



SOSC 12600 13 - Self, Culture, and Society III - Instructor(s) - Molly Cunningham

Project Title: **College Course Feedback - Spring 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.

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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
How to effectively read and discuss complicated texts.
how to interpret society and understand the world with a more open mindset.
Working through the ideas of Kuhn, Foucault, Trouillot, Asad, unpacking the complicated terms and arguments they use. Learning to see society with new paradigms– eg. with Foucault power is not seen as being held by a particular authority or person, but rather is a network, distributed everywhere and influenced by everyone.
The ability to learn and think deeply about how thinkers relate to everything around us
You gain the knowledge of the way that power works in the world. The basis of power is told thorough a few books to explain how it is invisible and always at play in society.
Learned a lot of very interesting theories from the social sciences. We read Kuhn, Foucault, Trouillot, and Asad and talked about the nature of scientific progress, the constructs of sexuality and theories of power, the process of historical production, and the nature of suicide terrorism. Everything we learned was extremely interesting.
The projects of Kuhn, Foucault, Trouillot, and Asad
The nature of time, memory, identity and some political structure.
The way different power sources influence individual's daily lives. Also learned how to search and find the main project and main argument in texts.

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

Comments
I really liked the discussion board because it forced me to really analyze the text more closely than if I were just reading the books normally.
discussions were vital to my learning and assignments. Lectures not at much, to be frank.
Everything. Loved the constellations
the lectures were extremely helpful. Professor Cunningham draws on the board and everyone gives a constellation project that helps us to understand the way that the terms in the books are shown through everyday interactions and circumstances. It is easy to unpack the book as long as you go to class.
Class discussions were key to helping me learn how exactly to read these authors and what key concepts to take away from them.
The discussions helped me understand the projects of each author quite well.
The class discussions are really great for working through the text. Office hours are also wonderful!
In-class discussions helped to gain a better understanding of the text and to discuss beyond the book.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	36.36%	63.64%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	36.36%	63.64%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.27	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	27.27%	18.18%	54.55%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.45	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	18.18%	63.64%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.55	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	27.27%	63.64%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.45	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	36.36%	54.55%
I felt respected in this class.	4.55	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	27.27%	63.64%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	18.18%	72.73%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
There are far too many writing assignments. Having a multipage writing assignment due every other Sunday for the entire quarter is too much combined with the three writing assignments including a final essay due during finals week it is simply far too many assignments.
This class discusses some sensitive content that would make some people uncomfortable. We discuss race, identity, and sex and other power relationships that are seen everyday. Professor Cunningham does a good job of making the classroom comfortable but as a POC, sometimes it doesn't work and it just depends on the students to make it a welcoming environment.

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	0.00%	100.00%
Anyone interested in the topic	9.09%	90.91%

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

Comments
I really like the format of the class where the first hour is dedicated to discussing the reading and the last 20 minutes is for a specific presentation a student prepared relating to the reading.
Dr. Cunningham's discussions are incredibly helpful and well-led. Do the readings!
Professor Cunningham is fantastic at facilitating discussion in class, even if on some days people are not feeling talkative. She always encourages us to work through examples we find interesting and try to arrive at the central claim of the text. She provides helpful feedback on our archives to recalibrate us. I went to her office hours this quarter and it was very helpful to talk through ideas with her.
I liked hearing from my peers and guiding ourselves through a discussion
Writing on the board important notes and allowing us to have partner discussions really helped understand the content. Professor Cunningham also came to class with quotes from the texts that really helped us understand and unpack the key terms. Also office hours was very helpful.
Professor Cunningham is really a wonderful teacher. Her class discussions contain the prefect combination of her guiding us while we (the students) also work through the readings ourself. Discussions are typically engaging and interesting.
The discussions done throughout the class, especially a mixture of whole class and small group discussions.
Her guiding the discussions was extremely helpful
Her Office hours were always available and really informative for any question one might have.
Facilitating the conversation to make us think beyond the text.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
I think more time could be dedicated to the overall themes of the books and a little less to the nitty gritty of close reading what felt like multiple chapters of every book.
offering more office hour availabilities
N/A
The course was taught well so nothing needs to be modified.
nothing
The discussion post requirement this quarter felt a little cumbersome but everything otherwise was great!
Nothing

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.45	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	18.18%	63.64%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	18.18%	72.73%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.73	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	27.27%	72.73%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	18.18%	72.73%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.82	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	81.82%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	18.18%	72.73%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.73	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	27.27%	72.73%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.73	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	27.27%	72.73%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	36.36%	63.64%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.73	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	27.27%	72.73%	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
Margaret Rothrock.

