



NEHC 20601 1, SOSC 22000 1, HIST 25610 1, RLST 20401 1, MDVL 20601 1 - Islamic Thought and Literature I -  
Instructor(s): Nicholas Longworth

Project Title: **College Course Feedback - Autumn 2023**

Number Enrolled: **24**

Number of Responses: **7**

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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
History of the Islamic world up until about 850, as well as major literary figures and a wide variety of written works
Professor Longworth gave us an amazing introduction to Early Islamic history, in addition to explaining the features of this period's literature. I really enjoyed learning more about Sufi thought.
Trends in Islamic thought, sources of conflict within the faith, historical realities during the early period of Islam, ie religion wasn't the only thing that motivated behavior and in a lot of cases just justified what people were going to do anyway
Mostly the early history of Islam, social and religious constructions within early Islamic society were covered as well. How to interpret historical primary sources.
History and origins of Islam, and how beliefs and tenets are reflected in literature

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

Comments
This class is primarily a lecture, but Professor Longworth tries to incorporate some activities that allow you to participate outside asking questions in the lecture, which I appreciated.
Lectures were well paced and interesting, while response papers gave me a chance to engage more deeply with some of the readings. The smaller assignments also got me to connect with the class themes on a more personal level
The lectures felt like seminars, which I appreciated.
Readings, also the small assignments where we could just look stuff up and write about what we found interesting was actually really helpful for learning
Lectures were very engaging, Professor Longworth was extremely knowledgeable and a good lecturer. Graded assignments mostly served to monitor course engagement and deepen understanding of particular topics of the course.
the lectures and readings helped me understand technical terms and vocab, and the response papers halped me guage what were the expectations of the class.

## Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	3.83	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	50.00%	16.67%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%	0.00%	83.33%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%	83.33%
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.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
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:

Comments
Excellent class! Well-structured, reasonable expectations, and topics were transmitted in an interesting and engaging way
I really enjoyed the course but I think it was a bit unclear as to what we were actually supposed to be covering. We spent
I wish there was more guidelines on what he expected regarding the length of response papers. other than that, I really respect and appreciate Kyle. He is incredibly knowledgeable about the subject, and had a lot of valuable insight overall. He was also a great resource to bounce ideas to and just a very kind and approachable person. I recommend all of his classes to anyone that can take them.

## 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
Professor Longworth is really great! He is clearly very passionate about the material that he's teaching, and he really cares about students + the stresses of the quarter system. I always tend to do better in classes where I feel that the professor actually cares about me as a person, and I definitely felt that from Professor Longworth. He is always available to meet, and really does his best to answer and research everyone's questions. I took this course originally because I saw that he had great reviews, and I definitely understand why. I highly recommend this course with Professor Longworth. He also knows how to laugh at himself which I appreciate as well :)
Prof Longworth was very supportive, down-to-earth, and understanding. He was very passionate about his research and this topic and it showed in every lecture. All were engaging and interesting
Prof. Longworth was receptive to questions and encouraged us to engage with texts critically and creatively.
Good lectures, I especially liked the analogies he used. Professor Longworth was extremely helpful outside of class, probably one of the most caring professors I've had here
Professor Longworth was awesome. Incredibly friendly and possessed a very deep understanding of course content. Was great at answering questions and providing feedback on assignments. Truly made this class a joy, and I would strongly recommend taking a class with him if you have the opportunity.
The writing assignments were broad which really helped me think more independently and consider the texts in ways that were most important to me. I felt like my voice was heard during class.

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

Comments
Nothing!
I kinda wish we were in a bigger classroom where we could sit in a circle, which would've made discussions feel a lot more natural
Nothing!

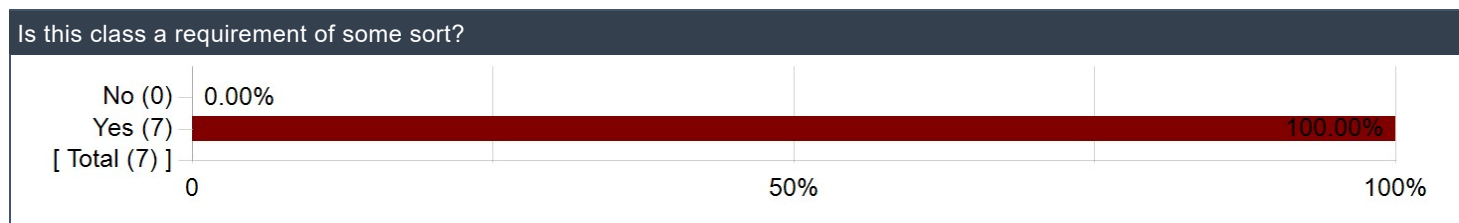
## The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%	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.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%	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.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	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%

