



# SOSC 12600 23 - Self, Culture, and Society III - Instructor(s) - Hussein Agrama

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

Number Enrolled: **20**

Number of Responses: **13**

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## 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 how to cope with inevitable doom (seriously, the class was about coping with major crises and the end of the world as we know it).
Real world applications to the readings, much more practical than other sosc classes i have taken
How conversations and adaptations of control implicate our current times.
Strategies for beginning to approach the question of how one should live. Grappling with the existential. Challenging implicit vocabulary and its ethical consequences.
broached a wide range of social issues that were both compelling and informative
How social theory related to our daily life
There are other things of importance rather than just working super super hard on school every day. Professor Hussein allowed us to stray away from readings and focus on similar events that are taking place today to make discussions 100x more engaging. Probably one of the best speakers I've ever met in my life.
The systems that America is built on with specific focus on the prison and health system.

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

Comments
The lectures were really interesting.
lectures are the greatest contribution, very insightful
The readings were the largest contributor for my learning.
Discussions and reading
Very open ended lectures which made class interesting and not boring at all! We had 7 discussion and 7 reflection posts for the entire quarter and while overall this is A LOT of writing, it is split up over the course of the quarter and is definitely manageable.
lectures were very interesting and engaging, both with the text and exploring other concurrent themes
He was the best and most encompassing professor I have ever had. I actually learned cool things and had real discussions. He knows how to teach.
The seminar is really interesting and inspiring!
Extremely beneficial for outlining possible discussions for class. (Course load is extremely manageable and Professor Hussein is willing to work with you on any inconveniences)

## Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.33	5.00	8.33%	0.00%	8.33%	16.67%	66.67%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.33	5.00	0.00%	8.33%	16.67%	8.33%	66.67%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	8.33%	83.33%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.58	5.00	0.00%	8.33%	8.33%	0.00%	83.33%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.42	5.00	0.00%	8.33%	16.67%	0.00%	75.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.82	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	0.00%	90.91%
I felt respected in this class.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	0.00%	91.67%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	8.33%	0.00%	0.00%	91.67%

## Additional comments about the course:

Comments
take it
This course is not really a Self course. It is a course where the professor discussed whatever he wanted.
Great professor! He doesn't care about grades but is genuinely interested in learning and curious about the world. I wish we had a paper though I feel like they're helpful to understand the readings.
Hussein is simply the most influential professor I've had at this university and possibly in my life. Take his class and come ready to buy in.
PROFESSOR HUSSEIN IS THE BEST PROFESSOR. PLEASE TAKE HIS CLASS! You won't regret it
Goated teacher.
Professor Agrama doesn't care about grade so much. So you won't feel any stress taking his section!
Best SOSC course in the department by far just because of Professor Hussein. First time I ever felt like the Professor wasn't out to get me and I looked up to him with the upmost respect but I built a personal friendship that I've never been able to build with any prior Professors. One of the best Professor's I've ever had in my entire schooling year from Pre K to University. I highly suggest you take this class with him if you have the opportunity to, you WIL NOT regret it.

## I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	16.67%	83.33%
Anyone interested in the topic	15.38%	84.62%

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

Comments
His lectures
Genuinely and understanding an amazing instructor.
His endless wealth of anecdotal and anomalous knowledge that subtly challenges the minutiae of your world view
He actually cared about our lives and ideas and always tried to make discussions as open-ended as possible. He also made his expectations and guidelines clear and I appreciated what they were as it made me care about the actual learning rather than stressing about grading
his broad range of knowledge and genuine interest in the class made for very good discussions
Best teacher I have ever had by far.
We could discuss whatever we want in class
Personal connections and stories
His willingness to adapt.

## What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Hussein likes to hear himself talk about anything and everything, which made class irrelevant to readings and not much real learning come out of it.
Nothing
N/A
Goose egg
Maybe some class activities or more student participation
Nothing.
He is great enough!
Nothing. Professor Hussein if you are seeing this, Keep being you and don't let anyone tell you otherwise, I really appreciated the time we had together in this class :)
Letting students talk a bit more

## The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.67	5.00	8.33%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	91.67%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	8.33%	83.33%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.67	5.00	8.33%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	91.67%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	0.00%	91.67%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	8.33%	0.00%	0.00%	91.67%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%	83.33%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.92	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	91.67%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	8.33%	0.00%	0.00%	91.67%	0.00%

