



SOSC 12500 30 - Self, Culture, and Society II - Instructor(s): Sevda Numanbayraktaroglu

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

Number Enrolled: **18**

Number of Responses: **9**

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

Comments
knowledge about Durkheim, Freud, Beauvoir
To think critically about Durkheim, Freud, Hegel, Beauvoir, and other important thinkers.
Discussed theories on race gender and identity. Discussed how society shapes personal and group identities, the difference between categories and concepts.
Interactions between the Individual / Society and how they play into each other on a multitude of topics like mental health, gender/cultural alienation, etc
I learnt a lot about how the self is socially constructed and the religious, gender-based, racial structures that inform our identities. Looking at Freud, Durkheim and authors such as Fanon, and Boudevoir, I learnt much about the mind's construction, the psyche, and the cultural impacts on both.
I learned the main points of important theorists like Freud, Durkheim, Beauvoir, and Fanon.
self, gender, race, mental health

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

Comments
Discussions and Sevda's lectures were quite helpful to understanding particular difficult texts.
Mostly was lecture based. Very helpful, dissected the concepts
Lectures which also had discussion elements were very helpful as they provided time to discuss and analyze the text which was often very nuanced.
I thoroughly enjoyed the lecture discussions twice a week. I felt we were able to capture the readings assigned for the class and discuss the important questions underlying these materials.
Discussions greatly contributed to my learning. The professor is an expert in her field and did well to connect the specific readings to broader class concepts and highlight important threads throughout the course. Sometimes in seminar classes, the main points can get lost and discussions can get too specific and go in circles– this was not the case here. The professor did an excellent job of connecting specific points to main themes, keeping major concepts present and clear throughout the class. She was also very concerned about the well-being of her students, and you can tell she genuinely cares about how we're doing and the academic and personal stresses that we're going through.
lectures and discussions with peers were helpful in clarifying concepts

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	57.14%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	57.14%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	57.14%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%
I felt respected in this class.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
N/A
Sevda is a wonderful teacher. She asks really thought provoking questions and makes the class more personal. She is very good at explaining concepts and brings many personal examples from her research and personal academic interests which are always super interesting and compelling. She really made me think a lot about the class concepts and understand them thoroughly and also in relation to how my identities interact with them.

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	0.00%	100.00%
Anyone interested in the topic	14.29%	85.71%

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

Comments
Often, Sevda would take time to walk through the main points of authors' arguments, which contributed a lot to my learning.
Sevda is an incredibly great teacher and great at explaining. She is very well spoken and clear about ideas and explains the many nuances of social theories. She truly helps you understand details that are key to understanding authors as a whole. She is very kind and understanding and creates a very open and comfortable class environment.
The discussion parts of the class were the most helpful in my learning.
Prof. Sevda was an excellent instructor and i would highly recommend any one take a class with her. She captures the readings and excites interesting discussion, allowing for both questions and debate, as well as highlighting the focal points of the readings. She cares a lot about her students and is uniquely in touch with the overall feeling of the class.
The professor was an expert at leading discussions and fleshing out the main ideas of each reading.
Lectures, powerpoints, presentations by peers, questions and discussions

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
sometimes the content is a little difficult, and it would definitely be great if we have more guidance
N/A – Sevda is great
Nothing, she is great.
A little more discussion a little less lecture, but honestly the balance was quite healthy
Nothing! She was amazing!
Nothing honestly
more powerpoints would be helpful

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%	0.00%

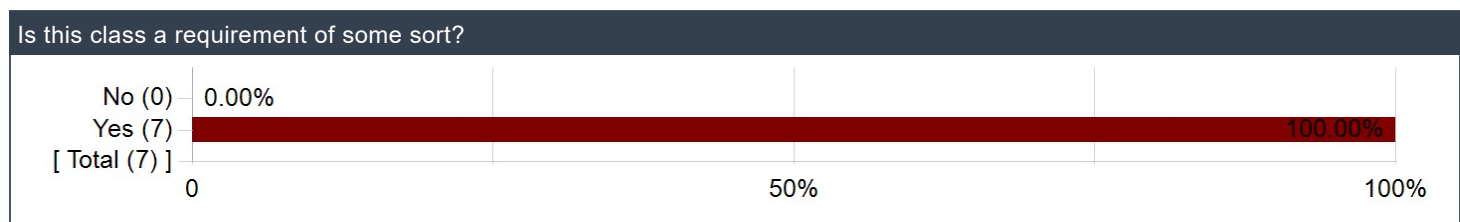
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%

