



HUMA 16000 7 - Media Aesthetics: Image, Text, Sound I - Instructor(s): Haitham Ibrahim

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

Number Enrolled: **19**

Number of Responses: **16**

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
Learned about the medium of an image and its impact on the message
Learning how to think about topics in a non–binary, open–minded way.
I learned how think critically about mediums outside of text.
Learned the theoretical importance of media in day–to–day life as well as its potential detriment.
how media relates to our daily life and our thinking
I acquired essential skills in critical analysis and refined my writing abilities, particularly in articulating nuanced insights into visual storytelling, cinematography, and media production.
I learned how to closely analyze scenes and readings. Deepened my understanding of philosophical concepts.
The most important thing that I learned is being able to connect painting, photography, and film to the concepts and theories that we learned from the class.
I learned about the importance of different forms of visual media (i.e. painting, photography, cinema, etc) and gained a deeper understanding of their affect/influence on society. I also improved my skills in writing professional/analytical papers.
What do we classify as media, and what are the impact of different types of media. The theoretical and philisophical texts that I read in this class not only made me think about the images I see but also prompted me to contemplate the deeper meanings in what I perceive and create.
The role media plays in our lives. How everything can be a medium.
The most important things that I learned in this course is that everything is not as it appears at the surface. The main lesson I learned was the subconscious understanding of media and how it impacts people. I learned how to analyze philosophical arguments by breaking them down in a logical manner and unpacking the meaning within each step in order to understand the entire argument as a whole. Overall, I learned how to think differently, in a manner that requires intense thought of the unconscious, which ultimately helped me grow as a person and student. Also, I learned how to write a philosophical argument concisely and effectively as a result of this class.
The most important thing I learned in this course was how to write a thousand five–hundred–word essay in one night. As well as this, I learned how to discuss class material in a discussion–based setting on canvas.
I learned about different forms of media and classical and contemporary concepts regarding media and mediums of expression

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

Comments
lots of readings, write 3 papers that are very deep
The discussional nature of the class was highly enjoyable.
The lectures synthesized abstract readings well.
Lectures as well as the annotations and slides Professor Ibrahim had were helpful for understanding course material.
office hours were the most helpful as prof gave good feedback on our essays
the class discussions were helpful for my understanding of the course material. Talking with classmates provided different perspectives and made the learning experience more engaging.
Discussions were student driven which really aided in my understanding of the topics.
The class discussions were really helpful in understanding the reading better and seeing different perspectives of what people took from it. Also, Professor Ibrahim does a great job of giving many examples for us to understand better the concept.
Discussions contributed to my learning the most because I was able to gain insight on what my peers thought as well as the professor. Discussions also helped me ask questions freely in a comfortable environment.
The in class discussions are generally interesting, though the student engagement in discussions are relatively poor. I gained my deeper understandings of theoretical concepts through writing the required essays.
I like the readings. Classroom discussions were eh.
The discussions were the most helpful components of the course that facilitated my understanding of complex topics. I felt as though each time I entered class after having read a very confusing text, I would emerge from the discussion having understood the entire argument presented within the text. As a result, the enhancement in my understanding allowed me to write more effective arguments in my essays. In addition, my writing abilities improved as a result of the writing seminars, which proved to help me grow as a writer by challenging my previous writing structure and forcing me to rethink how to approach an argument.
Lectures and class discussions contributed the most to my understanding of the content in the class. I appreciate how the Prof would explain to us a few examples that we could base our essays off of and always made himself available for office hours.
Classes were engaging, small class size was nice for being a part of the discussion

