17. Please give a written statement (in the space provided below) of your opinion of the teacher and course. Be sure to provide a complete explanation for your answers to questions 8 and 13 on part 1.

I thought Dr. Morris was an awesome prof. I enjoyed his enthusiasm throughout both semesters. He was very receptive whenever I needed help after class. He kept my attention in class. I would like to see more demonstrations.
Dr. Morris did a quality job of presenting difficult material interestingly. This class requires extensive work and study outside of class, but he still maintained students' interests. He fostered our learning of this material.
Dr. Merts was very prepared for classes and obviously spent time to make sure the lectures were full of useful information. Some lectures were a little boring however. Overall, he is a good professor.
Physics is a difficult subject to teach, especially with such a large class, but even so, I think students would have benefitted a bit more if the material was taught more in the traditional style— with problem solving done on the board instead of just flashed on a screen in PowerPoint. Exams are more calculation based and I think focusing on problem solving skills would have helped.

However, Dr. Morris is still a wonderful professor. He makes himself extremely accessible to his students, offers opportunities to make-up missed classes and takes each suggestion into consideration. I think he is a great professor as well as friend and I hope to see him around teaching at Rice again next year.
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Great class. Good presentation. Good introduction of material. A very intelligent professor.
For a class with a lot of people, I thought Dr. Morris did a really good job in explaining things, having interaction, and caring about each student. Felt so thought I could talk with him, ask him questions anytime. Very positive experience.
17. Please give a written statement (in the space provided below) of your opinion of the teacher and course. Be sure to provide a complete explanation for your answers to questions 8 and 13 on part 1.

You were the Best Teacher, you were very responsive to our needs and actually cared about your students. It showed when you made the huge sacrifice to still teach when you were in your convalescence prone. They should make you a professor and give you a raise.
17. Please give a written statement (in the space provided below) of your opinion of the teacher and course. Be sure to provide a complete explanation for your answers to questions 9 and 13 on part 1.

Dr. Morris spends a great deal of time preparing for each lecture and cares a great deal about students as individuals. He should be rewarded for this and allowed on the tenure track. He would make a much more positive contribution than other full professors here in the physics department.
I dropped Physics before because I did not like the professors. But Morris is the best Physics professor I could imagine. He is young and energetic. His presentations of the material is highly effective. I liked how we could vote in class. People actually came to class and paid attention. He is a professor who is devoted to his subject and helps students to appreciate it. Before exams he stayed until midnight to answer questions. He was open to any kinds of questions.

Great professor!
Dr. Morns was a great teacher to have for physics. He was funny, approachable, and friendly. He also presented the physics material in a way we could best understand it, the powerpoint presentations were a very effective way to keep our attention and help us focus on the lecture content. I just feel really lucky to have had Dr. Morns as a physics professor both. I believe he helped me learn physics to my potential, and I am so thankful.

Also I learned that I enjoy understanding the concepts of physics after taking Dr. Morns class.
I thought Gary Morris was a very good professor. He was so animated during class and even though he had surgery, he still came to class to give lectures. He is so approachable and available to the students. The help sessions were very valuable. The TAs all knew what they were talking about. However, I think I got too dependent on them.

I wish this class did not cover so much material because it is difficult to learn it all in just a semester.

I understand that there was a lot of material to cover, but I thought the PowerPoint presentations weren't as helpful as chalkboard lectures would have been.
I had to take this class for pre-med and bio major. I'm just glad I'm done.
I can not stress how wonderful Dr. Morris was as an instructor. The time and effort he put into helping me was incredible and if not for him I would have done much worse in the class. He is incredibly intelligent but has the rare gift of being able to explain complicated concepts to students. He humanizes the department and brings an added touch of youth and excitement to the class. He is an asset to the university and should be treated as such.

As for the class, it was a fair survey of physics although sometimes felt like it was more for physics majors than pre-med or science majors. I think the aim of the class should not be to make it more like Phys 101. We are not engineers and I wish the class was a little easier in that regard. However, it was organized well and the work contributed positively to my understanding.

