



SOSC 12400 5 - Self, Culture, and Society I - Instructor(s) - Tracey Rosen

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

Number Enrolled: **15**

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.

Creation Date: **Friday, January 31, 2025**

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

Comments
difference lenses of social theorists
Economic theory
Very interesting and thought provoking information on capitalism and the way our society works. Especially the idea that capitalism hasn't always been the norm, that it has been transitioned to and now widely adopted, and the ability to see different authors opinions on it throughout times was fascinating.
Social theory, from Ibn Khaldun to Max Weber, passing by Thomas Hobbes, Adam Smith, and Karl Marx. We also looked at applying those theories to understand historical events or contemporary issues.
Learning a very large range of thought, helped me learn how to think like an anthropologist. Most of all, I found MANY occasions in my daily life that applied heavily to what I learned in the course.
I thought this course left me with a much better understanding of capitalism and pre-industrial society.
Methods of reading dense academic work were definitely useful for certain authors, and the weekly brief response papers were good practice (albeit not the most fun to write).
Hobbes social contract Smith's division of labor Marx's alienation and formation of labor in a capitalist society

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

Comments
I like the way she structures class. Its a good in between between lecture and discussion
Discussions were amazing for increasing depth of understanding. Rosen does a phenomenal job of keeping conversations flowing in the right direction without completely guiding us to the big ideas, allowing the students to find their own way naturally.
– the lectures were very engaging and interaction. The discussions were very fruitful and insightful. The readings were well organized so that we would not have a lot to read at once.
The discussions were very helpful in developing my understanding of the text.
Seminars were interesting and engaging; optional extra-credit lectures were less helpful but good nonetheless.
Essay and response papers

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.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%
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.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	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.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%
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
Very great class to understand Karl Marx and his work
N/A
Prof. Rosen was absolutely great. I loved the way she led discussions and the topics she chose to cover under each author— I would definitely take her class again.

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 think she guides discussion very well and helps digest the texts.
Discussions and Rosen's guiding of conversations, as well as the short couple minute lectures that were occasionally included to give an introduction and background to a work.
The discussions in class, the small group discussions too were very helpful.
Professor Rosen was extremely helpful in teaching us how to improve with our writing and making sure we are accurately interpreting the texts. I greatly appreciate having her as a Professor.
Prof. Rosen is very good at guiding class discussions.
Seminars varied between being instructor-led and student-driven, and both were great for better understanding the course material.
Discussion

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Maybe using canvas. I would like to be able to keep track of my grade.
Nada
N/A
N/A
A bit more time between when response paper prompts were given out and when they were due would have been helpful.

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.56	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	22.22%	66.67%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	87.50%	12.50%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	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.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	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.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%

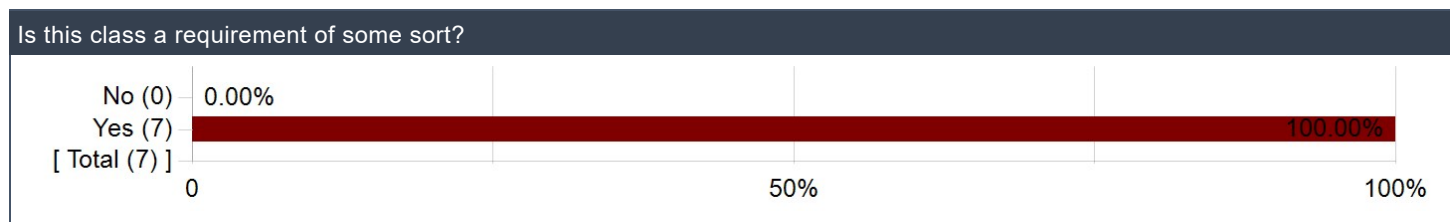
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

