



HUMA 16000 8 - Media Aesthetics: Image, Text, Sound I - Instructor(s): Haitham Ibrahim

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

Number Enrolled: **19**

Number of Responses: **13**

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
Writing
I learned about how to analyze visual media through the lens of philosophy.
the material and office hour
I learned how media theory can be applied to any image
How to analyze images through different philosophical lenses.
Analyzing images (films, paintings, photographs) with philosophical perspectives.
I've massively improved my writing skills, especially in regard to concision, clarity, and focus.
We learned how to interpret media through the application of philosophical concepts.
I learned to think critically and apply the various techniques learned in class across different image and mediums.
I learned about various concepts that can be applied to films and images.
I learned how to analyze media as a medium rather than just using media as something for enjoyment. Not only that but this course immensely improved my writing skills.
I learned how to philosophically analyze media (pictures, paintings, movies). Close readings of books, paintings, scenes. Recursiveness, Marxist take on cinema, and Cybernetics.
I learned how to analyze many different forms of media, including film, paintings, photographs, and even just writing. I also learned about what makes the medium of a work of art important, as well as the message.

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

Comments
Liked the presentations
Discussions were the most helpful in clarifying ideas. The professor didn't lecture much, but instead asked us to contribute our understandings which felt productive.
quick questions in OH
Lectures are very fun especially if you do the reading, Mr Ibrahim always creates an environment that is supportive of ideas.
Lectures were very helpful for clarifying the readings.
The seminars were extremely engaging and interactive. The professor was always open to questions and comments, so I felt extremely involved and welcomed.
The weekly office hours were also very valuable as I managed to get to know my professor more, while also helping me tremendously with my understanding of the content learned in class.
The lectures helped explain philosophical concepts and their application to media.
The discussions in class were really helpful
The class meetings were helpful with understanding readings, but Professor Ibrahim's multitude of resources on Canvas were very helpful supplements to the readings.
Lectures helped me gain different perspectives on all of the topics we were learning about.
The lectures were great, Professor Haitham gives simple examples to explain complex ideas.
Discussions helped me learn because I could collaborate with my peers and build off of each others ideas.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.15	4.00	7.69%	0.00%	7.69%	38.46%	46.15%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.23	5.00	7.69%	0.00%	15.38%	15.38%	61.54%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	3.77	4.00	7.69%	0.00%	23.08%	46.15%	23.08%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.23	5.00	7.69%	0.00%	7.69%	30.77%	53.85%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.08	4.00	7.69%	0.00%	7.69%	46.15%	38.46%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.15	4.00	7.69%	0.00%	7.69%	38.46%	46.15%
I felt respected in this class.	4.54	5.00	7.69%	0.00%	0.00%	15.38%	76.92%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.46	5.00	7.69%	0.00%	0.00%	23.08%	69.23%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
This course is very interesting, especially with Professor Ibrahim.
Not too demanding.

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
The professor clearly knew what he was talking about and provided his own annotations on each reading. I liked the discussion format of the class and how the professor guided them.
clear logic and insightful questions
He mostly have us time during class to review the reading we did, which improved the quality of discussions. Also we had annotated copies of the texts we had on canvas and his comments were very helpful in understanding the text and producing ideas.
Interaction, openness, thorough knowledge, insights, kindness.
Professor made dense topics interesting, engaging, and transparent.
The in-class discussions were particularly helpful because Professor Ibrahim expanded on a lot of the confusing topics from the reading.
Professor Ibrahim was very knowledgeable, so he was able to clearly able to explain the various concepts and how they applied to the media we were analyzing.
His caring nature over thoughtful discussion. The way we approached class discussions and the way he mediated our discussions was amazing.
Slides, explaining complex ideas using simple examples, analyzing movies in class.
He was very supportive of all of our ideas, and wanted to hear every one of us participate in the discussion. He also clearly is so passionate about the field he's teaching in which makes it even more interesting to learn about.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
One thing that was missing in the course was the writing element. The writing seminars sort of addressed this problem, but I would have liked to know more about the professor's expectations for the essays.
We can spend more time on each text rather than having more texts.
Nothing. I think my professor did an excellent job in helping and teaching all of us.
N/A
The weekly discussions felt a little useless, they could be replaced with something different
I wish he made clearer his standards for success on essays.
Possibly being more specific on how to improve essay grades.
Have enough time to cover the assigned readings fully in class.
Some of the slideshows could contain more information so that when we look back on them for our essays, they contain the definition of terms rather than just the terms themself.