Good job Dr. Morris! He has conveyed physics to a wide variety of students otherwise had no interest in physical.
Dr. Morris is an outstanding professor because he is truly enthusiastic about physics and wants to share that enthusiasm with students. I have never known another teacher at Rice who puts so much time, and effort into finding a creative way to present physics. Moreover, Dr. Morris shows kindness and interest in each student by learning their name, visiting colleges, and just hanging out with students. I find this outstanding because of the large size of the class.
While I decided that I really don't understand physics, this course went as well as I could have hoped for. Dr. Morris is an excellent teacher. While I didn't like doing the problems, I enjoyed class due to his enthusiasm for the subject. If given the option not to take physics, I probably wouldn't, but I enjoyed having Dr. Morris and would like to take another class taught by him or in his style (if it weren't physics). I enjoyed this course as much as I could for what it was. I thought it was difficult to understand, but without having physics in high school, I am fairly happy with my results.
Dr. Norris is a really good teacher, he seems genuinely interested and excited about physics and conveys that to his students as he teaches. Although the class size was too large to allow him to know all of his students, he visited the classes for lunch every week which made him much more approachable than other professors who teach large classes. Also, if you went to see him, talked to him once or twice, he remembered your name. He was always well organized and taught clearly and fairly thoroughly. I think if the subject wasn't physics, I would have enjoyed the class.
The course was decent, but some improvements can be made. I wish the tests reflected my knowledge. However, Dr. Morris is an excellent professor.
Dr. Norris is an excellent teacher. He presents his class in an interesting and stimulating manner with his slide shows and demonstrations. The course was fair in testing my knowledge and I really liked that. Overall it was an intriguing and enjoyable course.
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Thanks for all your hard work!

You're an awesome teacher.
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Mottis is a bad ass
Dr. Morris is a fantastic teacher who obviously devotes an enormous effort to making physics 1251b the best courses he can. He cares a great deal about feedback, participation, attendance, etc. and really wishes to impart his own love of physics to his students. I think this class was truly excellent, and though I am not an enormous lover of physics he helped me to appreciate many aspects of it that I might not have otherwise.
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Wonderful Class. He is enthusiastic, knowledgeable and personable. I enjoy the interactive writing and all his little anecdotes. Wonderful Teacher!
I cannot give a higher compliment to Dr. Morris than to say he is the best professor I’ve had at Rice. I still am impressed by how willing he is to help a student at any hour. I felt so comfortable going to office and I appreciated that so much. That’s where I did most of my learning. I can’t speak highly enough of Dr. Morris. He was enthusiastic, caring, and intensely dedicated to educating us. Rice must make sure to keep professors like him.

Although the course material was very difficult for me, I cannot say that course wasn’t fair. Class was well organized and well taught.

Only complaint is the time allotted for tests and that I feel like the students who worked hard in this class (did all rec. problems, attended all help sessions and class consistently) were not rewarded accordingly. Perhaps gearing the tests toward specific lecture material would be a solution to give an advantage to those who attend.

Overall, material was not the most pleasant, but professor Morris made the class worthwhile! (He deserves a raise!!)
Dr. Morris was very effective as a teacher. He presented material in a clear and well-thought-out manner. I would rate the overall quality of "outstanding." Help sessions contributed positively to the learning experience and lectures went over material effectively.
Dr. Morris is an excellent instructor. His highly approachable, animated personality made physics less daunting. I really feel he went out of his way to help prepare us for exams and learn the material. He's incredibly responsive to the needs of students, and if I had an opportunity I would gladly take another physics course with him, even though it'd be completely unrelated to my major.
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One of the best profs I've ever had. He put a lot of time into his lectures and cares about students. Very well prepared classes are effective and sometimes really interesting (which is great for physics). Good job.
Dr. Morris is an excellent teacher. He is very enthusiastic and passionate about his work. He respects his students and always makes himself available for help. The course is well structured and organized. Dr. Morris is a very fair teacher and wants his students to do well. Because he is passionate about what he does, I take physics seriously and care to do well in his class.
I think this is an outstanding class and should be used as a model for other courses. As much as students might resist being interactive in class, I think it is such a great idea and if you keep trying it, will catch on more and more. Thanks for a great class!
What I liked about the instructor was that he was very helpful, approachable, and I believed he genuinely cared for the students. The material was useful as well. Unfortunately, in such big classes, not everyone gets the extra help some need to understand unless they seek it out themselves. The help sessions are extremely necessary and I think that this should be stressed in the beginning of the course. The help sessions are almost like a required part of the course to do homework and understand.
I really liked this course. It was like a sped up course to get into the primary layers of all aspects of physics. I feel like I learned all the important things I will need to know about physics in this class. The professor was wicked interesting & I liked his analogies & demonstrations.
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Dr. Morris is a very good instructor. He is obviously very excited about his material, and I think he derives much pleasure from imparting his knowledge to others. He has always been extremely accessible for help outside of class.
I just hope Rice realizes what an absolute gem they have in Dr. Morris. He is by far the best teacher I've had at Rice. He is so helpful and instructive. He's truly interested in the students. Rice should do everything they can to keep this brilliant teacher on its staff.
The teacher is knowledgeable, committed, & excellent.
Dr. Norris showed enthusiasm for teaching and physics every lecture. It was obvious that he put extra effort into this course. The organization of the lecture notes were very effective. The overhead power point presentations kept my attention in class. The course was managed well and the material was covered in a timely manner.
Dr. Morris was an awesome teacher. He was approachable, funny, helpful, and went out of his way to help people learn. Although the material was hard, I feel that if you went to class regularly, did homework, etc., his teaching style would help you learn the material.
Dr. Morris is outstanding as an instructor because class lectures were thoroughly organized and he was very accessible for help anytime he could. This course was outstanding, I think, because of the organization, help opportunities, and the instructor.
Gary Morris

