



HUMA 16200 10 - Media Aesthetics: Image, Text, Sound III - Instructor(s) - Gabriel Ellis

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

Number Enrolled: **14**

Number of Responses: **10**

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, July 11, 2024**

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

Comments
I learned so much about music: grain, strain, structure, lyrics, albums, production process.
The intentionality of music as a form of expression and how lyric and song are inextricably intertwined such that analysis of songs must bear in mind this fact. Also, the sheer impact of streaming services on the way that music is produced and consumed.
What makes music successful culturally/sonically/historically/economically, which we analyzed through a number of readings and discussions.
I learned a lot about how to listen to music in this class, as well as the history of music and its production. I thought this class made me better at a close analysis of readings, songs, and recordings in general.
I loved applying theorists and various essays to various pieces of past and contemporary media.

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

Comments
A heavy emphasis was placed on listening to popular songs. I found that to be very intriguing! I enjoyed most of the readings, especially those on grain, strain, and how music has changed due to recordings.
In-class discussions and lectures were very helpful in breaking down concepts and the application of theory to actual case studies.
Readings, discussions and related discussions with the professor outside of class were incredibly helpful for my learning.
The lectures are what primarily contributed to my learning.
everything was amazing. favorite class.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%
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:

Comments
Simply brilliant.
PROFESSOR ELLIS IS THE ABSOLUTE BEST. I had him all three quarters and wish I could take it again.
I loved Professor Ellis's teaching style, it was very engaging and interactive and I appreciated his help and feedback as well. Overall a great and interesting course that has piqued my interest in musical analysis as well!

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
He was very knowledgeable in this field. He had so much examples to give us, and I liked the songs he introduced to us.
Prof. Ellis was clearly in his domain; his expertise and passion for the subject matter were evident from the very first class. He seamlessly integrated theoretical concepts with real-world examples, fostering a deeper understanding of the material.
His openness to a variety of discussions whether concretely relevant or slightly tangential and interesting insights were really helpful and encouraged my learning quite a bit.
I enjoyed his ability to balance teaching and facilitating discussion. I thought it was very beneficial for me as a contributor in the class.
everything
Amazing instructor, truly one of my favorite that I have had at UChicago. He makes you want to participate and makes the classroom a fun learning environment. The readings and outside tasks are manageable and exciting.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Sometimes I feel like the discussions were shallow. I hope to dive further more than general reactions to readings. I hope to spend more time with one certain songs.
Nothing, just don't remove Nietzsche please.
On difficult readings, give an intro to the text prior to the reading.
less rants about readings?

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	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.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%	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
Our writing specialist was very helpful
I liked how all her meetings were very efficient and useful. Most of meetings discussed our papers, so they were all helpful as it helped everyone brainstorm.
Rebecca Himelstein

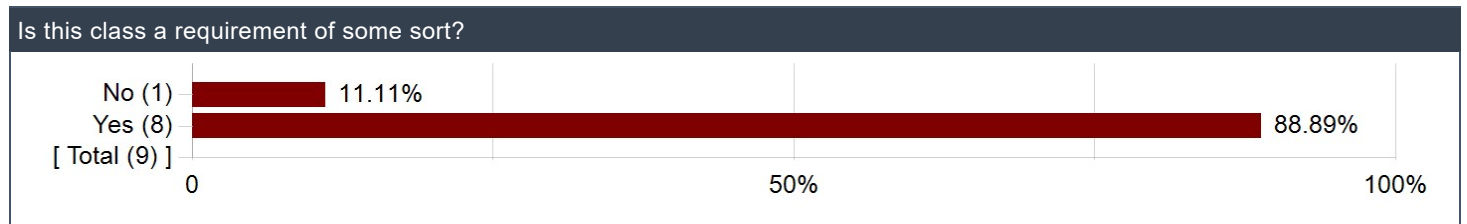
The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	33.33%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	33.33%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	33.33%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	33.33%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	33.33%	0.00%

