Student Comments:
I thoroughly enjoy taking Colin’s classes, he has his own teaching style that makes classes enjoyable. Labs this semester were also fairly enjoyable and it allowed us to relate what we’ve learned to the real world climate. If the multiple choice on exams and midterms were not worded so tricky, this course would be perfect...

- Material is very well explained, uses a variety of teaching methods, such as videos and lecture slides to teach the class. You can tell he’s the kind of prof that is here for the students and always puts them first. You’re always made comfortable asking questions or going for help if you don’t understand! You truly feel in charge of your class based on the amount of student input. This is by far the best course I’ve taken in this university and I look forward to future classes with Dr. Laroque. Outstanding! There should be more weather related classes at this university.
- Dr. Laroque is the best professor I have had at Mount Allison. His enthusiasm for the subject is obvious during the class and makes lectures a more enjoyable experience even with the driest topic. Dr. Laroque lets students decide the format and grading schemes for labs and midterms and he honestly wants everyone to succeed. He encourages questions in class and he alters his notes each year to suit. This is by far the best course I've taken in this university and I look forward to future classes with Dr. Laroque. Outstanding! There should be more weather related classes at this university.
- The class is awesome and Dr. Laroque is actually the best teacher I’ve ever had. He respects and understands students and because of that we respect him. He is involved and enthusiastic about his course. He’s sexy, the course is sexy and my grade is sexy.
- Very enthusiastic! I loved the videos we looked at in class. They really brought the course material to life. I also really enjoyed that the course syllabus was decided democratically. More profs should use Laroque as an example.
- Very involved Prof. Really makes the course material easy to understand. Exams are fair and he rewards students that come to class.
- The videos were super helpful in aiding me to understand what these weather events looked like in real life.
- Best teacher ever! Very fair and clear with what he expects from you on exams. I think it should be a Monday, Wednesday and Friday course.
- The labs were the best part of this class and really helped to solidify the information and connect the pieces. It would be good to have more labs. The flexibility of the professor to mold the class to the individual students is a real asset. It would be beneficial if there were more labs.
- I loved the profs excitement about the material, especially lightning onward. He also explained the dangers of climate change very well and the realities which we are not used to hearing. I loved the videos. They added so much more to the lecture. The lab markers need to be more organized because too many labs were left unmarked and not returned.
- Sexy! It is obvious Colin is passionate about what he does, helps keep interesting throughout entire lecture. Videos were a great visual. Talking and explaining the videos while they play was helpful.
• He is the best teacher ever. He can make not so interesting subjects fun and exciting. He is very approachable. He related things very well to everyday situations that we see and don’t necessarily think about. He rocks. Nothing needs to be improved.

• Laroque knows what he’s talking ‘bout, Willis. Very good course, well “managed”, good labs, etc.

• Best teacher ever!

• Colin lays the course out in a way that is efficient. All of the notes are on-line but going to class is still beneficial and studying for the course is easy because all the info is easy to find. The course itself is not easy but if you go to all the classes, reviewing the on-line notes is more effective. There is more information, you learn more and it’s easier to study for. The labs also take a great amount of pressure off the midterm if you complete them. Let him do what he wants.

• Professor was very enthusiastic and knowledgeable. Videos were helpful when interspersed in lecture. More outdoor labs (even in winter). More coordination between lecture material and lab content (especially timing them) would be good, as they were not always in sync.

• Notes on-line is great – takes the pressure off in class so I can sit back and listen. Everything is very well explained. Good mid-term – no tricks. Letting us set up the course is great. I didn’t like the labs. I think you should keep labs, but change some of them and give people more direction about where to find answers.

• Very enthusiastic. This helped students learn and pay attention. The amount of videos he showed was very helpful as well as stories. You are never just learning the lecture notes, you are learning how things work in the real world. Awesome class! He needs to give some motivation for students to come to class. He posts all lectures on Moodle so many kids never come to class. So when students like I always come to class, it would be nice if we got an advantage over them or something, to make it worth students to come to class. Like more “Bingo” or exam questions for students who go to class.

• This teacher was extremely fun and enthusiastic. He made coming to class a fun way to learn the subject matter. I very much enjoyed coming to class. He listens very well to the students but keeps in mind of the proper criteria. I believe he is one of the top Geography professors as he is very well rounded.

• Dr. Laroque has been fantastic. Very entertaining lectures and easy to listen to. He is very realistic with his expectations of the class. The lab/class set up worked very well. Overall great course, great prof. Could potentially have more labs allowing them to time with class material.

• Colin is clearly very enthusiastic about what he teaches as well as maintaining his own excellent standard in teaching. This course was made exciting and engaging by the videos, demonstrations and anecdotal stories. It’s always great to be able to compare what is taught in class to what we experience outside. Additionally, bringing on the pilot (Doug) was very interesting. Perhaps consider bringing in other professions that deal with the weather to present alongside of him. In terms of improvement, I suppose I was a bit glaciered out by the time the course ended. I feel like the tests were too easy to lose marks on and that certain peoples shouldn’t be allowed to contribute to the discussion on how it’s made (a partial joke?)

