



SOSC 24901 5, HMRT 10200 5 - Human Rights in World Civilizations II - Instructor(s): Nory Peters

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

Number Enrolled: **19**

Number of Responses: **12**

Report Comments

Opinions expressed in these evaluations are those of students enrolled in the specific course and do not represent the University.

Creation Date: **Thursday, March 28, 2024**

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

Comments
different human rights crises and current events
I am not kidding when I say I have learned more in this class through the readings, my classmates, and the professor than in many other UChicago classes. I know a lot more about human rights, particularly with regard to genocides, refugees, those suffering under authoritarian regimes, and indigenous and disability rights.
I learned so much about migration rights, dissidence, disability rights, and indigenous rights. Very engaging content.
History of human rights, how to interpret different human rights struggles
Human rights in a more modern sense
How to think about human rights with great nuance.
This course taught me the history of the development of human rights, it most importantly taught me how to best understand human rights policy by knowing what events led to specific policies
I learned about how human rights has developed in the modern day, both in it's applications and support alongside the difficulties in defining it.
An expansive understanding of human rights in multiple different contexts and perspectives. This quarter had focuses on the development of international human rights, the questions of violence, migration, dissidence, disability, indigenous rights, etc. Not only does this class give an insight into each subject, it allows us to spend a lot of time figuring out the ins and outs of the key ethical or practical questions in each topic.
I think I've extended my view of how I view human rights throughout history as well as in the more contemporary examples.
Discussion etiquette and how to discuss large multifaceted social issues a sa class

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

Comments
discussions were great and made students think more critically about the readings
Professor Peters' mini-lectures before each reading are very grounding and helpful. She also often provides background by sending out extra (non-required) readings, which is helpful and informative. She always goes the extra mile and is patient with students like myself who are not always put together while speaking in class.
Discussions have contributed the most to my learning, and my colleagues are always kind and engaging in a way that helps us all learn more from each other.
Brief lectures at the beginning of class helped understand the context of the readings, and the events, issues, and people we would be talking about. Readings were very engaging and the Professor was stimulating. Discussions made the class engaging and sharing in others ideas was the highlight for me.
Lectures and readings were good
The discussions contributed the most to my learning because we would discuss the readings in a manner that helped me gain a deeper understanding of the material
The course only really involved class time but discussing with the class a whole would help further develop the general ideas of the course while also clarifying (or attempting to clarify) the meaning behind the text we'd have to read before class if there was any confusion.
Classes were extremely helpful discussions. Readings outside of class were always manageable and enriching.
The discussions that we had about the readings contributed a lot of my learning since it allowed me to hear about how other people interpreted our readings.
discussions were very interesting and facilitated well by Dr Peters.

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%	8.33%	0.00%	25.00%	66.67%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.92	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	91.67%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	8.33%	0.00%	8.33%	83.33%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.82	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	0.00%	90.91%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.92	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	91.67%
I felt respected in this class.	4.92	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	91.67%
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:

Comments
I love Dr. Peters! She is one of the best professors I've had at UChicago and makes herself available to help students
The only thing this course lacks is more contemporary material and not to shy away from discussing current human rights violations worldwide. Professor Peters, however, often managed to link more modern events and interpretations to our readings.
Prof. Peters is the goat, great professor and extremely nice
I really, really enjoyed this course!
You will not get a satisfying answer about what human rights are at the end but you will have a better understanding as to why that is and why it should remain that way, despite the frustration.

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 discussions! Dr. Peters is great at facilitating discussions and ensuring that we engage deeply with the texts and connect the readings to current events
Her openness to hear what each of us has to say, even if it is repetitive or if you are not as organized as others. She also listens to what interests you and links you to relevant resources. She is flexible so long as you communicate, which is great, but that does not mean you should underestimate her or the class. She sticks the balance between respected and loved and that is rare. Overall, more instructors should be like her.
Brief lectures and just general facilitation of discussion and provoking questions.
Very good at leading discussions while still staying partial and letting students express their opinions. I'm a fourth year that is pretty much checked out and still found class enjoyable because of Prof. Peters
Nory is a fantastic professor. She encourages complex conversations and was incredible at pushing us in directions that our discussion was taking us.
The instructor encouraged us to share our thoughts and opinions on the material and then went on to ask us questions about what we said, it helped us clarify our beliefs and gain a deeper understanding of the material
We'd start stagnating, either because the topic would end or we'd just be generally confused about the text or questions asked. Professor Peters though would try and clarify for us what the other person was saying or would try and tie us to another topic if it seemed like we were concluding the previous one or that we were talking about the other one too long.
The ability to let students talk but still provoke conversation with insights and questions when needed.
Dr. Peters was open-minded about everyone's interpretation of the text and allowed everyone to freely share.
Her ability to facilitate discussion even at dry points

