

Hi everybody,

*Thanks for your feedback (below). I provide some response in this font. Most are finding value in the class. Many students comment on the loose organization / lack of structure and some ask for transition to PolyLearn. I recognize shortcomings in our format and apologize for inconvenience. I will strongly consider class recommendations at the end of the year. For instance, last year, the class overwhelmingly recommended that I assign project groups from the beginning. For the first 11 years of this class, students picked their own groups, requiring the first 2-3 weeks of class.*

*One important concern that I didn't expect is that many people voiced concerns about their grade in the class. My education model prioritizes that students do not worry / think too much about their grade, so I think I've failed in this area. I think I outlined the expected grade distribution in the beginning of the year and expressed that I don't know of a time in the last 5 years that someone expressed dissatisfaction with their grade. However, I recognize that there is great vulnerability for students around their grades. If you have concerns about your grade, I'll be glad to speak with you as soon as you like.*

*I'll try to read through all the websites today and provide feedback to the group's spokesperson.*

*Pete*

Class is going well, learning a lot of new topics and problems around the world that I have never heard of which is really cool. I look forward to going to class every time and am excited to learn new things about the groups and other topics.

This class is going very well. In my environmental engineering classes, I focus on industries and the public but we don't really focus on individual sustainability. This class is teaching me how to live a better life for myself, others, and environment. Your talk at the end was very inspirational. It must have hurt, still hurt to be going through conflicts at home. I pray that things can get easier for you. I would love to know how you became interested in sustainability.

All is going well in this class. I enjoy discussion and our group's prototype. Also, it makes no sense to provide inaccurate information on the website. I do the readings over the weekend and it's unfair to change the curriculum midweek.

*I agree that it is best to not have incorrect information on (I presume you mean) the timeline. I recognize that changing/adding something midweek may be inconvenient for you and I apologize for it. To some degree this could be corrected if I had better organizational skills or fewer things to do. To some degree the last minute changes come because of an opportunity that is last minute and I don't have control over. As far as unfair, please understand that if you don't have time to read something, there is still plenty of time before an assessment. So I recognize shortcomings in my performance. I hope you find a way to make things work as best as possible. Let me know if I can better support you.*

I feel a bit disconnected with the class and my performance in it due to a large variety of material, and at times confusing class organization. Our group, though confused just created another design alteration for our black soldier fly grower. Our first design was partially successful but the larvae were mostly killed by rainwater.

I am still really enjoying this class and working on my project. However, I am worried about what the final will look like and how much our project will play in our grade. Additionally how my overall grade will turn out.

This week I feel a bit behind since I have final deadlines for my undergraduate thesis. I will just have to catch up next week.

I am sorry if I seem sleepy today, it's not you or the class, I am just trying to catch up again on sleep.

Our group needs to do more cooking, which is exciting but also kind of daunting. I want to be a part of doing it but it's hard to find time. I tend to do most of my school work at night, which is not an optimal time to use an ISEC.

It will all work out though. I'm enjoying the discussions and speakers in class.

Thanks Pete!!

Currently, loving this class it inspires me to think of ways to have a positive impact on the planet while at the same time think of all the logistics behind it as well. Speakers are relevant and inspiring. Next step is finalize our prototype and give it a test!

The class is interesting but I would like to be able to see my grade throughout the quarter to understand how I can improve.

I am unsure about grading in this class – I feel on top of the readings & doing well on assessments. Our project is not progressing as efficiently as I'd like & feel like overall communication can be improved to see effort put into the project. Otherwise, I enjoy the speakers & discussion.

Lab gets frustrating for me sometimes because the tools are different from our lab tour in Mustang 60 and sometimes machines stop working or do not work. But these problems make me learn that obstacles happen, and we have to work with what we got.

School is stressful right now, so it has not been easy to focus on class. Not only that, but health has been tough. I loved the lessons on ethics but I don't like making assumptions. I feel like we are assuming a lot while making these appropriate technologies. I wish our team had a direct contact.

- Someone brought up ethics and colonialism, and I'd be interested in learning more.
- Can we please integrate with Polylearn?

This quarter went by very fast, but at this point my workloads are all very high and I fear for my performance in my classes, hoping I am able to keep up.

We had a lot of freedom in this class, and I personally feel that my group kept on pace, but without a grade update or a way to check where we stand, I am unsure.

- Class is great. I really enjoy it.
- Love hearing your stories & I think they are very cool & interesting.

