

Peer Review of Teaching by six separate faculty committees during 1999–2021 all gave their highest rating of “outstanding”. Here are some of their comments: *“His class performance is an admirable example of clarity and efficiency”*; *“Capable of incorporating his wide knowledge into his lectures. His class is interactive and full of animation.”*; *“There seemed to be an easy exchange between students and professor...much material was covered despite the relaxed and unhurried pace of the class.”*; *“His class was lively, full of conceptual examples, witticisms, and a demeanor which encourages participation.”*; *Motivated students to think for themselves – the maieutic method comes alive!*”; *“He engages students with clever observations and stories. He maintains a quiet and disciplined class.”*; *“Wide audience interest and participation.”*

Post-Tenure Review by two separate committees gave him the highest rating of ‘Superior’ in all three categories of Teaching, Research, and Service. His student evaluations were judged to be *“generally very high compared to the department”*.

Student evaluation comments:

Comments for “Physics 155: Musical Acoustics” (most of these students are not science majors)

1. He is an excellent teacher! I do not like science, and I was not looking forward to taking this course. Dr. Kunchur managed to get me interested – not an easy task. He makes all concepts understandable and interesting. He uses humor to keep our attention along with ingenious analogies. He attempts to get to know each student personally and learn each student’s name. He is the best teacher I have ever had at USC.
2. He is probably the best teacher I’ve ever had, his knowledge of the subject and material are phenomenal.
3. Kunchur is, by far, one of the most optimistic, clear, inspiring teachers I have ever had. He is very interested and passionate about the subject and possesses extraordinary patience with his students. The course teaches the fundamentals of acoustics and is helpful to understand the nature of sound and manipulation of sound.
4. By far, Prof. Kunchur is one of the best instructors I have had at a college. I would take other classes of his if I could. Being a professional musician, this course is very helpful.
5. Dr. Kunchur is by far the best professor I have had at USC. He takes the time to get to know his students and takes time out to make sure we really understand the material– in and out of class. He is the coolest most interesting guy I have met. On the course: This was fun and interesting. I like the bio part the most.
6. Best teacher I’ve ever had. He is like a father to me. No negative comments
7. His classroom manner reflected a respect for our intellect without overestimating our prior knowledge.
8. Dr. Kunchur is simply the best teacher ever. He is so concerned for us learning the material and is very passionate about physics.
9. Very engaging lectures. Had well-developed ability to make complex or unfamiliar concepts and material easy to grasp, even with a student who has little background in physics. Good sense of humor too!
10. He was the best professor I have had at USC. He taught the material very well and it was extremely easy to understand. He was very helpful and fair.
11. Professor Kunchur has a wonderful classroom manner—helpful, open, friendly, caring, polite, respectful, etc., etc. A good science course for non-science major; however not as easy as anticipated – challenging and worthwhile.
12. Great professor is so smart, funny, pleasant, disposition. Course is good for non-majors– at right level- makes physics approachable.
13. Amazing professor! Knew the material and could explain it clearly to students and was very appropriate. He made the class fun and interesting.

14. He was so infectiously positive and genuinely interested in what he taught.
15. Professor Kunchur was the best professor I've ever had.
16. Cares a lot about his students– if it weren't for him pushing me to pay attention, I would fail.
17. Very dedicated to making sure all students understand the material. Respectful of all questions.
18. Enjoyed every single class. Professor was extremely enthusiastic
19. The material is very complex but Dr. Kunchur did a good job of simplifying it. I enjoyed learning about musical acoustics.
20. Dr. Kunchur was a very enthusiastic professor– motivating me to learn the subject. He was always open to questions and wanted to make sure we knew everything before moving on. I like that his class addresses a variety of different subjects in relation to sound and hearing– it kept things interesting.
21. The professor was able to simplify and explain complex concepts. He brought the material to life by having good lectures and using several experiments.
22. Dr. Kunchur is an amazing physics professor. I loved his class (PHYS 201) so much last semester that I decided to take him again for PHYS 155 to fulfill my lab science requirement.
23. Kunchur is positivity personified.
24. Dr. Kunchur is very passionate about musical acoustics and displays a vast knowledge of the subject. His passion for teaching the material and helping students to learn is very inspiring.
25. Very enthusiastic about physics. Made me want to come to class.

Comments for “Physics 201: General Physics” (students are science but not physics majors)

26. Dr. Kunchur is hands down the best professor I have ever had. Extremely enthusiastic, very knowledgeable, and cares a ton about the students learning the material.
27. I used to not like physics when I was in high school, but after taking this class, I am more interested in physics, I learned a lot of information.
28. Dr. Kunchur is one of the best professors at USC that I've had in 3 years here. He promotes an environment of positive inquisition and extensive learning in the classroom. Physics is not a favorite subject of mine, but Dr. Kunchur made me love the course.
29. Kunchur is the best science teacher I've ever had by far. He truly cares about whether or not we learn the material and it shows.
30. I can't say enough good things about Dr. Kunchur. Always encouraging and patient. Genuinely concerned with students' understanding of the material. Fantastic lectures, engaging, helpful and way more interesting than I imagined it could be. Great guy and awesome professor!
31. Dr. Kunchur is by far the best physics professor I've ever had. His teaching style in addition to his humor made me want to attend class every day.
32. Whenever I had questions about anything, Dr. Kunchur answered in a very understanding, non-judgmental way and always created a comfortable atmosphere in the classroom.
33. Definitely my favorite professor so far. He really knew what he was talking about, had the patience to explain it, and made it fun. Definitely the best physics professor I've ever had.
41. Professor Kunchur is amazing! He said the first day of class, “You have the right to understand every word I say, and he meant it sincerely. He is a fabulous teacher and deserves many promotions!
42. He is a wonderful teacher! Wants us all to understand, very helpful and kind to his students.
43. He makes sure the class understands material before moving on.

Comments from courses for physics majors (Essentials of physics, Solid State Physics, etc.)

44. Excellent, I have had no better. Makes physics enjoyable and understandable

45. Prof. Kunchur is the best possible teacher. He is brilliant, funny, and a wonderful conveyor of knowledge. There is nothing bad to say. I will take any course he instructs with enthusiasm.
46. Dr. Kunchur is probably one of the best professors I will have in college. He teaches very well has great classroom manners and truly cares that we learn.
47. Great teacher. My favorite professor yet. Covers interesting material. Moves at the right pace.
48. Greatest teacher ever. Clearly represented material. Used outside sources well. Overall a great experience.