Comments:

- Enthusiastic professor. Engaging professor. Made lectures fun. Passionate about subject matter! Approachable. Encouraged questions and comments. Enjoyed his personal stories in lectures. Graham was a good TA, always willing to help. Too much subject material for a first year class. Midterm/final weighed too greatly. Should be another assignment for those who do not write tests as well.
- Like the videos, they linked the lecture to a visual experience making it easier to understand. Labs were good and helpful.
- First of all he is super friendly that makes students approach him super easily (most of students are scared or nervous to meet their prof but not doctor Laroque!) The way he teaches is very interesting and there is something about his method that makes students stay focus the whole time. Great prof. Cannot wait to take more courses with him.
- Thoroughly enjoyed this class. Thank you for allowing us to have a say in the exams it was really appreciated. You’re a very enthusiastic professor and that made class much more interesting and enjoyable overall. The lectures were done well and everything was explained very well. One of my favorite classes. Graham was also very valuable in the labs and always willing to help. Too much subject material (even though it was all interesting), I feel it’s a lot to cover. Maybe another assignment rather than the current breakdown of grades.
- Really interesting course and the lectures are really great! The marking on the labs seems inconsistent. Students are expected to be able to complete the labs without much help, but the overlap with course material is low.
- Availability of materials on Moodle is an asset. Testing is straightforward. The later labs did not seem to be supported by class notes/textbook. Marking on labs inconsistent/hard to follow, some questions aren’t clear enough. Albedo lab didn’t seem to have a purpose given the day of, had no sun.
- Mixed media is very helpful, videos especially. Some of the lab concepts could be better explained or perhaps line up better with what we’re currently learning about in lecture.
- This course is taught in an order that builds on previously covered material, which is very helpful. New concepts are explained well and thoroughly in class. The lab sections are pertinent to what is taught in class, and Graham is very helpful and patient. Colin explains new concepts well and makes class very engaging. The videos he puts on Moodle are helpful as well to visually see processes. I like how student input is taken into account for exam format. More outdoor labs would be awesome.
- Videos, slides and pictures all relevant to course material and help give relatable examples.
- He is very easy-going which makes him very approachable. Also he explains the material in a way that is easy to understand. The videos for each topic on Moodle are also very helpful. There is a lot of information covered in a short period of time, each class there is a new topic. So although the material is explained well because there is so much, it is very difficult to remember everything.
• Professor Laroque is an amazing teacher. He really involves the class and makes learning interesting rather than a chore. I’m an English major and have not taken Geo since middle school, yet have still found the course incredibly accessible. Maybe make the tests on less subject matter, or condense it a bit… found there was a bit too much to study.
• Professor Laroque used many teaching aids and videos. All labs helped reinforce material taught in class.
• Dr. Laroque is a very enthusiastic prof. You can tell he loves the subject he teaches, which is very motivating to a student. He is open to the students’ suggestions, which makes the tests and exam better for the students, because we have an input on what is graded. I found that sometimes, there was an overload of information during classes. Even though the final is not cumulative, there is too much on it.
• Very enthusiastic always asking questions and you can tell he enjoys the material and teaching. Everything explained very well and clear. The way he gives exam and sets them up is awesome. I liked pretty much everything about the course.
• I love Dr. Laroque’s excitement. Awesome to start your day off listening to a funny and interesting teacher. Midterm was hard but Dr. Laroque is extremely reasonable.
• I really like the prof’s excitement for the course. I also feel that the course was overall really enjoyable. I also like how the course material was available ahead of time.
• Dr. Laroque is a fantastic prof! Very sexy, haha. He was really enthusiastic and it really made me interested in the subject material! I’m now thinking of majoring in Environmental Science because of him. Lectures were great and material was well-paced. I found weather systems to be the most difficult part – perhaps try to explain it more? I didn’t understand air pressure dynamics prior to the course and I feel like we skimmed over them despite them being integral to the subject matter. Also, material should be more evenly split up between the midterm and the final.
• The music at the class’ start was both enjoyable and helped me focus. Clearly the prof knew and enjoyed his subject.
• Great class. Super enthusiastic. Videos were entertaining and helpful. I know you don’t put the diagrams online to catch people who don’t come to class, but it’s hard even if you are there to remember all the details on a picture you saw for 30 seconds. Maybe try to find another way to reward people who come to class?
• Enthusiasm. That he had made personal videos to supplement the class. He made the class. Perhaps extra help sessions could be helpful.
• Enjoyable (funny, genial, realistic, “cool” 😊). Open to learning new ideas. Encourages participation. Intelligent (knows his shit). Approachable. Transcends teacher/student roles (i.e. a real person!). Great workload, not demanding but has expectations. 2nd favorite teacher/prof ever! NADA, He’s great.
• He knows so much about his subject, so he is ready to answer any questions asked. The slides are kind of poorly organized.
• Laroque obviously loves the subject matter, and that’s always encouraging. Videos are probably helpful. Slides are hard to follow. The info is all there, but it’s not in a logical order/format.
• Dr. Laroque is one of the best teachers at Mount Allison University. He is extremely fair when it comes to grading and he makes the course material more than enjoyable. I would strongly recommend new students to take his class. Play a few more of your “sexy” videos.
This course is stimulating but not challenging. I think this course is better than others at this university! (I feel that some of the questions on this evaluation form are double barreled and not possible to answer correctly through bubble sheets, so I wrote my answers 😊)