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	13.33%	40.00%	46.67%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.07	4.00	0.00%	7.14%	14.29%	42.86%	35.71%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	3.93	4.00	0.00%	6.67%	26.67%	33.33%	33.33%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.27	5.00	0.00%	6.67%	20.00%	13.33%	60.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	3.80	4.00	0.00%	6.67%	33.33%	33.33%	26.67%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.07	4.00	0.00%	6.67%	20.00%	33.33%	40.00%
I felt respected in this class.	4.33	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	26.67%	53.33%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.07	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	26.67%	40.00%	33.33%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
The course struck a good balance between theory and practical application, with interactive discussions adding value to the learning experience
Overall I enjoyed the course and I don't regret taking it!
This was my favorite class this quarter as it forced me to undergo a long period of restructuring the way I think about life in media, as well as life in general. It has helped me grow tremendously as a person, which will speak volumes in my future.
I respect how dedicated the professor was in making sure we understood class content however I felt so depressed and burnt out from the events in my life in and outside of school that it affected my ability to perform in his class. However, I appreciate his understanding and willingness to always help accommodate my needs. On the other hand, I feel that Michelle, the writing seminar leader could be better at connecting with students on a personal level, as well as this I feel that she was very passive-aggressive during her office hours. Her feedback was not always constructive and I prefer my essays to not be graded by her.
Prof Ibrahim is clearly about passionate about his course which makes for a dynamic and engaging classroom setting

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	6.67%	93.33%
Anyone interested in the topic	13.33%	86.67%

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

Comments
office hours was the most helpful
The professor's entertaining teaching style, mixed with different forms of learning in addition to lecture helped me learn better.
He is very good at synthesizing convoluted readings
The lectures were very helpful for elucidating the key points and takeaways from readings.
office hours
Profeso Ibrahim's openness to different viewpoints made me feel comfortable sharing with the class. This approach created a welcoming environment that encouraged diverse perspectives and enhanced the overall learning atmosphere.
In-class discussions
Giving us plenty of different examples and making us think about it contributed most positively to my learning.
The instructor created a comfortable environment to discuss and ask questions freely. He was always willing to answer any questions or expand further on certain topics that were difficult. I liked that he often provided various examples on subjects so we could understand concepts better.
I love Professor Ibrahim's passion for the subject, as well as his deep understanding of the theoretical framework we learn. I also like that he really attempts to make us understand the theory, rather than brushing over them.
Feedback on essays.
The aspect of the instructor's teaching that contributed most to my learning was the ability to ask any question pertaining to the argument at hand in order to clarify the topic and deepen one's understanding of the philosopher's perspective.
How patient he was in taking the time to explain difficult-to-understand philosophical concepts. It always helped how he would create examples for us that he knew we would understand like cybernetics and the barbie movie.
Opening up the class to discussion was very helpful and engaging. Also giving us time to review material helped stimulate discussions

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
have more discussions about the text itself and how to read the theories
Perhaps providing context before highly complicated readings could improve class discussions in the future.
Explaining how to approach the odd texts would be helpful.
More examples of the content of theory would help define it practically.
more office hours
Honestly, there's not much to change.
Cut a few readings so that there's enough time to fully get an understanding of each concept
He could provide a clearer rubric for our papers so we know how to get better grades.
I think that because of the short time given in the quarter, we weren't able to go deep enough into texts which would otherwise be very interesting to discuss.
Being more clear on the necessary formulaic aspects of essays.
The instructor could modify the class by slowing down the discussions and going into greater detail regarding specific, complex concepts within prior philosophical arguments covered in the course. I believe this would facilitate the learning process of philosophy in media.
Create better slides that are easier to read and understand.
nothing

