



HUMA 16100 8 - Media Aesthetics: Image, Text, Sound II - Instructor(s): Haitham Ibrahim

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

Number Enrolled: **17**

Number of Responses: **10**

Report Comments

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

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
This quarter compared to the first quarter was much more boring and full of not interesting texts, at least for me. We've done a lot of linguistics and talked about meaning, language, systems...
Second order observation, how to create and answer contention in essays
Different theoretical texts, how to write synthesis essays
How to analyze language and text as a medium from many different angle — using system theory, linguistic theories, etc. and then applying the theory to media examples.
We discussed Saussure's theory of signs, systems theory, the relationship between speech & writing, second-order observations, the death of the author (Barthes), and performative language. We looked at lots of media examples including Bandersnatch and the movies Interstellar & Arrival.
How language and text is used as a medium of communication, miscommunication, double contingency, systems theory, the performative theory of language.
systems, linguistics, performative language, etc.
Use of text in media through critical analysis and innovative discussions.

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

Comments
Discussions contributed the most
Lectures were entertaining and informative
Class discussions were helpful to clarify what parts of the reading were important.
There were 3 essays that comprised 75% of our grade. The class was mostly discussion-based — often the professor would show a media example or introduce a concept and ask us to discuss our thoughts or answer his questions in a small group and then go to a class discussion. The professor encouraged everyone to participate and guided discussion well.
The lectures were great and really helped me learn more.
it was really cool to apply philosophical concepts to movies, which is something everyone watches
The lectures by Professor Ibrahim really assisted on our learning as he provided us a very open space for discussions and made sure to answer all our doubts.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.20	4.50	0.00%	10.00%	10.00%	30.00%	50.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.40	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	40.00%	50.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.10	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	50.00%	30.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	20.00%	70.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.40	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	40.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.10	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	50.00%	30.00%
I felt respected in this class.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	30.00%	70.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.40	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	40.00%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
None
Interesting material for someone interested in media studies, just tough grader
The professor is a harsh grader. Beware!

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	10.00%	90.00%
Anyone interested in the topic	10.00%	90.00%

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

Comments
Prof Ibrahim is very helpful in office hours, and just an enlightening persob in general. It's always a mind opening experience to talk to him.
his lectures and power point slides.
Great discussions
I often enjoy the way that Professor Ibrahim teaches — I think he does a good job of clarifying concepts and introducing introducing points.
He was generous with his time outside class and clearly passionate about the material. Our section moved a bit slower than others and we were forced to cut a bit of material, but the professor let us choose what we wanted to discuss which I found very nice.
Professor Ibrahim was great in guiding the discussion and facilitate everything during class. The only problem is that the professor wouldn't cover the agreed upon agenda each lecture and just postpone it to the next lecture so we had to cancel some readings.
Professor Ibrahim was amazing at showing connections between the movies and philosophical concepts, connections we otherwise wouldn't have been able to make.
Holistic approach and knowledge on a wide range of fields, from literature to AI.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
I wish we did less linguistics and focused on other theories.
Nothing
Be more clear about what he expected for essays.
The professor often had lofty goals about what we would cover everyday and we always seemed to be falling behind, so it might be helpful if we had a syllabus that we stuck to a bit closer.
I'm not sure how this is possible (I guess this is the purpose of the Writing seminars), but maybe discuss some elements of essay writing in class and common pitfalls to avoid. The professor did briefly mention some general tips a couple of times but it was not the focus of the class. That being said, definitely go to office hours to develop your essay topic and make sure you're on the right track.
Trim some of the readings and do more close readings of more important readings.
nothing

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.10	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	50.00%	30.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	30.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	30.00%	70.00%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%	0.00%

Please include the name of the TA/CA/Intern you are evaluating. What aspects of the TA's teaching contributed most to your learning? What could the TA modify to help you learn more? Please include any additional feedback for the TA/CA/Intern.

Comments
The writing instructor was Michelle Hoban. She held our writing seminars and did a good job there. She graded one of my papers and I thought her feedback was good. I never went to her office hours so I can't speak to that.
Michelle Hoban, She is amazing, THE BEST!!!!
Michelle Hoban made writing seminars a welcoming area.
Michelle Hoban. Contributed most: openness to questions and availability.