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

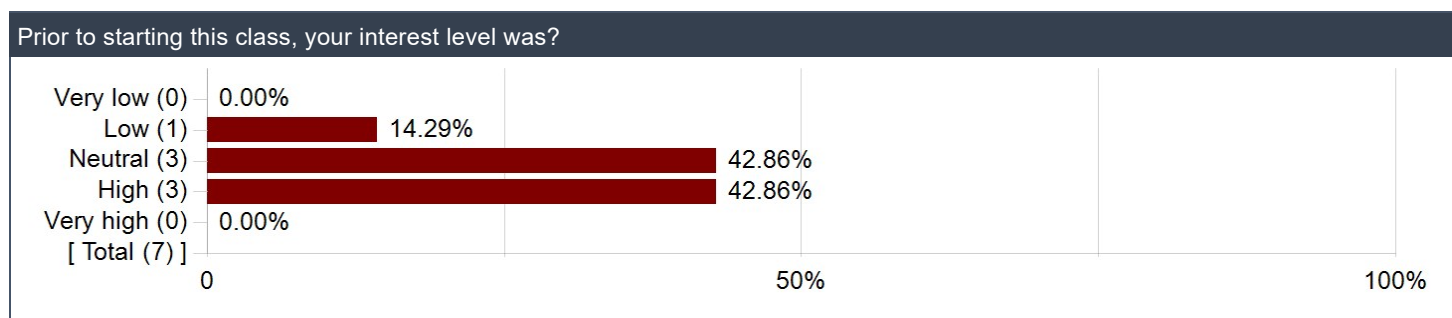
Other course elements not mentioned above:

Comments
– the seminars were very great and insightful
lectures on Marx and Weber outside of course

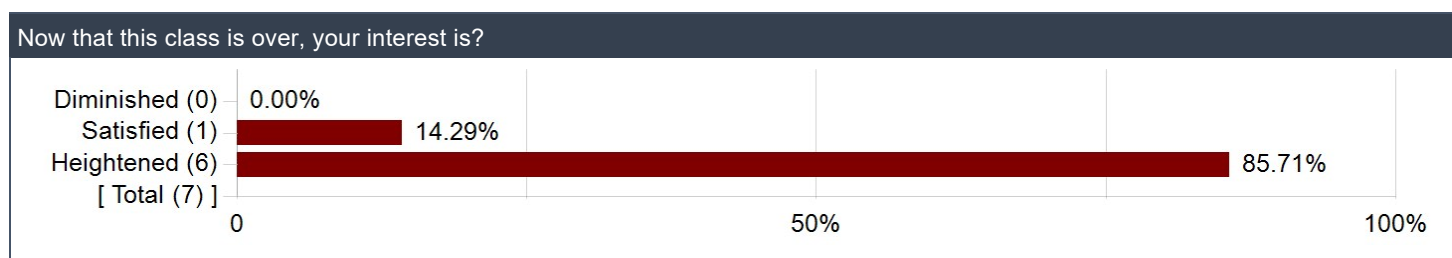
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



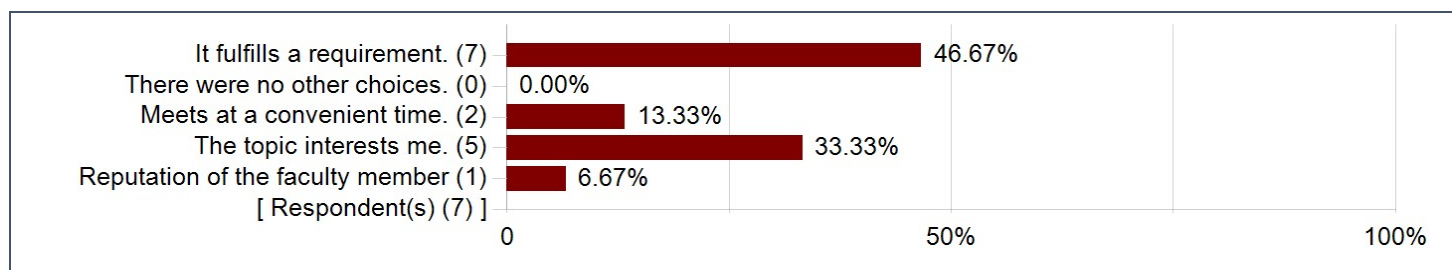
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



