



SOSC 16100 7 - Global Society I - Instructor(s): Hannah Borenstein

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

Number Enrolled: **19**

Number of Responses: **11**

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
We read works from writers across cultures and time periods: Han Feizi, Ibn Khaldun, Rousseau, Hobbes, Sarmiento, etc.
It was really interesting to understand the authors we read and Borenstein brought interesting questions to our discussion that made me think deeper than what I've done in a normal HUMA class.
I learned how to write short summaries of readings
We learned about the ideas of many political thinkers around the world and had a diverse array of topics covered from education, to nature, to property, to governments.
How to think critically around complex texts — Hobbes is no joke. Also, a lot about how global societies are governed.
critical thinking and constant comparison of authors
I learned how societies across the globe and across time have evolved as a result of geological, political, and social factors. I learned how to read difficult texts efficiently and how to synthesize the information I learned in them.
How to compare philosophical ideas across different philosophers, with important external factors in mind like culture, society, and the time period in which they were writing.
how to write; grammar; thinking critically

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

Comments
Class discussions were engaging
Class was really important to learn about the themes and the authors and how they all intertwine or contradict one another
weekly reading summaries <500 words and one final essay
Discussions were helpful to connecting many of the ideas.
Discussions were great, had a great class. The weekly reading responses (500 words) were long but very helpful to understand the material. Prof. Borenstein's comments were always thoughtful and straightforward.
in class discussions helped me understand the material
Each class was basically just a discussion which was nice. I think if the discussions were a little more guided at first we could probably get to a deeper understanding of the subject, but overall conversations were interesting and helpful.
In-class discussions were very engaging and provided me with new perspectives on the reading. Dr. Borenstein structured them very well and encouraged our participation and critical thinking about the texts we read.
discussions

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.56	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	44.44%	55.56%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.33	5.00	11.11%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	66.67%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.22	5.00	11.11%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	55.56%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.22	5.00	11.11%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	55.56%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.33	5.00	11.11%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	66.67%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.33	5.00	11.11%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	66.67%
I felt respected in this class.	4.44	5.00	11.11%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	77.78%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.44	5.00	11.11%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	77.78%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
I liked the readings more than the huma core
a queen.
Would recommend this for socs as it is very interesting, especially if you like global history and politics.
Such a great class. The material was interesting and completely different to the things I'd read before. Prof. Borenstein wants us to be successful and leave the class with practical skills and the ability to think critically and work through complex ideas. Super valuable, even if I don't see myself referencing Hobbes or Han Feizi in day to day life.
Very interesting texts introduced me to new ways to think about the world.
Not my favorite I felt like the teacher didn't respect me and she was not a fair grader AT ALL. I was really looking forward to the class before but she ruined it for me

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	10.00%	90.00%
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 Borenstein always led good discussions
Her discussions
comments on writing was very helpful and also just great prof for discussions too
She is very direct in her comments, and her questions push everyone to think about the text in different ways.
Professor Borenstein did a great job of explaining concepts if people did not understand
The professor was able to keep the class engaged and keep things interesting without losing focus on the topic at hand.
Dr. Borenstein led discussions very well, and she knew how to structure the classes so that we were always coming up with new ideas. I find that discussion courses can sometimes become unengaging if they are focusing on one idea for too long, but Dr. Borenstein had great prompts to keep us thinking and engaged during the entire class period.
telling em to write less formal

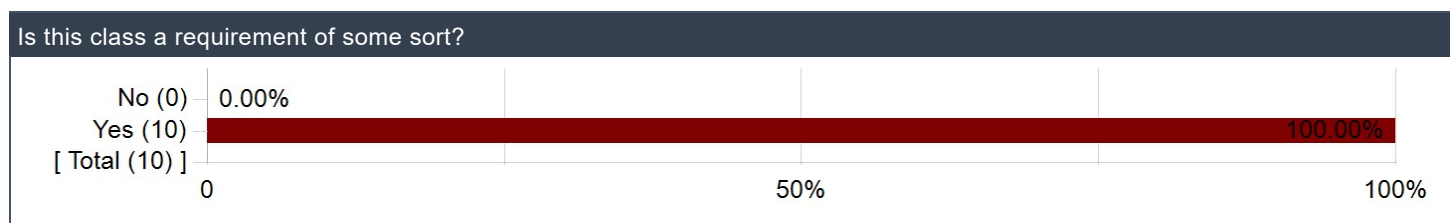
What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Can't think of anything
There could be more structure within the class
n/a
Nothing!
nothing
Guiding the discussions a little more when the class is confused/not thinking deeply enough.
I spent some time confused on quotation regulations because I felt like I got conflicting corrects in my reading responses, and I wasn't sure what the formatting was meant to be by the time I got to the end of the class and the final paper.
Sop grading weirdly and stop being passive aggressive towards students

