



HUMA 11000 10 - Readings in World Literature I - Instructor(s): Kimberly Kenny

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

Number Enrolled: **15**

Number of Responses: **7**

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, February 2, 2024**

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

Comments
I learned how to discuss ancient texts and turn that discussion into an essay.
how to understand a different culture and its values through its literature, how to read closely even when author's intention is less obvious
Writing skills and the ability to unpack dense texts with unfamiliar or old language structures.
I improve my ability to analyze and write about texts
I learned more about world cultures and ancient texts.
I learned how to skim readings for important details and how to write an effective analysis essay,
This course definitely helped me fine tune my ability to read complicated texts .

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

Comments
The discussions contributed most significantly to my learning.
discussions were really interesting – I enjoyed hearing everyone's interpretations of the texts and thought Professor Kenny did a good job making sure everything important was covered
The discussions were really engaging, and Prof. Kenny's questions and takes on the books greatly improved the depth of my understanding.
I found the class discussions helpful
discussion facilitated a lot of learning and my essay skills improved through essay assignments.
The frequent essays were very beneficial to my learning as they gave me the chance to actually practice my writing in a way that would be noticeable by the end of the year.
The in class discussions helped you notice things you otherwise wouldn't.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.29	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	71.43%	28.57%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.43	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	57.14%	42.86%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	3.43	4.00	14.29%	0.00%	14.29%	71.43%	0.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.43	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	57.14%	42.86%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.00	4.00	14.29%	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	42.86%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.43	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	57.14%	42.86%
I felt respected in this class.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	57.14%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	57.14%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Although the course overall was excellent, the essay feedback was very unclear. My essays had minimal feedback, with it mostly just being comments like "Strong!" but the essay still lost points. I still don't understand why or where I lost points. If I don't know what I did wrong, then I don't know how to get better. I am super confused about where my essays went wrong, and the feedback I've been given so far just doesn't tell me where I messed up.
Having a "professor's choice" book in the curriculum was a very cool feature. My professor, Kim Kenny, was a Germanic Studies professor and so we read an Icelandic Saga.
It is a decent bit of reading, but you can always just read summaries if you don't have time.

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
Professor Kenny's warm, kind demeanor contributed the most to my learning. Her welcoming nature inspired me to participate in class as well as to engage with the text.
She did a fantastic job leading discussions – she made sure everyone was able to speak in discussions, and added her own interpretations of the text to the discussion, which was very helpful as we as students sometimes passed over the nuances
She was extremely helpful with feedback of drafts for all the essays.
Nothing in particular
Her essay comments were very helpful and extensive knowledge of the text.
The instructor did a great job facilitating discussions, giving feedback on essays, and conveying what the expectations of the class were.
She facilitated great discussions.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
I would really appreciate if you could tell me where I made mistakes on my essays. I don't understand where I lost points or why.
maybe be a little more clear about what exactly is expected in essays? this was not communicated and I was a little confused what the standards were
Nothing in particular
It would help for her to be more vocal during discussions.
I honestly don't know how the instructor could improve.
Nothing really, she did a really good job.

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.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	57.14%	14.29%
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.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	57.14%	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.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	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
Sophia Sherry
The writing specialist was Sophia Sherry. She was at times disorganized, but her feedback on essays was helpful.

The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	3.50	3.50	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	3.50	3.50	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%

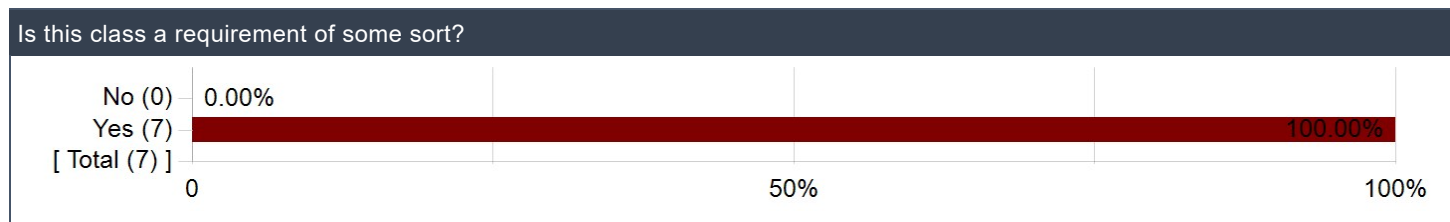
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%	0.00%	83.33%
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	3.00	3.00	16.67%	16.67%	33.33%	16.67%	16.67%	0.00%

