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CHEM346-1 Bracher Organic Chemistry I (Majors)		
1.	Policies concerning assignments, tests, and grading were made clear at the outset of the course. 5= Strongly Agree, 4= Agree, 3= Neutral, 2= Disagree, 1= Strongly Disagree response frequencies: Strongly Agree(27), Agree(1), Neutral(0), Disagree(0), Strongly Disagree(1) mean= 4.83, sdev= 3.80, responses= 29	
2.	Test questions were related to assignments, lectures, or discussions. 5= Strongly Agree, 4= Agree, 3= Neutral, 2= Disagree, 1= Strongly Disagree response frequencies: Strongly Agree(17), Agree(8), Neutral(2), Disagree(2), Strongly Disagree(0) mean= 4.38, sdev= 2.95, responses= 29	
3.	The lecture and the text were coordinated. 5= Strongly Agree, 4= Agree, 3= Neutral, 2= Disagree, 1= Strongly Disagree response frequencies: Strongly Agree(21), Agree(5), Neutral(2), Disagree(1), Strongly Disagree(0) mean= 4.59, sdev= 3.32, responses= 29	
4.	Visual aids (demonstrations, overheads, etc.), if used, were helpful. 5= Strongly Agree, 4= Agree, 3= Neutral, 2= Disagree, 1= Strongly Disagree response frequencies: Strongly Agree(20), Agree(4), Neutral(3), Disagree(0), Strongly Disagree(2) mean= 4.38, sdev= 3.03, responses= 29	
5.	The course was well organized. 5= Strongly Agree, 4= Agree, 3= Neutral, 2= Disagree, 1= Strongly Disagree response frequencies: Strongly Agree(19), Agree(7), Neutral(2), Disagree(1), Strongly Disagree(0) mean= 4.52, sdev= 3.19, responses= 29	
6.	Students were encouraged to ask questions. 5= Strongly Agree, 4= Agree, 3= Neutral, 2= Disagree, 1= Strongly Disagree response frequencies: Strongly Agree(21), Agree(5), Neutral(1), Disagree(1), Strongly Disagree(0) mean= 4.64, sdev= 3.42, responses= 28	
7.	The lecture contributed to my understanding of the subject material. 5= Strongly Agree, 4= Agree, 3= Neutral, 2= Disagree, 1= Strongly Disagree response frequencies: Strongly Agree(21), Agree(4), Neutral(2), Disagree(0), Strongly Disagree(2) mean= 4.45, sdev= 3.15, responses= 29	
8.	The instructor showed interest and enthusiasm in teaching this course. 5= Strongly Agree, 4= Agree, 3= Neutral, 2= Disagree, 1= Strongly Disagree response frequencies: Strongly Agree(26), Agree(3), Neutral(0), Disagree(0), Strongly Disagree(0) mean= 4.90, sdev= 3.87, responses= 29	
9.	The instructor was courteous and considerate. 5= Strongly Agree, 4= Agree, 3= Neutral, 2= Disagree, 1= Strongly Disagree response frequencies: Strongly Agree(26), Agree(1), Neutral(2), Disagree(0), Strongly Disagree(0) mean= 4.83, sdev= 3.76, responses= 29	
10.	The instructor was accessible to students for individual help. (Answer only if you sought help.) 5= Strongly Agree, 4= Agree, 3= Neutral, 2= Disagree, 1= Strongly Disagree response frequencies: Strongly Agree(22), Agree(2), Neutral(4), Disagree(0), Strongly Disagree(0) mean= 4.64, sdev= 3.42, responses= 28	
11.	The instructor was prepared for his/her class. 5= Strongly Agree, 4= Agree, 3= Neutral, 2= Disagree, 1= Strongly Disagree response frequencies: Strongly Agree(24), Agree(3), Neutral(2), Disagree(0), Strongly Disagree(0) mean= 4.76, sdev= 3.63, responses= 29	

