



NEHC 20602 1, SOSC 22100 1, RLST 20402 1, HIST 25615  
1, MDVL 20602 1 - Islamic Thought and Literature II -  
Instructor(s): Firas Alkhateeb

Project Title: **College Course Feedback - Winter 2024**

Number Enrolled: **21**

Number of Responses: **8**

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### Report Comments

Opinions expressed in these evaluations are those of students enrolled in the specific course and do not represent the University.

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Creation Date: **Thursday, March 28, 2024**

## What are the most important things that you learned in this course? Please reflect on the knowledge and skills you gained.

Comments
How to read challenging Islamicate texts and trace a line through precedent in jurisprudence and thinking in theology and philosophy.
Islam
Differences between Islamic schools of jurisprudence and theology; the role of philosophy in Islamicate society; the bases on which political legitimacy was established after the collapse of the Abbasids; Sufi theories of Supreme Being.
I learned how to think how about all the different threads and trends in thought interacted with each other over the period we were studying.
analyzing texts/primary sources
I really enjoyed this class; Dr. Alkhateeb did a great job of explaining different schools of Islamic jurisprudence and philosophy to us, and generally provided a framework by which I now can understand the Islamic sciences.

## Describe how aspects of this course (lectures, discussions, labs, assignments, etc.) contributed to your learning.

Comments
I enjoyed the balance of having lectures (that were still pretty interactive) on Tuesdays and having discussion on Thursday. It was a lot of material but felt more manageable in that format. I don't know that the content quiz was super necessary, but I found the map quiz to be useful in terms of having a basic understanding of the geography of the region.
Prof Firas is amongst the most best lectures and the seminars were very engaging.
Lectures were very helpful and interesting, usually covering a large breadth of intellectual history. Readings were more in-depth, being entirely drawn from primary sources, and allowed for a more particular engagement with the intellectual milieu of the time.
The lectures were clear, engaging, and connected to the larger story of the course. Our weekly class discussions about the readings were really lively with everyone having interesting things to contribute and the questions Professor Alkhateeb introduced into the conversation kept it moving in interesting directions.
discussions were great, always super interesting and engaging, the time would just pass while talking about the texts and deeper, more conceptual debates that would arise

## Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	12.50%	75.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%
I felt respected in this class.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%

## Additional comments about the course:

Comments
I like having the weekly response papers as a way to stay accountable and actually have something to contribute to discussion.

## I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	0.00%	100.00%
Anyone interested in the topic	0.00%	100.00%

## Thinking about your time in the class, what aspect of the instructor's teaching contributed most to your learning?

Comments
I liked the theoreticals and explanations of philosophy in discussion sections. The texts were difficult, but I felt professor Alkhateeb did a good job of explaining and making them accessible.
Seminars were engaging and intersting. Prof is very knowledgable and facilitates thought provoking discussions.
The lectures, specifically when they were used to clarify terms and precisely distinguish between different thinkers/schools of thought.
Great lectures, very engaging.
His passion and knowledge of the subject, the way he created a warm and playful culture in the classroom, his ability to tie the topics together and help us see how everything relates.
guiding discussions, having engaging lectures and challenging us to think, and promoting engagement and student participation in discussions
Dr. Alkhateeb was just such an interactive and engaging professor; he's honestly one of the best instructors I've ever had for just getting students interested in his teaching. Everyone was talking in his class, and he made concepts that could have been super dry incredibly memorable and interesting. I really admired him.

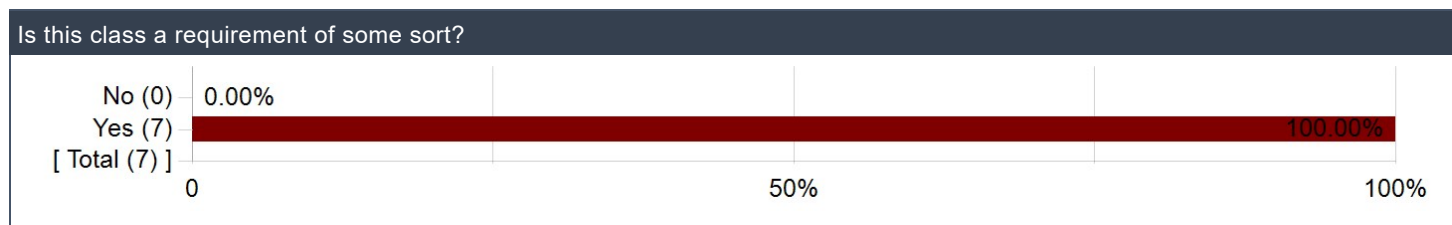
## What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
NOTHING
Nothing! Thank you so much, Professor Alkhateeb!
perhaps could include main points to focus on so that while reading history/theology, we know what ideas to be thinking about beforehand? otherwise nothing because it was really interesting and well-crafted assignments/classes