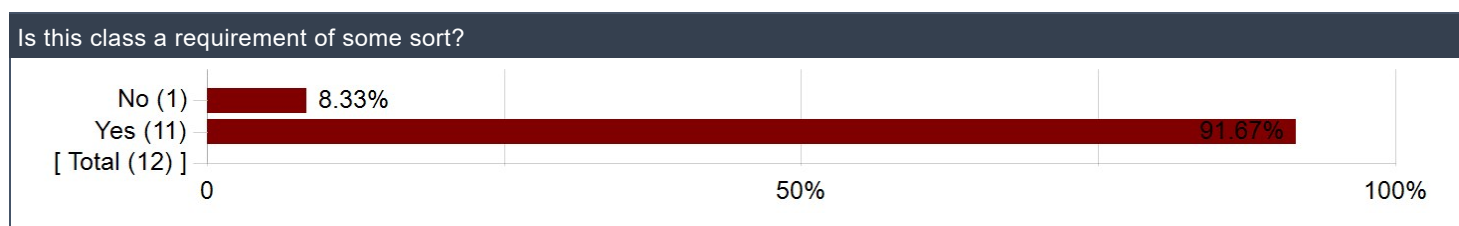
**Please include the name of the TA/CA/Intern you are evaluating. What aspects of the TA's teaching contributed most to your learning? What could the TA modify to help you learn more? Please include any additional feedback for the TA/CA/Intern.**

Comments
Forget his name, only one
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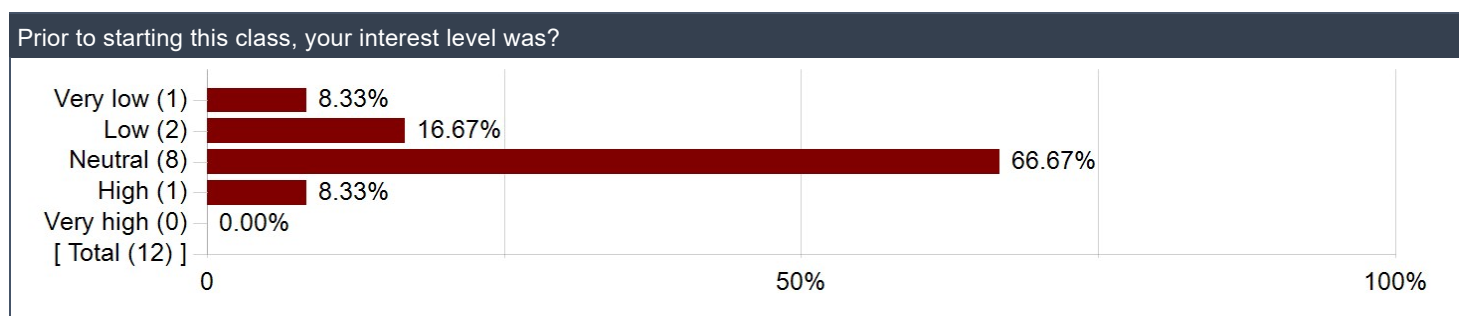
## The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	62.50%	12.50%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	0.00%	37.50%	50.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	50.00%	12.50%
Challenged you to learn.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	50.00%	12.50%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	50.00%	12.50%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	62.50%	25.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	50.00%	12.50%

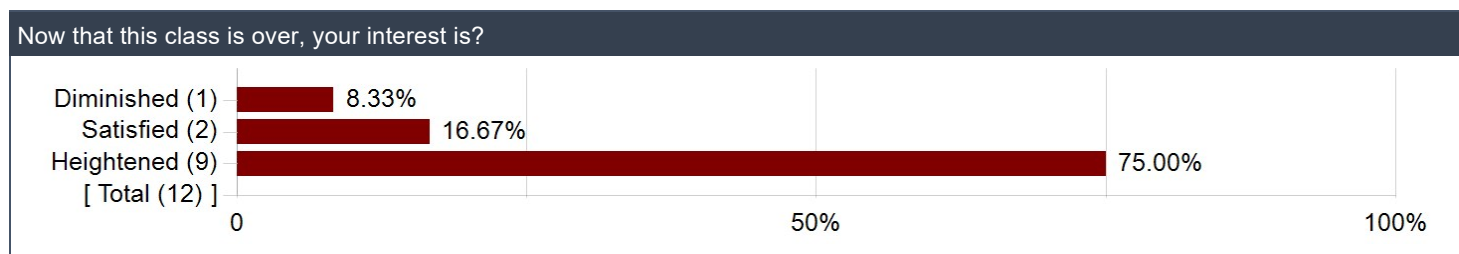
## Is this class a requirement of some sort?



