

Subject: GEOG30019_U2015SM11 - Sustainable Development	Department: Geog.and R
	Resp. Rec'vd / Expected: 91 / 223

Standard Questions		GEOG30019_U2015SM11 -									
		Responses (%)					Subject				
		[SD]	[D]	[N]	[A]	[SA]	S.D.	Std. Err.	N	Mean	
Q1	Overall, this subject has been intellectually stimulating	3	2	8	32	55	.95	.10	91	4.3	
Q2	Overall, this subject has been well co-ordinated	3	7	10	38	42	1.03	.11	91	4.1	
Q3	Overall, this subject has been supported by useful learning resources	2	4	12	44	37	.93	.10	91	4.1	
Q4	Overall, this subject has been well-taught	4	7	7	40	43	1.07	.11	91	4.1	
Q5	Focusing on my own learning in this subject, I have been required to work at a high standard	2	3	10	41	43	.91	.10	90	4.2	
Q6	Focusing on my own learning in this subject, I found the assessment tasks useful in guiding my study	3	14	7	41	35	1.13	.12	91	3.9	
Q7	Focusing on my own learning in this subject, I received valuable feedback on my progress	7	9	14	42	29	1.15	.12	91	3.8	
Q8	Focusing on my own learning in this subject, I learnt new ideas, approaches and/or skills	4	6	9	33	48	1.09	.12	89	4.1	
Q9	Focusing on my own learning in this subject, I learnt to apply knowledge to practice	5	11	14	44	25	1.12	.12	91	3.7	
Q10	Focusing on my own learning in this subject, I have been part of a group committed to learning	4	4	12	43	36	1.03	.11	90	4	

Responses: [SD] Strongly Disagree=1 [D] Disagree=2 [N] Neither=3 [A] Agree=4 [SA] Strongly Agree=5

Q11 - What were the best aspects of this subject?	
Response Rate:	83.52% (76 of 91)
-	Stimulates the students to participate and discuss different situations/problems.
-	Variety of perspectives on sustainable development, types of framing
-	The broad variety of authors used by the lecturer in order to provide different views on the topics, the sense of humour and lecturing skills of the lecturer, very interesting class in general.
-	Tutorials makes us feel more as a part of the team, it's really good and helped to improve our abilities as fully responsible for speaking during the required time.
-	The range of assessment tasks ensured I remained engaged and the tutorial activities were always stimulating!
-	Brian's amazing speeches.
-	Very engaging lecture. Readings are at a good difficulty level and aren't too long that it deters students from reading them critically. The quizzes are a great way to keep everyone on the same page and provide incentive for keeping up with the class.
-	Great tutor, tutorials were always engaging and interesting
-	Just overall extremely interesting.
-	The tutorial really encouraged us to participate and give opinions.
-	Interesting concepts, and lectures
-	Very interesting debates, mind challenging
-	the best aspects have been the tutorials because they are interactive and the presentations from each of the student's has helped me grasp the material a lot better
-	It is going to be useful in many different areas and it showed new approaches on sustainable development
-	class interactions
-	Well designed assessment, tutorials and good lectures.
-	Brian's lectures
-	The weekly quizzes assisted understanding of weekly readings and theory
-	It taught me how to search important articles in the internet and how to use the tools i needed to do so. It was really useful to other subjects as well. The tutorials encouraged me to test my criativity and how to present a slideshow to a few other students in a foreign language.
-	Lectures were lively and engaging, the actual content included in weekly tutorials was highly transformative, relevant and eye opening.
-	Teacher guided us and give me some ideas, maybe sometimes the problem of mine still exists, but it really provided some points of how to think about it.
-	Lectures were engaging, and the set list of primary texts were great!
-	The subject was not so much about content, but the way we view problems. This was the most valuable lesson I learnt. Compared to other subject which taught me a set menu of thinking and content, this subject made me step back and view problems from a different perspective. I will carry these valuable skills with me throughout my life.