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Nothing!
Nothing! Professor Peters is the perfect instructor to teach this course. She is always helpful and available when you request a meeting.
N/A
Nothing
N/A
I can't think of anything that needs to be modified
Nothing, she was great.
Maybe if possible presentations about the context of the time period that we are learning about.
some of her discussion questions were a bit niche and hard to understand

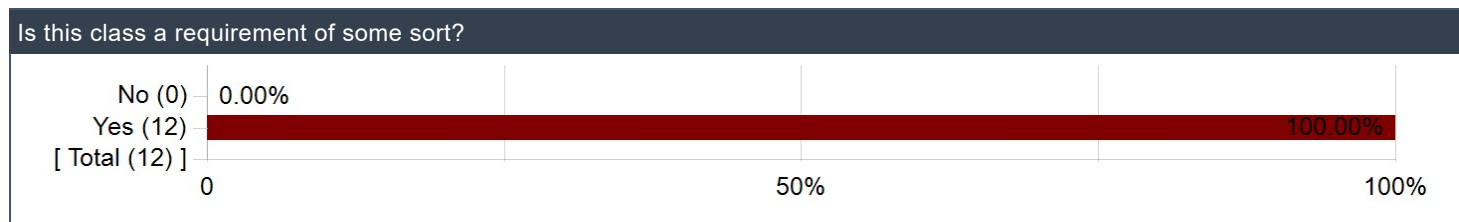
The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.92	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	91.67%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.91	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	83.33%	8.33%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.92	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	91.67%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	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.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.92	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	91.67%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.92	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	91.67%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	91.67%	8.33%
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%

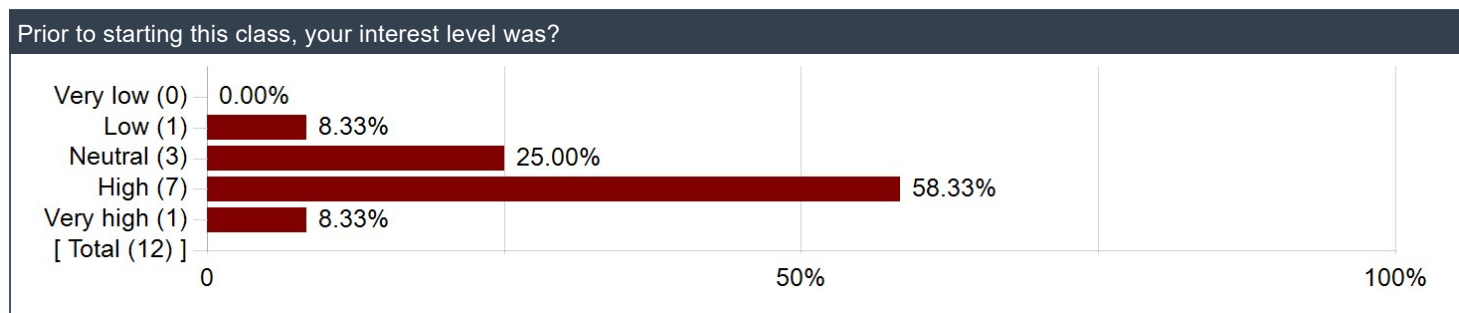
Other course elements not mentioned above:

Comments
Extra Credit Talks

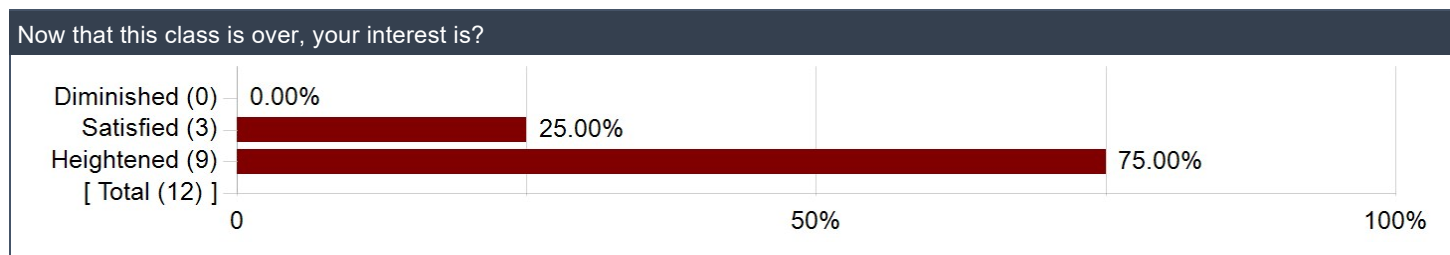
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