Of all of the science courses that I have taken at Rice, this has been one of the most interesting and informative. Even though the class was challenging, I learned a lot of information that will help me in the future. Thank you for all of your efforts and hard work despite your injury! Hope that you get better soon!
Dr. Morris was very enthusiastic about teaching physics and was willing to help in any way he could. The lectures were interesting. The clickers were cool and the in-class participations contributed to the learning experience. I wish I had more time to study and learn the material. I was struggling with all the work. I didn't have the time to do my best in physics. I wish I had. But Dr. Morris was a great professor. He made the lectures interesting. He was very approachable and very nice.
I knew what to expect from this course from Phys 125. Material was much harder this semester. Lectures were good. Thanks for working hard even while injured. Hope your knee feels better soon.
Up til now, I think that Dr. Morris has been the best, most helpful teacher I have had at Rice. He not only knows the material, he seems to truly love teaching and cares about how his students do. He is also very approachable. If I had questions on various topics, I could go to his office and just ask.

His teaching style is very effective, especially the class interactive concept quizzes. As for this class, physics has never been one of my strengths but the way Dr. Morris taught it, helped me through what I consider difficult material.
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Just as in PHYS 125, Dr. Morris continued to be a great professor - easily accessible for help, always prepared, receptive to students' knowledge, about the subject, and overall a great instructor. He synthesized material efficiently and tried hard for the students to understand it.

The class was harder partly because the material was more vague and less tangible. The method it was taught through continued to be effective - the power points and demonstrations.
I enjoyed this course very much mostly because it was so geared towards the student learning. All aspects of the course focused on having the student learn. This made doing the assignments much easier. Not surprisingly, the professor is now a resident associate at Martel because of his attributes as a helpful professor. I think that he will do quite well based on the performance he has had in class and for this course. I'm very glad that I took this course.
Morris did a good job overall. I wish he would do more problems in class.
Excellent instructor. Previously hated physics, but after class, became favorite subject. Love physics now and it's thanks to professor, Dr. Morris uses other technologies very effectively. Powerpoint presentations effective, and clickers are excellent way of keeping students involved. Definitely would take another course with Dr. Morris. Lab was helpful in learning material. Web quizzes are nice review of giving bonus points. No major complaints.
Dr. Morris was wonderful and fabulous. He truly made Physics an interesting and manageable subject - the in-class demos were interesting, the power point presentations were entertaining; he was very accessible for outside class help. What I really loved about the class was that Dr. Morris really seemed to want the students to do well.

I did not like the required multiple choice section - I probably would have done much better in the class without the multiple choice section! On the tests, it would have been more helpful if the graders had given a better indication of mistakes. I felt the graders were very unfairly inconsistent with grading.

I can't say enough good things about Dr. Morri's!! Thank you!!
Both the class and teacher were excellent. Dr. Morris has a wonderful way of connecting with his students and is always willing to help a student.
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Dr. Morris is a really effective teacher, and I think that the way the points are allotted in this course is very fair. I get a lot out of going to lecture, which isn't necessarily true of science classes, and overall I'm quite impressed. The only thing I would say is that I think the exams would allow for knowledge of the material better if more time was allowed for them.
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Best damn course at Rice.
Dr. Morris is an enthusiastic teacher who seems very excited about this subject material. Overall, the course is okay. I just don't like physics but I have to take it because I am a pre-med.
17. Please give a written statement (in the space provided below) of your opinion of the teacher and course. Be sure to provide a complete explanation for your answers to questions 8 and 13 on part 1.

Morris was a dynamic professor, injury and all. The information was presented in an engaging manner. I don't think I did as well this semester, in part, because the material was harder. Also, making a multiple choice problem required didn't help anything. If the tests could be made to count less, I would have done better. It was always a shock to do well on the homework and recommended problems and then get the test and do poorly.
Dr. Morris is an excellent professor. He made interesting a subject that is very boring to me. He presented information so that everyone could understand it and always made time for his students. He gave us hints and opportunities to learn cooperatively so that we would succeed in his class.
I really enjoyed this class. The lectures were great. The only thing I would change about them is that the room is too cold. The instructor was always offering support and got to know the students individually, even though it is a large class. Though it is not in my area of interest (I dislike anything related to math), I still found it enjoyable at times and very useful. This is the only class I have liked out of any math, physics, or chemistry I have taken at Rice. We are very lucky to have Dr. Morris as an instructor at Rice University.
Although this course was more difficult than PHYS 128, I thought it was ok. I wish the lab corresponded more with both of exams and somehow we did prac. problems in class. The lectures don't seem to solidify knowledge...
17. Please give a written statement (in the space provided below) of your opinion of the teacher and course. Be sure to provide a complete explanation for your answers to questions 8 and 13 on part 1.