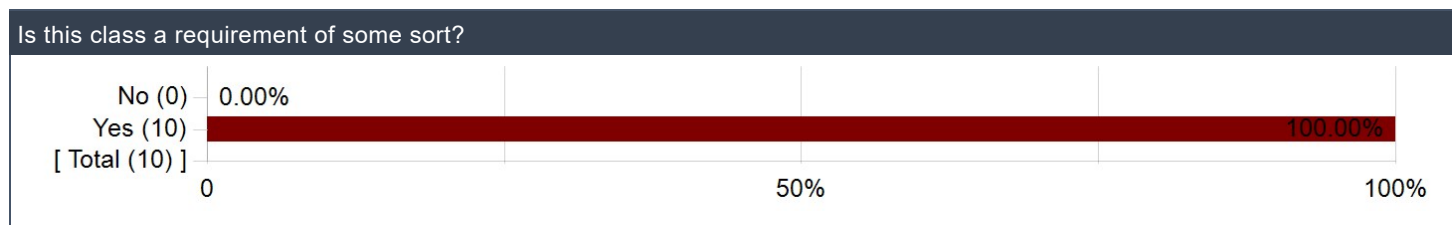
The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	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.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%

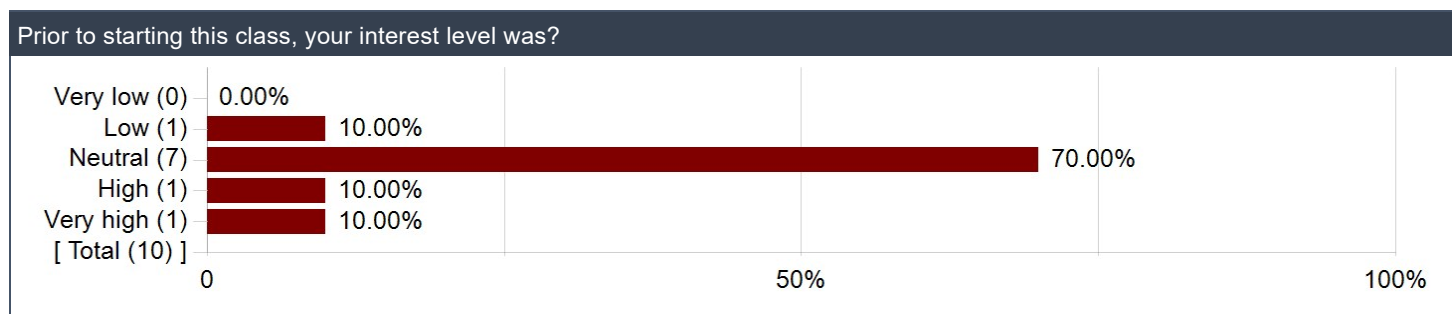
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	2.67	2.50	16.67%	33.33%	16.67%	33.33%	0.00%	0.00%

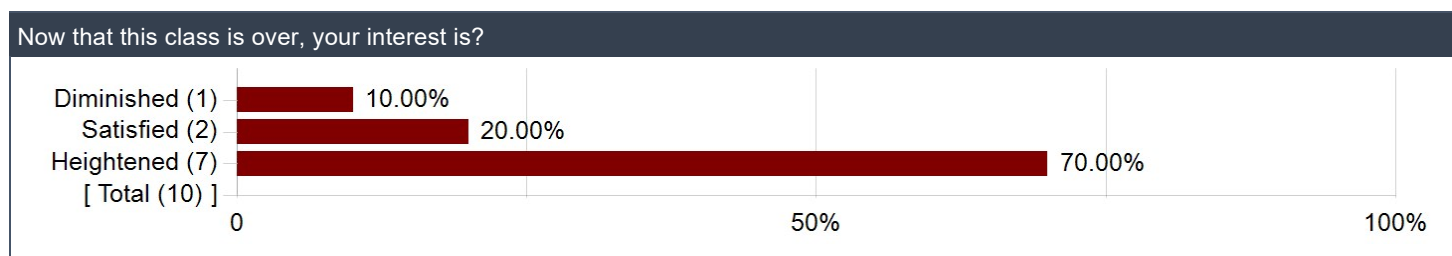
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



