

## Classroom Observation Form for Peer Review of Teaching

Faculty Member: Dr. Natalie Mountjoy

Course Observed: Biol 121 006 Sp18 Cell & Molec Lab  
Prefix Course No Section Semester Name

Time: 2:20-4:20 Date: 3/20/2018 Observer: Dr. Bruce Schulte

### Write a review of the class observed noting areas described in the guidelines.

28 students enrolled

Class started on time; Dr. Mountjoy made an announcement on the mid-term and how this section did very well.

Topic: Respiration leading into photosynthesis

#### Observations:

Dr. Mountjoy used projected slides to go over some of the basic concepts and procedures involved in today's lab. The study organism was the crayfish and Dr. Mountjoy showed the proper way to handle the animals, also asking if anyone had a shellfish allergy (none did). She also checked with what was being covered in lecture (BIOL 120) and stated that the lecture would go into more depth on the processes of respiration and photosynthesis. She asked what the body needs (oxygen, water, and food), went over aerobic and anaerobic respiration, covered some 'tips and tricks' for lab, as well as misconceptions. Once the lab started, Dr. Mountjoy continued to assist with procedures and check in on each group of students. They appeared to enjoy her presence in the lab.

Dr. Mountjoy had a clear and energetic presentation style with a good command of the material. There was an excellent rapport between her and the students.

#### Suggestions:

The students likely understand the style of Dr. Mountjoy at this point of the term. As a visitor, I would have benefitted from a short overview of what was going to go on with an approximate time frame for each. Everything was covered but given that it was several weeks (spring break, mid-term) since the last lab activity, it might have been helpful to the students as well.

Overall, Dr. Mountjoy did an excellent job!

The syllabus is well constructed. You might give further directions about the making up of a missed lab. The directions imply that the Make-Up Lab Request Form on Blackboard provides these directions but some more information on the syllabus would be helpful.

Please double check that you have all the requisite information (you can provide this link on your syllabus): <https://www.wku.edu/syllabusinfo/>