THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

RDIN 24003 2, ANTH 24003 2, SOSC 24003 2, HIST 18303 2, SALC 20702 2, CRES 24003 2 - Colonizations III: Decolonization, Revolution, Freedom - Instructor(s) - Sunit Singh

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

Number Enrolled: **13**
Number of Responses: **5**

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
I learned what it means to be a historical scholar and how to make historical inquiry. I've also learned the perspectives of various thinkers on what is colonialism vs imperialism, in what ways is colonialism vs imperialism oppressive, on what basis should one make decolonization demands, and reflections on post–colonial societies.
The difference between imperialism and colonialism, and the significance of having plans after independence, not just being concerned with being free from foreign territories.
Prof. Singh's class helped me to develop a more complete understanding of intellectual and political trends in decolonization from the late 19ths century to the mid 20th century. In particular, the class focused the radical potential of decolonization that existed in the early 20th century, and the manner in which that potential collapsed into nationalism and political independence along with economic dependence. After this class, I have a much better grasp on the origins of the current international system and the endemic problems of the third world.

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

Comments
Professor Singh's lectures helped me dissect and analyze our readings, and our class discussion showed me differently perspectives on the readings.
Class discussions enhance my analysis of the assigned readings, truly allowing us to examine them through many different lenses."
The classes were excellent, we discussed the readings in detail, drawing out the arguments of each author and the broader significance of those arguments.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	80.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
I felt respected in this class.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%

Additional comments about the course:

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The only limitation I've found in this course is the fact that we only have one big writing assignment, which makes it difficult to get feedback throughout the course for students who think they would have benefited from feedback, but I understand Professor Singh's motivation for wanting to make the assignments as in–depth as possible so students won't be able to use tools like ChatGPT, which resulted in one large / in–depth writing assignment. Honestly I don't have a better solution either, so I think the structure of the course is okay.
This was an excellent course, I highly reccomend it to other students. It will absolutely make a meaningful addition to your education.

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	0.00%	100.00%
Anyone interested in the topic	20.00%	80.00%

Thinking about your time in the class, what aspect of the instructor's teaching contributed most to your learning?

| Comments |
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| I like the mini lectures Professor Singh gives! They give interesting context to the readings and help me analyze them. I also like that Professor Singh has his own perspectives on the readings / the historical issues we discuss and shares them in an eloquent way. |
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| Prof. Singh does a great job of addressing the most pressing/relevant questions in a text and, along with students, outlining them. You will walk away from each class with a thorough understanding of the authors discussed. |

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

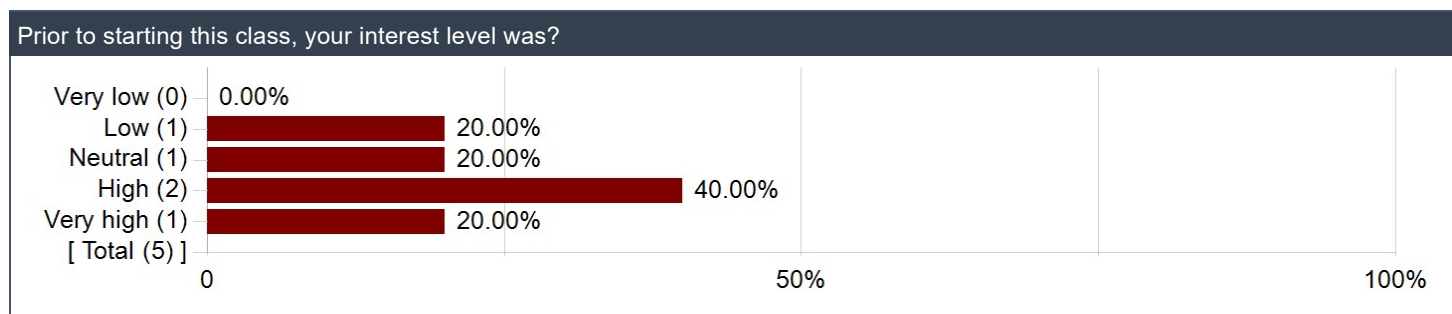| Comments |
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| Honestly nothing. I would say that Professor Singh has a particular teaching style where he injects much of his own analysis and perspectives into the class, so some students might have preferred a class where the other students contributed more to their learning rather than the professor, but honestly that's not an issue for me at all. Professor Singh's perspective is well–developed, and he also argues for it very eloquently, so in my opinion, even if you don't agree with him, it's still valuable to listen to and learn from.

