SOSC 15100 15 - Classics of Social and Political Thought I - Instructor(s): Konrad Weeda

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

Number Enrolled: **8**
Number of Responses: **6**

Report Comments

Opinions expressed in these evaluations are those of students enrolled in the specific course and do not represent the University.

Creation Date: **Friday, February 2, 2024**

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

Comments
How to read older philosophical texts quickly, discuss them, and write essays about them
How to think and write about important works of social and political thought.
We got to read some very interesting texts.
Analyzing philosophical texts.

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

Comments
The essays were most helpful in contributing to my learning
You do the reading before class, and then you discuss them in class. Discussions were cool and enjoyable.
The discussions were sometimes engaging, but the small class size meant there was often dead air.
The discussions were interesting and I received high quality feedback on my paper writing.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	3.80	4.00	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	60.00%	20.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	3.60	4.00	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	40.00%	20.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	3.40	4.00	0.00%	40.00%	0.00%	40.00%	20.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	3.60	4.00	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	40.00%	20.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	3.80	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	40.00%	20.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	3.80	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	40.00%	20.00%
I felt respected in this class.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	3.60	4.00	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	40.00%	20.00%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
I would recommend this course because I don’t think I would’ve picked up any of these texts on my own without needing to for a class. Reading these texts have been an amazing experience.
The course was good!
The grading on the essays was kind of arbitrary, and nobody scored below an 80 or above a 90 on they essays, and the feedback was not very actionable.
Make sure you really like Plato, Aristotle, Cicero, and Machiavelli. I enjoyed the Cicero readings, but there was a ton of reading – our section seemed to read significantly more than the other sections.

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	0.00%	100.00%
Anyone interested in the topic	20.00%	80.00%

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

Comments
I think office hours helped contribute to my learning the most
Konrad asked interesting questions and directed conversation pretty well.
Facilitating discussion.
If you actually want to get something out of the course go to office hours, especially if you want to do well on papers.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Maybe just reeling the discussion back in more often when the class gets too off–topic
Konrad would occasionally ramble and ask unclear questions, which would be followed by moments of silence. In these moments, I would have preferred a bit more direction.
More clear essay feedback.

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	3.50	4.00	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	60.00%	0.00%	20.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	60.00%	20.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	40.00%	40.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	60.00%	20.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.20	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	40.00%	40.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	60.00%	20.00%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.40	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	40.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.20	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	40.00%	40.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.20	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	40.00%	40.00%	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
Graham Certain – writing advisor
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Graham – nothing against him, but we saw him twice over the course of the quarter and I'm really not sure what the purpose of the writing seminar was

The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	3.50	3.50	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%
Challenged you to learn.	3.67	4.00	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	3.33	4.00	33.33%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	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	1.00	1.00	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

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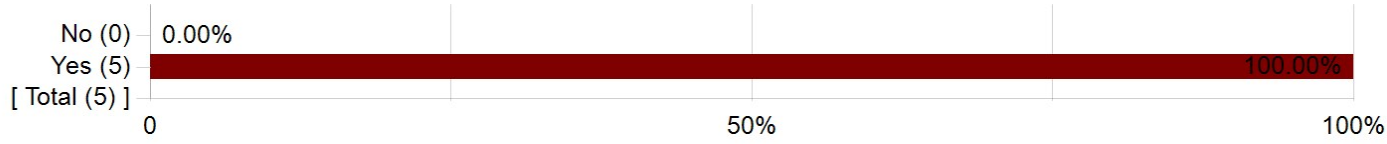

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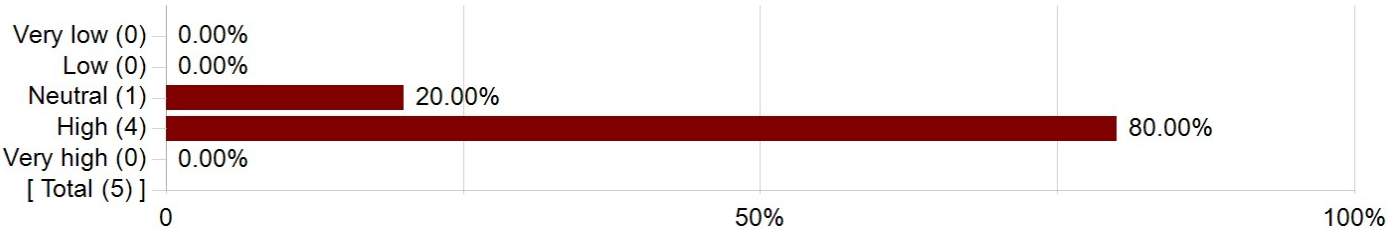
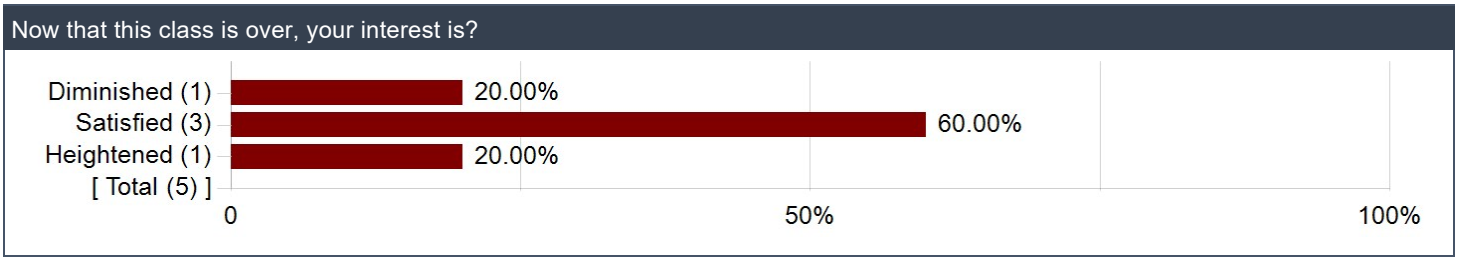
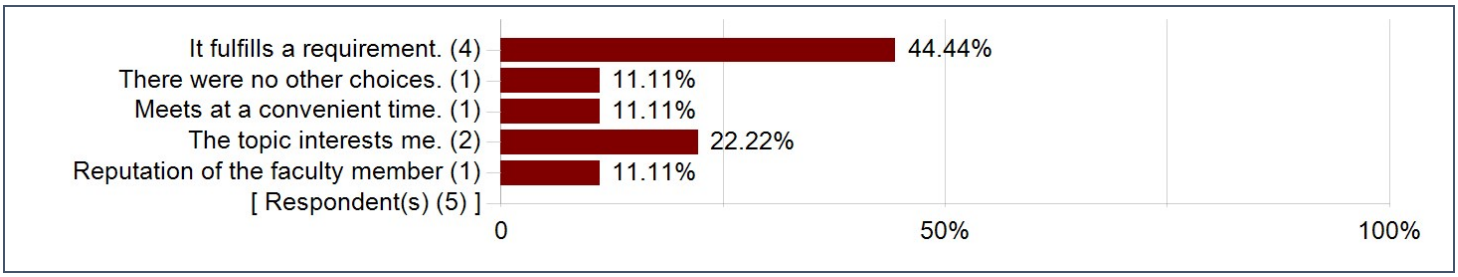