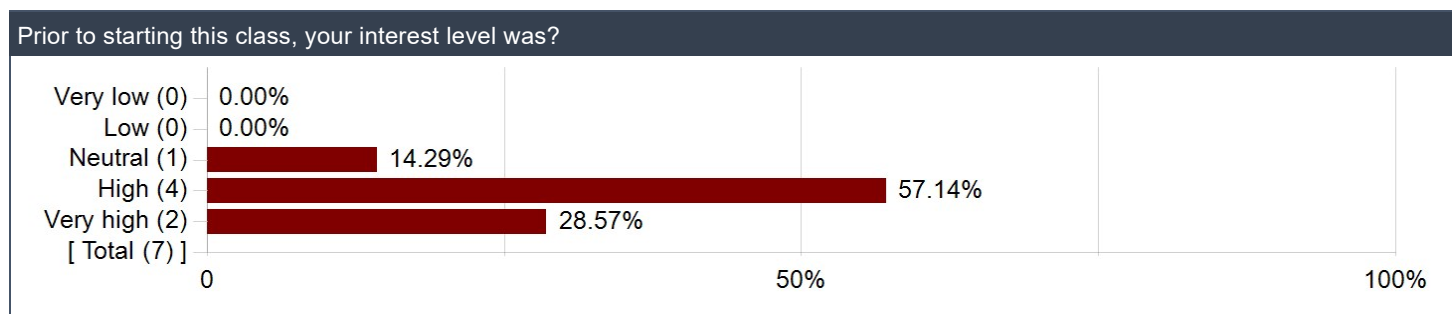
## The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	0.00%

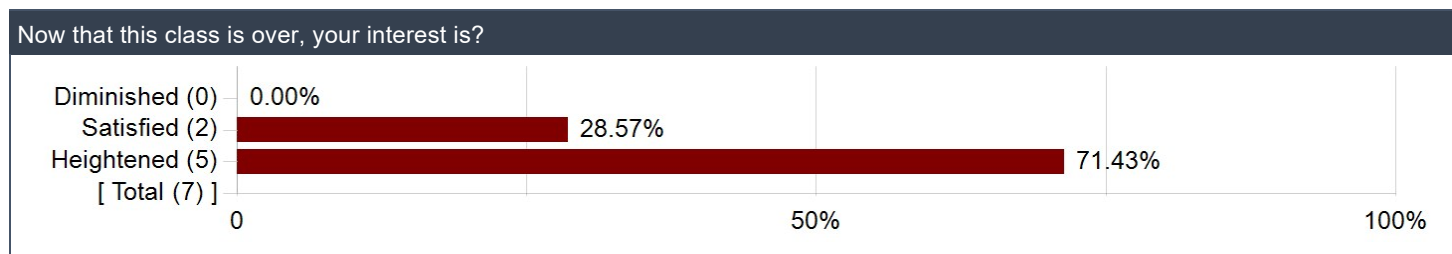
## Is this class a requirement of some sort?



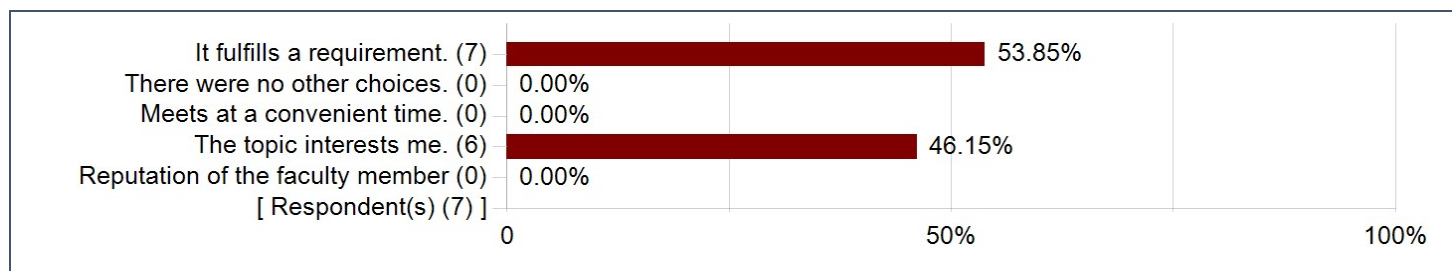
## Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



