



# SOSC 11400 19 - Power, Identity, Resistance I - Instructor(s): Omar Kutty

Project Title: **College Course Feedback - Autumn 2023**

Number Enrolled: **8**

Number of Responses: **6**

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

Comments
How to understand and track the arguments of influential political thinkers, the broad history of Western political thought.
Social contract theory, evolution of society, governmental structures
I learned more about close reading.
General philosophies on pre-civilized humanity, government and sovereign duties, and how authors respond to one another.
I learned about a lot of theorists, overall it also helped me improve my writing.

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

Comments
The seminars were great places to discuss and get the opinions of other classmates as well as the professor, and gave me a lot of insight about the texts we had to study.
Discussions were slow at the beginning but eventually picked up as the course progressed, making them more helpful
The lectures explained some topics that were confusing in the text.
Professor is anti-technology (laptops and phones not generally allowed unless it contains a class reading). Lectures were helpful in understanding content.
The discussions and office hours as well as guidance of the TA, all helped me in the class.

**Please respond to the following:**

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	3.67	3.50	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	33.33%	16.67%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	3.33	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	33.33%	0.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	66.67%	16.67%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	66.67%	16.67%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
I felt respected in this class.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	66.67%	16.67%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	3.80	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	40.00%	20.00%

**Additional comments about the course:**

Comments
I don't personally enjoy this topic and was hoping I would get into Mind for sosc, but that's on me. This is my second time trying to get credit for sosc. I'm sure other people enjoy the content, but I personally find the readings boring.

**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
He was great at leading class discussions and nudging us in the right direction without always giving us the exact right answers. He also helped bring some of the texts into a more modern context, which made them easier to understand.
Office hours that addressed specific questions as well as a writing guide
The instructor lectured about some aspects that are important to know in order to understand the books, but there were some points where the explanations confused me more than when I started.
In-class discussions and engaged questions
The instructor was really good at providing guidance in understanding the books we read in discussions. This helped me with writing my papers.

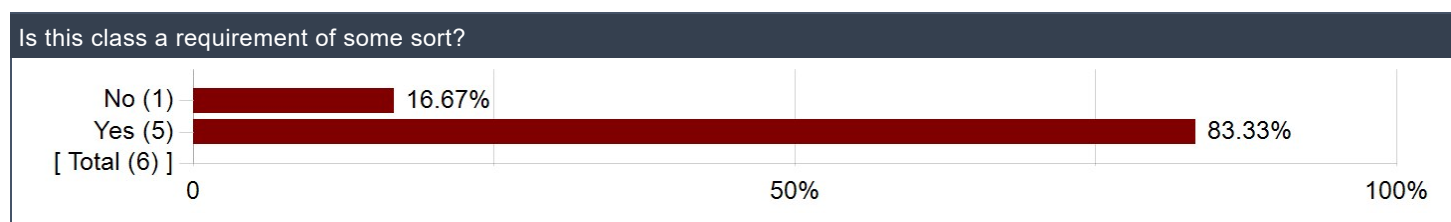
## What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Sometimes, classes would get too involved in reviewing what we did in previous classes rather than covering new content.
Clear road map for class, while some classes were structured, others seemed to be aimless in nature
Bringing diagrams to express what he sees when he looks at the books would assist in the level of understanding. This was done for Rousseau and it helped in visualizing what he meant when discussing time periods.
I'm unsure since I'm generally uninterested in this topic.