Material in Physics 126 is difficult & takes hours of preparation for exams. Exams do not entirely reflect amount studied, as often there are questions requiring unusual application.

The instructor, however, is very helpful; thus, timely early preparation is important & beneficial. Labs are not effective.
I just think that the material was too difficult for me. I just couldn't understand what he was saying so there was no way that he could have been an effective teacher for me. And yes, I did go to see him in his office and just couldn't get it.
Dr. Morris is a great teacher. His enthusiasm and love for physics is undeniable. Good course!
Dr. Morris is very enthusiastic about the course—this made class more interesting. He was always willing to meet outside of class to help with homework, concepts, etc. I enjoyed getting to know him at lunches at my college and in the office. The course was challenging, but the material was presented effectively and the outside help was very useful.
The instructor was enthusiastic about teaching this course. I really appreciate his dedication to the class. The course was represented in an effective way, provided that you study before the class.
Even though I despise physics, I feel that Dr. Morris made this course as good as it can possibly be. His slides were excellent during lectures. He was always enthusiastic and understanding, and unlike other profs of large lectures, he was willing to personally help students with the material at the help sessions.

I think this course is effective and fair.
Dr. Morris was always very helpful and was a very effective professor. Any problems I had in the class stemmed from the fact that I didn't like physics and I didn't learn well for the manner it was taught - concepts first, then you apply them to the math/problems on your own - I'd like to see more transition between concept and application in class.
I felt that this course did an excellent job of doing what it is supposed to do. I feel that I now have a decent grasp of basic physics topics that I can use for my major and/or the MCAT. The prof did an excellent job of getting the material across while doing so in an interesting fashion.
The exams were way too long. It was always difficult to finish them, even when I came to the 8am test period and got 5 extra minutes. Being required to do the multiple choice questions also lowered my grade.

Lectures were not very interesting or helpful—only working lots of problems taught me the material.

The help sessions were very useful. However, the undergraduate TAs didn't always know what was going on or how to solve the problems. Perhaps graduate students would be more familiar with the material. Or solution sets should be given to the TAs.

The class was OK overall—Dr. Morris tried really hard but he can't help it—Physics is just boring.
17. Please give a written statement (in the space provided below) of your opinion of the teacher and course. Be sure to provide a complete explanation for your answers to questions 8 and 13 on part 1.

Dr. Morris was an excellent teacher in that he was extremely responsive to students. He taught pretty boring material in very effective ways that engaged and interested students and seemed all around passionate about teaching and the subject.

The class was very well-organized & fair. It was at a good pace, and material contributed positively to learning.
Gary Morris is a great and enthusiastic professor. He goes above and beyond the call of duty to make the class interesting and lively. He is passionate and always answers questions that make students feel involved. I was confident in his knowledge of the topics. My only qualm was the exams which I felt did not accurately reflect the my understanding of the topic matter. I only have good things to say about Morris.
Dr. Morris is absolutely fantastic! His energy and enthusiasm each and every day, combined with his wonderful PowerPoint slideshows, made learning the material interesting. He went above and beyond all expectations, making himself available for help for hours each week. By far, the best professor I've had at Rice!

The course itself was challenging, but plenty of help was always available.
Dr. Morris is an excellent professor. He is very passionate about physics and wants his to be passionate as well. He is always willing to help even if he is busy or has had knee surgery. Tests are graded quickly so we don't have to wait as long. His website is very useful. Overall, he is one of the greatest professors I've had. I hope he stays here for many more years.
17. Please give a written statement (in the space provided below) of your opinion of the teacher and course. Be sure to provide a complete explanation for your answers to questions 8 and 13 on part 1.

I was impressed that Dr. Morris worked hard to teach us when he had his knee problem. He's a very devoted teacher and consistently prepared for class. Very approachable & available to questions also. The class sucked though. I hate S&M. Dr. Morris tried to make it fun but no one can make S&M exciting. The only thing that should change is the multiple-choice on the tests - there should be less or no MCQ's or make it mandatory.
17. Please give a written statement (in the space provided below) of your opinion of the teacher and course. Be sure to provide a complete explanation for your answers to questions 8 and 13 on part 1.

I thought this course was well organized and well taught. The electronic lecture style with the interactive response questions worked nicely and presented the material in a more interesting way than a normal lecture. The homework load is just the right amount, and the exams are fair and ordered. This was a very good course that I would recommend to anyone.
17. Please give a written statement (in the space provided below) of your opinion of the teacher and course. Be sure to provide a complete explanation for your answers to questions 8 and 13 on part 1.