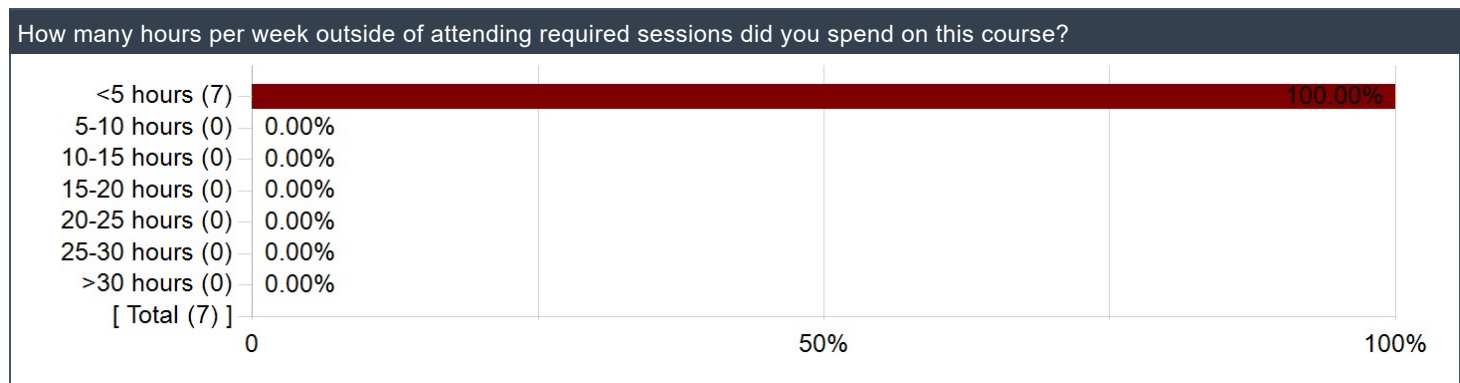
## Now that this class is over, your interest is?



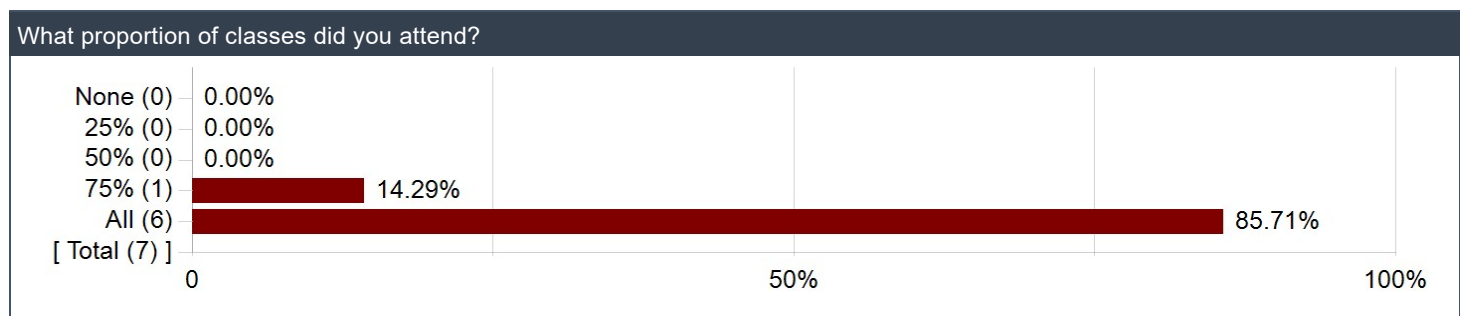
## Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



## How many hours per week outside of attending required sessions did you spend on this course?



## What proportion of classes did you attend?



## Please comment on the level of difficulty of the course relative to your background and experience.

Comments
This is a very accessible course for people who don't really know anything about islamic history or thought! definitely helps if you took part 1 but isn't necessary
The course load was very manageable. Readings were concise and responses were only expected once a week.
Not difficult.
It felt at just the right level having just come from the first quarter of the sequence. For someone who hasn't had the first quarter, I'd recommend doing just a little reading about the first few centuries of Islamic history and intellectual history to get the foundation.
was not difficult, i went in without taking the first quarter of the sequence and did fine, and texts were not too challenging personally for me and the workload was not intense
It was a fairly easy course for me, since I have some background in the topic, but I felt like I still learned a lot.