One of the most enthusiastic professors at Mt. A. is very easy to talk to.

Labs were a great practical application of theoretical knowledge. Maybe they could be improved by being closer to the dates that we learned the theory? Laroque is a funny, amicable guy who kept everyone awake and engaged. Good stuff – see you in upper level GENS classes! More in-class physical examples would be nice (I appreciate how difficulty this is with a HUGE class.) Ultimately, by far the best way to improve this class would be smaller class size. As a tuition-paying student, I give the administration my permission to raise tuition and hire another GEO prof.

Dr. Laroque is so open to ideas, comments and questions from students that it is impressive how he is willing to adjust his teaching throughout the term. I think it is also an essential part of the course when he discusses ongoing events and integrates them into his lectures. Being able to discuss the midterm and exam format allows us to focus more on the subject matter instead of the types of questions while writing them. Laroque’s interest in the subject makes everyone else interested as he speaks. I think that it would be good if at the end of each topic, there was a short video or photo that could be explained using everything from that topic.

Well prepared professor. Laid out the material that was important to know. Made himself accessible and approachable. Very good prof. Nothing in my mind that he needs to improve on.

The teacher really knew what he was talking about. Making it very easy to follow along. Not much.

Real bro, solid prof. Lectures are pretty wordy.

Teacher has enthusiasm and engaging.

Our Prof is very personable and fair. He made the lectures enjoyable and interesting, nice transition into University. The only think I didn’t like were the labs. I love Laroque, not so fond of Graham.

Passionate about subject matter. Stimulating lectures. Entertaining lectures. Fair midterms/exams. Too much material for a first year course. Should be another assignment, some people have a hard time with testing methods.

He makes the material more enjoyable to learn due to his good sense of humour. He finds a way to turn fairly boring course material into something more relatable.

Laroque made the class exciting and interesting when explaining his powerpoints. You always wanted to go to his class because it was never boring. He explained material very well. Everything made sense and if it didn’t, he would find a different way to explain it. He was very good at answering questions and letting others have their thoughts shared.

He seems very pleased to teach and he has a nice sense of humour that brings laughter in class sometimes.

Dr. Laroque has been able to provide a background and go in depth on all of the topics we covered. I took this course as a distribution credit, but now find myself thoroughly interested in the subject. I now look at the physical world around me in a vastly different way. He allowed for students to be an active part of the class, a rare but very valuable aspect of a professor. Graham Clark was also very helpful and effective as a lab instructor.

I found this course very interesting, liked videos, and visual aid. Liked how you replaced Lab 10 and did weather systems, wish labs were worth less.

Enthusiastic. Glad the final lab was changed!
• Great class. Great Professor. Soooo much material to cover. Labs worth too much. (2 midterms and lab/30% of final grade would be better).

• He makes every topic interesting and incorporates sayings into topic that make things easier to remember. All of the lectures are awesome and his style of teaching the material makes the course so much better. Also how he strongly values students opinion is something that I haven’t seen as much in other professors, just allowing changes to the course, because students did not like something is extremely AWESOME! I really feel as though this course is at a perfect point. Just keep listening to the students... they know best! ☺️ I honestly don’t think you should change anything about this course or your teaching methods! Just keep doing what you’re doing! (like putting no notes on Moodle, accepting feedback on the format of exams, and changing Lab 10 are all sexy awesome characteristics of an awesome professor!)

• Very good at what he teaches. Enthusiastic. Always wants students to understand the material. Textbook wasn’t necessary, still very expensive! The material in class covers what is on the text. Book should be optional.