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.13	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	26.67%	33.33%	40.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.07	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	26.67%	40.00%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.33	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	26.67%	53.33%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.27	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	33.33%	46.67%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.27	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	33.33%	46.67%	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.	4.20	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	40.00%	40.00%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.33	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	26.67%	53.33%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.33	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	26.67%	53.33%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.33	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	26.67%	53.33%	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
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Michelle Hoban was a very clear writing instructor. Their lectures and time away from class was super helpful to break good writing down into its components.
Michelle Hoban, her writing seminars helped us guide through our essays.
Michelle Hoban. Her writing seminars significantly impacted my writing skills, providing valuable insights and guidance. However, I encountered challenges in scheduling appointments with her, which somewhat limited the opportunity for personalized feedback and improvement.
Michelle Writing seminars were helpful for breaking down the expectations of papers Discuss comments on graded papers during seminars
Michelle Hoban. She does a great job helping us with our writing process and helping us improve certain aspects of our writing.
Name of TA: Michelle Hoban The TA was always willing to provide extra assistance in peer reviewing essays during her office hours. One thing she could do to be more helpful is provide her own personal feedback during writing seminars rather than having only the students provide feedback.
Michelle Hoban was a fantastic writing seminar instructor that provided helpful feedback to enhance my writing ability. She was responsive and willing to help clarify any confusion when writing an essay for the class. Also, she provided helpful teachings at our writing seminar sessions, which could easily be applied to improve one's writing ability. The only aspect I would change is to provide a rubric and one-pager that summarizes what one needs to do within an essay to have success
I was underwhelmed and disappointed in the effort Michelle put into our seminars and essay feedback.

The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	4.27	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	36.36%	45.45%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	4.18	4.00	0.00%	9.09%	9.09%	36.36%	45.45%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	4.09	4.00	0.00%	9.09%	9.09%	45.45%	36.36%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.27	5.00	0.00%	9.09%	9.09%	27.27%	54.55%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.18	4.00	0.00%	9.09%	9.09%	36.36%	45.45%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.36	5.00	0.00%	9.09%	9.09%	18.18%	63.64%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.27	5.00	0.00%	9.09%	9.09%	27.27%	54.55%	0.00%

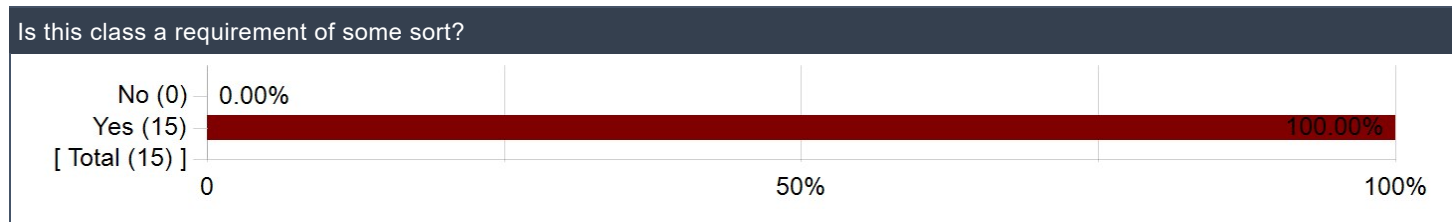
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	Mean	Median	No Gain	A Little Gain	Moderate Gain	Good Gain	Great Gain	N/A
Laboratory Experience	3.67	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%	8.33%	75.00%
Field Trips	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%	0.00%	83.33%
Library Sessions	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%	0.00%	83.33%
Review Sessions	3.33	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	8.33%	0.00%	75.00%
Writing Seminars	3.93	4.50	6.67%	6.67%	20.00%	13.33%	46.67%	6.67%

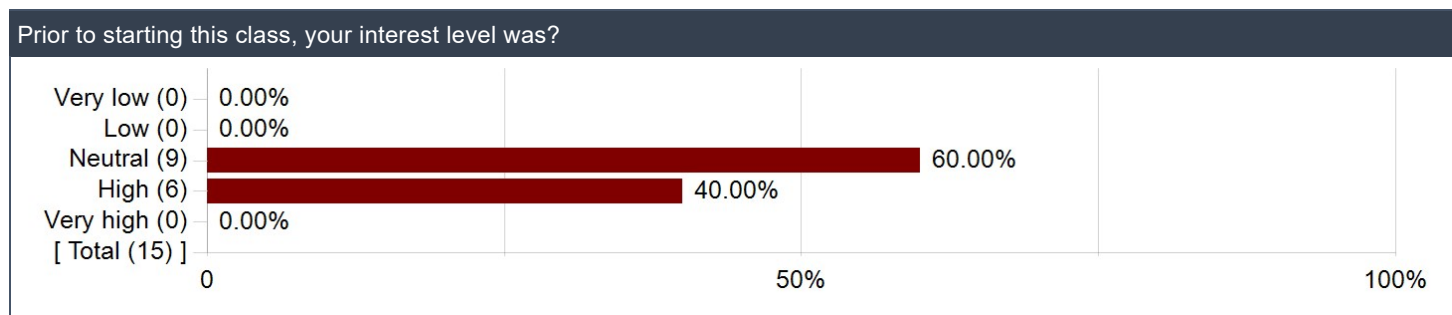
Other course elements not mentioned above:

