SOSC 11500 7 - Power, Identity, Resistance II - Instructor(s): Jennifer Spruill

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

Number Enrolled: **17**
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: **Thursday, March 28, 2024**

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

Comments
Theories on how economy and society effected each other
Political economy theory. Theories on division of labor.
The various social ideaologies that gave birth to current governmental institutions
Reading between the lines/deep analysis of Marx, Smith, and Durkheim.
Marx, Smith, and Durkheim's theories on Capitalism and social interactions, etc

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

Comments
Class time was very useful to discuss and clarify materials. Writing workshops did not feel helpful though.
I love the way we do essays in this class – they are super creative and make me genuinely excited to talk about Marx and Smith!
I really enjoy taking this class with Professor Spruil. She is SO SO SO good at facilitating discussions and always surprises you with a new way to teach the material each class. No class is similar to the other, and you never know what you might have to work on during class, which is very fun and exciting!
Class gave a complete analysis of each reading, making this course very student–freidnly and easy to catch up with.
Lectures were super helpful in understanding each philosophers' perspective/opinions on society. The assignments we were given each class were valuable when it came to writing our papers.
The lectures were interesting to know what specific parts of content the professor was interested in most, but it was hard sometimes following her train of thought while in class.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.20	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	40.00%	40.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.20	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	80.00%	20.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.20	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	80.00%	20.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.20	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	80.00%	20.00%
I felt respected in this class.	4.20	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	40.00%	40.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.20	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	80.00%	20.00%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
I liked how the prompts involved actually applying the class material, rather than just analyzing it
Take this course, but take it with Professor Spruill. She engages students in such a way that you really feel excited to go to class. She knows how to facilitate discussions, but sometimes she doesn't do the best job managing the time in class. But in general she is great. This is a challenging course, but the topics are very relevant, as you really are able to start to think about the way society works. Take this course!
The reading were unrealistically long for the usual free time of a student, leaving me to either read summaries or only portions of the assigned readings
Regardless of if you come in with some background experience with Marx, Durkheim, Smith, etc it won't really help much since the things the professor is interested in exploring is very specific or creatively thought about when put into the syllabus. Regardless, try to read some of these old white men so you have a basic understanding of their theories prior to the class.

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
She encourages students to interact with the material, rather than just trying to explain all of it herself
Discussions were great, but I didn't really like to do a commonplace book every week. It is not difficult, but it can get boring sometimes. Overall, everything was very good.
Her attention towards the students and willingness to explain topics further
The assignments in class and in general, our daily discussions regarding our assigned reading.
Lectures/feedback on papers

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Professor Spruill's essay prompts are very intriguing. She always comes up with something you never expected, especially for the final. So it is always challenging but fun to work on the essays. However, I wish we had more guidance in what she expects from an essay or a final project, as sometimes it can be very vague. I also wish essays were a bit longer as I would normally run out of space to write everything I wanted to. At some point I started to submit my essays with extra works and that did not seem to be a problem though.
Shorter readings would increase participation, I noticed students telling me that they usually don't read due to high demands.
Less reading assigned per night/less rushing through the texts. With other courses and activities, it was hard to analyze each chapter thuroughly when we were given sometimes more than 200 pages of hard–to–read text in two nights.
N/A

The Instructor . . .

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Organized the course clearly.	4.40	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	40.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.40	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	40.00%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.40	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	40.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%	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.