The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	4.40	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	4.40	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	40.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	4.20	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	40.00%	40.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.20	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	40.00%	40.00%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.20	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	40.00%	40.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.40	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	40.00%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.40	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	40.00%	0.00%

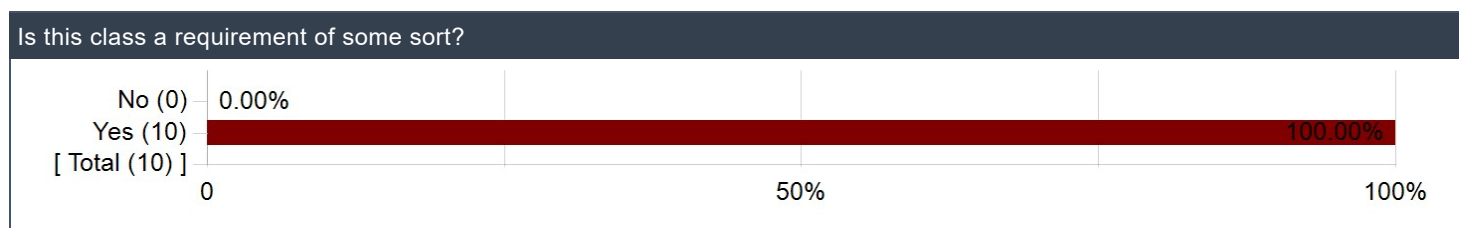
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	Mean	Median	No Gain	A Little Gain	Moderate Gain	Good Gain	Great Gain	N/A
Laboratory Experience	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Field Trips	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Library Sessions	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Review Sessions	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Writing Seminars	3.90	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	30.00%	30.00%	0.00%

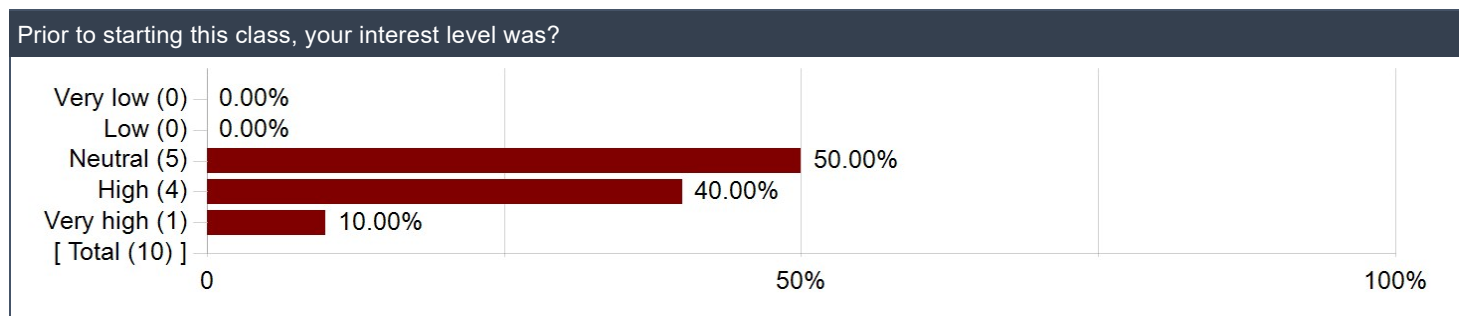
Other course elements not mentioned above:

Comments
None

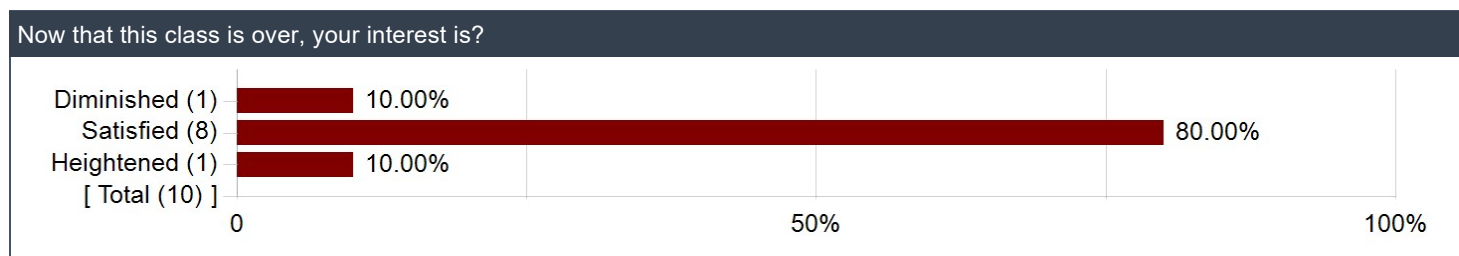
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



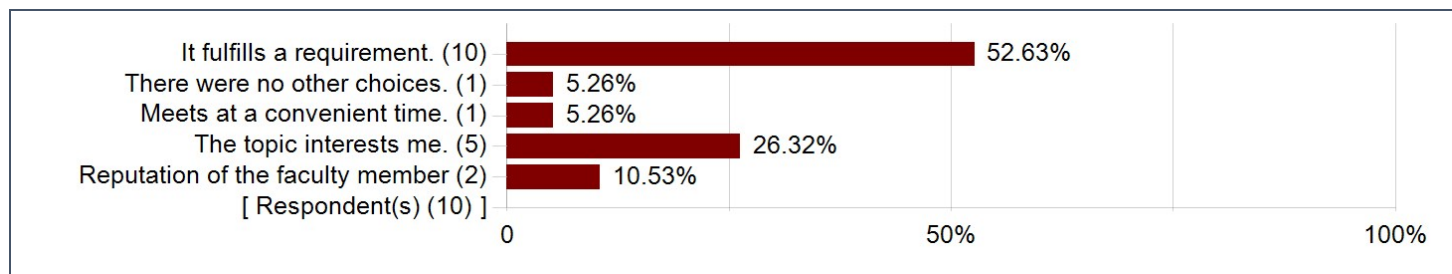
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



