



HUMA 17100 4 - Language and the Human II - Instructor(s): Terra Edwards

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

Number Enrolled: **19**

Number of Responses: **7**

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
The importance of language in shaping one's identity and its contribution to power dynamics.
I learned about language in society and the role linguistic anthropology has in preserving cultures.
How to read complicated texts.
Nothing. Class was mostly useless to my perspectives and life
I learned how language means a lot of different concepts: perceptions, preferences, differences in language (English vs. Spanish), and how one's language helps build or at least affect their identities.
Looking at material from linguistics perspective

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

Comments
Discussions are very insightful, however my class was more on the reserved side. Professor Edwards made students facilitate class on their own, which really helped elevate our discussions to new levels.
The readings were really interesting and the facilitation projects were helpful!
I liked the student-led class discussions.
Terra did a great job of bringing in her research and personal experience to learning material
The discussions were very helpful in understanding the core concepts of the class better.
Some readings were better than others.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.14	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	28.57%	42.86%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	3.86	4.00	0.00%	14.29%	28.57%	14.29%	42.86%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	3.57	3.00	0.00%	14.29%	42.86%	14.29%	28.57%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	3.57	4.00	0.00%	28.57%	14.29%	28.57%	28.57%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	3.71	3.00	0.00%	14.29%	42.86%	0.00%	42.86%
My work was evaluated fairly.	3.57	4.00	14.29%	0.00%	28.57%	28.57%	28.57%
I felt respected in this class.	4.43	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	28.57%	57.14%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	3.86	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	28.57%	28.57%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Professor Terra is very passionate about her field, and I could see it from the first 5 minutes in the first class. Sometimes she is unorganized (i.e. forgetting to post assignments), but overall, she is very knowledgeable about her field, and will help you see new perspectives regarding language and anthropology.
Would not recommend unless you are very interested in linguistics. Instead of having original ideas about the text the class it felt like I needed to echo back ideas that the instructor liked that I was not passionate or interested in

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	0.00%	100.00%
Anyone interested in the topic	14.29%	85.71%

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

Comments
The facilitated discussions were definitely very helpful, as they always inevitably included the students' personal perspectives and opinions, which helped me gain a wide array of information instead of only listening to the teacher talk about our readings.
Prof. Edwards was able to integrate her own personal studies and experiences into class discussions in an interesting way.
Her stories and discussion facilitation
Her explanations of concepts and real-life examples of what we were reading helped me understand the material better.
She facilitated discussions.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Definitely be more organized.
The conversations were not always the most focused.
Less linguistic intensity, focus more on why linguistics are useful and interesting. This is a core class not a linguistics class.
Perhaps a greater study on how language differences between groups of people? For example, how is speaking in ASL different than speaking in English, which is different than speaking in Mandarin?
Maybe discuss expectations for essays.

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	3.43	3.00	0.00%	28.57%	28.57%	14.29%	28.57%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	14.29%	42.86%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.14	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	28.57%	42.86%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.14	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	28.57%	42.86%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.29	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	71.43%	28.57%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	3.86	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	28.57%	28.57%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	3.57	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	57.14%	28.57%	14.29%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	3.86	5.00	14.29%	14.29%	0.00%	14.29%	57.14%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.14	5.00	0.00%	14.29%	14.29%	14.29%	57.14%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.43	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	28.57%	57.14%	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
Scott Jung — I love Scott! He is so so helpful and always shows a genuine interest in us both in and out of the classroom.
Scott Jung.
Scott was an amazing writing intern. I loved writing seminars because I felt like I was learning concrete information on how to make my writing better.
Scott was great. Very kind

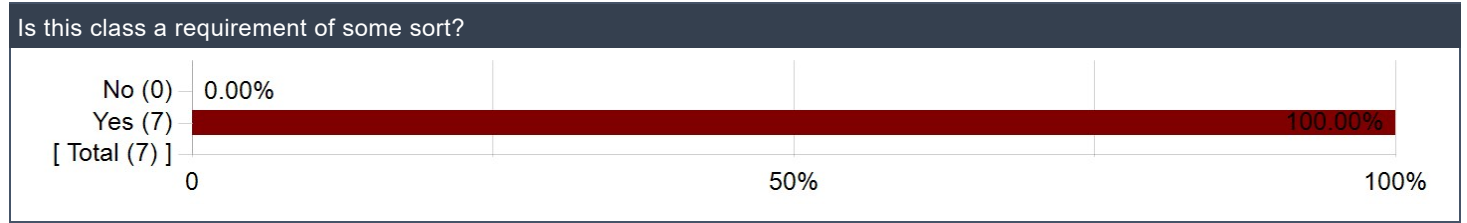
The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	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 class.	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 succeed in the class.	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%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%

