



# CMST 14400 1 - Film and the Moving Image - Instructor(s) - Ariel Stevenson, Bret Hart

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

Number Enrolled: **18**

Number of Responses: **6**

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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
I learned a lot about how to analyze and appreciate film and other pieces of media.
I learned how to dissect different components of film like sound, editing, cinematography, etc, and talk about how these things contribute to a film's meaning and impact.
I learned the main principles of film analysis, and how to notice them in media.
How to analyze films, different filmmaking vocabulary
Film analysis

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

Comments
The lectures were always pretty collaborative in the sense that Professor Stevenson would give us ample opportunities to jump in and join the conversation, which was definitely appreciated. Always enjoyed watching and discussing short clips from iconic movies in class as well.
Film screenings were very fun, and class was a very comfortable space to express our opinions of the film.
Lectures were very engaging and made me want to understand the content further.
Readings and discussions helped be better understand material

**Please respond to the following:**

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.17	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	50.00%	33.33%
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.	3.67	4.00	16.67%	0.00%	16.67%	33.33%	33.33%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.33	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	33.33%	50.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	3.50	4.00	16.67%	16.67%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%
I felt respected in this class.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%

## Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Unfortunately, feedback on any assignments wasn't given until the very end of the quarter, so it was difficult to tell if you were doing well or meeting all the requirements. For context, final papers are due this week and our midterm papers have not been graded or given feedback, so it really is a bit of a blindside if you are used to getting some kind of guidance from your Professor as to how to perform better in the course.
Prompts were often posted late which would result in due dates being pushed back. This kind of created a domino effect of assignments being pushed and a stack of ungraded things building pretty quickly. This was likely the most frustrating aspect of the course, as it was hard to tell how you were performing or how to improve.
This was a great class with a great professor, and I really enjoyed it, but she was unorganized. If you are someone who cannot handle changing deadlines for assignments and wants everything to stay the same, this is not the class or professor for you. For the first two (of four) discussion posts we did not receive the prompt until halfway through the day it was originally due. She changed the due date of the first one, pushed the due date of the second one back a week, and the third was canceled because we ran out of time. She communicated these to us, but I imagine it would have been stressful if I'd had a busier quarter and needed to plan my time.

## 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 Stevenson was great at having discussions with the class in a casual, informative nature. They were always very engaging and fun! Probably one of the better Professors I have had in terms of making me want to contribute to class discussion and pay attention to the content. She was really passionate about everything, and made it clear in how she taught.
Professor Stevenson was very knowledgeable about different aspects of film, and she would always show film clips in class to help give examples. It was very fun and interactive.
Her enthusiasm and clear love of the subject. She facilitated incredibly interesting discussions.
Concrete examples shown in class helped to solidify abstract ideas in readings.
Discussions, especially examples in movie clips

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

Comments
I think really the only thing is getting grades back at least before the final paper. I didn't even really care about the changing deadlines / late prompts, even if it disorganized my planning a bit, but not having really any feedback going into finals week and the final paper is frustrating. No idea where I stand in the class or how well I need to perform to do well.
I also will say that, at times, Professor Stevenson made certain comments (typically political ones) that I didn't love. While I am a strong believer that everyone should be able to freely express their opinions, I don't necessarily think that a basic film class is a forum for it, especially when discussing highly charged ideas. I honestly agreed with most of her points, but it was still mildly uncomfortable as this wasn't an environment where I wanted to discuss them or thought they should really be discussed unless the content of the course called for it.
better communication, timely feedback
Nothing

## The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	3.33	4.00	16.67%	16.67%	0.00%	50.00%	16.67%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	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.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	3.83	4.00	16.67%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	33.33%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%

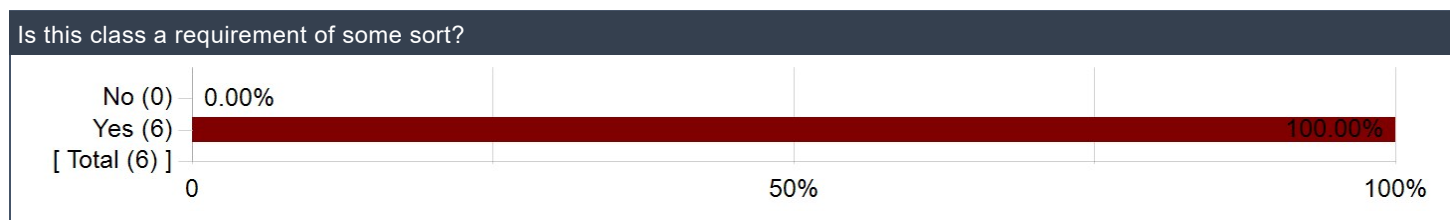
## How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

