

MID-TERM EVALUATION OF ASTR-340 Spring 2011 (ORIGINS OF THE UNIVERSE; RICOTTI)

1. Overall ASTR340 is...
 - a. Much better than expected (2)
 - b. **Better than expected (10)**
 - c. **About what I expected (21)**
 - d. Worse than expected (1)
 - e. Much worse than expected
2. I would characterize the course as...
 - a. **Very enjoyable (8)**
 - b. **Mostly enjoyable (20)**
 - c. Sometimes enjoyable (5)
 - d. Pretty boring (1)
 - e. Very Boring
3. I am finding the course
 - a. Very difficult
 - b. **Fairly difficult (12)**
 - c. **Average in difficulty (15)**
 - d. Fairly easy (7)
 - e. Very easy
4. Hawley & Holcolm's textbook is
 - a. Extremely useful (3)
 - b. **Moderately useful (22)**
 - c. Not very useful (6)
 - d. Useless (2)
 - e. I've never opened it (1)
5. The Italian accent of the professor is
 - a. **Charming (16)**
 - b. **Not a problem at all (18)**
 - c. Some times it bothers me
 - d. Makes it hard to follow the lecture
 - e. I cannot understand at all
6. On the Profs ability to explain the subject...
 - a. **You explain it very clearly (11)**
 - b. **You are a little confusing at times, but I am mostly following it (22)**
 - c. I can't understand much of what you're saying
 - d. I don't understand your explanations, but know the subject matter because I've covered it in previous courses (1)
7. On the Profs competence on the course subject and preparation for class ...
 - a. **You are a luminary and always well prepared for class (22)**
 - b. **You are competent and usually well prepared for class (12)**
 - c. You are competent but could use more time to prepared for class
 - d. You are not well prepared and incompetent on the subject
8. The class notes are
 - a. **Extremely clear (18)**
 - b. **Mostly clear (13)**
 - c. Average (3)
 - d. Quite unclear and confusing
 - e. Completely obscure.
9. How many hours per week (out of class) are you spending on this course?
 - a. More than 10 hours
 - b. 7-9 hours (1)
 - c. **4-6 hours (14)**
 - d. **1-3 hours (18)**
 - e. less than an hour (1)

Do you have any comments about the class format or presentation style? Do you like or dislike having copies of the class notes handed out at the beginning of the class?

Format is good

NOTES are NICE: 20

NOTES waste of PAPER (but laptop): 14

Cannot read well on white board (is far and screen blocks the view)

Which topic in the course did you find most enjoyable so far (History of cosmology, physical laws, the extragalactic universe, special relativity)? Which topic would you like to be covered in the future?

- 1) Relativity
- 2) Extragalactic
- 3) History
- 4) Physics

Want to cover black holes and big-bang

If you could change one thing about the course, what would it be?

Drop Textbook

Course too easy

Less HW or easier HW

Use Laptops

Free doughnuts

Do not like math and physics

More math and physics and in depth and rigorous formula demonstrations

* Examples, handout to do during class to use formulas

* Guide for midterm

* Email reminders when HW is due

Optional projects, group projects

* Flash cards and group discussions, debates