do read the explanations first or attempt the activities?

Part 3: Grade Me!

I wish that you (Kate) would start....

I hope that you (Kate) will keep doing....

I wish that you (Kate) would stop....

Other comments? This is a great time to give suggestions/feedback while I can still modify things about the course. Speak now!