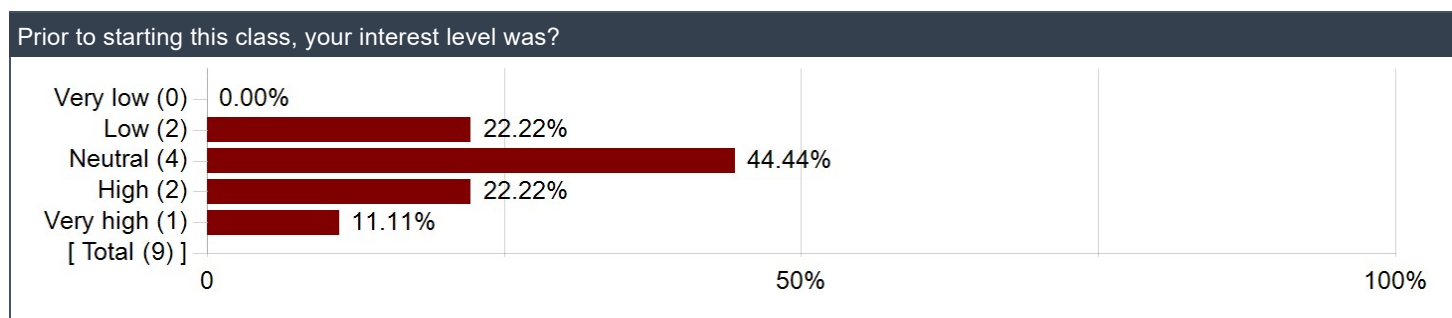
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	3.29	3.00	0.00%	14.29%	42.86%	42.86%	0.00%	0.00%

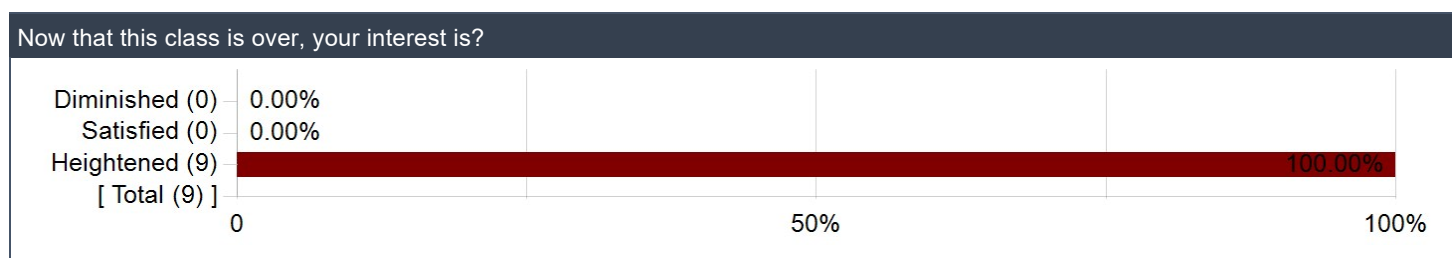
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



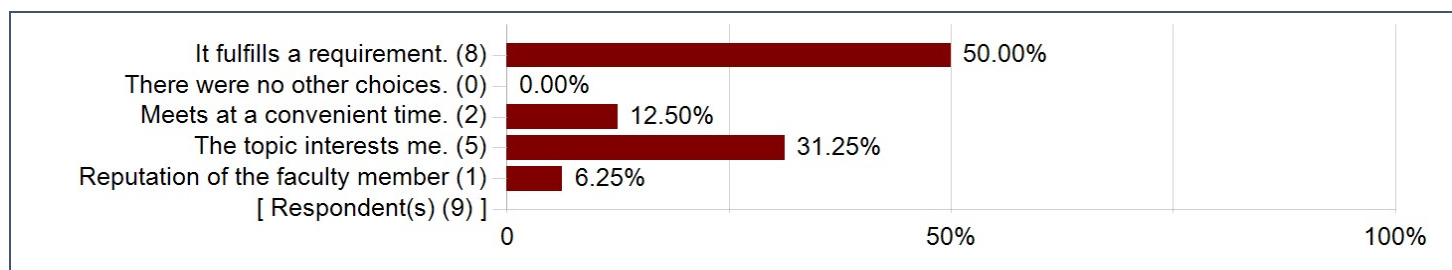
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