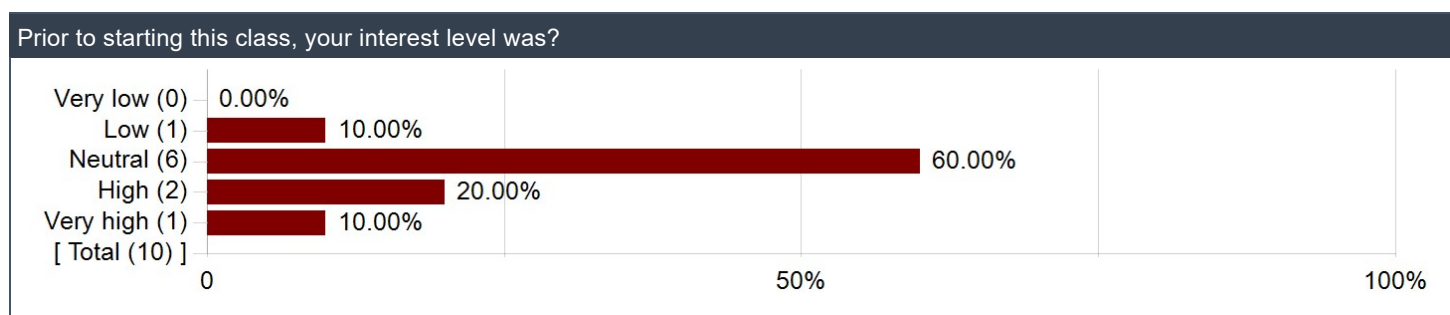
The Instructor . . .

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Organized the course clearly.	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	44.44%	44.44%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	33.33%	22.22%	22.22%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.56	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	22.22%	66.67%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	11.11%	77.78%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.56	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	22.22%	66.67%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.11	5.00	11.11%	0.00%	11.11%	22.22%	55.56%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.44	5.00	0.00%	11.11%	0.00%	22.22%	66.67%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	11.11%	77.78%	0.00%

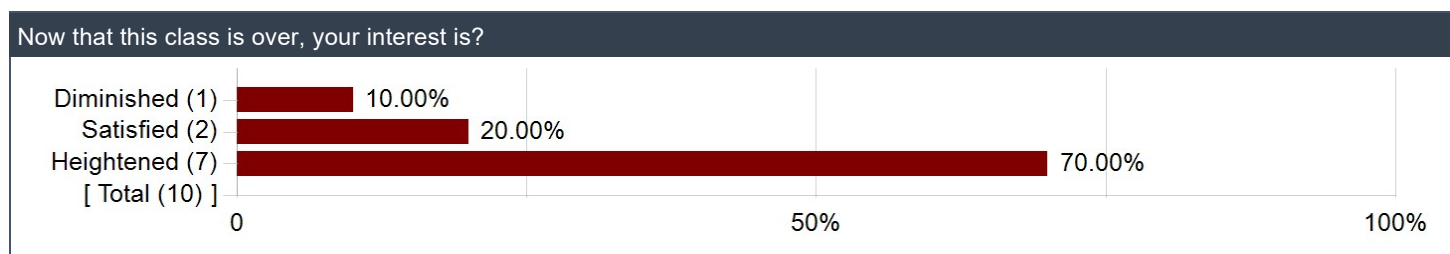
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



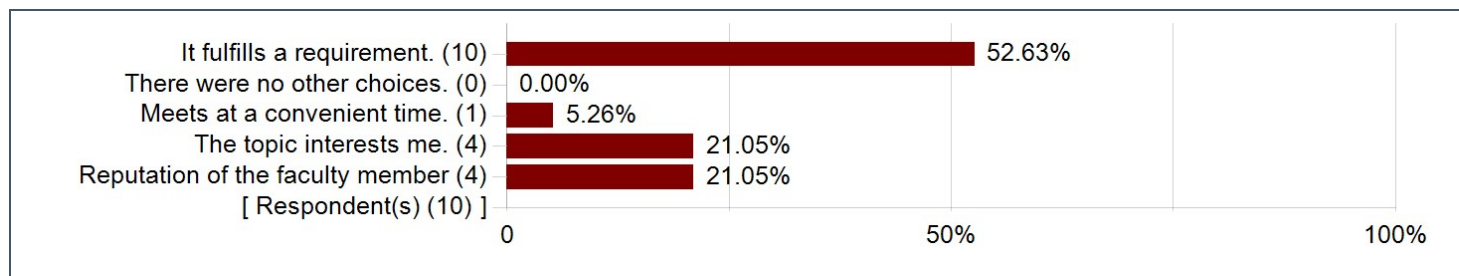
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



