

## 4. Comments:

- 4.1) Please identify what you perceive to be the real strengths and weaknesses of this instructor and course.
- As someone who went into this class with very little interest and skill in genetic engineering, I can honestly say that I've left it with a greater appreciation for the entire topic material. The class started as being extremely difficult and, even now, the material required a lot of clarification to be understood, but it was clear throughout the class that I was better understanding the material. Goldberg can be intimidating at times and, at the beginning, so were the TAs, but I quickly realized that they all truly care about how their students are learning and I learned to really appreciate all of them. The lectures, discussion, and teaching staff were all incredible strengths in the class. While the weekly quizzes and oral exams can be slightly work-heavy and intimidating respectively, they were never a super big weakness and they definitely weren't anything that made me dislike the class. Overall, I really enjoyed the class and that was in large part due to how amazing and charismatic the teaching staff was. I would greatly recommend this class to anyone who asked me about it.
  - Best professor I've ever had. Nothing else to say. All classes should be like this at UCLA.
  - Compassionate, humble, a giant in his own right! A different kind of teacher
  - Dr. Goldberg is a living legend and I am privileged to have taken his class. He has taught me so much not only in the field of genetic engineering, but also life skills and critical, forward thinking. Dr. Goldberg is one of the few professors that genuinely takes interest in our learning and education. He doesn't place needless stress on students about assignments, or grades, or anything of the sort. I truly believe Dr. Goldberg sets the precedent at UCLA, and is one of the best this institution has to offer.
  - Dr. Goldberg is amazing. He runs discussion sections in an exciting and exceptional way that should be a model for all discussion sections at UCLA.
  - Dr. Goldberg is easily the best professor I've had at UCLA and I don't see how anyone could top him. He has such diverse experience in this field, and I have learned so much from him. His presentations are normally easy to follow, and when they aren't, he makes sure to gauge the students' understanding and go through things step by step. He also prints all of the powerpoints for us to directly take notes on, which I appreciated. He is obviously passionate about genetic engineering, and as a student wanting to pursue a career in this field, I appreciate him and this class so much. I'll miss his fascinating lectures and anecdotes, and any student is lucky to sit in on his class.
  - Dr. Goldberg is so passionate about what he teaches, and it really translates into how he educates; it makes the material so much more interesting to learn!
  - Dr. Goldberg is the best instructor I have had in my educational experience up to this point; he cares deeply about his students and fosters their success. His passion for genetic engineering and for

education is contagious, and his teaching structure is extremely challenging but extremely rewarding. I have learned a lot and experienced tremendous growth while being in his class, and I would recommend it to anyone.

- Goldberg is a stellar professor. He continues to shine in his respective field and helps all students. UCLA should be proud to have someone like him among their faculty. Take care of this man.
- I loved this class! it was absolutely amazing and i felt like i really learned so much, even as a bio major. the guest lectures were amazing and so was the professor and all the TA's.
- I wish the class was earlier in the day because it is challenging at times to focus between 330 and 6, but otherwise I think the class is great.
- Professor Goldberg is excellent that cares about his students and is very knowledgeable. The course is the best course I have ever had at UCLA.
- Professor Goldberg is one of the most passionate professors I have had at UCLA and I was greatly inspired by him. This class is one of the few classes I have taken throughout my four years at UCLA where I believe I have learned something extremely valuable, learned in a collaborative and positive environment, and I enjoyed the class thoroughly. Hands down the most memorable class in my college career. Thank you for everything Dr Goldberg!
- Professor Goldberg is such a thoughtful and energetic lecturer. Every day he would walk in to the room and, while it often meant we had to be ready to be called on, the energy he brought made us all engaged and ready to learn as well.
- Professor Goldberg is the best professor I have ever had. He is incredibly knowledgeable about the material and cares deeply for his students. He emphasizes learning over everything else, so you always walk out of his lectures feeling like you learned something new. His exams are very straight forward, if you understand the topics, you will do well in the class. He really shows the importance of his class on an incredibly broad scale. I learned so much about Genetic Engineering, Science, and Life itself from his class. He is also just a good person.
- Professor really cares about his students in a way that is kind of rare, especially for a GE class. The class was nice and small, the guest lectures were always good. We did exciting mini-experiments, like precipitating DNA on the first day. Really just a great class

Only complaint may be that the class seemed a bit slow, and class took too much time.

- Strengths: very knowledgeable and asks tough questions
- Thanks for being a great professor! Really liked it!
- This class is extremely unique. Goldberg is so extremely passionate about this topic and about students, and that really shows. The guest lecturers were fascinating and I appreciated the receptions. With that being said, the set up is slightly strange. I don't believe the class needs to be out of 1,000,000 points, it seems unnecessary and could easily be scaled down. I also believe the entire teaching staff needs an overall dose of kindness. The STEM superiority complex is very prevalent in this course and the constant targeting of students only raises anxiety and makes students fear class. Lauren is a wonderful human who is always the most kind face in the room and always willing to help students. There is absolutely no reason for turning the weekly quizzes in on Monday in person. When we have class for 7.5 hours Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday it is very inconsiderate to have students make an extra trip all the way to Terasaki to turn a piece of paper into a folder. If they really want the quiz on Monday instead of Tuesday, CCLE exists. Also, the sheer amount of paper waste is disgusting. Again, CCLE exists, and it should be up to the students to print if they so chose. The enormous stack of paper I have from the staff printing literally every single thing for every student is just unnecessary and wasteful. In general, I think this class is a lot and could be toned down for the 5 units that it is. I definitely learned things and class was always interesting but I found myself dreading going because of how much class there was and for fear of being embarrassed in front of the class.

- This is by far my favorite class that I have taken thus far at this university. The way this class was taught facilitated learning in such an inspiring, motivating way. Professor Goldberg had such an obvious passion for what he was teaching us, and I've never had a professor that more clearly and more intensely cared about student learning and progress. Professor Goldberg was an amazing teacher, and at least in my experience, there is nothing that I would have changed. As much as I would love to have constructive criticism to improve the way this class is taught, I can't think of any way that I would have changed my experience in this course. Professor Goldberg is an extraordinary educator, and I perceive his truly greatest strength to be his ability to inspire his students. In a class of predominantly north campus majors, he managed to get every single student excited about science, and that is very hard to do.
- This is my favorite class at UCLA and Professor Goldberg really taught me more than just genetic engineering. This class is really interactive and teaching through different media and source.
- This was easily my favorite course that I have taken at UCLA. I came into the course a little hesitant because I am majoring in an unrelated field and wasn't sure whether or not I would enjoy it but I left on the last day thankful that I learned so much in a field I wouldn't have otherwise been involved in. The biggest contributor to this positive experience was Dr. Goldberg who made class thoroughly entertaining even when the material got dry occasionally (this may be because I'm not a science major). The guest lecturers were phenomenal and I learned a lot about different and interesting career paths. Additionally, I loved getting to know other students at the school well for the first time as my large math classes don't offer that interaction. To conclude, this class was an amazing and memorable experience and it was incredibly rewarding.
- This was the most beneficial class I have taken at UCLA. I feel like I learned something meaningful and relevant to the future. Every person involved cared about the class and about our success. The guest lectures were very interesting. The goal of this class was to learn and get excited about the content. Everyone was encouraged to work together, which helped create a community.
- While I loved everything that we learned in this class, I found that the professor's lectures were not always the most compelling so many of us struggled to keep up during class. Discussions, on the other hand, were where I learned the most just because it was more interactive and I was actually applying the knowledge that I had learned.