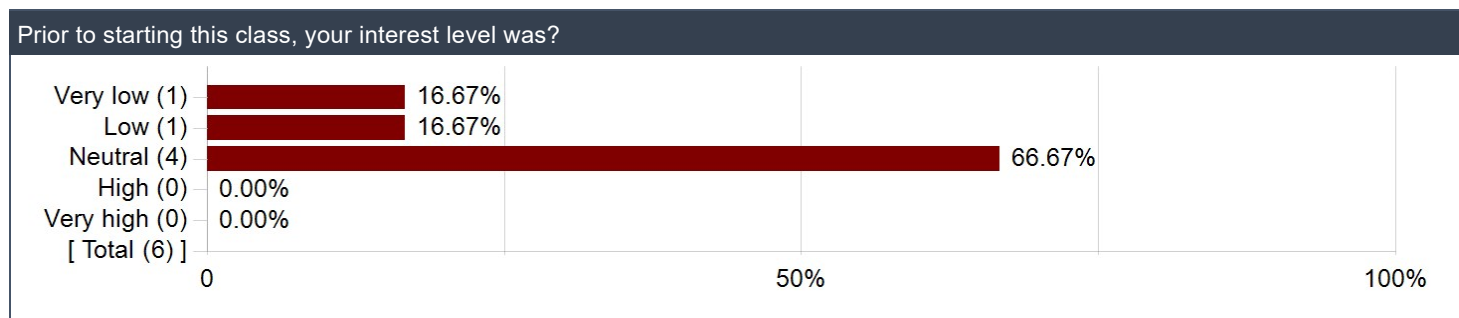
## The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	3.80	4.00	0.00%	16.67%	16.67%	16.67%	33.33%	16.67%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	3.80	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	16.67%	16.67%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	16.67%	33.33%	16.67%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	3.80	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	16.67%	16.67%
Challenged you to learn.	3.80	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	66.67%	0.00%	16.67%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	3.80	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	66.67%	0.00%	16.67%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.40	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	33.33%	16.67%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	50.00%	16.67%	16.67%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	3.00	3.00	0.00%	16.67%	50.00%	16.67%	0.00%	16.67%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	3.60	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	16.67%	16.67%	16.67%

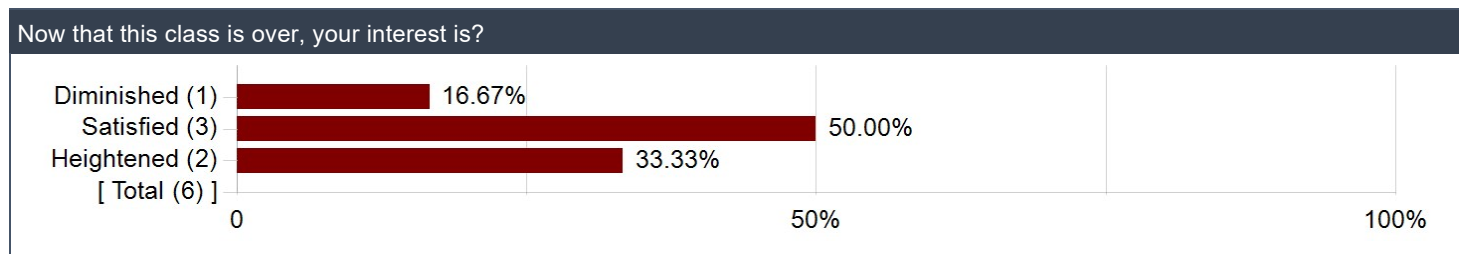
## Is this class a requirement of some sort?



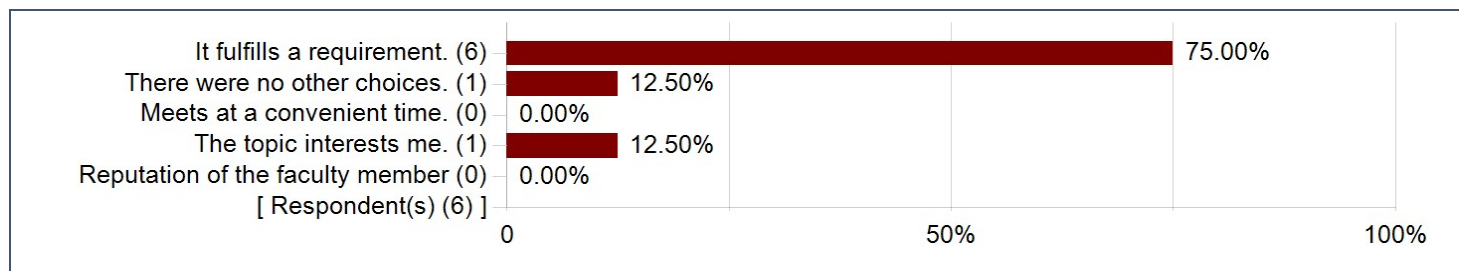
### Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



