

SOSC 11600 19 - Power, Identity, Resistance III - Instructor(s) - Omar Kutty

Project Title: College Course Feedback - Spring 2024

Number Enrolled: 10 Number of Responses: 6

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

Professor Omar facilitates interesting conversations about the authors and overall has an eccentric personality. It's clear that he has lots of knowledge about the authors but sometimes overshares his opinions to the point where it becomes problematic (particularly when he had implied a discrediting of nontraditional gender and when he said an offensive slur, that is often seen as inexcusable, in reference to a quote). Still, I found the overall experience of having him as a professor more humorous than seriously offensive, though this comes along with the bias that I was not the student that was misgendered by them, and I don't have particularly strong feelings towards most of his opinions.

I learned about how individuals perceive each other based on things such as gender, race, and more.

Self-other relationship, reciprocal recognition, nature and politics relationship

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

Comments

Lectures were sometimes interesting and other times boring. I'm not particularly fond of reading classes, especially at UChicago, though I found myself interested in some topics, such as women's place between nature and peer other. I fell asleep in class less often than usual this quarter though (but that's a personal issue, not reflective of the professor's teaching abilities)

The course was entirely discussion based and they were integral to me understanding the readings done for that class.

Discussion was helpful in clarifying confusion in reading

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	16.67%	66.67%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.33	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	33.33%	50.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	3.83	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	50.00%	16.67%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.17	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	16.67%	50.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	3.50	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	16.67%	16.67%
My work was evaluated fairly.	3.83	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	50.00%	16.67%
I felt respected in this class.	3.67	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	0.00%	33.33%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%

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

The instructor was really good about explaining key concepts of each reading. The diagrams drawn were particularly helpful in connecting ideas across all the texts.

Answered questions well

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments

Have more information on hand to help the students understand what the authors are trying to convey when they are known for getting to the point later on in the book.

Nothing in particular

Allow more freedom for alternative interpretations of text

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.40	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.20	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	0.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	20.00%	40.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	3.80	4.00	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	40.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	20.00%	40.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	20.00%	40.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.20	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	0.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	20.00%	40.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	3.80	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	0.00%	40.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	20.00%	40.00%	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

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The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
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.	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	2.00	2.00	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

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

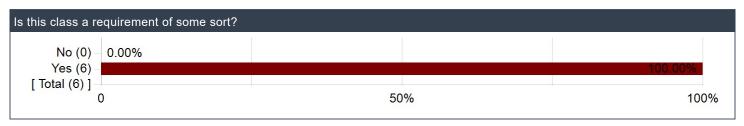
	Mean	Median	No Gain	A Little Gain	Moderate Gain	Good Gain	Great Gain	N/A
Laboratory Experience	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Field Trips	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Library Sessions	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Review Sessions	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Writing Seminars	1.50	1.50	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Other course elements not mentioned above:

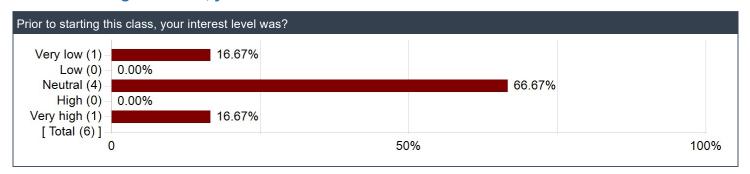
Comments

I just want to give a quick shout—out to the writing instructor for doing their best and being a friendly acquaintance. That being said, I feel that the writing tutor and the professor were often at odds with each other about particular advice about essays, and I was often confused at what the professor preferred (I received a higher score on an essay I though had turned out worse than a different one). The professor often. leaves very vague feedback (example: "???" in reference to 4 paragraphs), so it would be great if he could provide more specific feedback in future comments. I felt dismissed when I tried reaching out about discrepancies in expectations between the two, but it wasn't the end of the world

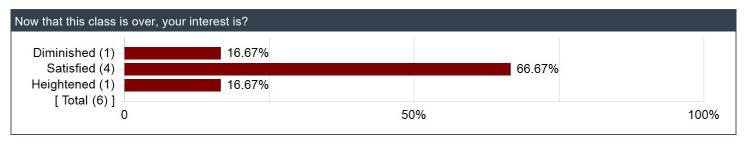
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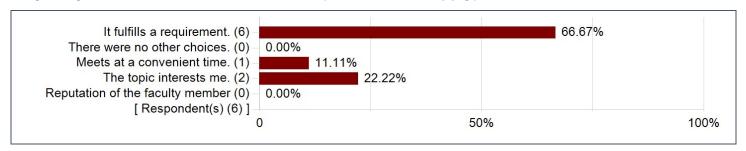
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



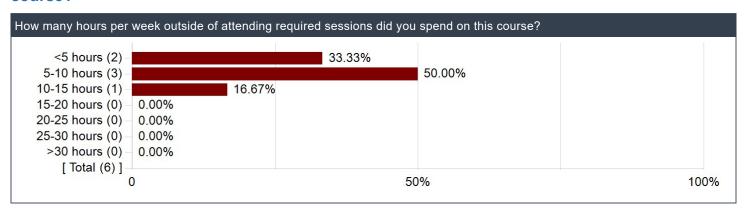
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



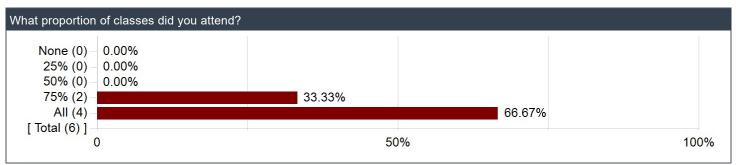
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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 professor is chill but can be perceived as problematic due to his strong opinions and eccentric personality. He's still a smart guy with interesting dialogue, and we even made him a booklet that's accessible online (but I won't link it because then it would give away my anonymity)

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