	Guest lecturers were interesting as well, Marcia Langton in particular. She's a good presenter, and not afraid to say what she thinks.
	I loved the guest lectures, they were very inspiring. I just wished there could have been more time for informal questions at the end of those lectures.
-	The teaching staff was amazing and very helpful. It was great to have that first week introduction of the tutors and their timetable so we could choose which ones and their research area would be of more interest to us.
-	Such a great subject, I really enjoyed it! Engaging lectures, great tutor (Pete), assessments tasks that force a deeper understanding of the topic (even though they stress me out).
-	The several readings that I hadn't come across in my own time studying environmental politics. I suggest supplying students interested in learning about sustainable development with a reader pack of these materials for ~\$15 and cancelling this subject thereby saving students the cost of an overpriced, overvalued subject that offers no practical use in the real world. In my time at Melbourne University I have taken Global Environmental Politics, Environmental Policy Management and Society and Environments. I would be very upset to think that future students take this subject at the expense of learning valuable knowledge from the other subjects, which although run in a similar format are far more engaging.
-	The tutorials were well attended and productive, the guest lecturers were interesting.
	Assessing an essay outline was a great move, I just wish it was done earlier in my Bachelor of Environments course.
-	Some really engaging guest lecturers. Ann Hill was my favourite, participatory action research sounded really interesting. Hearing the voice of a Nepalese PhD student was super valuable.
	Brian speaks clearly and at an accessible speed.
-	-Brian's good humour kept lectures interesting and they were presented well.
-	-tutors did an excellent job in simplifying complex readings.
-	activity in tutorial
-	Brian's lecturing in this subject was beyond excellent. I found that the lectures were not vital to the assessment of the subject but I was going just because it was so nice to see a lecturer who was so excited and knowledgeable in the content he was teaching. His ability to hold an audience for a two hour lecture was exceptional, and has made this subject easily one of my favourites of my whole degree, honestly. If I had to put a word to this subject it would be inspirational. My tutor was also very engaging, albeit of few words, but the were words never wasted. The rewards of easy marks for doing the readings were very helpful I found. Obviously it is the responsibility of the student to do the required readings, but incentivising them to this extent made my experience that much better, and it really helps the tutes develop thought and discussion.
	Brian was a really great and engaging lecturer. Sustainable Development is the important follow up to the first year environments subject Reshaping Environments as it truly engages with the flaws and potential of Sustainable Development and the great ambiguities that surrounds it rather than promoting it as gospel.
-	The guest lecturers at the end of the subject were great. It is always nice to hear from leading academics and have a diverse range of perspectives throughout the semester in order to gain a well rounded understanding of the issues being discussed.
	The weekly quizzes were also a great way to reward students who normally do the readings and it was nice walking into each tutorial knowing that everyone had done the readings and was on the same page - something other subjects could definitely learn from!
	The overall structure of the subject and assessments was also really good and easy to follow. The information seemed to progress nicely each week. The assessments also seemed well placed throughout the semester and it was nice to be given academic freedom through the assignments.
-	The lecture
-	The best aspect of the subject was the weekly quizzes which engaged student's interests in the readings. It was also useful in highlighting some main points of the readings.
-	useful reading
	and the weekly presentation which be an assignment of student can help us understand the reading more detailed and deeply
-	The way the lectures were taught was absolutely brilliant. I thoroughly enjoyed how Brian engaged the students with the subject matter throughout the two hours that he conducted each lecture. The tutors were extremely helpful and supportive towards my study as well. This subject evoked perspectives within me that I previously did not know existed, perspectives aimed towards achieving sustainability and viewing the pros and cons of the sustainability argument with different lenses.
-	Lectures are all well cooperated and insightful adding in different interdisciplinary knowledge.
-	The lecturer and tutor were amazing at their job and made the subject really interesting and fun
-	Well structured and well taught. Interesting content. Two hour lectures seem to work quite well here as the content was thought provoking and captivating.
-	The tutorials have been instrumental to my learning and it I gained much more from the small and more personal learning environment compared to lectures. Pete has been a great tutor, perhaps one of the best tutors I've had in my degree. He gave very extensive feedback for our bullet point essay - which I wasn't expecting because I've never received feedback with such detail in other subjects.
	I loved the FAQ section on the LMS. It has been extremely useful and it has saved me time for emailing the coordinator with small questions. And it's great to have all the answers transparent, and it's nice to know I'm not missing out on anything. It's a very fair system and I wished my other subject coordinators adopted a FAQ-type page too.
-	I enjoyed the weekly quizzes, and the tutorials.
-	This subject has been well coordinated and especially with the theories taught, they have been encouraging deep taught.