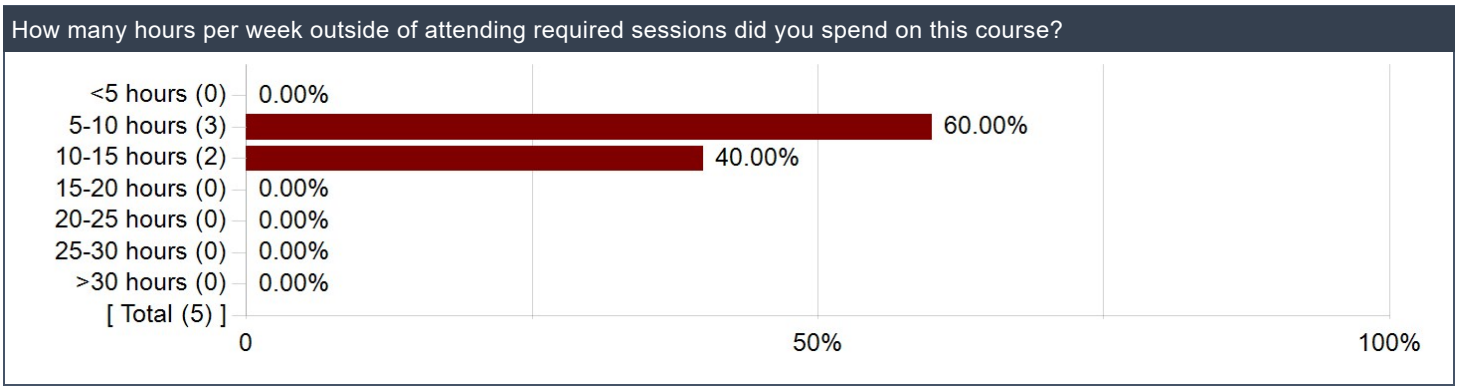
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



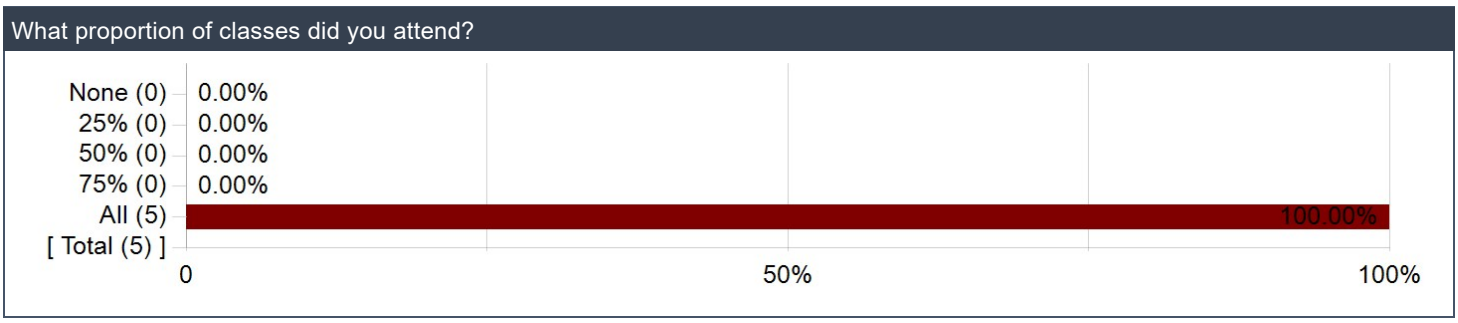
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
I had no prior experience with philosophy, but this course was not too challenging for me
The essays were graded pretty hard. The top scores tended to be bunched around the same area.
It wasn't hard or easy, the grade distribution on essays was very small and centered around B/B+ range.