The class speakers and your interest has really inspired me. A few years ago, I moved from China to Chile, where I encountered a lot of new knowledge regarding sustainability and how each individual can contribute to help the environment. Your choices are very inspiring and great. I want to have the mentality you have. After I got here, I realized life is quite uneasy and inconvenient compared to Chile. Specially transportation. So I always want to have a car to travel around. But I didn't realize that's against my goals to have a sustainable living. I definitely feel challenged to live a comfortable life and

convenient life versus put a lot of effort to sustainability. Which the time and money I may not be able to afford now. So, I will keep on thinking about it.

I am still really enjoying the class, especially with the cultural discussions we have been incorporating. My only challenge is not completely understanding all of the engineering, science behind what we are doing but stepping out of my comfort zone is helping me to grow! Thanks Pete!

We are currently trying to build another model of our container for harvesting black soldier fly larvae. When it rained, the water filled the collection tray and killed the larvae that had harvested.

I like having guest speakers come in and talk about their experiences. My favorite was the post-partum hemorrhage presentation – it got me thinking about my future career – maybe change in direction. Also, your chapter you wrote was really inspiring! I admire your passion to be more sustainable.

I really enjoy all of the guest speakers we get. Hearing the personal stories really helps to connect us to our project and make us care about it working more.

Sometimes, especially when it comes to the lab time, I feel like my work will amount to nothing. Weirdly, I don't feel this when I do project work alone. Maybe because *someone* complains and gives up easily. I understand the dedication you give to this class and sometimes the class doesn't return that. Admittedly, it's a lot of reading and only some of it is helpful or I learn something. But I learn new things. I do wish the assessments could be worded better or have less obscure questions. Like Scheducke *schutzdecke*? Question was obscure & the EWB question could be worded better. Finally, I just feel like the only basis of my grade is only assessments but have no bearing on how my grade is otherwise. Also sticking to your word for the last 10 years was really cool, just be careful to not get stuck in past way. It doesn't have to be an emergency to call this number 1-800-783-0607 the chapter you wrote and feeling from class, had me feel that you can benefit from this line like many other guys I know.

*The number provided is the Transitions Mental Health Hotline.*

Today Agustina & I finished soldering the copper & look to smash the tubing on Friday ☺

This class is interesting... I think it would be cooler if we focused on ethics more & human behavior. *Yes, cool... that's a different class. Please consider PSC 391 in the Fall.*

I really enjoy hearing from guest speakers, and getting just a glimpse of what people are working on while I am here, living in California, just living my life. I am really glad I've taken this class and I really have no complaints. All the readings can be tedious, but they are helpful in expanding my learning.

Everything is going well for me in this class so far, except for the sheer lack of sunshine.

Things are OK. I really want our project to work but we're running out of time and keep changing our gears. I wished my group members were as invested as I was, and cared about learning more, that was I could rely on them better and take off some work off my shoulders since I feel like without my leadership we wouldn't achieve anything.

This class has allowed me to broaden my perspectives on development quite a lot. I love coming to class and learning, and enjoy the assigned reading, but while I understand the project, I just don't find it structured enough/free enough to find some real motivation.

I've truly enjoyed this class especially all of the guest speakers brought in. I really am fascinated by all of the different impacts people have made around the world. As for the project, I was having a little trouble with communication with my group but testing has gone pretty well & we're on the right track. So it is better.

We just revamped our design and I'm excited to try and test it out. After talking to Robert, we got some very helpful advice regarding our device.

I am much more hopeful with this design and I am excited to see where this thing goes. Also, I love all the speakers who come in, I feel like that is the most valuable information I learn.

I am enjoying working on our design with my group. I hope the weather improves so we can cook more!

The class is going fine, but still feel a bit confused at times. The timeline does help, but if I forget to check, then I tend to feel lost.

Wish we had more spread out lab time. Maybe twice a week. I don't think we have enough time to accomplish our problem statement.

I have been enjoying this class a lot still because of all the learning and hands on activities. I think there is not much time left for how much more progress we need to make on our project. I think we can finish on time, but are going to need to put in a lot of time outside of class.

Taking this class made me realize what a bigger world is out there. And there are so many other things we could always try & do not have to live in the set of rules by "most people".

I am enjoying this class now that our group is getting new ideas on our solar cooker. I'm really enjoying the guest speakers giving us such real life examples. I also very much appreciate just how much you care as a teacher. Many teachers clock in and clock out. You don't.