PLUS Biology Evaluations for FALL 2009

The PLUS session is a helpful addition to lecture as the material covered is fairly difficult.

I liked the pictures depicting the different concepts. I learn it better that way.

It was fun, the game was a good idea. I wish we would have reviewed the information before playing the game and put our notes away.

This is a good review, the teachers are very knowledgeable; handouts are helpful.

I liked the breakdown of the plants, it helps me have a better understanding.

Helps out a lot, but this session wasn’t very specific to any one thing, I prefer more specific sessions.

I think that the PLUS sessions help me a lot when it comes to understanding the material. I feel like sometimes they are kind of behind in what’s going on in lecture, but I like the more one on one activities.

PLUS biology is great tool and the student teachers are awesome because we can relate to them better than a professor.

I think the PLUS sessions are very beneficial and they should include them for other classes. I don’t believe my grade would be as high if it had not been for these PLUS sessions.

They always do an excellent job at PLUS biology. They are always able to answer and explain all the questions that I have.

This is only my first sessions but it helped me better understand the Calvin Cycle. I’ll be coming back next week!

They are doing great, very helpful. I wish they would have more info about what is going to be directly on the test instead of just main concepts though.

I like it when we learn a process and then have to explain it back to the TAs. It really helps me to get it in my head and then understand it (like with the white board and magnets).

I like the hands-on-approach and more interactive setting. It helps to reinforce the material and makes it easier to understand and remember the information.

Small groups setting is a nice change from large classes. Somewhat more in depth would be nice, but no complaints with the TAs.
I like the corny sayings as reminders and drawings. I think certain things such as active transport should be covered in more detail.

They are friendly, very open to questions, able to explain terms and concepts well, I was happy with my first session!

I thought the pictures and drawing them really helped it sink in and I understood it better.

I think something that would help is maybe, if time allows, relating the packet with notes at the end so we can put info together for the tests.

I also like being asked questions, answering out loud makes me remember the material.

Maybe a little more time to fill out the packet, if it is in notes, writing it different ways that we talk about are easier to understand than in class.

Plus sessions are helpful… but sometimes the leaders have a hard time explaining things.

I like how there are visual aids. The worksheets are very helpful.

Packet was helpful. I like when we teach the class. We always seem to start before 2..?

This was really good because it applies hands on learning. I really like it when we work in groups of twos then teach the class with a partner.

Also I really like drawing and applying it to biology.

Review questions at the end of the packet are great. Needed more room for definitions in the packet though. Label the board for the opening arrangement activity so people arriving late will know what’s going on.

I like how we go over things covered in lecture and get hand outs I can used later for studying. Maybe we could just go over things in more detail?

I really like the PLUS sessions! They really help me to comprehend what I don’t understand from lecture. The 1-on-1 process and instruction helps me. I like to talk through everything while having people around who know what they are doing.

Every PLUS session I have attended has been very helpful. I like when students must relearn material and teach the class. One problem I did have is when a TA told me something that wasn’t correct.

When the TAs teach more, I feel like I learn a lot better than when the people in our session teach it.
I like the part of this session where they covered the materials we learned from lecture and they provided questions or a summary, overall it is really helpful. Thanks for providing this opportunity. If possible, I think it's helpful to have exercises about the lecture and then we can ask questions that makes it confusing.

The printed off sheet was great, I wish you could have rewritten the ETC.

I think everything you are doing is extremely helpful. I learn more at PLUS sessions than I do in lecture. The activities are very helpful.

I find it helpful. The instructors don't make you feel dumb for not knowing things and you can tell they care about you learning the material.

I like the packets, I learn a lot. They SHOULD be worth extra credit.

It's more interactive and fun than class. You are way more interesting than Orr. I am learning a lot and getting a deeper understanding of the material.

Breaking up into groups and teaching to figure out things like the Krebs Cycle or the function of an organelle really helps.

This was my first PLUS session, it was very helpful and I'm coming back for more!

It was good teaching each other and drawing on the board.

The sessions, when my schedule allows it, are very useful. I would say it's better than lecture 3x a week. Thanks for the help!

Peer teaching is alright, it related to what we did in class today, which was good. It was really helpful.

The coverage of the terms is great, especially when it goes in depth. The activities that they have us work hands-on help me to remember better. They PLUS session TA is very friendly, open, and approachable. Work on: involving more hands-on!

It was very helpful.

I really like PLUS session because they help review the lecture and it helps me understand. I like the use of magnets and white boards.