

This questionnaire is designed to obtain feedback from students for improving the course. Nothing you write on this questionnaire will affect your grade - your name should not be on this form, and in any case I (Dr. Brown) will not see these completed forms until after your final grades have been turned in.

General assessment of the lab

1. How would you rate each of the lab parts on a scale of 1 to 5 (1=dismal, 3=average, 5=great)?

- 1 2 3 4 5 Winogradsky column
- 1 2 3 4 5 Yeast isolation
- 1 2 3 4 5 Purple non-sulfur Bacteria isolation
- 1 2 3 4 5 *Bacillus* isolation
- 1 2 3 4 5 Chitin/agar degrader isolation
- 1 2 3 4 5 'Most observable organisms are not cultivatable' experiment

2. Was this number of experiments too many, too few, or about right? (circle one)

3. Do you think the deadline for turning in lab writeups (one week after completion of the experiment) should be enforced by a late fine (points off)? If not, can you think of a better way to encourage students to *not* wait too long to turn these in?

4. How useful was doing the "Isolate Descriptions"? In other words, how much did you learn doing them for the amount of work involved?

5. Did you find the Term Project useful? What did you like and what did you dislike about it?

6. Do you have any comments or suggestions on how the laboratory portion of the course could be improved? (Use the back of this page)

General assessment of the lecture

7. Was the material covered at the appropriate level for a senior-level course?

1	2	3	4	5
Mickey Mouse		OK		Over my head

8. Did you like the way the survey of organisms and the papers were separated into separate parts of the course, or would you have preferred to have had them intermingled? For example, by talking about a single group of organisms, then do one of the papers that touches on that group?

9. Did you read the papers, and if you did you find it useful? Or do you think the summaries of the papers in the notes is enough? Would you prefer using more textbook-like material & not doing papers at all?

10. What were the *most interesting* topics covered in this course?

11. What were the *least interesting* topics covered in this course?

12. Is there a topic you wish had been included in this course that was not? Is there a topic that had already been sufficiently covered in a previous class?

13. What were the *most* interesting topics or papers we talked about? What did you like about them?

14. What were the *least* interesting topics or papers we talked about? Why didn't you like them?

15. Did you participate in the Discussion sessions? If you didn't, why didn't you? If you did, do you think they were useful? What did you like or dislike about them?

16. Do you think the material in the Discussion sessions should be in the exams? Why or why not?

17. Do you have any other suggestions on how the lecture section of this course could be changed for the better?