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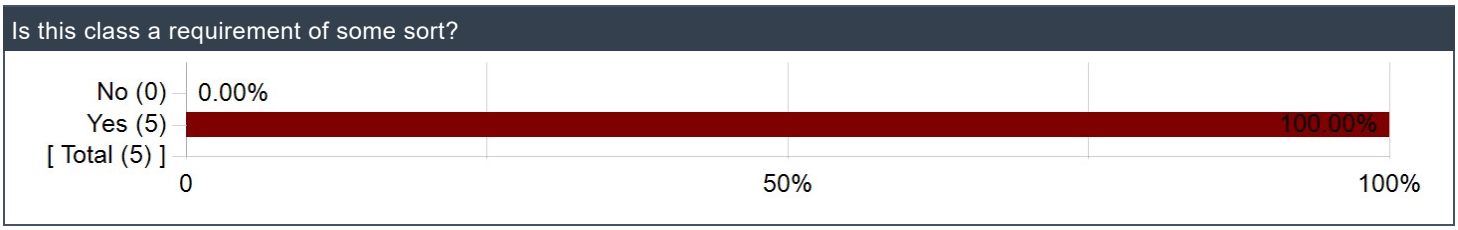
The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	3.50	3.50	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	2.00	2.00	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	2.00	2.00	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%
Challenged you to learn.	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	2.50	2.50	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	50.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	2.50	2.50	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

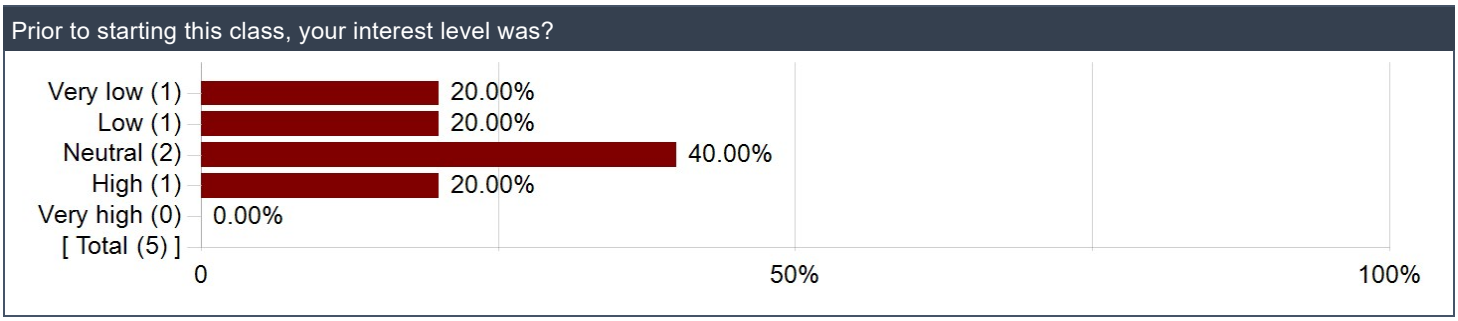
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	1.50	1.50	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

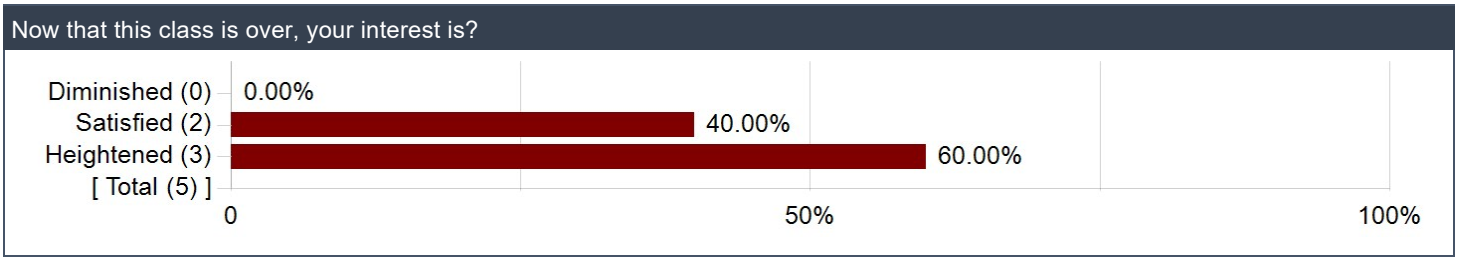
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