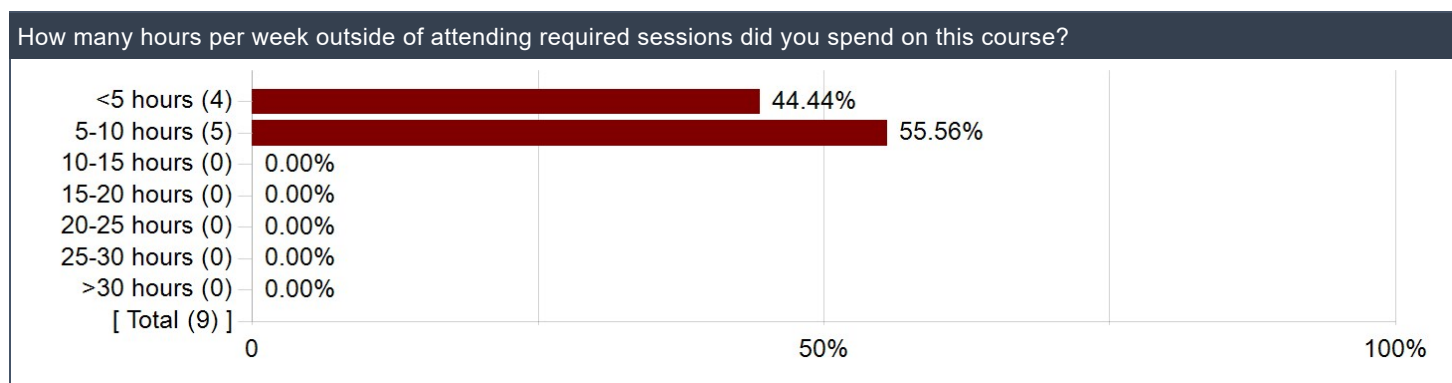
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



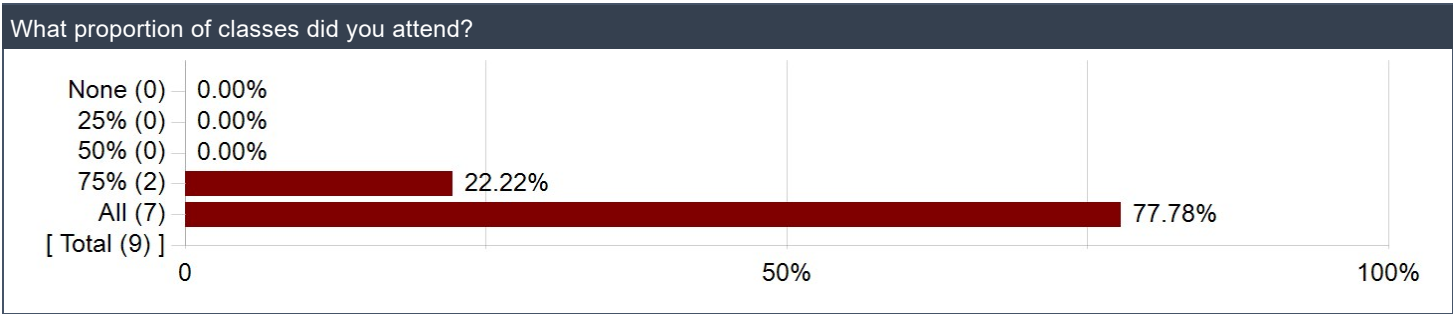
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
Low difficulty.
Not very difficult aside from some of the writing and certain dense readings.
It was a challenging course that was well taught, making it better to perform .