

The official course evaluation form **StudentEvals_Upper.doc** does not really suit the style of GG710, as we discussed in class yesterday. As you ponder the questions on the official evaluation form, consider including in your response the strength to which you agree with the following statements. They are phrased as in #1-24.

- I will be able to apply what I learned in the course to my research.
- After taking this course, I understand more about how magma chambers are studied using disciplines outside my field of specialty.
- The amount of time and energy I put into the course proportional to what I got out of it I.e., there was a good return on my investment.

Secondly, I would like to know what you thought of various aspects of the course, so that I can make improvements the next time I have the opportunity to offer a seminar. The aspects that I would like feedback on are listed below. You can use the short answer section of the evaluation form to comment on these topics.

format (meeting times once per week for 2 hours)

time commitment outside of class (weekly reading and thinking, one written project, no weekly assignments or tests/quizzes)

use of class time (guided discussion, small group work, short exercises, mini-lectures, guest faculty)

content (papers from recent and "classic" literature)

assessment methods (participation, one project with written and oral presentation components)

As you may know, the department is constructing a new teaching load schedule in the effort to create more time for GG faculty to conduct research. This could reduce the number of these seminar-style courses that are offered. Therefore, your thoughts about (1) their value in the grand scheme of things, and (2) how they can be improved, are very important.

The web site where you can download the evaluation form is

http://www.soest.hawaii.edu/GG/DEPT-BULLETINS/public/GG_forms.html