Professor Singh also does reserve the majority of the class time for open discussion, so I think the main limitation for me in terms of learning more from other students is actually the students contributing more, not us having more time to discuss. Granted, maybe some students feel less inclined to contribute if they see that the professor has a strong perspective, but I also think Professor Singh welcomes pushback and did his best to make us feel comfortable about disagreeing with him. |
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| Nothing. |

The Instructor . . .

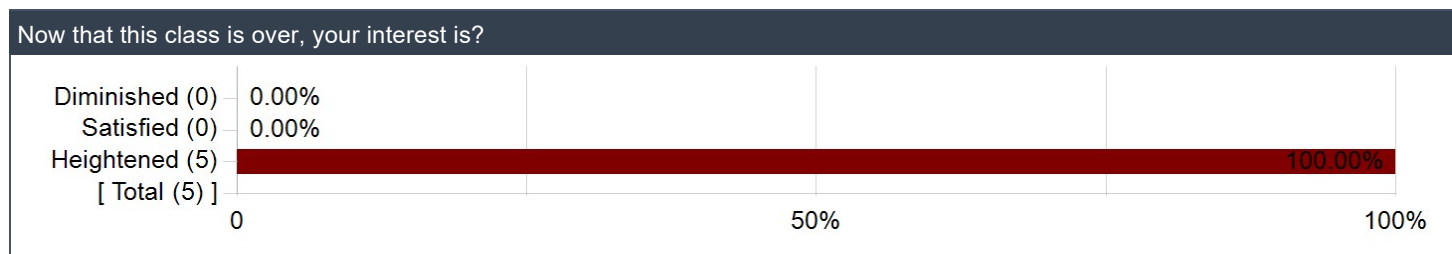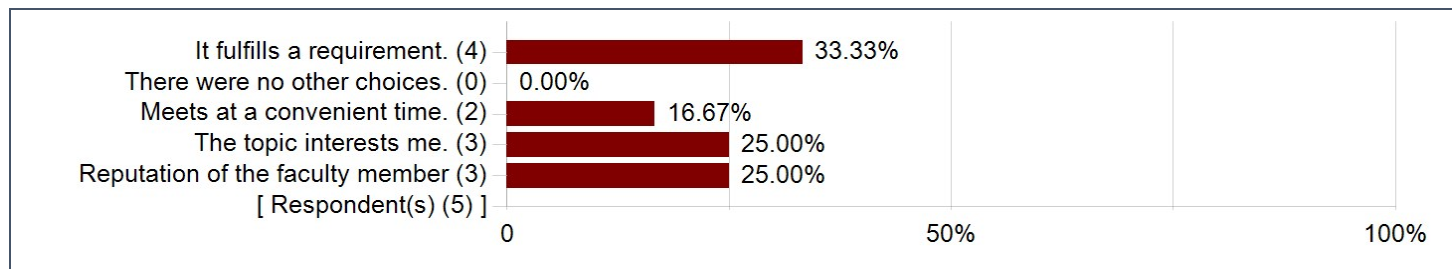|	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	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.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	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.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	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.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	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%

Is this class a requirement of some sort?
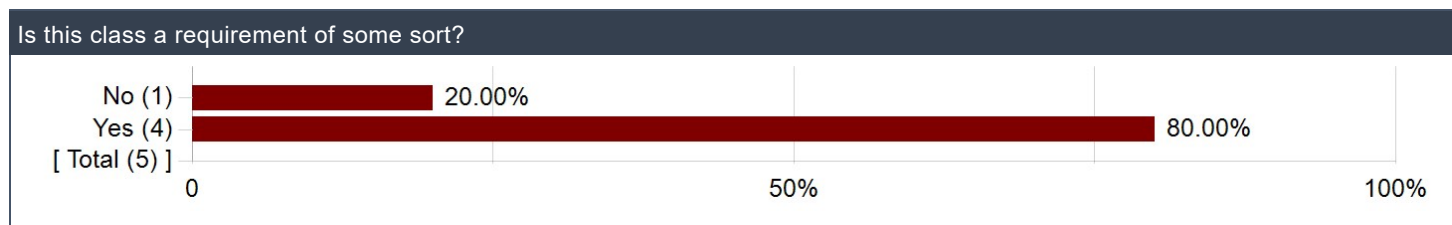
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- No (1) — 20.00%
- Yes (4) — 80.00%
- [Total (5)]

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- Very low (0) — 0.00%
- Low (1) — 20.00%
- Neutral (1) — 20.00%
- High (2) — 40.00%
- Very high (1) — 20.00%
- [Total (5)]

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- Diminished (0) — 0.00%
- Satisfied (0) — 0.00%
- Heightened (5) — 100.00%
- [Total (5)]

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

- It fulfills a requirement. (4) — 33.33%
- There were no other choices. (0) — 0.00%
- Meets at a convenient time. (2) — 16.67%
- The topic interests me. (3) — 25.00%
- Reputation of the faculty member (3) — 25.00%
- [Respondent(s) (5)]

How many hours per week outside of attending required sessions did you spend on this course?