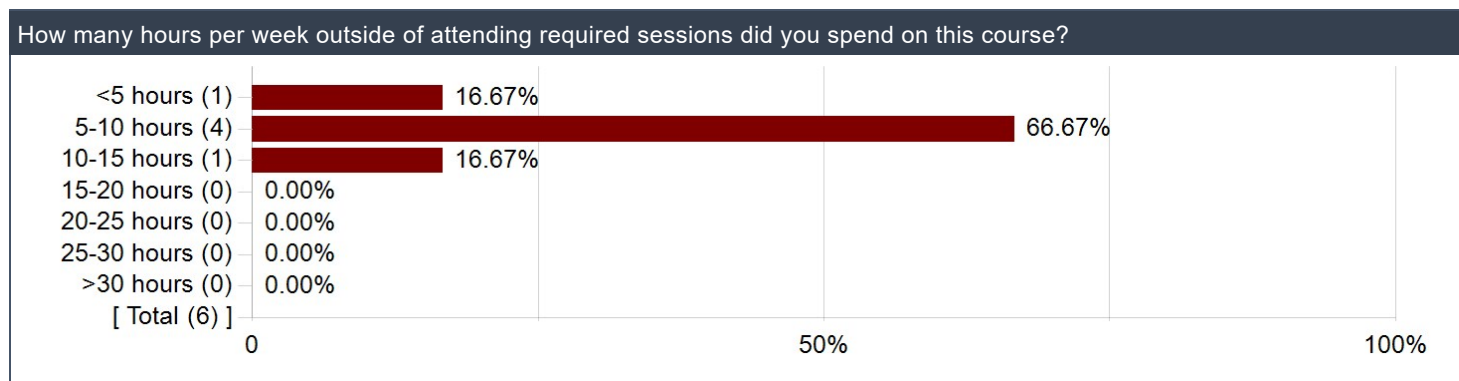
### Now that this class is over, your interest is?



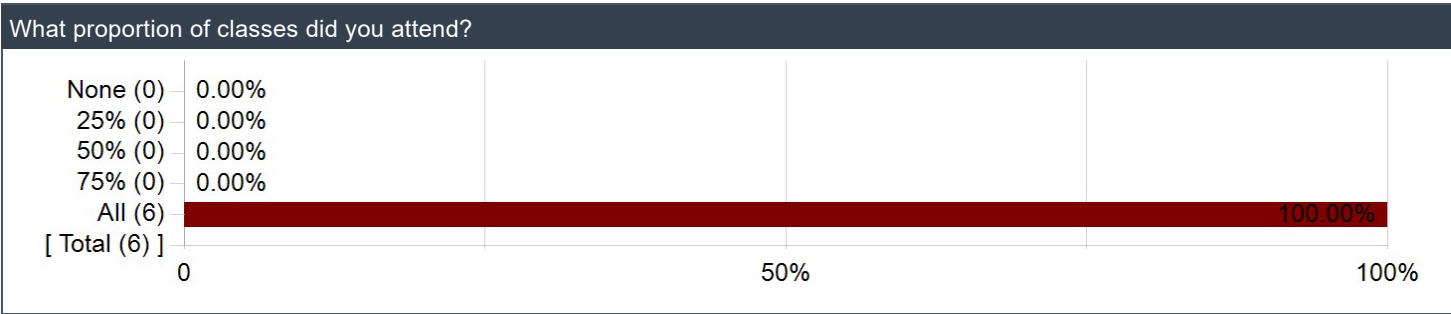
### Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



### 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
The course was definitely difficult as someone who hasn't read these kinds of texts before, but once I got used to it, it got much more manageable. Not as difficult as most people say it is!
I had minimal experience but found the class to be accommodating to someone with no background in political philosophy
This course was difficult due to a couple aspects. Strong readers and writers should succeed in this course.
I struggle with this type of content. Others seem to enjoy this class, despite being first-years. I definitely think it's one of the harder socs sequences (RIP Mind). I'm really hoping I can get through it this year and honestly I wasn't expecting to enjoy it and still haven't, but I've been trying to try as hard as I can on it.
I had zero information about the reading prior, I'd say try to keep up with readings (it can be a lot at times especially if you have other reading heavy classes too), if anything try to skim through them, the prof was very helpful in discussions and helped us understand a lot of the texts that were harder to understand.