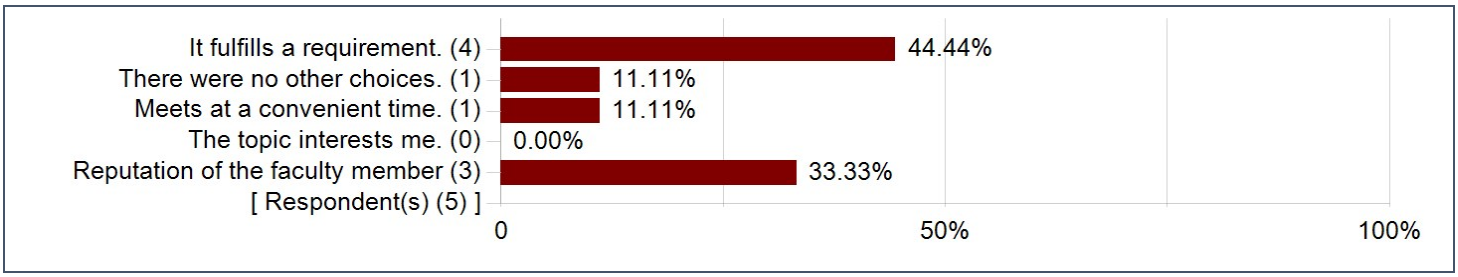
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



Now that this class is over, your interest is?



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



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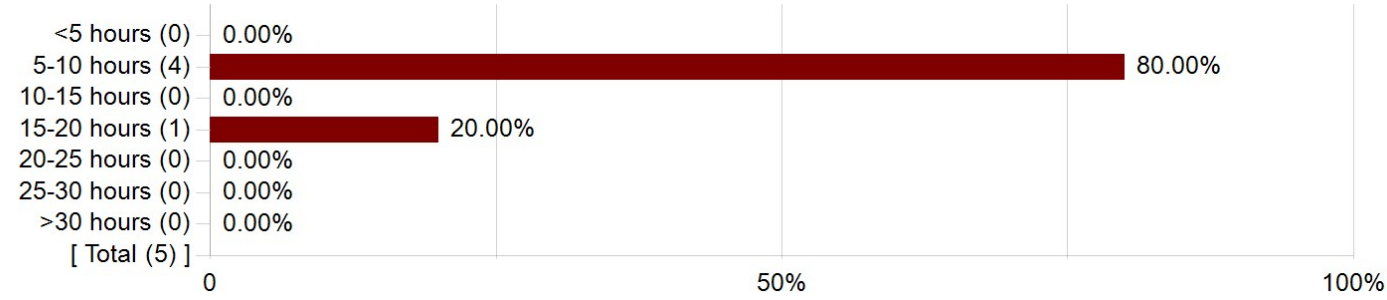

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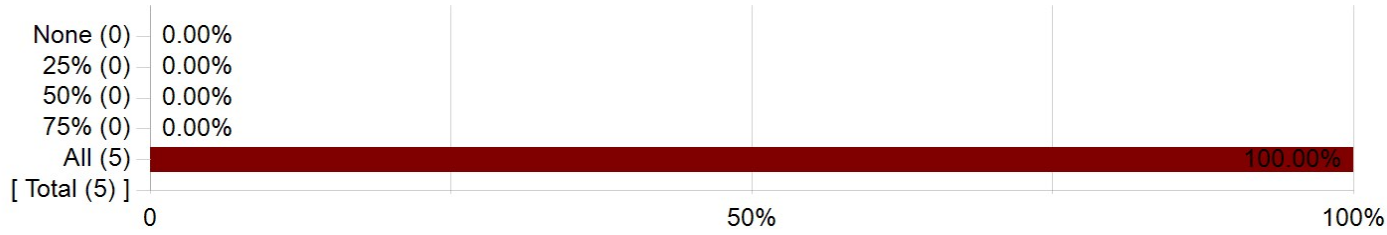

Please comment on the level of difficulty of the course relative to your background and experience.

Comments
The readings can be a lot of work, but this class is very enjoyable and interesting if you're willing to commit the time.
Just take this course, you will have lots of fun!
Not too difficult compared to the first quarter of power, but readings did get a little more conceptually challenging
The essays are pretty difficult to earn an A on. No matter how much advice I sought/took into consideration, I never earned higher than a B. Pretty discouraging since writing is my best subject and I did very well in my HUM last year in the college.