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<5 hours (2) — 40.00%
5-10 hours (3) — 60.00%
10-15 hours (0) — 0.00%
15-20 hours (0) — 0.00%
20-25 hours (0) — 0.00%
25-30 hours (0) — 0.00%
>30 hours (0) — 0.00%
[Total (5)]

What proportion of classes did you attend?

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None (0) — 0.00%
25% (0) — 0.00%
50% (0) — 0.00%
75% (2) — 40.00%
All (3) — 60.00%
[Total (5)]
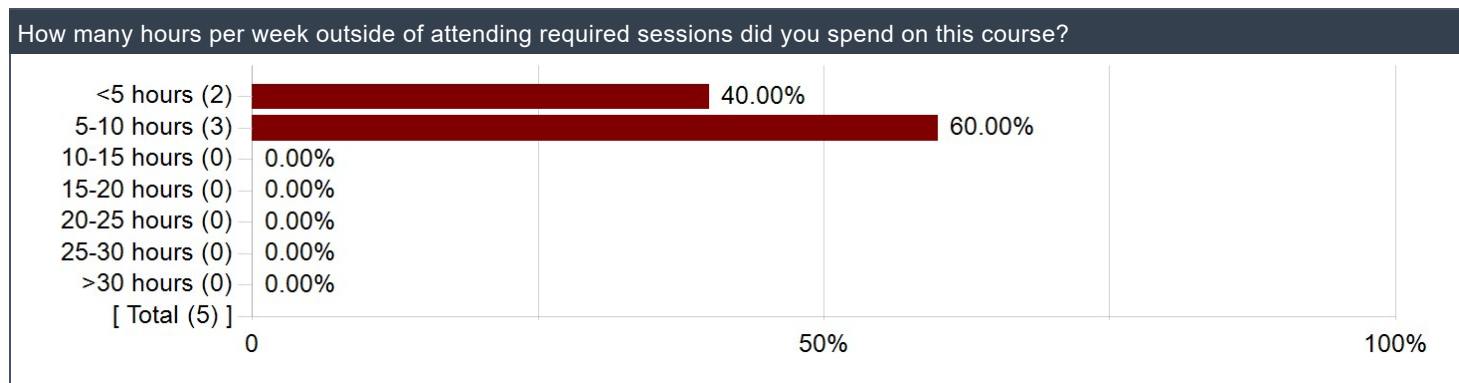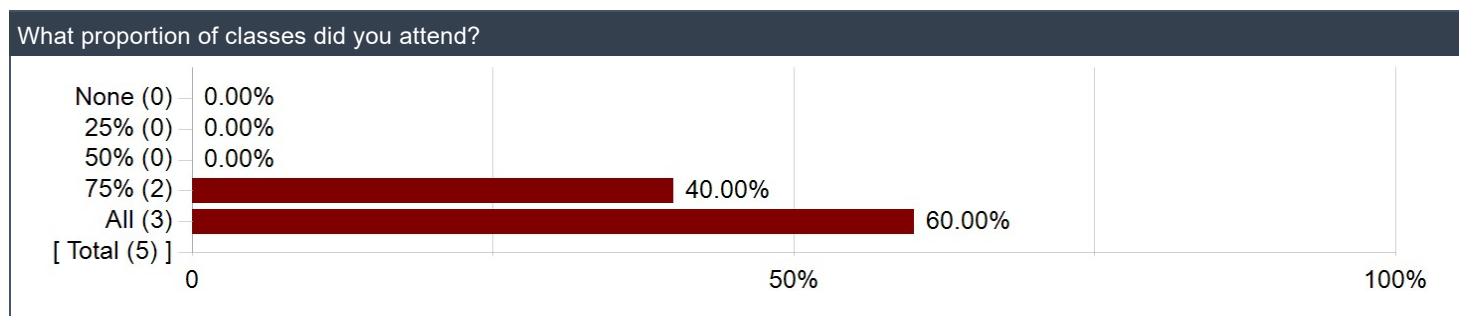
Please comment on the level of difficulty of the course relative to your background and experience.

Comments
I have taken HUM and SOSC but not other humanities and social sciences classes outside of that. It was of an appropriate difficulty for me. I think I would have benefited from knowing more history to be able to contextualize the content of this course better, but it ultimately did not impede my learning in a serious way.
Prof. Singh expects students to do the readings and be attentive. While this class is quite accessible, this is not a blow–off class.