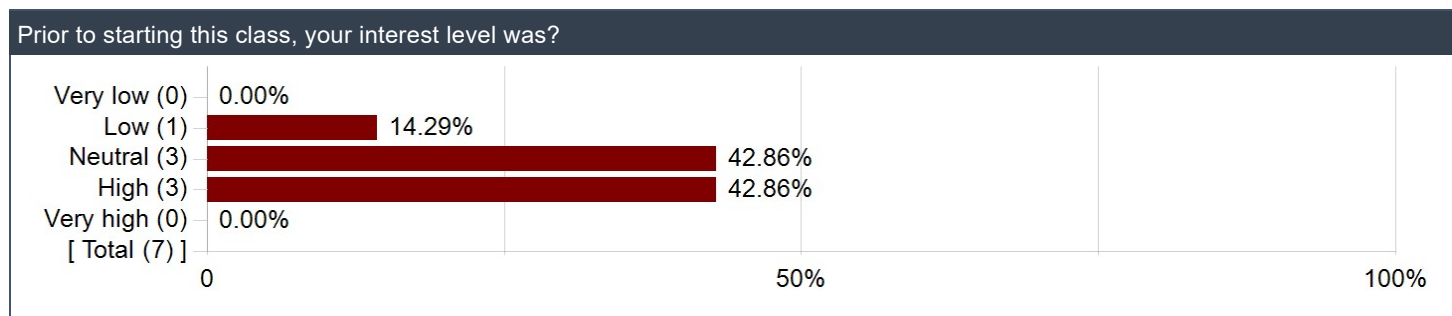
Other course elements not mentioned above:

Comments
Guest Lectures

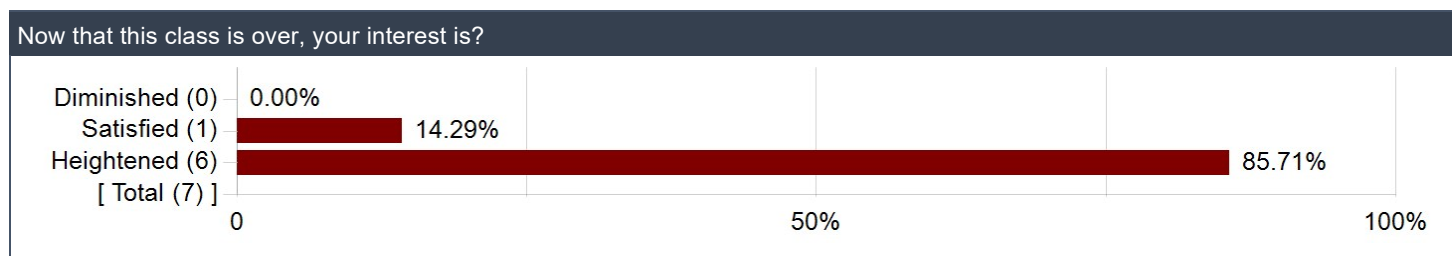
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



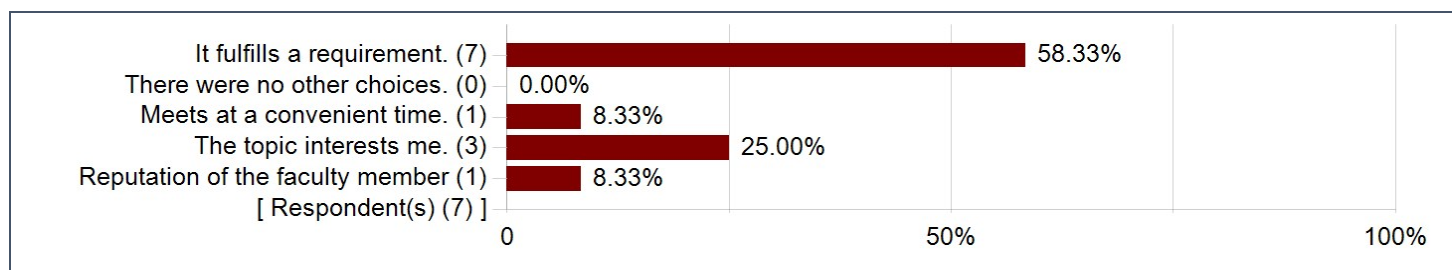
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