<p>At the start of the subject I felt confused and angry. I was not enjoying coming to classes, and everything was really confusing. Now at the end of my time in Sustainable Development, I feel enlightened. I have learned more in this subject than in three or four of my others. The amount covered (even when Brian missed like half a lecture each time) is incredible- new ways of thinking, being able to critique every day situations rather than just going along the same path I was before... I am actually inspired and have changed the way I view particular issues.</p> <p>To answer the question:</p> <p>-Although I didnt contribute, the discussions in lecture were a highlight</p>
<p>I loved this subject. It was stimulating and interesting and it questioned many views of mine in terms of the world and what i assumed were positive forces in the world.</p> <p>The readings were well chosen and thought provoking and the tests were well structured to ensure people read them. I found this to be an invaluable, thought stressful (as i will explain below) piece of assessment that helped ensure i kept up to date with the class while working 50 hours a week, volunteering and still studying. The essay outline as well as invaluable and it should be a compulsory assessment type for all first year subjects. I gained so much from this some of which I was able to take into my workplace as well. I truly wish this subject didn't have to end, Brian has been great in answering my random emails and questions and I wish I had room in my degree to do another subject by Brian/ on this topic. Sustainable Development is something I will be keeping an eye on and wanting to learn more about.</p>
<p>- I attended the tutes</p>
<p>- The concepts were good, Brian is a fantastic lecturer.</p>
<p>- We got to listen to our tutor's presentation on her professional field. Also the proportion of assessments were reasonable (though 30% was a little bit too high for just a presentation).</p>
<p>- Quizzes & Tutorials</p>
<p>- Best aspect was definitely the stimulating lecture topics presented by Brian and the guest lecturers, the lectures were enjoyable to go along to and provided a lot of practical and engaging content</p>
<p>- Brian is a great lecturer - engaging, informative and entertaining, which made attending lectures less tedious"</p>
<p>Weekly Readings: Thanks Brian. On retrospect the articles you chose for us, esp Redclift, Banerjee, Melamed and Chomsky were probably the best artcles out there on the issue.</p> <p>Lectures; I loved the lectures and how you did not try to simplify a complex issue.</p> <p>Tutorials: Great platform for debate and discussion.</p> <p>- I feel this subject, if taken seriously by students, will reveal how the world actually works. University should train people for the real world and there should be more subjects like this. Thank you so much for condensing so much into 12 weeks. I know it is impossible to give a complete world view in 12 weeks but I believe we have been equipped with the right tools (understanding framings and the power of language) for navigating the complex world in the future.</p> <p>Thanks for a challenging and awesome semester. It was great.</p>
<p>- To be honest - that it's a bit of a bludge subject.</p>
<p>- The tutorials were interesting and engaging.</p>
<p>- I felt lost at the start, but the whole subject came together as the semester went on, and the information became more consolidated for me. While challenging, this subject was stimulating, and ended up as one of my favourite subjects this semester. Lectures were upbeat, engaging, and inspiring. Thanks!</p>
<p>- Very interesting and highly stimulating subject, well coordinated, enjoyed presentations.</p>
<p>- The presentation and class activity was a great way to apply our knowledge creatively to teach the class. A good variety of guest lecturers provided diverse opinions from the lecturer. I was totally immersed in the subject and fully enjoyed attending every lecture each week as it challenged my way of thinking about sustainable development. It thought me skills on how to approach and discuss various issues regarding society and people.</p>
<p>- I really enjoyed the lectures, they were very stimulating for everyone. The idea of having the guest lecturers at the end was nice but I didn't really know who they were, perhaps a little bio would be nice on LMS the day before the lecture, just so those who aren't taking the subject as a core can fully appreciate the knowledge and talent that Brian has brought to us.</p>
<p>- This was possibly the best subject I have taken throughout my degree. The lectures were intellectually and practically stimulating forcing students to rethink the how debates and economic structures of the society we live in have been framed and in turn frame and force us to think and do in certain ways.</p> <p>The essay outline task at first appeared irrelevant to our learning but in hindsight it was a brilliant task that forced us to think outside the paradigms that we normally would. By analysing a topic through specific frames we really had to think outside the frames and information we subconsciously turn to. In the end this task was essential in doing well in and understanding the exam.</p> <p>I would also like to commend the effort that went into the critical comments when marking those outlines - they were essential in knowing how to tackle the exam.</p>
<p>- I really enjoyed the lectures, especially ending the subject with the few weeks of guest lecturers. The tutors were also excellent. I also thought having to do the quizzes each week was very practical in terms of making sure that everyone had done the readings.</p>
<p>- The concept of framings and other overarching principles which don't just teach you what's happening, but how it came to be</p>
<p>- Discussion</p>
<p>- Thank you so much for an amazing subject, Brian! Even with its challenging topic, you pulled this off with a great teaching staff. Angeliki was always there to help and very engaged in the tutorials. Your lectures felt like you were part of shaping the content. I loved that! Keeping me engaged for two hours isn't the easiest task, but you did that every week. As a bonus I also felt my effort payed off, with great marks. I think that reflects how much I liked the subject and how well you guided my studies. I feel like taking your other subject just because I know it will be engaging :) I recommend the subject to everyone!</p>