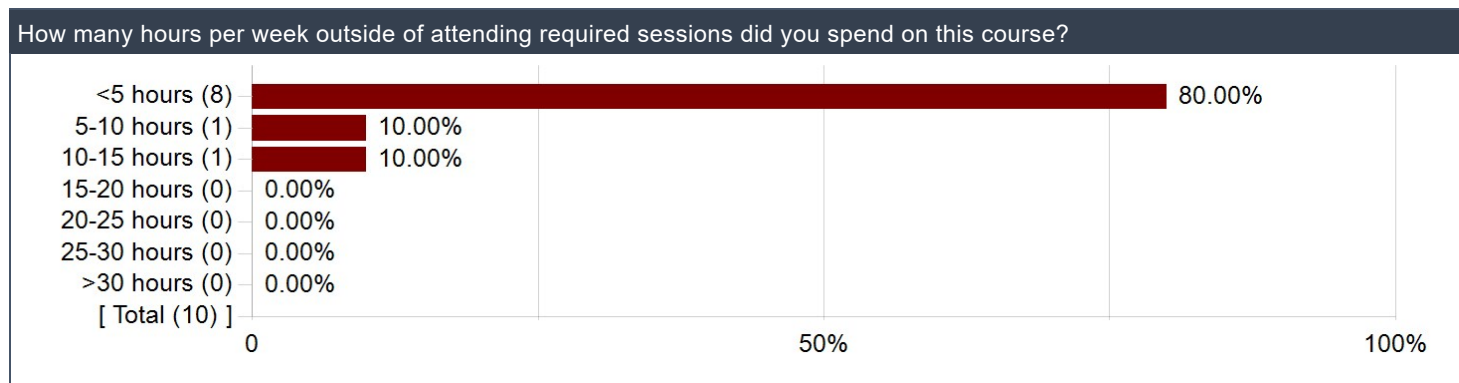
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



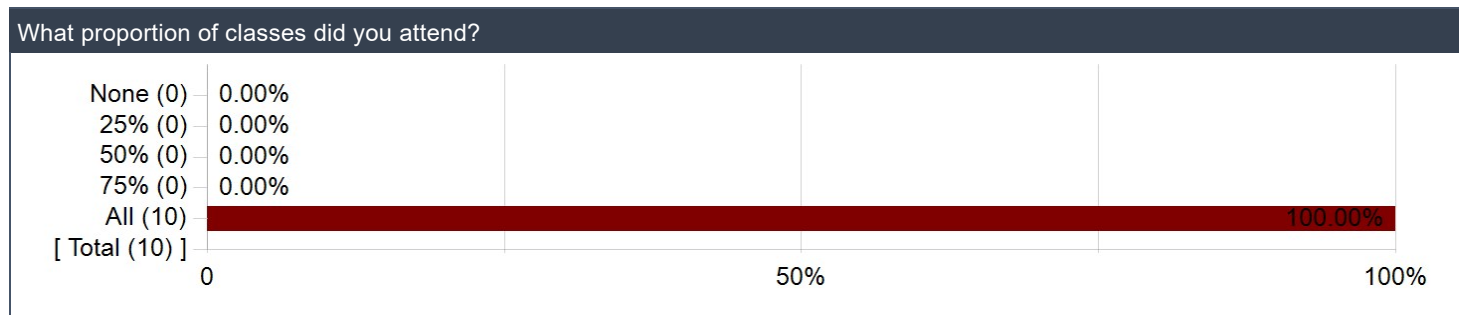
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
Easier than huma core, but maybe that's just because I'm not a first year anymore
Not difficult just pay attention
very easy as far as sosc goes
Not difficult at all. 500 words reading response each week and then one final essay. Thats all. Defenitely one of the easiest sosc sections
Don't need any background in the subject to be successful. Just willing to learn.
it was not that difficult you just needed to do the reading
It was difficult to learn how to write the reading responses but once I did a couple it became second nature.
It required little previous background knowledge, as long as you're willing to read the texts and engage with the content.