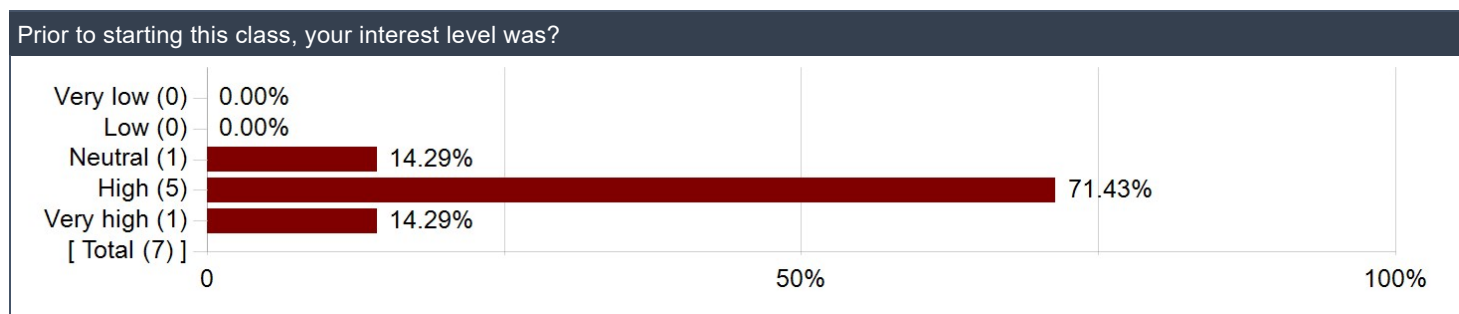
## How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
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	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%

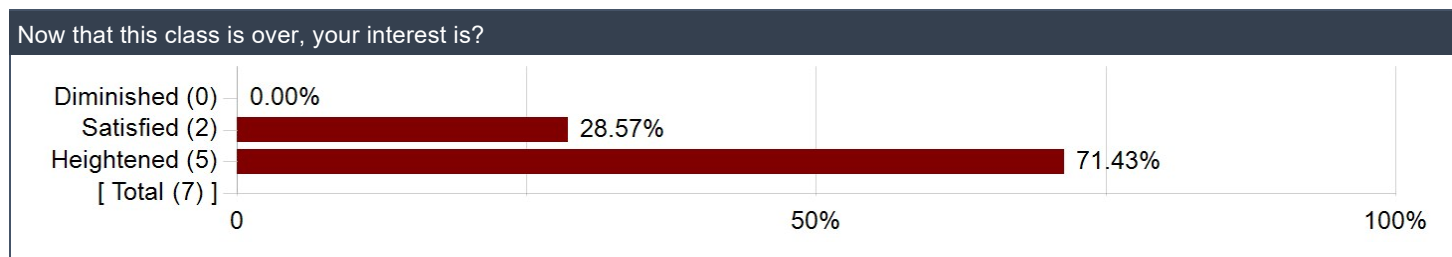
## Is this class a requirement of some sort?



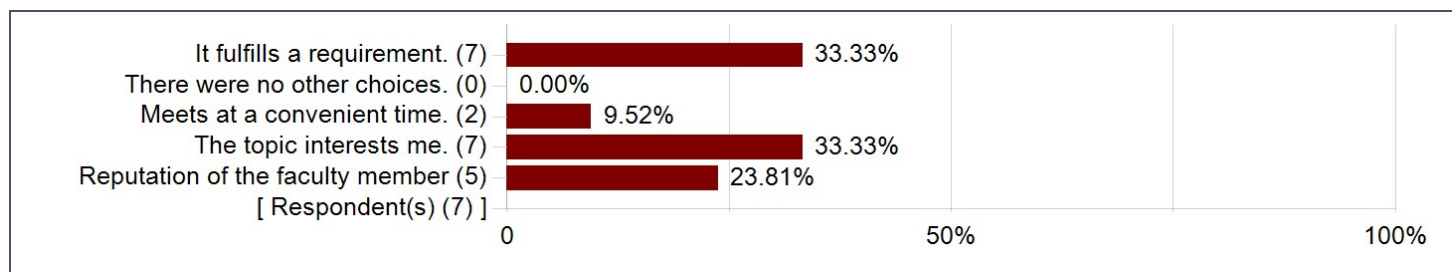
## Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