Comments
The writing seminars proved extremely beneficial as they provided helpful feedback on essays as well as how to write a logical argument effectively, concisely, and coherently.
Writing seminars were helpful

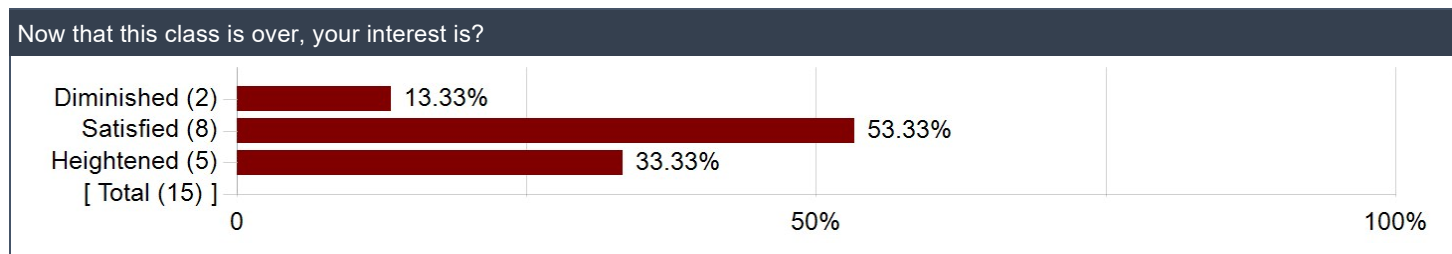
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



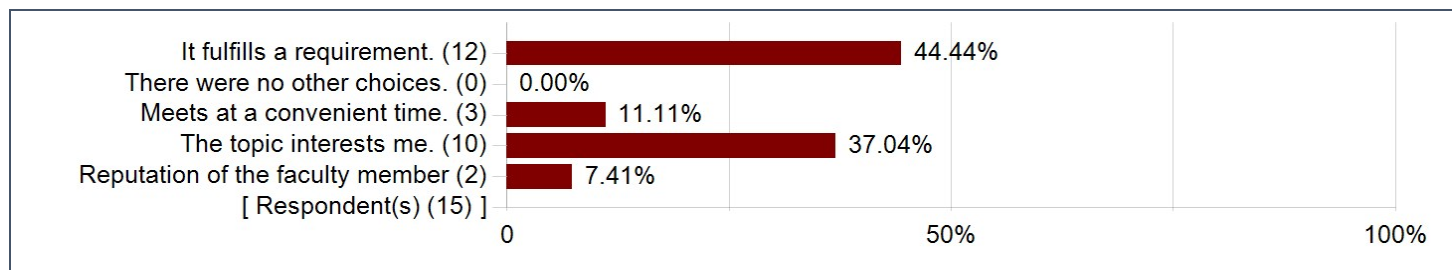
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