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12.	The instructor met his/her office hours. (Answer only if you sought help.) 5= Strongly Agree, 4= Agree, 3= Neutral, 2= Disagree, 1= Strongly Disagree response frequencies: Strongly Agree(23), Agree(2), Neutral(3), Disagree(0), Strongly Disagree(0) mean= 4.71, sdev= 3.55, responses= 28	
13.	My overall evaluation of this instructor is: 5= Excellent, 4= Very Good, 3= Good, 2= Fair, 1= Poor response frequencies: Excellent(24), Very Good(2), Good(1), Fair(1), Poor(1) mean= 4.62, sdev= 3.44, responses= 29	
Additional Comments		
--Great teacher		
--Made the class overly difficult. I changed my major because of this class and this professor. He was unable to clearly explain his expectations and his quizzes and tests were impossible to complete.		
--"I enjoyed being a student of Dr. Bracher, and he is a great and funny teacher. The course was difficult but definitely worth it. This course improved my study habits and gave me a deep understanding of organic chemistry."		
--ITS needs to fix their issues with MWH 342		
--"The most wonderful professor and human being. SLU is extremely lucky to have Paul and I am extremely lucky to have him as my orgo professor. He made me love orgo, even though I spent countless hours studying and was stressed beyond belief. This course challenged me more than I ever been challenged, but I have learned so much organic chemistry. He's extremely down to earth and will help his students at any cost. I am in awe of all of the things he manages to accomplish while still devoting an incredible amount of energy to teaching organic chemistry to sophomores. Seriously...Paul - you're my role model. Thanks for teaching me orgo and what it means to give 110%."		
--"Although exams were challenging, I definitely feel that I have a solid understanding of first semester organic chemistry. His quiz and exam questions really make you think, but this allows you to show that you can use the material you know--not just regurgitate information."		
--"The best professor I have had at SLU so far. The work he puts into the course continues to defy my expectations, and the lectures are both incredibly well organized and interesting. The overall setup of the course provides plenty of resources to prepare for the exams, which are difficult but fair. The quizzes are a great tool, and the detailed feedback he provides on every mistake is invaluable. In terms of contacting him outside of class, there were multiple options. Office hours are the norm and helpful as always. The online discussion board was new to me, and was a very good tool to ask questions of not just Dr. Bracher but also the other students. You were able to ask anonymously, or with your name attached to the question. This feature made seeking help easier than ever, and definitely had a positive impact. It will be hard to find a better teacher, and I am looking forward to another semester of his class."		
--Amazing class. Only suggestion is to do more practice problems in lecture as I feel doing more problems as a class would be more beneficial to everyone.		
--"Mr. Bracher is the best thing to happen to the chemistry department since I've been here. I've never met a professor who cares so much about his students learning the material. He is extremely enthusiastic and really goes out of his way to help his students, regardless of the long hours it takes from his schedule. I can't say enough positive things about him and his teaching style."		
--"Dr. Bracher is a great Orgo teacher, answers all of our questions in great detail, gives us tons of resources with only 1 previous year of teaching, and is super organized. A truly Great professor"		
--"Paul Bracher is an excellent, excellent teacher. I am lucky to have taken this course with him. He made a hard subject fun and engaging, and he put his heart and soul into this course. The only thing he could have done better was get quizzed up on blackboard faster so that we'd have more time to work on them. Other than that, his system was very fair and well organized."		
--"Dr. Bracher is very fair and allows students many opportunities to ask questions in order to understand the concepts and do well in the class. The subject is difficult, but he prepares students well by providing a lot of resources."		

## Paul Bracher

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**From:** Jennifer Monahan <jmonaha1@slu.edu>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 03, 2015 2:42 PM  
**To:** Paul Bracher  
**Subject:** evals

Here Paul, this note was in the middle of one of my course evaluations. Likely a student not paying attention to which class the survey was for... But since it's nice you should get to read it.

"—Paul Bracher has been by far my favorite professor at SLU. He seems to extremely enjoy his field of study and his teaching. He shows great enthusiasm which makes the learning a tough subject like Organic Chemistry much more enjoyable. He was easily accessed for office hours and also by email. Numerous times I was able to meet with him at random points of days via email. Extremely helpful to his students and knew the topic extremely well."

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