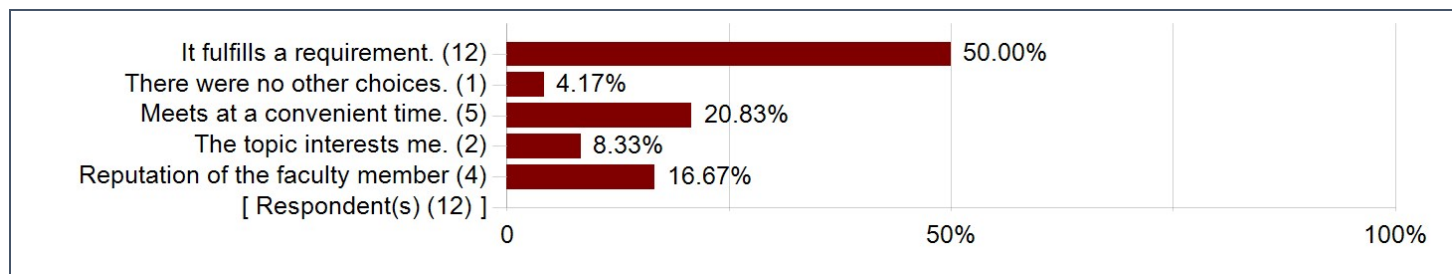
## Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



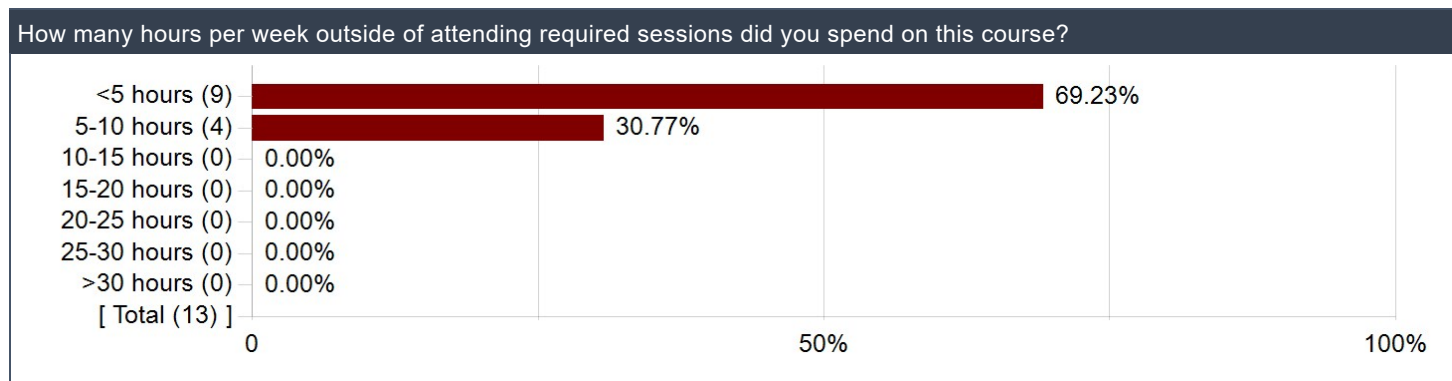
## Now that this class is over, your interest is?



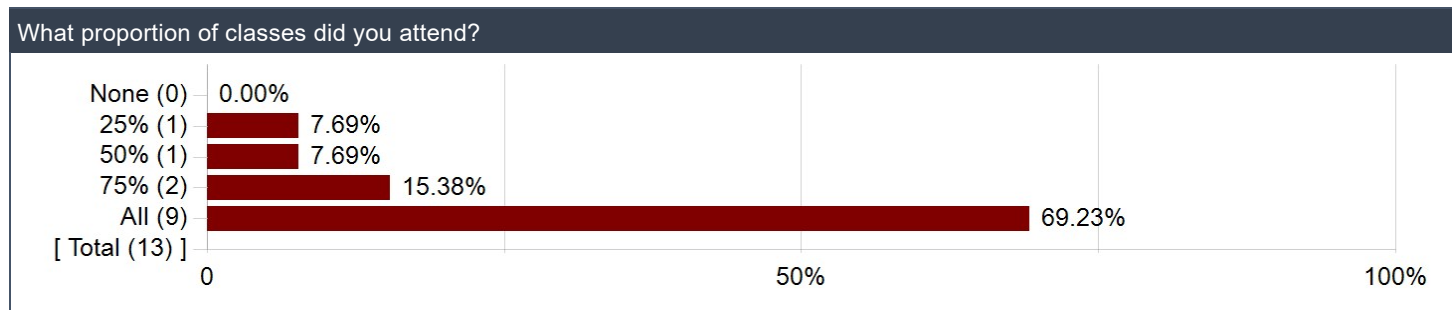
### Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



### 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
not difficult at all but very interesting, take it
There is no background or experience necessary. You read the assigned texts, worry about the downward trajectory of the government and society as a whole, and then Hussein discusses an obscure topic of his choice. This is a great course if you like unhinged/random discussions, but not if you want a real socs class.
Previous SOSC sections aided me in background for this class
Not difficult, but intellectually stimulating
If you have a chance to take his section, take it!
The hardest class I've ever taken before (JK), One of the most doable workloads ever and you get to meet a Professor that is willing to be your friend and wish you nothing but success and he will do everything in his power to see his students succeed. I will truly miss Professor Hussein (My first time ever saying this about any Professor)
This specific section wasn't as difficult as others since we didn't read many abstract theories.

