

**Faculty of Arts 2012W1 Survey
2012W1 2012**

**University of British Columbia
Arts**

Course: GEOG 250/URST 200 101 - GEOG 250 101/URST 200 101

Department: GEOG

**Responsible
Faculty:** Elvin Wyly

Responses / Expected: 71 / 154

University Module

**Wyly, Elvin K
Individual**

	Med.	Mode	S.D.	N	Mean
Q1 The instructor made it clear what students were expected to learn.	4	5	.94	71	4.2
Q2 The instructor communicated the subject matter effectively.	4	5	.80	71	4.3
Q3 The instructor helped inspire interest in learning the subject matter.	5	5	.62	71	4.6
Q4 Overall, evaluation of student learning (through exams, essays, presentations, etc.) was fair.	5	5	.52	70	4.6
Q5 The instructor showed concern for student learning.	5	5	.62	71	4.6
Q6 Overall, the instructor was an effective teacher.	4	5	.70	70	4.4

Choices / Values: Strongly Disagree=1 | Disagree=2 | Neutral=3 | Agree=4 | Strongly Agree=5

Arts Instructor Questions

**Wyly, Elvin K
Individual**

	Med.	Mode	S.D.	N	Mean
Q7 In classes where the size of the class and content of the course were appropriate, student participation in class was encouraged by the instructor.	4	5	.74	68	4.4
Q8 High standards of achievement were set.	4	4	.74	67	4.1
Q9 The instructor was generally well prepared for class.	5	5	.52	70	4.7
Q10 The instructor was readily available to students outside of class (e.g., through email, office hours, or by appointment).	5	5	.48	63	4.7
Q11 The instructor treated students with respect.	5	5	.44	70	4.8

Choices / Values: Strongly Disagree=1 | Disagree=2 | Neutral=3 | Agree=4 | Strongly Agree=5

Arts Course Question

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	Med.	Mode	S.D.	N	Mean
Q12 Considering everything how would you rate this course?	5	5	.76	71	4.4

Choices / Values: Very poor=1 | Poor=2 | Neutral=3 | Good=4 | Very good=5

Geography Departmental Questions

**Wyly, Elvin K
Individual**

	Med.	Mode	S.D.	N	Mean
Q13 The instructor attempted to provide satisfactory answers to all questions in class.	5	5	.52	70	4.7
Q14 The instructor established effective communication with students in the classroom.	5	5	.56	70	4.6
Q15 The instructor was helpful when students requested course related assistance outside of class.	5	5	.61	63	4.6
Q16 Assignments and tests were returned within a reasonable time.	5	5	.47	71	4.7

Choices / Values: Strongly Disagree=1 | Disagree=2 | Neutral=3 | Agree=4 | Strongly Agree=5

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Geography Departmental Question

Course

Med. Mode S.D. N Mean

Q17 For courses that had discussion groups or labs, the discussion groups or labs made an important contribution to the course. 5 5 .81 **68** **4.4**

Choices / Values: Strongly Disagree=1 | Disagree=2 | Neutral=3 | Agree=4 | Strongly Agree=5

Q18 - Please comment on course content, or any aspects, positive or negative, of your instructor's teaching, attitudes to students, class atmosphere, or any other matters affecting the quality of instruction that you consider worthy of note.

Response Rate: 66.20% (47 of 71)

- The lectures were very abstract and hard to follow, with no real concrete stuff to relate to cities. Elvin is very enthusiastic, but has a tendency to move broadly outward from the point he's trying to make, and not really focus things back at the end of the lecture.
- He's really passionate about what he does, and I respect him for that.
- Should specify on his course site which reading assignments require use of UBC library/VPN access
- Elvin's great...really enjoyed him. Love his style of teaching and his quirkiness and humour. He's a genius and very knowledgeable. Definitely want to take his 400-level URST course!
- The instructor is very passionate and inspired to teach. however, sometimes it is hard to follow the topics discussed in class.
- Best Geography prof ever
- Great Prof, website was a great additional tool for the course
- none
- This is by far the best class I've ever taken at UBC. Discussions were relevant and interesting, and everybody was encouraged to participate. Elvin and the TA Sam have similar outlooks on the course subject and world issues, which were combined throughout the course.
- I thoroughly enjoyed the discussions in this class. Sometimes I would skip because I knew was overwhelmed with other classes and knew I could find notes online.
- The professor was so passionate about the course and loved what he was teaching which made it enjoyable for us as well
- Elvin was an extremely passionate and interesting lecturer. He really inspired interest in the course. His positive and excited attitude towards the course and teaching was great! I would love to take any and all courses taught by Elvin!
- Elvin Wyly always showed a remarkable passion for the course, sparking an interest in myself as well. His deep knowledge and understanding of the material definitely helped my own understanding of the course. When asked, he always answered questions in a thoughtful manner, giving a plethora of information. Definitely a fantastic instructor.
- Didn't provide a clear outline of powerpoints or why we we're talking about the subjects we did. Not effective powerpoints but good use of other mediums (videos, audio). Hard to keep attentive during class because speech just never put together that well.
- I like the numbers, I know he does too, but what you going to do with an intro class.
- Really happy with the course. Interesting ideas about approaching the city and it really opened my eyes. Elvin is great for leading this course; his enthusiasm and dedication towards the students really show and improve the class.
- Elvin was great! He was super engaging, had a lot to talk about and teach us and shared his passion well. The course material was very interesting and well put together and I enjoyed thinking about and attending lectures very much. Learning expectations were a bit unclear about what parts of the course to focus on at times, but resources available online answered questions as did preparation for exams. Great course, interesting subject,

fantastic prof.