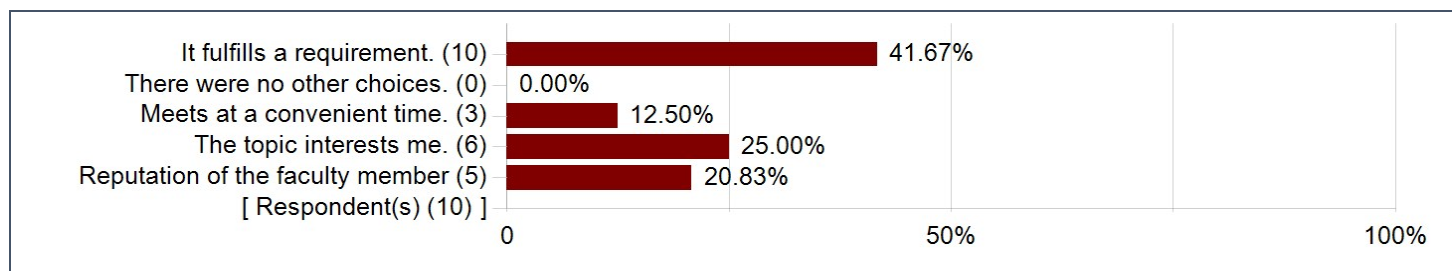
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



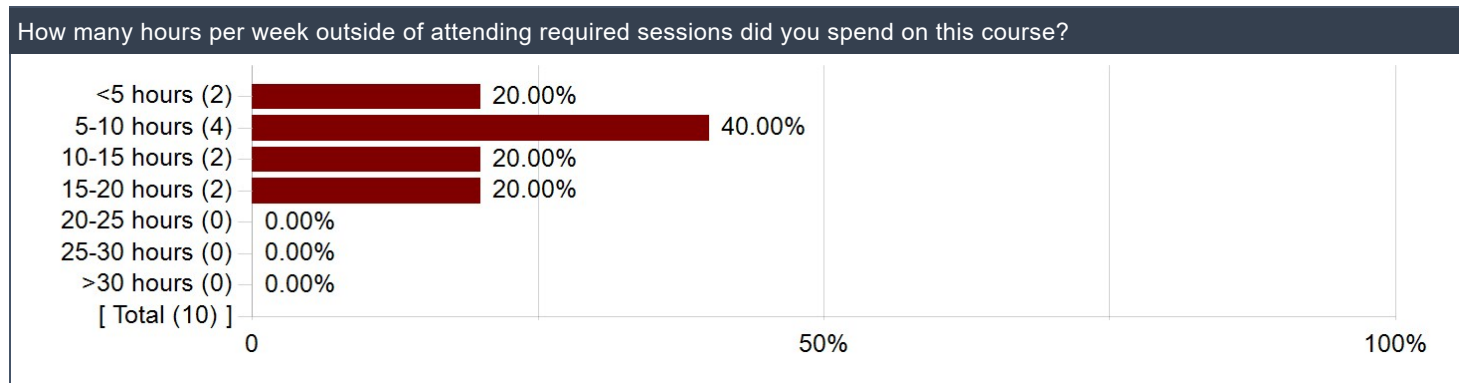
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



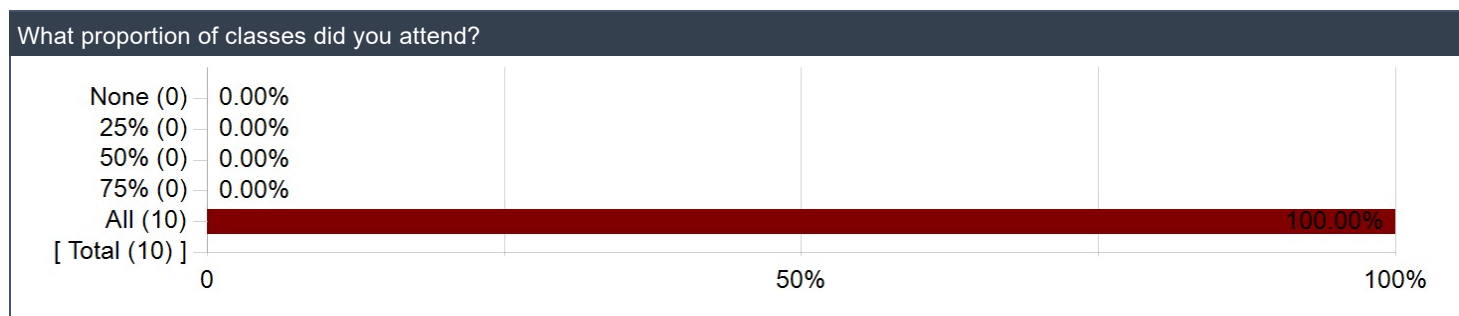
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
Medium to High
The course is not overly challenging in content but I found the sheer volume of writing assignments to be a lot and I enjoy writing. I would not recommend this course to someone who dislikes writing.
Office Hours help like crazy!! Dr. Cunningham is a great professor: passionate and knowledgeable.
I loved this course.
I would say that this course is a take out what you put in kind of course. If you formulate your thoughts decently well, you will get a quality grade.
No experience needed