• The videos shown during class are interesting and helpful. The labs give us a great experience doing hands-on stuff.

• Prof is engaging and enthusiastic about this course and others in the department. TA is personable and helpful.

• Hell of a teacher. Explains concepts well. N/A.

• Very enthusiastic about teaching the course. The youtube videos were especially helpful to understand the concepts – good visual. Feedback on labs was not great.
• Always excited about teaching the course. Very friendly, always helpful and awesome because of the sexy scale. Great prof who got me interested in GENs classes. Absolutely nothing.
• Labs were good and fun to learn from. You explain things well and your notes are well prepared. Textbook was useful. You made lightning and storms even more interesting. Thanks! Labs could be explained better.
• Makes the class extremely enjoyable and fun to learn. Good classroom environment. Great teacher. Excellent style of teaching. A great class and very enjoyable.
• I loved how exciting and interesting you made the class. Videos definitely helped me stay interested. Keep the notes on Moodle, but maybe put them as a .pdf instead of slideshows so those who don’t go to class don’t have the helpful videos, pictures, etc. Textbook was a huge waste of money. Maybe make it optional instead of required?
• LOVE the sexy-scale. Keeps things interesting. Explains everything well and ensures all students understand. Funny – tries to keep us entertained.
• He is very informative, however, he still makes the class interesting and entertaining. He provides many examples of processes and is well organized. One of my favorite profs at this university! Consider having an in-class exam?
• Very knowledgeable about topics, cares about students, incorporates more modern methods of teaching, fair at marking, passionate about subject. Lectures can sometimes be dry and monotone. Would like more opportunities to earn/make up marks.
• Labs were helpful and provided practical experience/enrichment to make this course one of the best. A short discussion every class at the beginning about the days or weeks weather could be another interesting way to apply what we’ve learned and reinforced concepts.
• Lectures were well thought out. Slides were very important study material. Having slide numbers on the screen would be helpful for note taking.
• Very enthusiastic and fun. Good atmosphere for learning and understanding material. Pictures and videos really helped me learn and remember key points. Putting the powerpoint slides online made reviewing more efficient and easier to remember, without them I would not be able to absorb material 100%. Lectures become so much more interesting when you break away from reading off the slides (which I find you do a lot). Tell more stories about working in the field, experience, and other things like that. More jokes and more videos! If you want to punish the people who don’t come to class, please don’t remove powerpoints from on-line, just break away more in class. Keep up the great work!! Finding labs are hard to do well on. Would prefer less % of mark dedicated to labs.
• Really enjoyed this class. Liked how videos were incorporated into the slide shows. Laroque was very enthusiastic and seemed excited to teach us each day. The lab was also pretty good, challenging at times, but helped to understand course concepts. Thought the mid-term was fair (even though most other people seemed to do poorly). More feedback on the labs. When I got something wrong there was only a plus or minus, so many points, no indication as to what I did wrong or what the correct answer was! It would be helpful to add why wrong so people could see what/where went wrong and understand more clearly.
• Great professor, talked about each situation well and addressed the climate change issue with a realistic outlook – no sugar coating. The movies and graphs were very helpful. Maybe have field trips? 😊
• Very passionate. Mark the labs less hard!
• Always in a good mood!
• I enjoyed taking this course mostly because the course material was interesting and taught very well. Weather and Climate course material can be applied to our everyday living and it was a
valuable learning experience. I was not a huge fan of the labs. Some labs were more enjoyable because of the outdoor aspect.

- Colin you were a very good teacher, enthusiastic, funny and passionate about what you teach. What I didn’t like about the course is your multiple choice on midterms and exams. You say that you make them hard so that people who don’t come to class cannot just guess. I attend every class and study a lot and still do poorly on the exams, you should make them just a bit easier in the future.

- This teacher’s knowledge and enthusiasm made, what some could consider, a boring subject very enjoyable. He could bring snacks to labs and exams.

- Colin is awesome! Very knowledgeable and passionate about the course material and any other supplemental material that helps us to better understand the core concepts. He is open to questions/feedback from the class. I respect that you speak out about your concerns both at the global scale and at the university level. Thanks for another great class! N/A.

- Very enthusiastic about the subject matter and the students. Friendly, relaxed learning environment. A great prof, one of the best at Mt. A. Good use of media throughout the course, definitely keep that. Maybe have a quiz for every chapter or maybe every two chapters as to better understand the subject matter. Some of the material was a bit dense and difficult to grasp.

- You’re badass!

- Very enthusiastic about the course. Very organized course materials, lectures, etc. Incorporated student input into lectures/class format. Interactive lectures? More class participation?

- Great enthusiastic teacher! Thoroughly enjoyed the course. I think the labs should relate directly to the lessons of the week.

- This man is the man, the bomb and the rock. He knows how to teach; he has the knack. Perhaps even more experimental demonstrations.