

Student comments on BIO 250, General Ecology

Quotes from official end-of-semester evaluations:

Was this class intellectually stimulating? Did it stretch your thinking?

Yes-It allowed me to see Ecology as something other than another class I had to take for my major. Dr. Boyer is an excellent professor and keeps lecture intellectually stimulating by constantly involving students in topics relevant to her lectures which are identical to her exams.

Yes-I loved the way Dr. Boyer spoke and made the material seem very interesting, because it is. And I could tell she really like what she taught.

What aspects of this class contributed most to your learning?

The study guides for the exams were the most help and Dr. Boyer's thoroughness of explaining the material in lecture. She was constantly asking us questions during lecture and getting us to think about the mechanisms associated with ecology.

I really liked the examples that were used in class. Every topic we studied had a actual study that went along with it and that helped me see how this is applied.

What aspects of this class detracted from your learning?

The size of the lecture. Sometimes it becomes hard to concentrate for me, but I thought Dr. Boyer did a good job of trying to engage students in the lecture.

Comments on end-of-semester feedback slips:

The most important thing I learned this semester was...

How to use t-tests, linear regression analysis to accurately analyze a set of collected data.

That conservation biology is super cool!

This semester I learned how each aspect of our environment follows patterns and affects things like species and ecosystems.

The dust bowl! I really enjoyed all the examples and being able to relate what we learned in class.

The large scale role that ecology plays in our world and the ways that humans impact it.

The importance of doing field work and reporting results. I am much more confident in my ability to design an experiment and carry it out.