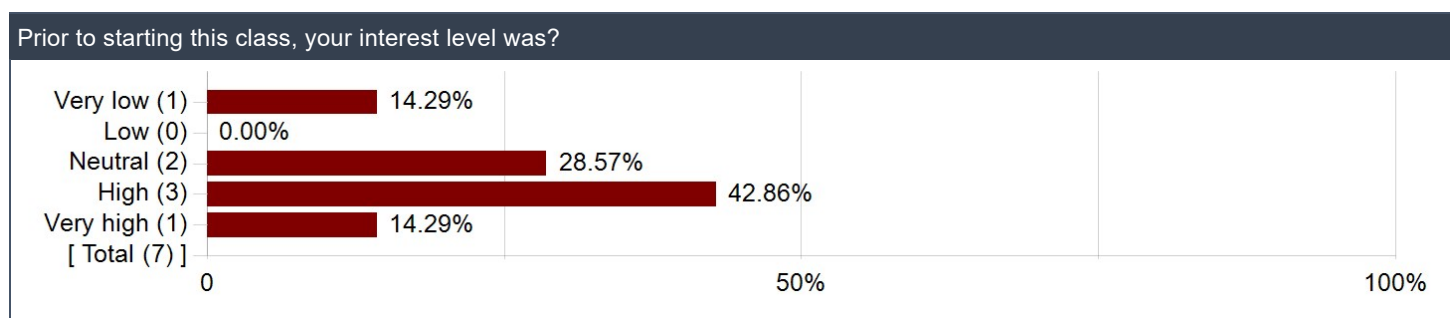
Other course elements not mentioned above:

Comments
N/A
A few extra lectures by experts on the texts outside of class time – these were very interesting, especially since we were generally inexperienced with the texts and the cultures they were from
A couple of special lectures at the ISAC about the Epic of Gilgamesh and Mahabharata. Those were very engaging, and we got to hear from leading scholars on the respective texts. We also got to see physical excavated fragments of the tablets on which Gilgamesh was written.

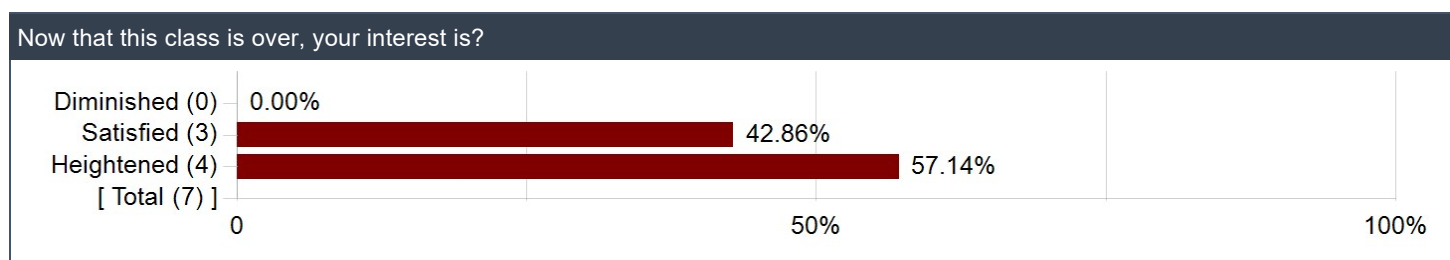
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



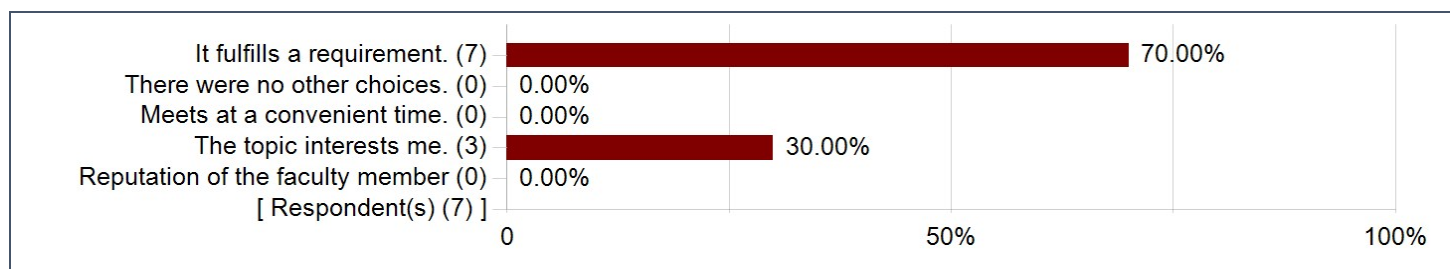
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