I thought Dr. Morris did an excellent job. He held my interest and presented the material well. He is probably the best teacher that I have had at Rice because he actually cares about the students which is clearly evident by his actions.
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Powerpoints were effective. Quizzes helped keep me interested during even boring lectures. Homework was reasonable. Requiring multiple choice was bad, otherwise tests were fine. Grading scheme is very fair.
I think Dr. Morris was a very effective professor. He seemed genuinely interested in the students and was always willing to help, especially the night before exams. This helped clear up any confusion about topics taught in class.

Class lectures were interesting, especially when there were worksheet problems that allowed us to participate.
Dr. Morris is an enthusiastic lecturer. However, he teaches us as if all of his students are physics majors. Most of us were bio-science, English, pre-med individuals and the information went far above our heads. I understand that he is a new professor and is probably trying to get tenure; however, he should not allow the pressure of his peers dictate how he teaches his courses. The information was presented at a much higher level than necessary for a 100 level course. The lower courses are important to ensure the students know the info for higher level courses. Those who find the course too easy should be taking PHYS 101 or the honors PHYS.
Dr. Norris was a very effective teacher. His teaching method, using a combo of concept quizzes, demos, + power point presentations, helped maintain my interest + helped me learn the material. I liked the web page, + the homework problems, + help sessions. Grades were fair enough. Dr. Norris was always available to answer questions + explain homework problems + other key concepts. Even when his knee was injured, he still tried to make himself available.
I really like Dr. Mori's as a teacher b/c he was always very enthusiastic about teaching class. However, I hated the multitude of homework. I also disagreed with the except that the multiple choice reviews were mandatory. The final exam question was weighted too much.
I thought that the power-point slides showed how thoroughly prepared the instructor was. They must have taken a lot of time to prepare and made lecture easier for both the instructor and the student. I also enjoyed the stability and consistency I could expect from every class.
17. Please give a written statement ( in the space provided below ) of your opinion of the teacher and course. Be sure to provide a complete explanation for your answers to questions 8 and 13 on part 1.

Gary Morris has been one of my best instructors this term. He has been very organized, very enthusiastic, helpful and exemplary. Very motivating!
Morris himself is a very enthusiastic prof who knew his material quite well, and really wanted students to enjoy physics. I have nothing but good things to say about him.

The class, however, was not so good. Learning physics from slideshare is rather difficult and the class itself just didn't seem worth it. I really doubt that I will ever use this material again, and it should not be a requirement for biochemistry.
Dr. Morris is a great teacher! He is excited about physics and he tries to pass this excitement to the student. The course material is difficult at times, but physics is hard stuff to learn. I am not more difficult subjects but Dr. Morris taught them well.

GREAT JOB!!
Gay Morris is the most enthusiastic and involved prof at Rice! He is excited about teaching and really knows his material. He comes well prepared for class and conducts the course in an organized manner. His class is lecture and I usually fall asleep in lectures but Morris has practice problems every so often so I am doing more than just listening. Morris tries really hard to get to know students. He goes to lunch at a different college everyday. His office is always open. Not only is he a prof but he is also a marirkA and part of the Dance Society which makes him very cool. Gay Morris is more than just a great prof! G. M. Rocks!
17. Please give a written statement (in the space provided below) of your opinion of the teacher and course. Be sure to provide a complete explanation for your answers to questions 8 and 13 on part 1.

Nice try - Dr. Morris always seems happy about teaching our class. He tried very hard to make it fun and interesting for everyone. I'm a junior. I've put this off for 2 years so you must realize I absolutely did not want to take this class. 1) I don't like Physics in general + 2) this is a waste of my time. I'm a bioe non-premed. I'm never going to take the MCAT + I don't like being forced into taking this class. Enough about that. Oh book wasn't very clear. This should write what the students did incorrectly on the test. For me this was a "hate the class, love the teacher" course. Give Dr. Morris a raise.
I liked Phys 126, I suppose, + a large part of that was because of Dr. Morris — he was an EXCELLENT teacher + tried his best to keep the class interesting. I will be eternally grateful for the "redemption" points + for the fact that effort constitutes a large part of the overall grade. What a terrific grading policy he had - how hard we worked actually MATTERED.

Dr. Morris was WONDERFUL about being accessible — even through his surgery, he didn't miss a class! (He could be better about returning email, but he was physically available quite a bit, which was very helpful.) I have heard from RA's + other staff @ Rice that before Dr. Morris, the Phys 125/126 course was tedious + perhaps poorly taught — Congratulations to Dr. Morris on turning the class around, for trying so hard with us, + for his cheerful outlook — if I have to have a morning class, at least it's with an outgoing, happy, positive prof. who truly cares about his subject. The class wishes him a speedy recovery!
17. Please give a written statement (in the space provided below) of your opinion of the teacher and course. Be sure to provide a complete explanation for your answers to questions 8 and 13 on part 1.