• Seems to apply actual field experience to teaching this class which makes it interesting and more like it isn’t just a class that a real thing that people actually study because it matters. Videos used in class and on Moodle are a good way to emphasize certain points and give a better understanding of a process or topic. Very up front with the class about how he operates and what can be expected. Really appreciated that honesty factor! Very good exam/test preparation involving the class in decisions there. Overall a great class with a great teacher. Thanks.

• Prof has a bit of enthusiasm and the course ties together all concepts fairly well. Having a more in depth explanation as to how all the aspects of weather systems and atmosphere are interlinked would be beneficial.

• This teacher was very enthusiastic about the subject matter as well he was very open to questions and other points of view. The global warming lecture came off as somewhat scare mongering. Obviously, there is a real danger to the planet, but at times this lecture became too preachy and less focused on the science involved.

• I found Dr. Laroque very engaging and he was genuinely interested in his students. The labs were well organized and well explained. I really enjoyed the music before class and the lesson plans; I always found them easy to follow. I liked that he put the slides upon Moodle as that allowed me to listen more intently in class instead of having to madly scribble notes. I found Dr. Laroque was rarely in his office when I tried to reach him. This proved frustrating at times.

• Great prof! Knowledgeable, engaging, dynamic teaching style, utilizes multiple ways of sharing knowledge (e.g. media), clearly loves what he does, accessible, genuinely invested in his students, here to make sure we get the education we want, labs were interesting and educative, reasonable as well. Spread marks in exam out more evenly through exam – i.e. don’t have one section worth a lot compared to others.

• Teacher is enthusiastic. Well-prepares slides.

