SOSC 12500 9 - Self, Culture, and Society II - Instructor(s): Brinton Ahlin

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

Number Enrolled: **19**
Number of Responses: **9**

Report Comments

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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
We read Durkheim, Freud, some Hegel, De Beauvoir, Fanon
The fundamentals of psychoanalysis and its applications in understanding the self
Societal analysis skills
We learned about the importance of the social in the individual through discussing religion, psychoanalysis, sexism, racism, and colonialism.
How the social and individual interact, different types of alienation.

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

Comments
The seminar discussions were well–organized and interactive. Prof. Ahlin always does a great job of teasing out the key takeaways and directing us to the most important passages.
listen to lecture, you can either listen or participate in discussion but Ahlin is great
Professor Ahlin's discussions were really helpful and he makes them a lot of fun by having us draw in outside examples. His office hours are also really helpful because he explains the broad structure and argument of these thinkers and gives you a stepping off point to think about their writings. He did give us a midterm and a final exam to check that we were keeping up with our reading. and we wrote one paper, which I feel didn't really help me develop my writing skills as much as I would have liked.
Discussions and readings were helpful.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%
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.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%
I felt respected in this class.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%
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 really enjoy this quarter as we move into modern authors
take it with ahlin, theres a learning curve with the writing but he's great and its well worth it
Prof. Ahlin was a great SOSC professor, the only thing was the final was an in –person, closed note exam, which I thought was a relatively difficult format.
Professor Ahlin is a great teacher who clearly cares about his students and knows the material very well! The midterm and final consisting of quote identifications and a short essay were something I've never had experience with in a HUM/SOSC class, but they weren't too bad although I would rather write more essays.

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	14.29%	85.71%
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
Prof. Ahlin is very knowledgable and knows how to direct discussions. He also offers great explanation on difficult authors like Hegel, which was very helpful.
Prof. Ahlin is an amazing teacher! He is passionate about the material and really stimulated my interest in the key texts.
lecture
Explaining things during discussion

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Nothing!
N/A
maybe no midterm or final that was weird
I wish we knew more answers. Also the tests were very hard.

The Instructor . . .

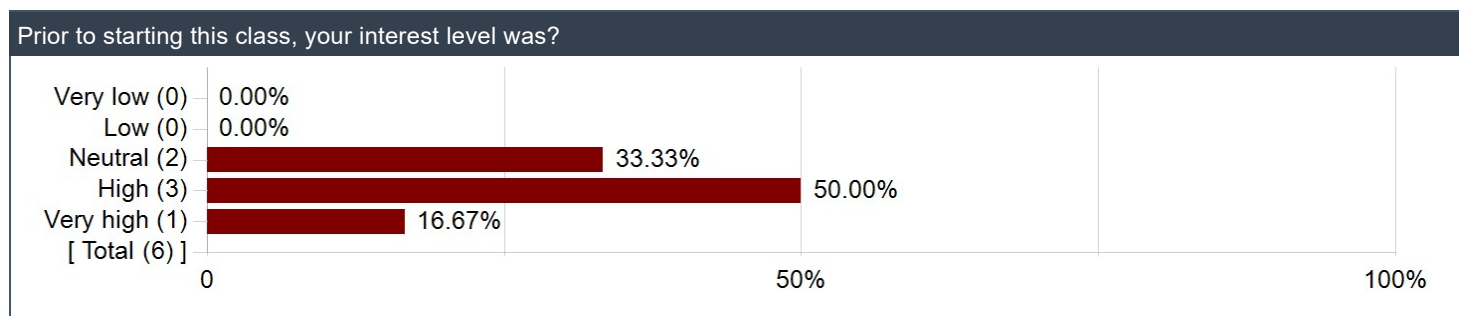|	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	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 course.	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 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.	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.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%	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	3.20	4.00	40.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	40.00%	0.00%