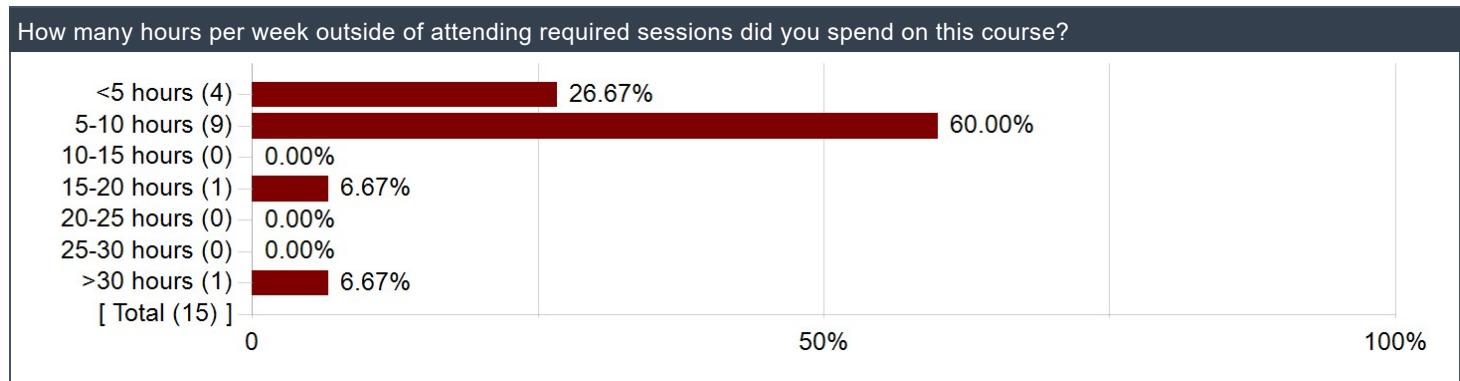
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



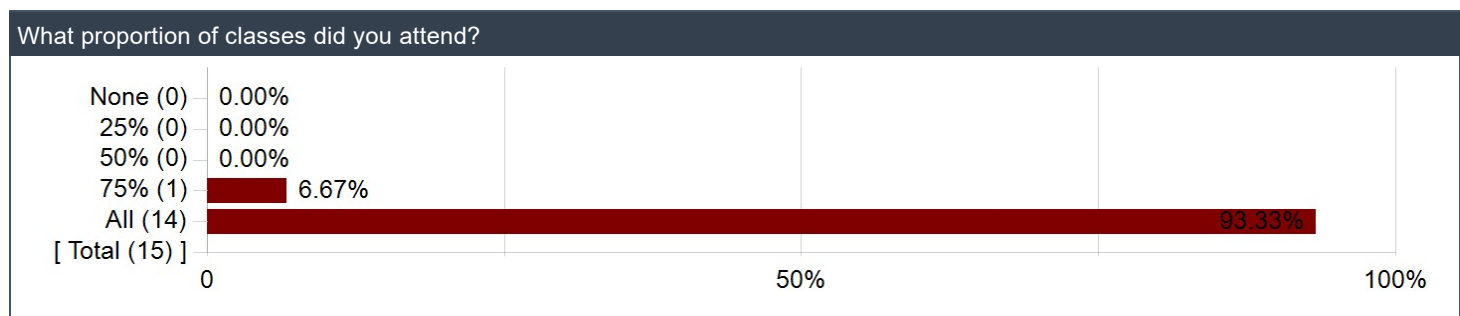
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
none
The course's difficulty level is quite manageable as long as you show up ready to learn and actually read the assigned texts. The material is accessible, and with a proactive approach, it aligns well with varied backgrounds and experiences.
Moderate difficulty
Contrary to popular belief about media aesthetics in general, I don't think that this particular session is an easy class. I have a good amount of experience in humanities in high school and I found that while this course is intellectually demanding, it is definitively manageable at the end of the day.
Medium
The course was difficult to grasp at first as it was an entirely new way of thinking (philosophy), which I had never done before. However, once I understand the procedure in understanding philosophy, I grew extremely interested in the topics covered in class, which proved to facilitate my understanding of each philosopher's argument.
It was difficult for me to understand and comprehend.
I thought it was a good intellectual challenge without being unfair