Course was made interesting by professor and was well taught. Professor was clearly excited about material and always seemed to enjoy teaching.
Power point presentation of lectures are great.
Professor is energetic and fun.
17. Please give a written statement (in the space provided below) of your opinion of the teacher and course. Be sure to provide a complete explanation for your answers to questions 8 and 13 on part 1.

This is a good class, but it should be curved.
Dr. Morris is very good at presenting the material in an organized and well-put-together fashion. The material is taught well. Examination are the down fall of the class. They didn’t effective the material taught in class.
The course was pretty well-organized, and the material was generally presented in an effective manner. Occasionally, material presented in lecture did not seem as helpful for completing recommended hw questions (i.e., the lecture notes seemed over-simplified, whereas the recommended hw questions were a lot more difficult).

The instructor presented good lectures. I really like the clicker problems bc they allowed students to actively participate in "learning" physics.
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I would go as far as to say that I think Physics 120 w/ Prof. Morris was the most well taught, informative, interesting class I've taken at Rice. The classes were interesting and extremely well presented.

Dr. Morris is phenomenal. He is amazing! Helpful... amazingly knowledgeable, understanding and truly is involved with his student. I can only hope that I might be as amazing as a professor that he is!
All material was presented well and what was expected in all assignments. G. Mor is awesome.
Once again, I'm very satisfied with this course (I took 125 with Pell). I really enjoy the class participation; it keeps me awake in the morning. The instructor was extremely helpful; he was always willing to stay late (on the day before a test) to work out problems with students. I would definitely recommend this class to others.
17. Please give a written statement (in the space provided below) of your opinion of the teacher and course. Be sure to provide a complete explanation for your answers to questions 8 and 13 on part 1.

Professor Morris was a great professor. He made class very enjoyable and interesting. He made the material easy to learn and did an excellent job teaching.
Dr. Morris is an excellent professor. I enjoyed taking this course a great deal and I learned more than I expected from this class. It was an extremely worthwhile experience.
Dr. Morris was a great teacher. As it was second semester, so it was a bit hard to hold my interest, especially since I did not do too well on the tests.
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I understand that physics is tested on the MCAT; however, since not all bioscience majors become doctors, this course should not be a requirement.

Since the lectures are entirely PowerPoint, and they are available online, attendance at lecture is pointless. Either the lectures should be changed, or made not mandatory.

There were frequently homework problems on topics that were not covered in lecture. Either change the lectures, or change the homework.
17. Please give a written statement (in the space provided below) of your opinion of the teacher and course. Be sure to provide a complete explanation for your answers to questions 8 and 13 on part 1.

I liked Phys 126 a lot. Dr. Morris was an excellent teacher because he kept me interested in the subject. Before 12/5/12, I had a bad experience of physics in high school, but Dr. Morris has made me see that physics isn't a horrible subject.
17. Please give a written statement (in the space provided below) of your opinion of the teacher and course. Be sure to provide a complete explanation for your answers to questions 8 and 13 on part 1.

I really enjoyed this class. Thanks for making the class so enjoyable, especially since the subject matter was sometimes (often) difficult to understand. I feel like I have learned more than I ever thought I would learn about physics.
The teacher was very effective and extremely receptive to student's questions and opinions. The course overall is very good and I would recommend it.
I think this class was taught very well, the material was very relevant to real life and the examinations were pretty fair assessments of our knowledge, even though they were difficult. AND I cannot understand why the prof is leaving next year b/c he is, I believe, what turned the Physics dept. around here. and I feel very sorry for the students next year who won't have him.
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I was very impressed by this class. I had neither had physics in high school nor studied it on my own, and this course taught me a lot. The instructor was helpful and enthusiastic, the lectures were clear, and there was always help available when we needed it. Physics was something that I was really afraid of when I arrived at Rice. Dr. Morris made it something interesting and fun. I really liked the laboratory section—the labs corresponded well with the lectures and helped me understand the material. The TAs were helpful and fun, making the labs easy and stress free. I would highly recommend this course to all incoming students!
This course was taught much too vaguely and the whole grading system was way too complicated. Dr. Morris thought he was encouraging class participation when he made the grading for a grade, but I think, if anything, he turned students off. Most just write down whatever on the sheets and turn it in for a grade.
I think powerpoint is not a way to teach physics. There is a difference in working a problem through powerpoint and working it out on a chalkboard. If you have a problem with the way something is worked out on the chalkboard, it is easier to figure out what happened. Plus, working it out with the prof helps understand details that may have been excluded.

Also, Dr. Morris should have made a greater attempt to cater to the needs of people who did not take the course last semester.