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

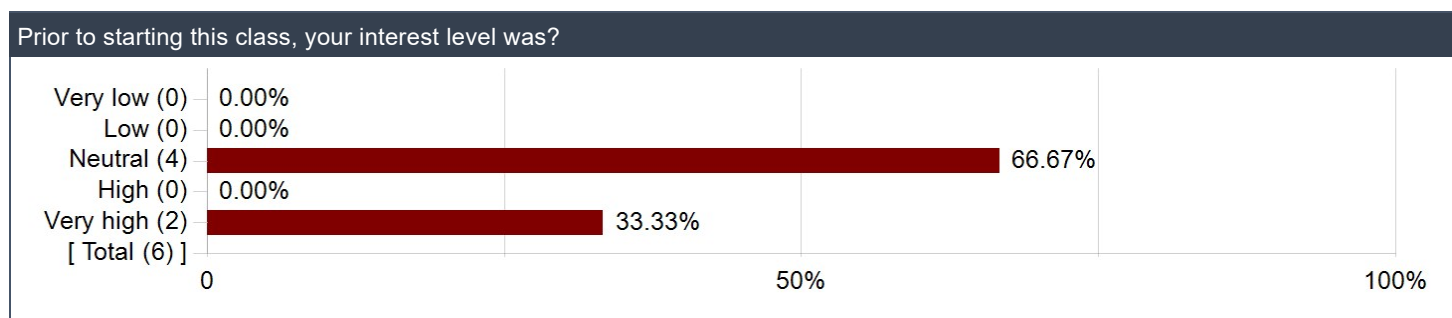
## Other course elements not mentioned above:

Comments
Screening
We had weekly film screenings on Tuesday nights. We would talk about the films we watched in the next class. Film screenings were fun because we essentially got to go to the movies once a week. Screenings are mandatory and it's not hard because all you have to do is sit there and watch, but because they are late in the evening, it's not very convenient if you have early/time consuming classes, though.
Movie screenings were important for actual examples of what was discussed

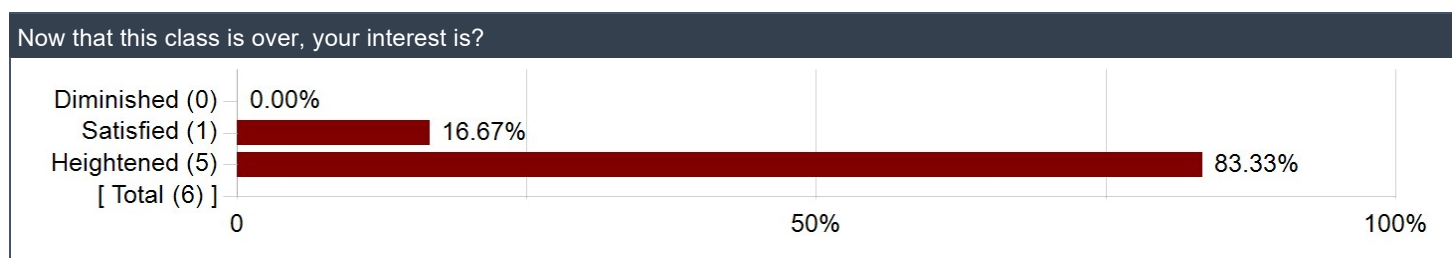
## Is this class a requirement of some sort?



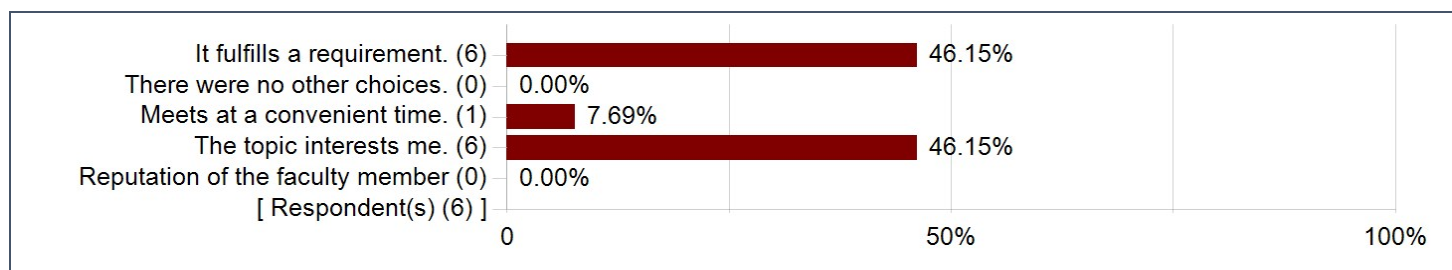
### Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