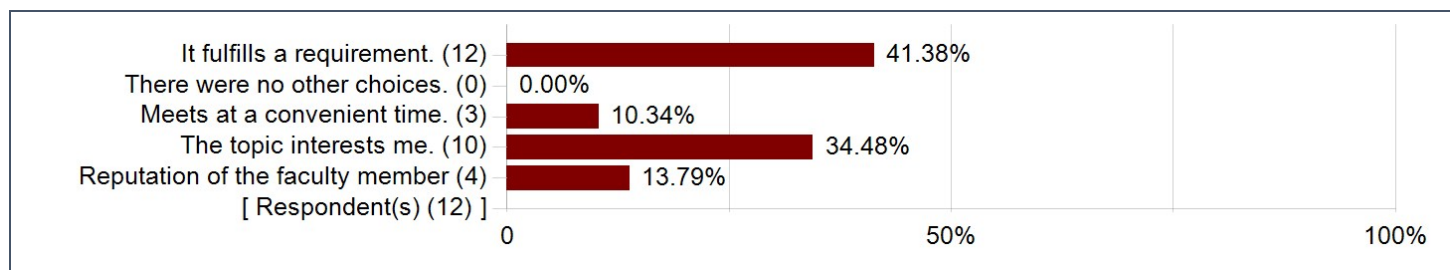
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



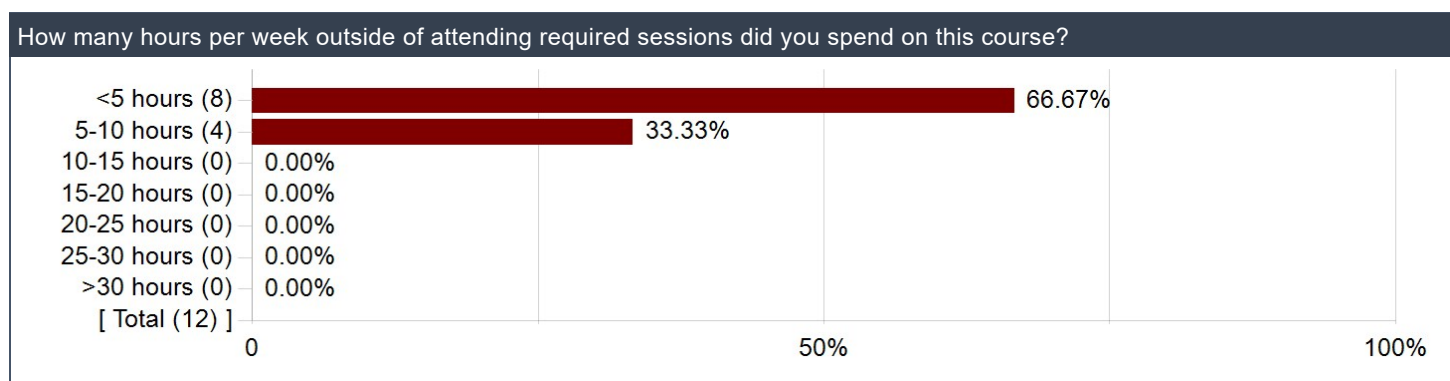
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



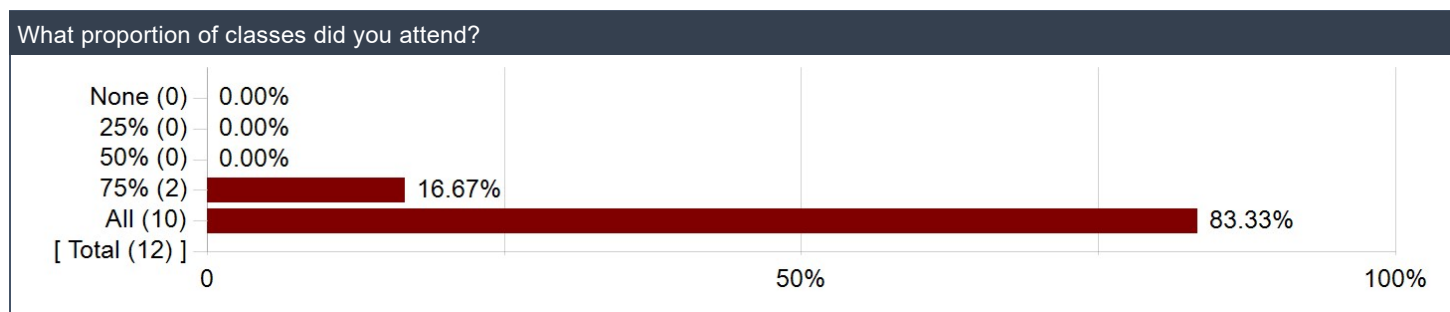
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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 at all difficult.
Not difficult at all. Anyone could take it. Very interesting that I think anyone could engage with.
Not hard, if you do the work you will do well
Not difficult at all. Incredible course!
For the little background I had in the material the course was not that difficult
As long as you do the readings and participate, the course isn't difficult. If you start having issues, communicate.
No background or experienced needed. Just willingness to learn.
There is no difficulty and doesn't require any background or experience in the topic.
not difficult at all. Participate and you will get an A.