A 4 page, single spaced, 10-point font syllabus does not help much. Who really has time to read the whole thing?!! Not A premed.

There should have been more of an attempt to go over recommended problems. A review session from 7-12am is not very helpful for people who live off-campus. There should be a time to see a TA or something about rec. problems not just at the review sessions! People use the review sessions to figure out 4 homework problems! There is little time for rec. problems.
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Fine Teacher
This course is possibly too difficult since it is not supposed to be for physics or engineering majors. The grading procedure and class policies are extremely convoluted, so the student has difficulty figuring out how he's actually doing in the class.

The professor is knowledgeable and helpful but the presentation of the material is too vague and theoretical.
Dr. Morris is a really good teacher. He is much better than any other science teacher I have had. He stimulated my interest in physics and I wish I could take more physics classes. This class challenged me. It wasn't too difficult or too easy.

Dr. Morris is awesome!!
Dr. Morris is a great teacher. I took two years of physics in high school and never learned as much. He actually prepares lectures for class with PowerPoint and he explains concepts very well.
I really enjoyed this course. Norris presented the material in an organized and effective manner. I have no complaints. He's a great prof.
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The course was well organized and interesting, especially for one with lectures that have 100 people in them. I think that the way we were graded (homework, exams) was more effective than most classes. The material was harder this semester than last, yet I think that the info was well conveyed to the class.
Dr. Morris was an engaging prof and knew his material well. The class as a whole wasn't bad, though ideally it would be later in the day.
Dr. Morris was a very enthusiastic teacher who really cared about teaching the students. He was always very approachable for help, and always put students first. It was nice to see a teacher who really cared about the students understanding the material. The course material, although much more difficult than I was expecting, was worthwhile in learning. Because we went into such great depth of concepts, the MCAT physics section was much more easy to understand. Dr. Morris didn't just teach us the material, but more importantly, he taught us how to THINK. The ability to solve problems rather than just spitting out formulas we memorized was much more beneficial in the long run. Overall, the course was difficult, but fair. As a teacher, Dr. Morris is one of the best I've ever had.
Morris is a good teacher, the course is taught well. I found lecture to be pointless. I would rather have spent that time doing recommended problems. That was what the test was based on. I know physics is important in everyday life, but it will always be a part of everything already, but I really began to dislike this class near the end. Morris definitely teaches a lot about physics but I felt pretty out of place going to talk to him. His method of teaching -

powerpoint is very helpful especially for studying for exams. Course is good - I just don't like physics.
one of the most enthusiastic/supportive teachers I've ever had... very approachable.
Very impressive & well organized course. One of the best professors at Rice. Most impressive was the format of this course & its unique lectures.
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I think Momb is a wonderful professor who truly cares about each individual student.
Professor Morris is very excited about physics. This made lectures more engaging. He tried to make physics more easily understandable, but it is a difficult subject none the less. In my case, I think the exams were too difficult, and I only say that because I don't think my exam average reflects my knowledge of physics. I'm pretty sure that if the multiple choice section was not required, I couldn't have done much better. I realize that by requiring the multiple choice, you are attempting to access our knowledge of the material as a whole, but those questions did not in a lot of cases because they were worded in a confusing matter. The multiple choice on the optics test was a lot better than the others, and was a better test of my knowledge of the material. Overall, a good class, but not for my GPA!!!
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I think Dr. Morris was a great teacher; he was very knowledgeable and very excited about teaching. I learned a lot and really enjoyed the course.
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Dr. Morris is a very enthusiastic professor who cares about his students. He would be more effective if his class wasn't taught at 9:25 and wasn't 1:15 long. It's hard for most people to pay attention for this long. The tests in 125 were more fair, so I think that the inaccurate assessment of my physics 126 knowledge has made me bitter. Morris is an effective teacher, but his methods aren't conducive to my learning style.
Dr. Morris is the most enthusiastic and passionate teachers I've met here at Rice. He loves teaching physics, and it shows through in his lectures. Moreover, he cares about his students. He is very approachable when you need help or just want to say "hi." I highly recommend this course to everyone. Awesome class.
This was an excellent class. The style of lecturing was very effective for the material. Dr. Morris was the best professor I have ever had here. His devotion to help students is incredible.

The course material was good. The book could have been better.
The professor presented the material in a clear and logical manner. If time allowed, he could have gone deeper and into more detail.

However, he covered a great deal of material and was still effective.

He was particularly effective in being available to students outside of class.