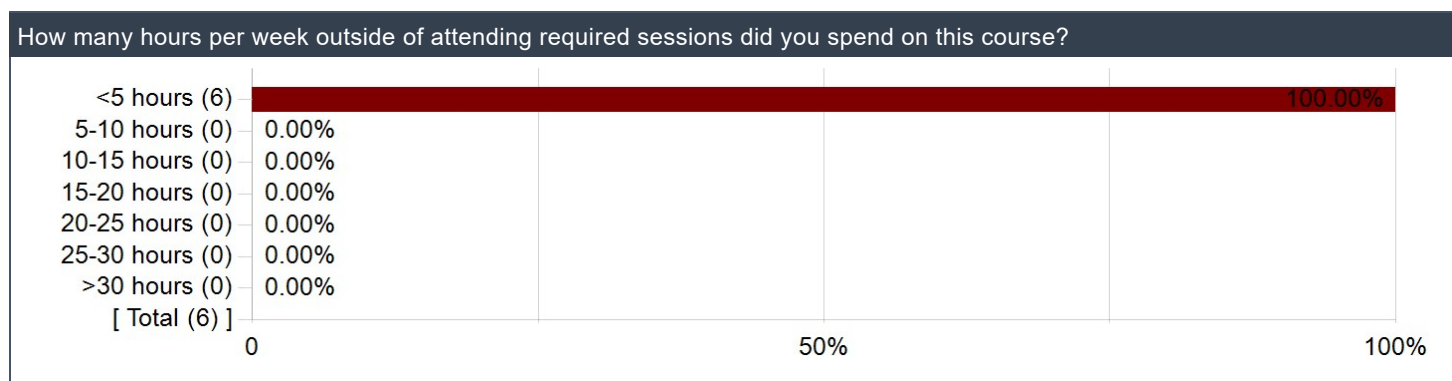
### Now that this class is over, your interest is?



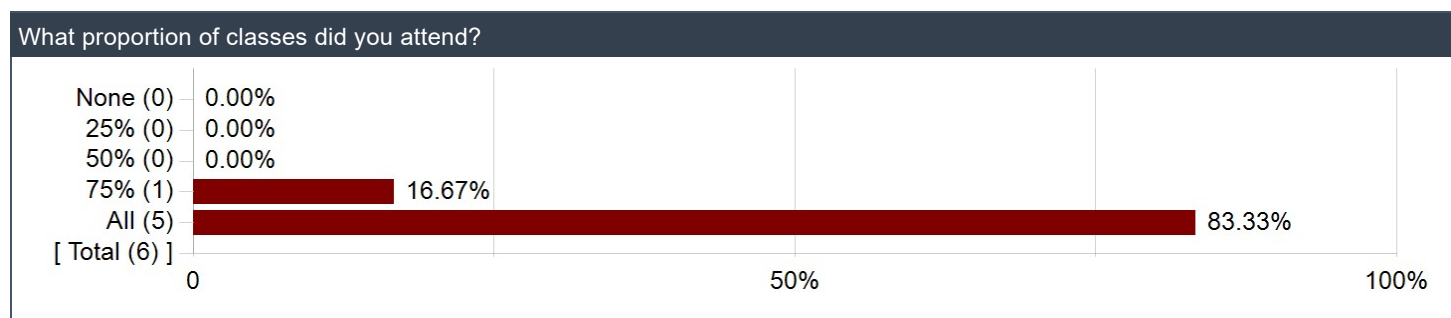
### Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



### 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
Really simple class to get you exposed to the world of film! Not very difficult at all – weekly reading and the occasional assignment. Not a huge time commitment at all.
You learn everything you need to know in class. I had no experience learning about film before and I did fine.
I had no experience analyzing film and it was very accessible to me.