Is this class a requirement of some sort?
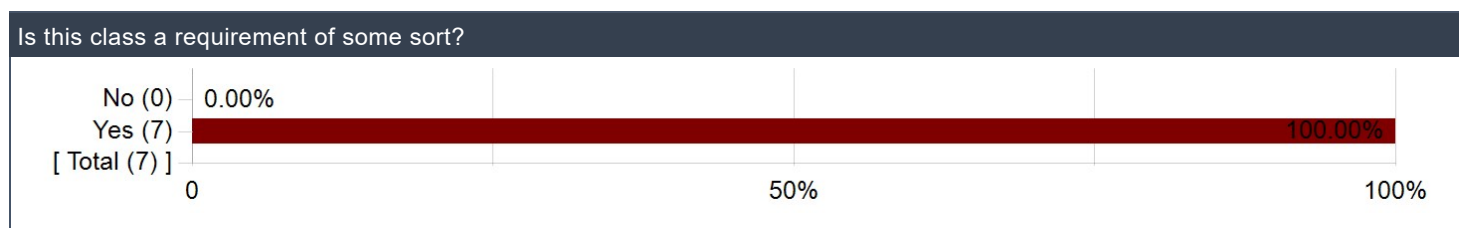
Is this class a requirement of some sort?

- No (0) — 0.00%
- Yes (7) — 100.00%
- [Total (7)]

Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?

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- Very low (0) — 0.00%
- Low (0) — 0.00%
- Neutral (2) — 33.33%
- High (3) — 50.00%
- Very high (1) — 16.67%
- [Total (6)]

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- Diminished (0) — 0.00%
- Satisfied (1) — 16.67%
- Heightened (5) — 83.33%
- [Total (6)]
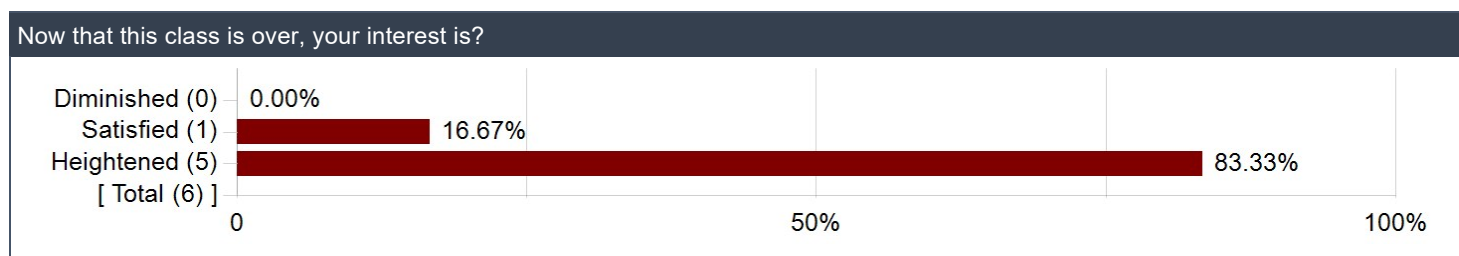
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)
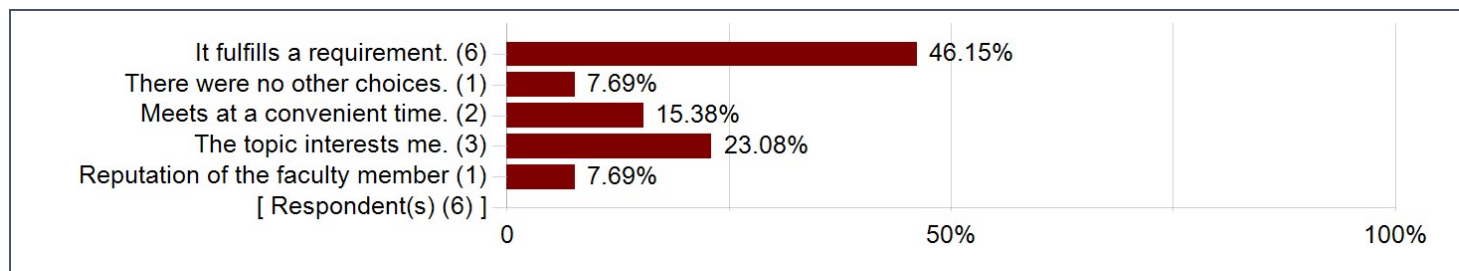
- It fulfills a requirement. (6) — 46.15%
- There were no other choices. (1) — 7.69%
- Meets at a convenient time. (2) — 15.38%
- The topic interests me. (3) — 23.08%
- Reputation of the faculty member (1) — 7.69%
- [Respondent(s) (6)]

How many hours per week outside of attending required sessions did you spend on this course?

