

Teaching Presentation Evaluation
Date: October 5th, 2020
Course: Environmental Science (BIO224)
Term: Fall 2020
Instructor: Dr. Daniel Elías
Students in attendance: 20

Summary

Ms. Orr joined the zoom meeting 15 minutes prior to the start of her teaching presentation to finalize any video/audio set up. At 8:00, Ms. Orr started her presentation titled: “Plasticity of mayflies in response to freshwater salinization”. Her topic was a great fit after I finalized teaching ecotoxicology in the previous classes.

Ms. Orr speech was clear, articulated, and conversational. Students were engaged during her presentation and did not stray from the content. An outline was provided and followed by background information to familiarize students with terminology or research methodology. The slides were easy to read with great contrast of black font and white background. Slides had a combination of text, images, videos, animations that were easy to follow and read.

Ms. Orr description and explanations of her research were clear and appropriately given to sophomore/junior students. She made her teaching presentation accessible and understandable to students from different scientific backgrounds (majors and non-majors). It was obvious that Ms. Orr is very knowledgeable on her research and confident on her teaching/presentation style. Ms. Orr teaching style is clear, followed an appropriate pace, students were interested and engaged.

At the end of her teaching presentation, Ms. Orr provided a short description of her journey through graduate school. This portion of her teaching was enlightening and relatable for students. Ms. Orr welcome questions from the class, and she correctly and thoroughly answered them. Overall, I thought Ms. Orr has the skills and aptitude to become an engaging, fun, and knowledgeable educator that will strive to create a stimulating classroom environment.



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