
TEACHING EVALUATIONS

Exerts from course evaluations by students

“Definitely the most interesting course I have taken so far at Yale. The lectures were all very interesting and I felt like I learnt a ton after each lecture....van den Bosch is a great professor who loves teaching. He ensures that everyone understands the more abstract concepts by going over them twice. He also welcomes class participation and answers all questions clearly with relevant examples.”

[ASTR 170, Yale S11, evaluation #1]

“ Astro 170 is very interesting and you learn a lot from a really great professor who is engaging and genuinely excited by his subject.”

[ASTR 170, Yale S11, evaluation #6]

“ FANTASTIC! The Professor is the main strength: Frank van den Bosch is energetic, passionate, smart, extremely approachable and eager to help students, always prepared, and always hilarious. The next strength is just the content: really really interesting stuff..... Yale is lucky to have this man.....TAKE THIS CLASS!!! Frank van den Bosch is a cursing, arms-flailing, crazy Dutchman of a professor. The class covers everything you should always have wanted to know: black holes, the expansion of the universe, history of galaxies, dark matter, the works..... I had this class at 4 p.m. and was still wide awake for every minute. [The Prof] is also very approachable: I kept him from dinner for an hour after class on multiple occasions to talk about ridiculous cosmological concepts, quantum theory, whatever. This was his first year at Yale, and we're lucky to have him...”

[ASTR 170, Yale S11, evaluation #7]

“ Franciscus van den Bosch is one of the best instructors I have had at Yale. He is very engaging, amusing, and intelligent. He challenges students and uses problem sets to ensure that students understand the material. He is reasonable and easy to work with. I would highly recommend taking any class he teaches.”

[ASTR 170, Yale S11, evaluation #8]

“ This was an awesome course! The material was very interesting and presented in a way that everybody could understand. Professor van den Bosch is not only hilarious, but has a knack for explaining complicated concepts in simpler ways. ”

[ASTR 170, Yale S11, evaluation #18]

“ Franciscus van den Bosch is the kind of guy who you would want to grab a beer with.”

[ASTR 170, Yale S11, evaluation #25]

“ASTR 170 taught me incredible information about the Universe. I love the class and I loved the professor. This was my favorite class of the semester, and I only took it to get a QR credit. Funny how these things work out....Van den Bosch is a phenomenal instructor. He can come off as narcissistic and arrogant, but he’s also hilarious and self-deprecating. He was my favorite instructor this semester because he taught relevant information and (usually) made it interesting and fascinating. Take this class with him if you can, it’s absolutely worth it.”

[ASTR 170, Yale S11, evaluation #22]

“Introduction to Cosmology is a very fascinating class! I would say that this is the most elegant gateway into the most beautiful science subject! Totally mesmerizing lectures!....Prof van den Bosch is a GREAT lecturer! He makes me always desire to go to the lectures! He explains all key concepts very well and he is an interesting guy!”

[ASTR 170, Yale S11, evaluation #30]

“Very interesting material. The new professor (just came on this year) transformed this class into something WAY more difficult than it’s been known to be in the past years, but it’s ALMOST worth it for how cool this class is.. The professor’s a great lecturer and supplements his lectures with lots of really trippy images and videos. The best part: you leave the class really feeling like you understand the way the Universe came to be. Really puts things into perspective.”

ASTR 170, Yale S11, evaluation #31

“He [FvdB] is obviously very intelligent and he is very funny, which makes learning this already-intriguing subject matter a delight, even when the concepts become harder to grasp.”

[ASTR 170, Yale S11, evaluation #36]

“Great teacher, simplified things, made difficult concepts easy to understand.”

[ASTR 170, Yale S11, evaluation #38]

“I love him [FvdB]! He is hilarious, makes cosmology easy to understand, and is really good about answering questions in class when people are confused.”

[ASTR 170, Yale S11, evaluation #42]

“This was a pretty fun course. The Professor made the class laugh for 1hour and 15 minutes straight and we learned a lot during each lesson. Lectures were straight forward i.e. what you needed to know was covered in class. And, exams were fair....Professor van den Bosch is a wonderful lecturer. You look forward to coming to class each day, and he’s always open to answering questions.”

[ASTR 170, Yale S11, evaluation #45]

“I would definitely recommend it. The class is well taught, and the professor has a really engaging lecture style. If you’re at all curious about the universe, you’ll enjoy what you learn - it’s really cool. Class is a bit harder than I initially expected, so don’t stop going to class after the first few lectures.”

[ASTR 170, Yale S11, evaluation #46]

“Professor Van den Bosch is SUCH a great guy, he’s really funny and his lectures are pretty amusing.....The lectures are conceptual and for the most part are very thorough.....Professor Van den Bosch is super funny and really nice. He cracks jokes in class and that makes lecture so much more fun than a typical lecture might be.”

[ASTR 170, Yale S11, evaluation #47]

“It’s a really fun course. Professor is entertaining. Don’t go into it thinking it is easy though. ”

[ASTR 170, Yale S11, evaluation #51]

“It’s a coherent, systematic progression through a lot of big, challenging, fascinating concepts. It’s not dumbed down just because it’s not for math/science majors, which I really appreciated, but the problem sets are very challenging, so be prepared! But Professor van den Bosch is a very personable and helpful professor and an engaging lecturer, so avail yourself of the assistance available and you should be fine, provided you’re committed to rising to the worthwhile challenge this class presents.”

[ASTR 170, Yale S11, evaluation #53]

“I couldn’t imagine another professor teaching this course. Prof. van den Bosch was stellar and really laid out the material in a fascinating and engaging manner. I have a new-found love for cosmology. He was very attentive and made sure we all understood each concept before going on to the next thing. He presented the material with fantastic powerpoint slides, and his hard work really paid off in making his students successful in the course.....Take this course! You will really enjoy Prof. van den Bosch’s teaching - he really made the course for me! ”

[ASTR 170, Yale S11, evaluation #56]

“He [FvdB] is the man. He’s funny, he’s dutch, and he’s credible. He will answer any and all questions, and the lecture slides are comprehensive. He will prepare you for the test, and he will educate you thoroughly about cosmology....It’s the best science course for a non-science major that I’ve taken yet.”

[ASTR 170, Yale S11, evaluation #59]

“Professor van den Bosch is amazing. He’s such a charismatic lecturer and really patient with students. Definitely take the class with him! ”

[ASTR 170, Yale S11, evaluation #62]