• The use of external videos (and jifty pops) to supplement lessons, as well as the endless humorous personal stories, make this course. The lesson pacing is nice as well and labs are always fun and educational if not heavy on the work. The process of making up the tests with the class is fantastic, and should stay. The labs could be timed to line up with lessons better, as well with all of the graphs and diagrams, even just a page number on the slide would be helpful. I also believe that more videos (of your creation) should be shown during class, as they are 10x better when you do a run-down after.
• Very knowledgeable about course materials. Uses a wide range of learning tools. Fair methods of evaluations.
• The prof was very interesting and was always thinking of new ways for the class to become interactive for students. He was always using different mediums to show us or explain a concept more. The textbook wasn’t really helpful for this class, most info from the textbook wasn’t covered in class and it didn’t help when needed. What I think could have been improved on was the labs. I think there needs to be more explanations and examples. If the labs were more line of what we learned in class not what we are going to learn, I would see that being more beneficial to the student.
• The teacher was fair and positive. None.
• Energetic, funny, interesting to listen to. Great lecture prof. Less emphasis on powerpoint – more work from textbook.
• Enthusiasm. Videos and the funny comments and moments really help me remember material from class. Laroque’s awesome. All around. Oh and Graham! Nothing; I liked the outdoor labs more, and felt like I learned more.
• Interesting use of powerpoints and videos to visually explain topics helped in understanding them. N/A.
• Positive attitude, fun learning/class environment. Nothing.
• I found the lectures were entertaining for the most part. Also, they were at a nice pace. Be more specific about where we need to write in the Weather Journal assignments.
• Made the course material very interesting by the way he lectured. Very clear and good way of explaining concepts also the examples and comparisons he makes were very helpful (and funny 😊). Office hours are great! Labs were helpful to learn material more deeply. Overall just a really great course!! His enthusiasm was contagious. Please don’t change the way you lecture! I really can’t think of anything.
• Material was well taught and professor was very enthusiastic about teaching. I found this course very engaging. Enjoyable course. I would take it again. More review sessions. There isn’t much to improve on. A very good course.
• I liked the easy going feel of the course. It’s a really good feel to have for a first year course.
• I really enjoyed this course and the flexibility of the evaluation structure. I also enjoyed going outside for the labs. Go outside for more of the labs when it’s still nice outside towards the end of the semester.
• Rocks were very boring. Should try and figure something out.
• I think Dr. Laroque was/is a great prof. Very enthusiastic, well-prepared lectures, good use of multimedia and I think I laughed at least once a lecture. I also like the evaluation structure with the labs counting for so much and design your own exams 😊 It was really an amazing class. I wouldn’t change anything!
• I found it helpful when the teacher was able to make connections to what was going on in the world. I also found that the videos on Moodle help 😊
• The hands on experience that the professor has, has been very valuable in the class during lectures because he shows pictures and talks about his experience. It gives me a good idea of the material. Nothing.
• Very interesting to listen to, makes it entertaining to go to class. I will definitely be taking more of your classes. I just liked this class a lot, I wouldn’t change a thing.
• Enthusiastic, funny, approachable.
• Laroque is awesome. He is approachable, and makes class entertaining.
• Good guy; helpful out of class. Made class interesting.
• Nothing I had studied was on the midterm, I’ve gone to every class, taken notes, studied and still did poorly 😞
• Dr. Laroque’s teaching style makes the material interesting, very easy to get out of bed and go to class.
• I really enjoyed this class and found it very easy to follow. The class was never boring and the lab was very helpful.
• His enthusiasm and love of the subject made his teaching very effective. His sense of humour also helped. I think he’s a fine professor.
• Dr. Laroque is an excellent lecturer – he speaks clearly and confidently, knows his material, and knows that it is important. He is also very approachable and makes himself available to students.
• One of the top professors I’ve had at Mt. A. Oh, and he’s hilarious. This class was best when it brought its topics to the locality of Sackville – discussing weather and plants of the region, relating them to events not far off, like Sandy, Arctic storms … all of that was great. I think every topic should strive to do this, even more than it already does. Also, more time could be spent on plants and animals, and weather patterns of Atlantic Canada. Overall though, awesome course.
• The labs were challenging but in a good way.
• It was entertaining with the ‘sexy’ and interpretive dances. Really enjoyed those. Keep on keepin’ on!
• I don’t know what to say, you’re a wonderful professor who is enthusiastic and dedicated. It feels like you really do want us to succeed. I think that maybe Lab 10 needs to be tweaked a little, the questions just seemed strange and I didn’t really know how to answer.
• Very enthusiastic about subject. Liked that there were labs, very hands-on work. Had lots of pictures to demonstrate what was talking about. Midterm very fair. Went through slides a little too quickly. Could not always get info down!
• Interesting combination of teaching techniques – videos, powerpoint, lecture. Enthusiasm about course material made it more engaging for a first year course. I found it hard to do well on the midterm despite attending every class, but maybe I’m just not good at science.
• Overall not bad class!
• The teacher is by far my favorite I have had here at Mt. A. I am majoring in geography and can’t wait to have him in the future for further classes. I made the class very interesting and I looked forward to coming every day. I always was here and loved every minute of it. This class has made my love for geography grow so much more. Nothing, I loved the class!
• Great prof and course. Nothing.
• Motivational teaching style. Uplifting use of the word ‘sexy’. Extremely well connected and respected in his field. Nothing.
• Keep doing what you’re doing. Very good intro class.
• Enthusiastic. Passionate about material. Knows it well. Liked examples/analogies. Those help! Breezes through some subjects.
• The note taking and general related attitude of the class made it much easier to study and comprehend the topics being discussed. None. Course was fantastic. Enjoyed it very much. Looking forward to Geomorphology.
• The lab component was poor. Markers seemed to have a concrete marking outline that didn’t include common sense. I also do not agree with trying to trick kids that do not go to class with not posting diagrams and bonus marks. Post everything; provide individuals with every opportunity to learn.
• Very enthusiastic and knowledgeable prof. You can tell that you love what you do which makes the classes very enjoyable. You know how to keep the classes’ attention, and keep things interesting. I genuinely have no complaints. I really enjoyed this class. Keep up the good work.
• Very nice, energetic prof. Good overall. Maybe easier labs.
• Very enthusiastic, caring, a passionate towards both his students and the subject. If every Prof was like Dr. Laroque, you would have every high school grad applying to Mount A. An amazing teacher! Loved the teaching style.
• Funny, interesting, great teacher. None, keep good work.
• Fun stories and clear language.
• He lets us choose our own exam setup/how many questions, what type, he posts all the notes online, and he’s just generally an awesome, happy teacher who tries to make learning interesting. Nothing really, I really liked this course, minus the lab portion.
• Dr. Laroque was always enthusiastic, and he has such good experience in the field that it’s not like he’s teaching the material, it’s like he’s teaching us things he has experienced first-hand. The fact that students have input on evaluations is great as well. I think it would be beneficial to have two midterms instead of one so the material could be better split up!
• This professor can explain the material well. The slides are well-laid out. The tests are fair. Nice guy. The videos on Moodle do not work sometimes, and I would love to view them as I think they would be helpful for my understanding in the course. It would be nice to have two midterms and an exam.
• Enthusiastic, easy to reach and amazing powerpoints and notes. Don’t worry about students missing class; the on-line notes are great, complement well the textbook and it’s easy to catch up.
• Laroque is always available to answer questions in his office or over e-mail. He’s always willing to help you out if you have a problem. He’s engaging in everything he does, he makes the subject more interesting. N/A.