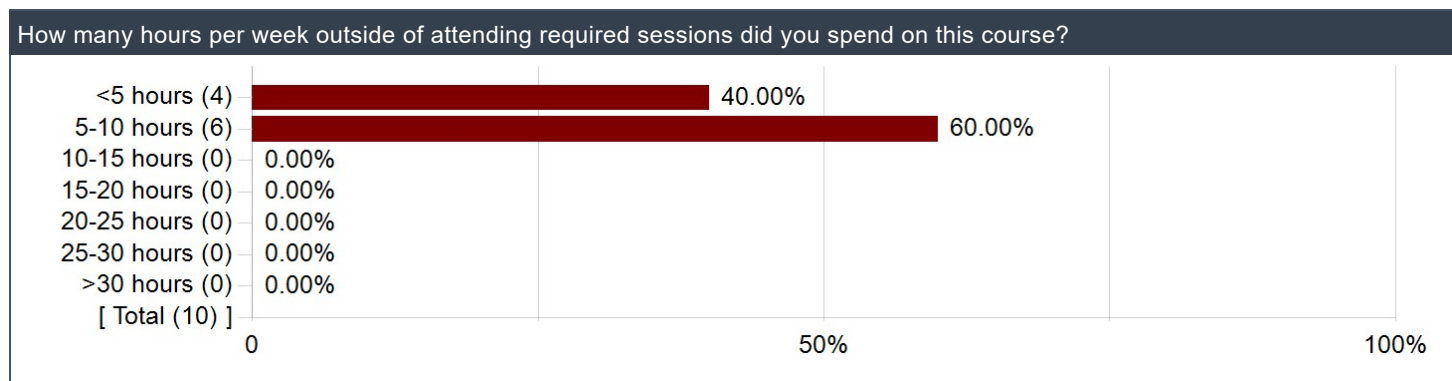
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



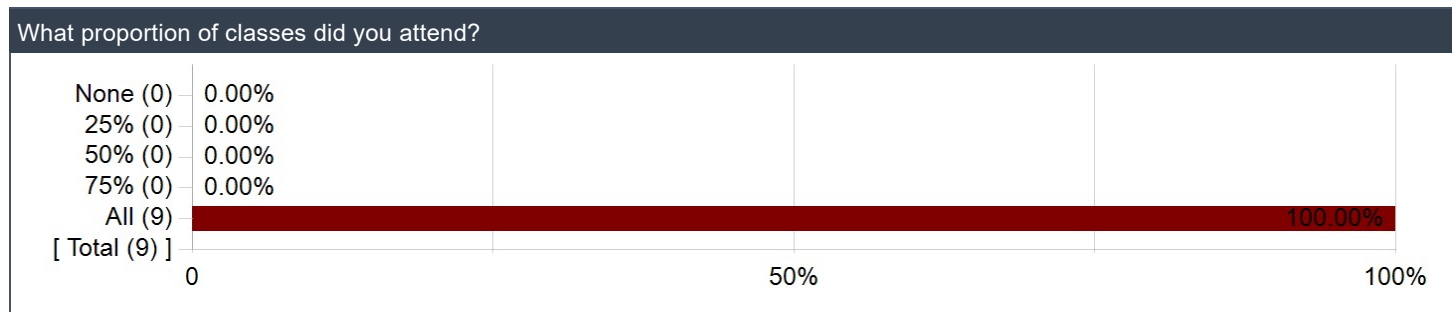
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
People say he is a harsh grader but I feel like he is a fair grader. The readings are not much and certainly doable.
Not super difficult
Readings were semi-difficult but discussed extensively in class. Was hard to get a good grade on essays
I don't really have any background specifically on the stuff we talked about, but I think it was still very approachable.
I took the previous quarter of Media with the same professor and thought this quarter presented more interesting material (media examples were better). He can be a bit harsh with grading, but I am not a great writer so take it with a grain of salt. That being said, it is by no means overly harsh and very doable to improve (I did). Don't be fooled into thinking this class is a free A though like I thought first quarter (unless you're a good writer, then it might very well be). You definitely have to put in a bit of effort, but, if motivated, it is quite doable.
The course is really easy, just the professor is a harsh grader for the papers.
the concepts are pretty dense but professor does a good job breaking them down and making them accessible
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