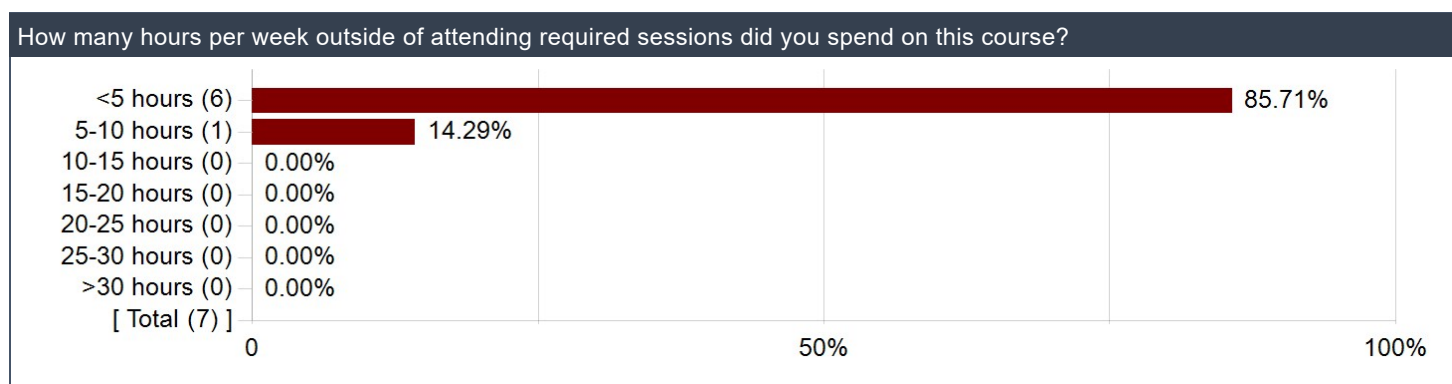
## Now that this class is over, your interest is?



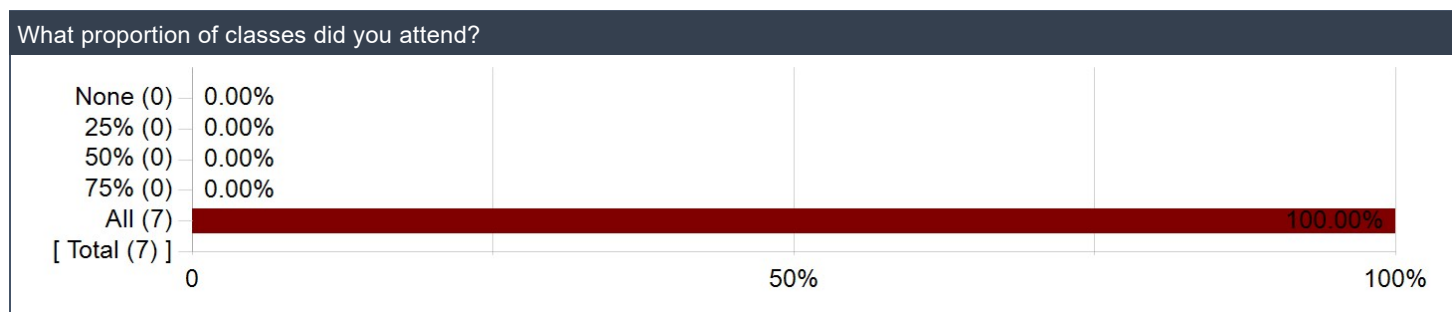
## Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



## 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
This course isn't crazy reading heavy, but the primary texts can sometimes take a while to decipher. As someone with little background in Arabic/Islamic literature, it still felt accessible even if I had to take a little more time on it. You don't need any background in the subject for the class, though an interest would probably be nice!
Knew a lot about Islam and early Islamic civilization going in—we covered a lot of content I knew but also some I didn't, all at a good pace. so it's interesting and accessible for both people who know and don't know about the topic
The course was very accessible, although we could engage with the texts in a more intensive way if we wanted to.
Took hum and sosc last year, and they set me up perfectly in making this class extremely manageable
I did not find this course significantly challenging having already taken College classes in the humanities. If you have no familiarity with interpreting texts or writing papers it might be more challenging.
Had background but I still felt the class was incredibly accessible