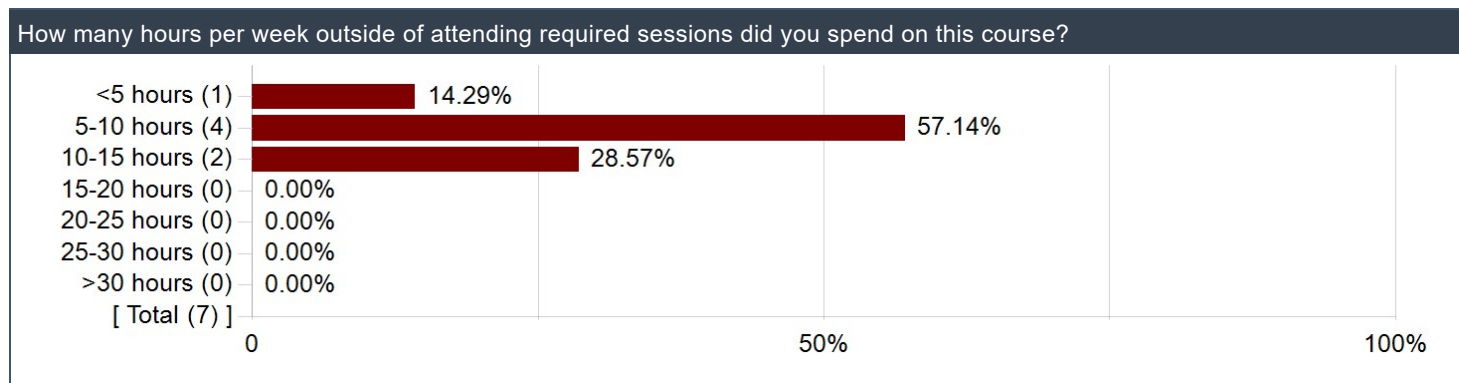
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



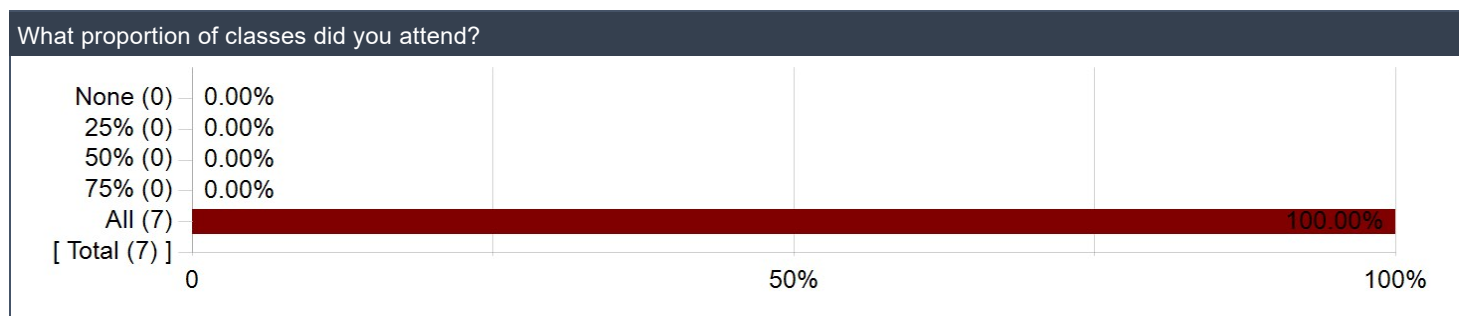
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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 course was a reasonable amount of difficulty.
It was about the same as an AP English class, in my opinion
If you are comfortable with writing, I think you will be fine. The reading is substantial, but mostly enjoyable.
The texts we read were new to me and as such, I struggled at first to take them in. Overall, however, the class was not difficult.
It was slightly difficult, but it's just essays and readings, so it's mostly just time intensive.