<p>Some of the lectures were interesting</p> <p>Having the tests each week was a really good way to assess the readings AND was a good way to get marks. Generally the weighting of assessments was good because it meant the exam wasn't so stressful and we got a lot done during the semester (ideal).</p> <p>- Looking at Indigenous Australian concerns was really good</p> <p>The tute presentations were a good way of doing assessment; I liked the activity part and that we weren't just summarising the readings.</p> <p>Uploading answers to questions on the LMS is a good way of having transparent communication (BUT needs to be improved)</p>
<p>- The guest lecturers were interesting and the open discussion format of lectures was interesting.</p> <p>Such an interesting subject, and Brian was an incredible lecturer. He made the 2 hour lectures really engaging, and I looked forward to them every Tuesday.</p> <p>The topics were really interesting, and the readings each week were relevant.</p> <p>- Quizzes were a great idea to score an easy 20%!</p> <p>Tutorials were run really efficiently (my tutor was Angeliki).</p> <p>Marks were really fair, and really reflective of our work.</p>
<p>- The classes are really stimulating, I liked the students' presentations and the tutor's presentations at the end of every tutorial were interesting and useful as showed applications of the readings .</p> <p>The communication between the professor and the students were really great, very helpful FAQ.</p>
<p>- The lectures were some of the most engaging and interesting of any I have done at uni. This is not only down to content but the way that it is presented in a genuinely enthusiastic and quirky way. I also don't know why more subjects don't have a test every week for readings, these tests made me do the readings every week except 1 which increased the amount I got out of the tut and lectures.</p> <p>Uni students never seem to be happy about direction given to them in the course, either not enough through the semester or too many ongoing assignments but I think this subject really walks the line down the middle keeping you engaged through the whole semester.</p>
<p>- N/A</p>
<p>- The guest lecturers provided insightful perspectives on issues surrounding the course. The weekly lectures were interesting and followed a structured subject outline. The weekly presentation and class activity was a great assessment task as it incorporated an inclusive overview of the weekly topics and the class activity generated creativity and detailed discussion with the weekly topics.</p>
<p>- Yes Brian, the dot point essay was very helpful! Yes, why haven't I learnt it before now? Engaging lectures and engaging tutes, Andrea is a superb tutor! Great guest lecturers too.</p>
<p>- Topics were really interesting and Dr Cook is a very interesting man.</p>
<p>- The tests were a really good way to ensure readings were done.</p>
<p>- Lecture.</p>
<p>Without a doubt I'd have to say that it was Brian's way of teaching this subject. He has an incredible talent for lecturing/presenting, and he is the only lecturer (from the 11 subjects I have completed) that has been able to maintain a full lecture theatre THROUGHOUT the semester.</p> <p>The arguments and content he put forward in the lectures really stimulated and encouraged me to do further research into the topics and themes of the subject.</p> <p>- Henry Brooks Adams, once said "a teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops", this saying now reminds me of Brian!</p> <p>Considering I have a mother who is quite ill, I spend a lot of my time looking after her. It came to a point where I had to decide which lectures to attend so that I could meet her needs. Not attending the Sustainable Development lectures didn't appear an option. And I put it down to the fact that Brian really did reinvigorate my passion for learning. Every Tuesday afternoon, I was even inspired to talk about the lecture with my mother, which stimulated so many thought provoking discussions. I think that is what learning is about, and so I can't thank him enough.</p>
<p>- This subject totally change some of my thoughts about sustainable development.</p>
<p>- An extremely eye-opening, challenging, and enjoyable subject. You were highly committed to delivering an intellectually stimulating class. Lectures were engaging, and I especially enjoyed the opportunity for class discussion. I also appreciated the input of other experts as guest speakers. My tutor Andrea was great, and I think she brought a lot of insight and perspective to the tutorial discussion.</p> <p>I thoroughly enjoyed this subject for how it forced me to consider the world more critically, and making me more want to be more aware of the issues we face on a global scale. I will be highly recommending it to my friends.</p>

Q12 - What aspects of this subject do you believe should be improved?

Response Rate: 75.82% (69 of 91)

<p>- The time it took to receive feedback on assessment tasks. Especially when told one thing about receiving marks back only for it to be pushed out.</p> <p>Questions took too long to be answered on the LMS, even when the question was asked a week before an actual answer was needed.</p>
<p>- Lectures tend to overrun</p>
<p>- I would have liked to see more quantitative aspects in this subject, for example when it comes to assessing the impact of development policies (the work of Esther Duflo in that field is very interesting), also more scientific aspects in terms of development and environment measures.</p> <p>The tutorials are terrible, it depends only on the quality of the presentations of other students and in my group I thought it was very low, so it was very boring and a pain to look at presentations so poorly structured. Maybe some guidance should be given as to how to give a good presentation</p>