While it is obvious that Professor Wyly has a great passion for both urban studies and teaching, I felt that he did not communicate what was expected of students very well. From the start of the year all the way through, I was never sure as to what I was supposed to be getting out of the lectures or discussions. Even the TA's, when questioned about the direction of his lectures, were entirely unsure. If this class had a greater focus and had a set learning outcome with regards to cities (the class topic which I felt was often strayed from), it would have been significantly more appealing.

- Elvin is super passionate about urban studies and this enthusiasm comes out when he teaches. I've never met a prof whose been so passionate about learning and urban studies that it got me excited to go to class. I would love to take another course with him!

- Great lectures, a very interested and interesting professor! Glad I took this course, Elvin made it a lot more enjoyable with his enthusiasm.

- Elvin is clearly passionate about his work, and makes every effort to ensure students have an opportunity to explore the discipline as well. Learning outcomes are clearly defined, and lectures are well structured and well supplemented by online readings and notes. Class is treated with respect and instructor's enthusiasm positively affects the rest of the class.

One of the best professors I have ever had. Maybe even the best.

- His attention to detail, but also the grand picture is conveyed in every lecture, and his first goal is to make sure that every student learns something. His approach to teaching is refreshing, and he actually cares about the impact of this lecture. Tenure him please.

- A lot of the lectures were very broad, so many times I left class wondering what exactly I was supposed to have learned.

- Wyly is amazing. Extremely passionate about his area of study, very interesting and engaging. Within his one and half hour class he transfers such enthusiasm of the course material upon the student.

Very well prepared for lectures and a clear communicator. However, lecture notes and readings are way too dense for the sake of the lecture and it is sometimes difficult to determine what is relevant for success in the course.

- The grading scheme and the ability to improve your papers and, thus, your marks is a highly refreshing approach to paper writing and allows this course and instructor to rank much higher than many others. It is clear Elvin not only wants his students to succeed, but also to learn and to develop their academic skills.

- Overall I enjoyed attending the lectures because they inspired me and made me think from different perspectives however, it was hard for me to pay attention to the guest lectures because they are not directly related to our course.

- One of the best courses I have ever taken in my academic career at UBC. I would definitely recommend this course to friends.

- Amazing prof. Instilled a want to learn the material

- Elvin is very passionate about what he does, and truly cares about his students. I can tell he loves the material in this course. Sometimes he is a bit too passionate and seems to veer madly off in all directions, leaving us wondering what threads to follow in the lecture. However, he has been open to suggestions and criticisms, and modified his lectures accordingly.

- Dr Ewyly is very passionate about cities and it really shows in lectures. He respects the students and their opinion and presents engaging lectures even though the course is quite dry itself. Dr Ewyly shows videos and pictures instead of just talking to give a better understanding to students.

- Professor Wyly's passion for the course material and for the discipline in its entirety was absolutely astonishing. The only negative would be that he had some trouble with narrowing the material down to a specific point. At times it was easy to get lost in his lecture.

- Elvin cared. Though some may not care, he made me care. I think that is the point.

- Very interesting lecturer

- Spoken with passion, there is no doubt in the professor's performance as an effective lecturer.

- Prof. Wyly has been the most inspiring and passionate prof I have had in my 3 years at UBC. He genuinely cares for the material as well as the progress of his students. I feel very privileged to have been taught by prof. Wyly and would definitely take more classes with him.

- Instructor and teaching assistants were and still are readily available the teaching relationship in this course was very friendly and important. Great Course!
- this class was weird. but interesting.
 - Lecture content tended to be vague, sometimes making it hard to see the main points of the lecture and how they're interrelated to other topics in the course. Nevertheless, the instructor's passion for and knowledge of the course content was inspiring and very refreshing.
- URST 200 seemed a little bit watered down. I wish that more concrete evidence was presented in class, more statistics, more graphs, less theories. That might just be me though
- I love how passionate he is about his field of study. It is great that he gives students a chance to still do well even if you do badly on the midterm or paper.
- Excellent instructor overall. You can tell he really enjoys what he is teaching and conveys that feeling to the students during lectures
 - The passion of Elvin for the subject matter made a huge positive impact on how I viewed this course. I had no idea initially about what to expect from the course but in taking it I feel like my views and perceptions of the world, and not just cities, has changed and opened up, which is all I can ask for in taking any course. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to share such intellectual dialogue with such a brilliant mind! Thank you"
- Elvin is one of my favourite professors at UBC. Although his lectures are difficult to follow at times the notes he provides are awesome and he gives clear expectations on what is expected from projects and exams. Discussion was very helpful but I would like to see more of Elvin in discussion engaging in smaller group discussions, he is very knowledgeable and his insight would have been awesome throughout the semester.
 - Will definitely take a class with him in the future, was very helpful during office hours and made sure that students had no excuse not to contact him. Lectures were fun and interesting its a shame most of the class did not consistently attend!
- Very good course, perhaps making time for a question period at the end of each lecture would be a good idea.
 - The professor is really knowledgeable about everything, which has become a problem for this course. He easily goes on tangents without focus on key points, so I end up leaving the classroom without knowing what I should remember for this class. I feel like through this course I learned more about just social problems in society. But definitely the professor's genuine love for cities cannot be denied.
- The way the course was taught, class attendance didn't seem necessary.
 - I felt that this was a very informative course that related ideas from multiple disciplines and subject matters, all within the context of Urban Studies.
 - Thanks Elvin for treating me as a person rather than a student. Your valuing of community in the classroom and out of it has influenced me to value others more."