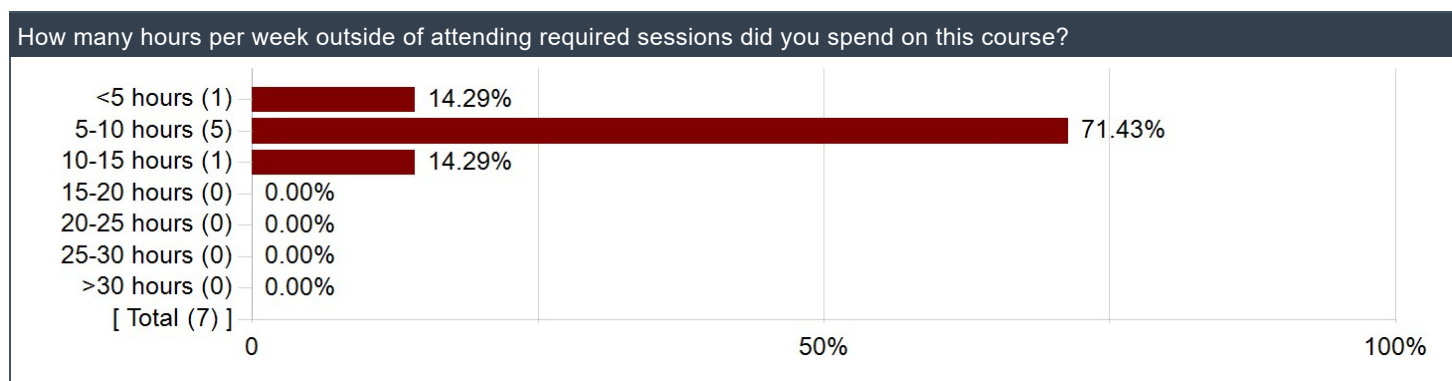
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



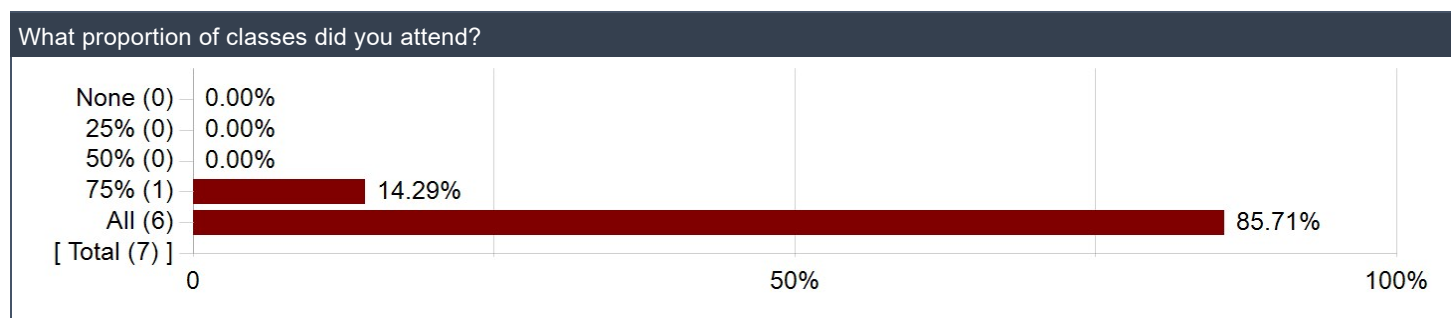
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
Not too bad overall
Slight background, but is very easy to understand as a class. The readings can be difficult but Sevda is great at dissecting them and explaining them!
Not exceedingly difficult, but not easy.
This class will challenge the way you think but does not require any prior experience with the topic material.
This course was appropriately difficult for a CORE SOSC seminar. You still have to put a good amount effort into the presentation and Midterm and Final essays, but I'd say it was completely manageable.