

Microbiology Class Evaluations

Course: Micr 485

Instructor: Marek Kirs

Semester: Spring 2019

1. What did you particularly like about this instructor and course?

- Dr. Kirs is very knowledgeable about microbes (x2)
- Went over a broad range of topics
- Course and content provided
- Lab visit
- I liked Professor Kirs' teaching style. His topics were very different than Professor Nguyen
- I enjoyed the 1st person perspective on water quality. Good slides
- Lectures prepared me for the exams
- An enthusiastic teacher
- He was very kind and concerned about his lectures- you could tell he was really engaged and interested in teaching

2. What two or three single words best describe this instructor?

- Knowledgeable (x4)
- Friendly (x2)
- Encouraging
- Kind
- Understanding
- Approachable
- Heavy accent
- Prepared
- Engaging

3. What two or three single words best describe this course?

- Enterococci
- Regulations
- Informative
- Challenging
- Interesting (x2)
- Eye-opening

- Overview
- Cycles
- No relation to microbiology
- Well-structured and intensive

4. What aspects of the course were most valuable and helpful?

- Slides give enough info to look up things if we are interested
- Content provided, lab visit (x2) and presentation on microbes related news
- I liked how Professor Kirs made emphasis on certain topics and made sure we understood before we moved on
- I particularly found the water quality lectures to be interesting and practical
- The summary slides in Kirs' powerpoints were very helpful for prioritizing study habits

5. Specific suggestions to improve the course in the future?

- Add a lab (x2)
- Give us time to read slides with a lot of text
- More writing and reading assignments are included
- Dive into more complex topics
- Kirs' exams weren't as intensive as they could have been which was appreciated but also they'd probably benefit by being a little harder

6. Overall course rating.

Very poor Poor (x1) Average Good (x5) Excellent (x2)

7. Overall instructor rating.

Very poor Poor Average (x1) Good (x4) Excellent (x3)

Other comments:

- The lab visit was a great idea, but could have been planned out better
- Keep the tests consistent when co-teaching

-He's very knowledgeable in this area of study. He always made sure we understood the topics. He was always willing to set up time before/outside of class to answer any questions. I would take a course from Professor Kirs again.

-Accent makes it a bit difficult to understand at times, but that can't be helped.

-Slow down. There's no need to rush through your slides

-Talk slower when reading from slides. Too much water sampling, please relate to microbiology

-Thank you for a great semester!