The course was difficult, but the amount of work was doable.
He is a great teacher; very enthusiastic, funny, interesting, and very nice. He remembers students' names and is very caring. My only complaint is the tests because I really don't like the multiple choice questions and they made them mandatory this semester.
This course is an interesting course in physics—especially since the instructor was so enthusiastic during lectures and outside of class. I learned a lot in this class and this was one of my favorite classes all semester. The lectures were well structured and complemented the book well. Help sessions were not incredibly helpful, however.
He is a very student-oriented teacher. Sessions before exams were nice to have. Lectures were interesting. However, one should not be required to do multiple choice or should at least get partial credit for it. Homework recommended and lecture questions should be more like exam questions. Extra-credit quizzes and homeworks were nice to provide. Exam reworks should be graded and given back earlier.
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Dr. Mavis is a wonderful teacher. He has the ability to make even dry topics fun. I enjoyed the animated lectures, & the friendly environment. Dr. Mavis is very helpful & receptive to students. He teaches the course well.

This class is very helpful for a basic understanding of physics that is needed for many further studies. I believe that it is a valuable class & organized well to be such.
I think this class was great. The length and time for the class conflicted with a lot of my other classes, however overall this class was rather enjoyable. Dr. Morris was always prepared for class and was always entertaining to watch. I'd recommend this class to anyone.
If a prof like Morris taught every course at Rice, I'd pay huge $$$ money $$ to go there.
Dr. Morris is a great professor, just the material in this course was very difficult and I have really struggled with it.
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The course and the instructor were very good. However, mandatory multiple choice was not good on the tests. The tests this semester were too hard and deliberately tricky.
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Professor Morris is still one of the best profs I have ever had, but I did not like physics in general this semester. I didn't feel like the amount of work I put in was necessarily reflected in my grades, so that was very frustrating. I don't know whether improvements could have been made in the course to alleviate this problem or not; it just seemed like the tests were much more difficult. But I highly recommend this course to any pre-med or anyone interested in physics for that matter, since Professor Morris is a wonderful, wonderful teacher.
Dr. Morris is an excellent teacher. He truly cares what his students understand and does his best to encourage them to learn the material.

The course is very difficult and requires a lot of work if you don't easily grasp the concepts. But if you do the correct work, a good grade can be gotten.
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"This class was taught very effectively by Prof. Morris. His lectures were very different than any other course. He taught in an array of manners that was effective in learning physics. Physics, for me, at Rice, I thought would be difficult. But Prof. Morris made that idea go away. It was still hard material, but whenever I referred to his lectures, the physics was more understandable."
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Dr. Moms is the most enthusiastic teacher I have ever met here at Rice! To be able to stay motivated every class session in physics... shows how dedicated he is!

This course, although different, was very efficient and well-organized!
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Teacher was good.
help sessions good.
class attendance is unnecessary with notes on web.
Tests could be graded differently.
Your energy makes class interesting and easy to pay attention to. Love the notes - a lot of effort went in. I personally have no complaints, it fit my learning style perfectly.

Oh, the only problem is that we turn in our worked problems on the worksheets but they aren't available online... I wish there were some way we could have access to our worked problems.

It's also hard to do suggested problems when you don't know if the answer you got is right. I'd recommend only assigning problems in the answer book.
Dr. Morris is awesome! He is a great teacher, not only that, he is so helpful and so understanding and so supportive. Rice needs more professors like him. Do not let him leave!

Dr. Morris - thank you for a wonderful year!
You were great!
Morris is a very good teacher, always prepared and always enthusiastic about the day's class. He had an accident earlier this year that made him less mobile for class, but you can still appreciate his effort.

I personally didn't take too much from class lessons, but I just wasn't learning from that text book.
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Dr. Morris is a wonderful presence in and out of the classroom, and he truly cares about his students. He commands a profound knowledge of the subject matter and is highly capable of delivering that material in effective lectures. The homework assignments were often long and the exams were very difficult, but overall I recommend this class.
Dr. Norris was very effective as a teacher. Class presentations were very interesting and class demos were very helpful. Nevertheless, I would like to suggest that the exams be shorter. It was hard to really do everything and to finish the exam because of time and not because of difficulty.
The course was generally good. Multiple choice requirements on the tests was only complaint. Maybe classroom problems should be more like test ones.
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Don't go to Ult.
I really liked Dr. Moss even if I hated the material covered in the class. I took this class because it was required for my bio major, and though I would have never taken it voluntarily, it was not nearly as bad as I expected.

I hope the college continues to recruit top-quality caring instructors like Dr. Moss.
Gary Morris

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Morris is a great teacher. He's very enthusiastic and excited about sharing his knowledge of physics.
This was one of the most pleasant and informative lectures, making class that I expect it to be at Rice. I felt that I only learned in the two semesters, although the work and difficulty did seem overwhelming, for which I am grateful.

The only complaint that I can think of is the grading and location of the quizzes. They should be available from the very first day of class, even if the material is the same. In order not to have five quizzes in two weeks, and focus on physics, I would complete several quizzes and chapters.