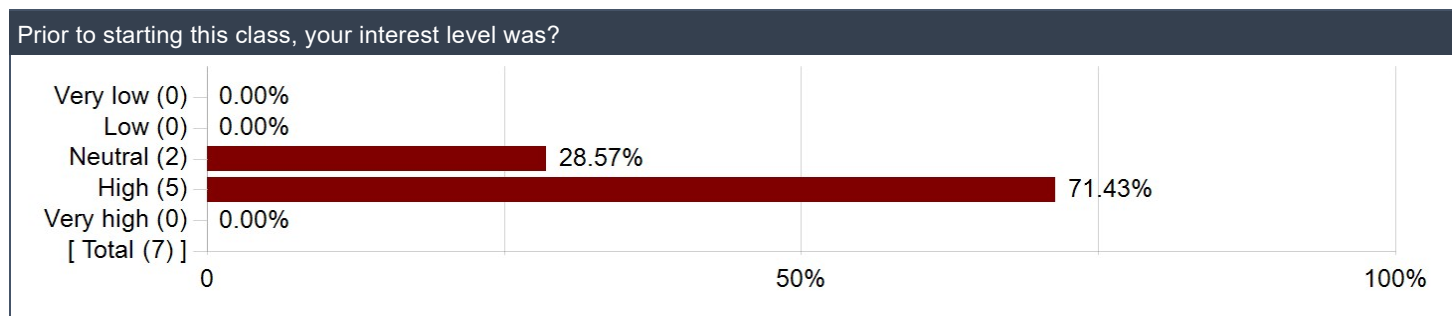
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%

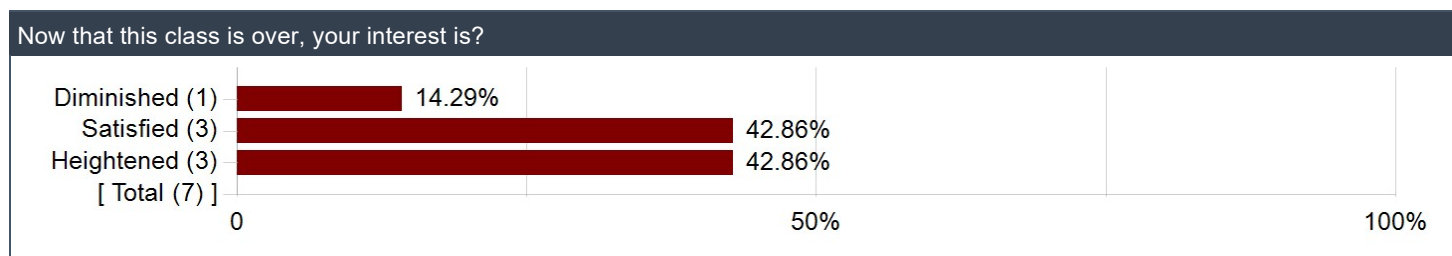
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



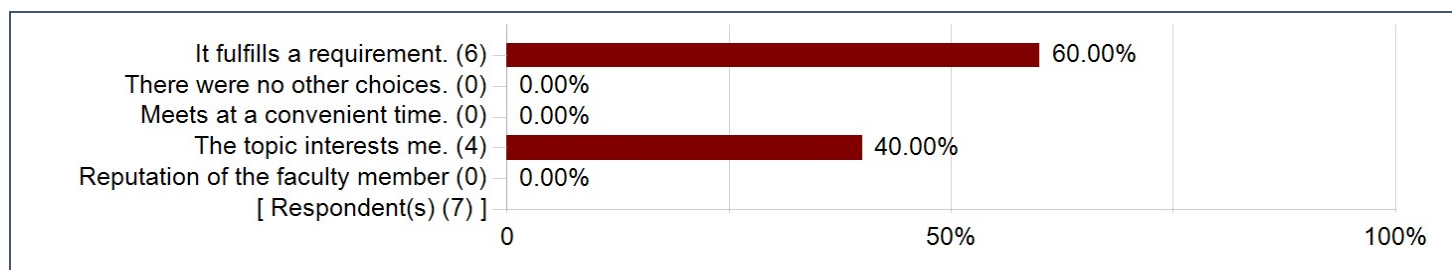
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