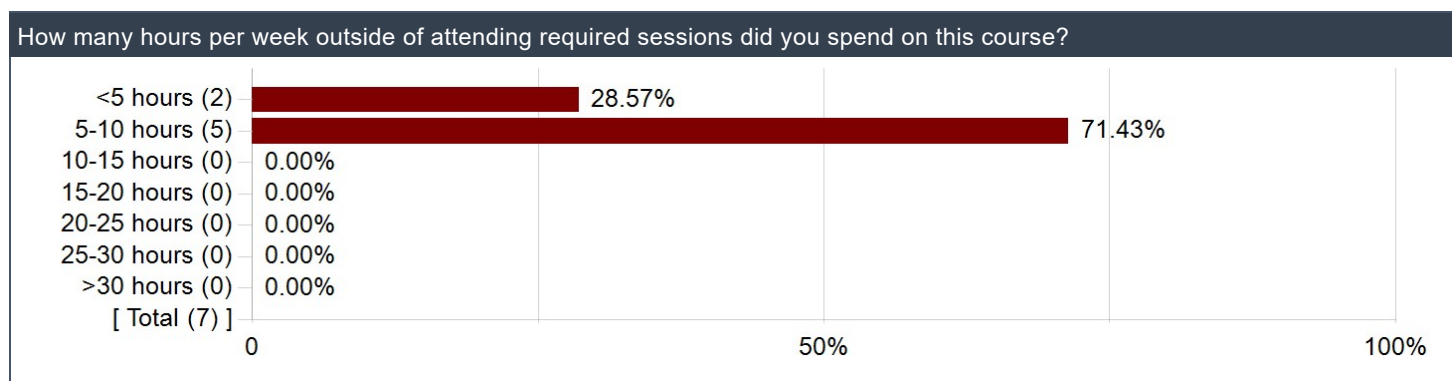
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



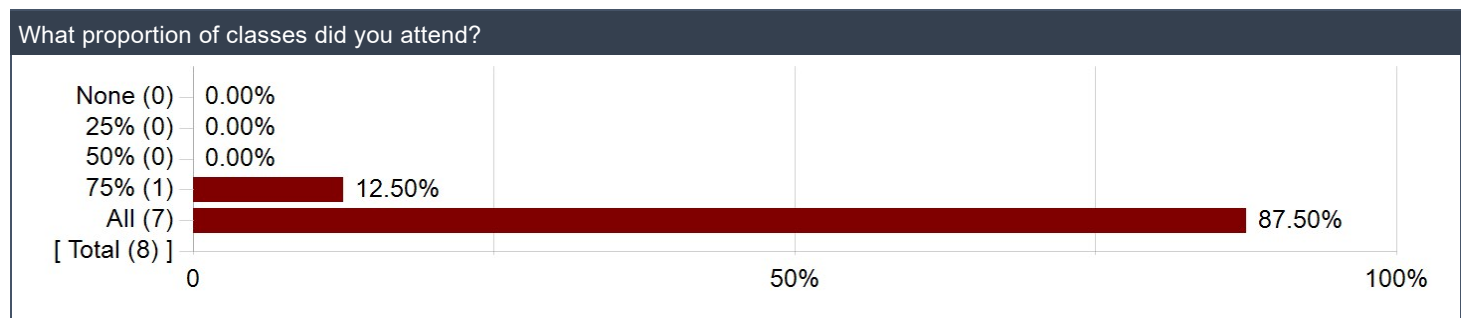
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
Its only difficult if you don't do the readings
There's no way to get by and get an A without trying, however this is not a course that's designed to kill its students. I had zero background or experience with these topics and found the course challenging but extremely manageable.
Very great. The reading are not very hard (except Hobbs and Hegel)
I had no prior experience and I thought the course was not overchallenging
I had some experience with certain authors, but not a significant level— I felt like I could keep up perfectly well with the topics covered.