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- <5 hours (1) — 16.67%
- 5-10 hours (3) — 50.00%
- 10-15 hours (2) — 33.33%
- 15-20 hours (0) — 0.00%
- 20-25 hours (0) — 0.00%
- 25-30 hours (0) — 0.00%
- >30 hours (0) — 0.00%
- [Total (6)]

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- None (0) — 0.00%
- 25% (0) — 0.00%
- 50% (0) — 0.00%
- 75% (0) — 0.00%
- All (6) — 100.00%
- [Total (6)]
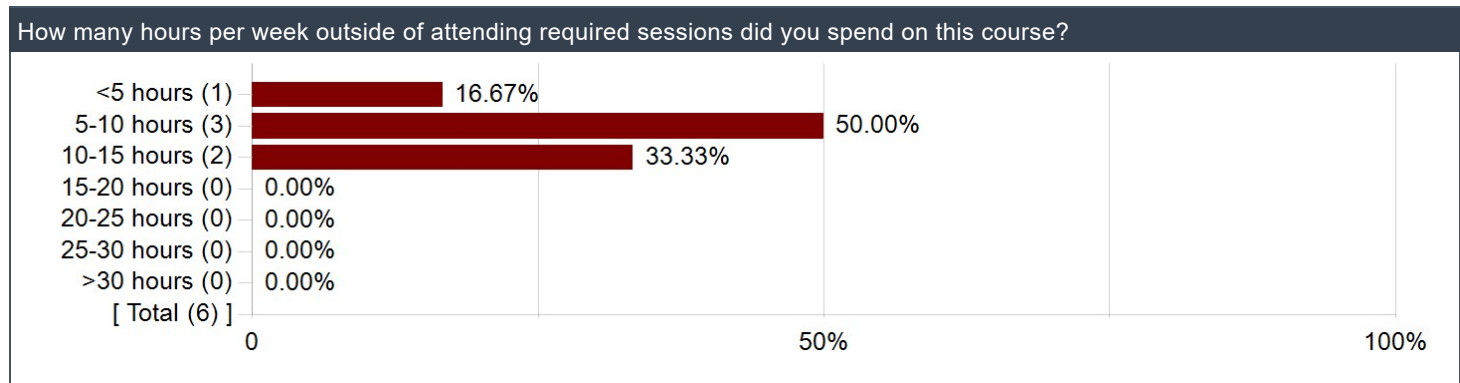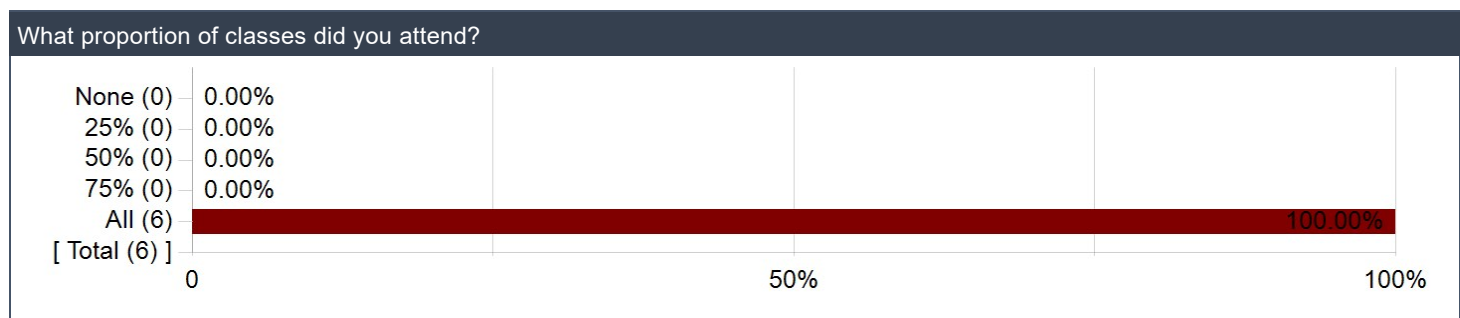
Please comment on the level of difficulty of the course relative to your background and experience.

Comments
A lot of reading, but manageable
This course was very relaxed. We didn't have a very heavy reading load but still had good discussions on these authors.
The readings were not too hard but my test was hard.