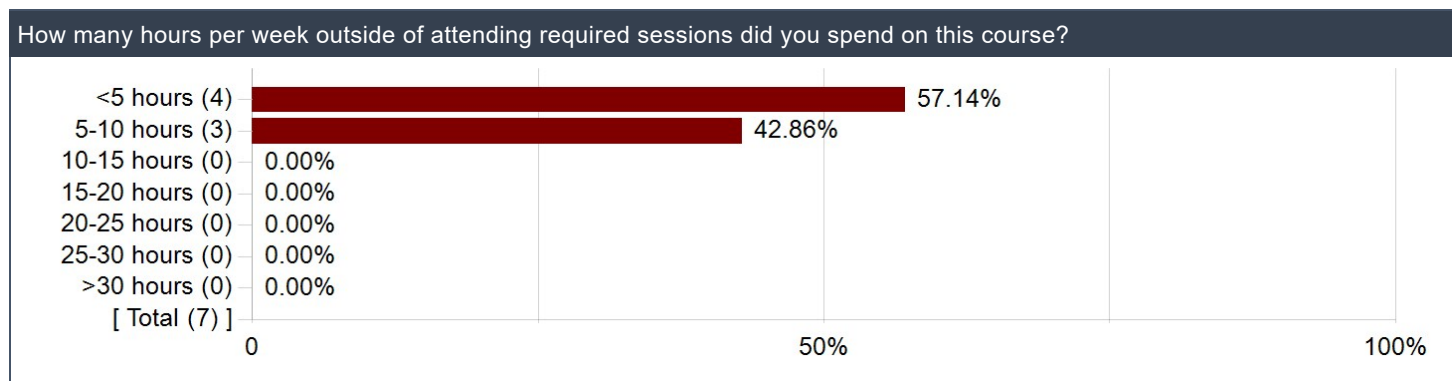
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



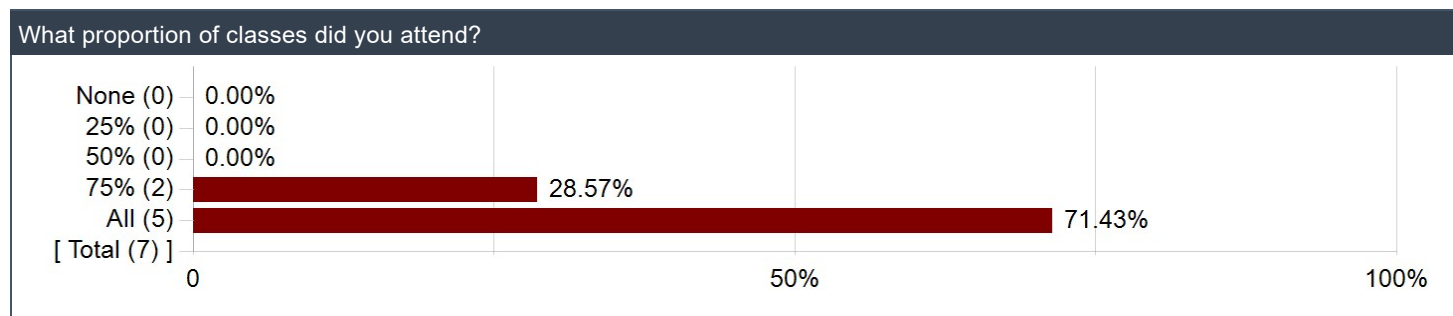
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
Overall, I think this course is reasonably difficult. Language and the Human required me to look at things from a different perspectives, mostly because I have to consider language as a lens to look at identity and power, which is not something I am used to.
High
The level of difficulty is not too high. A lot relies on your participation and willingness to expand on your ideas.
Professor has a unique set of requirements for writing essays which can be surprising.