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	50.00%	41.67%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	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.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.58	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	41.67%	58.33%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%	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
Michelle Hoban
Michelle Hoban. Extremely helpful, knowledgeable, and open to doubts. Very useful writing seminars.
Michelle Hoban
Michelle Hoban – I really liked how personal the TA's feedback was.
Michelle Hoban

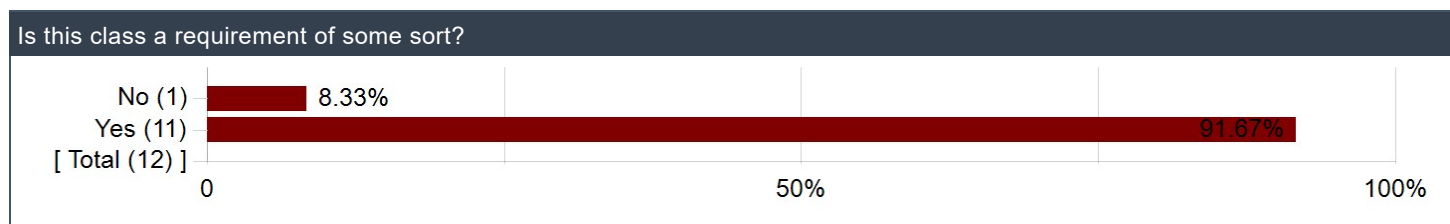
The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	4.40	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	40.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	60.00%	20.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.20	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	40.00%	40.00%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.40	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	40.00%	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%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.40	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	40.00%	0.00%

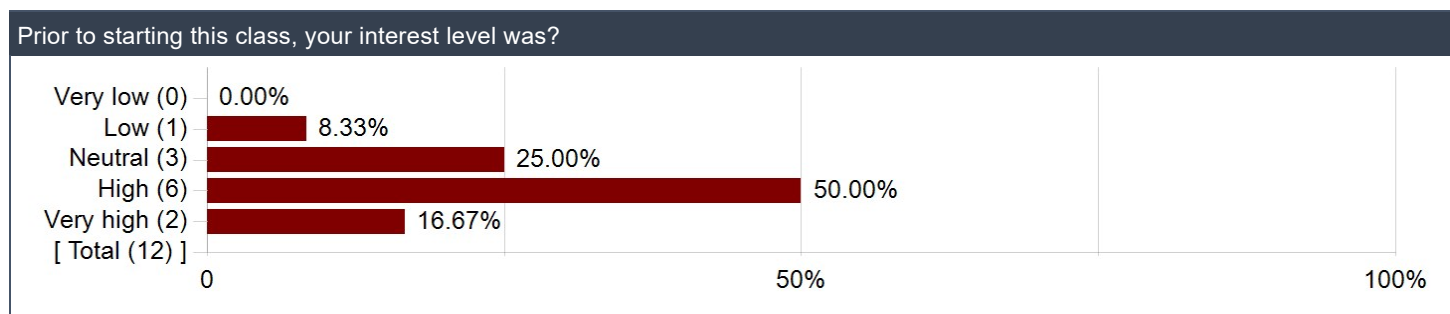
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	3.55	4.00	0.00%	18.18%	27.27%	36.36%	18.18%	0.00%

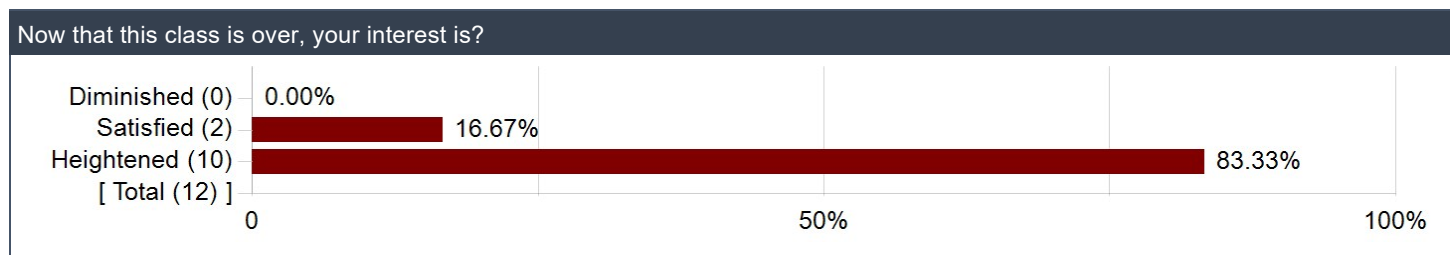
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



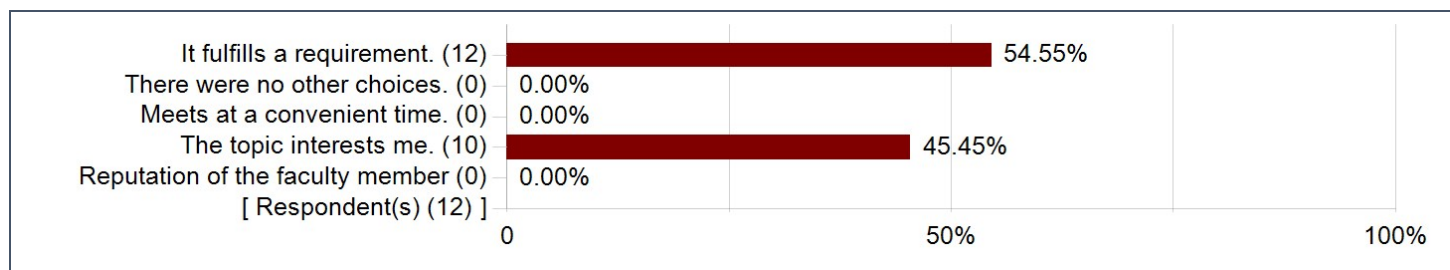
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



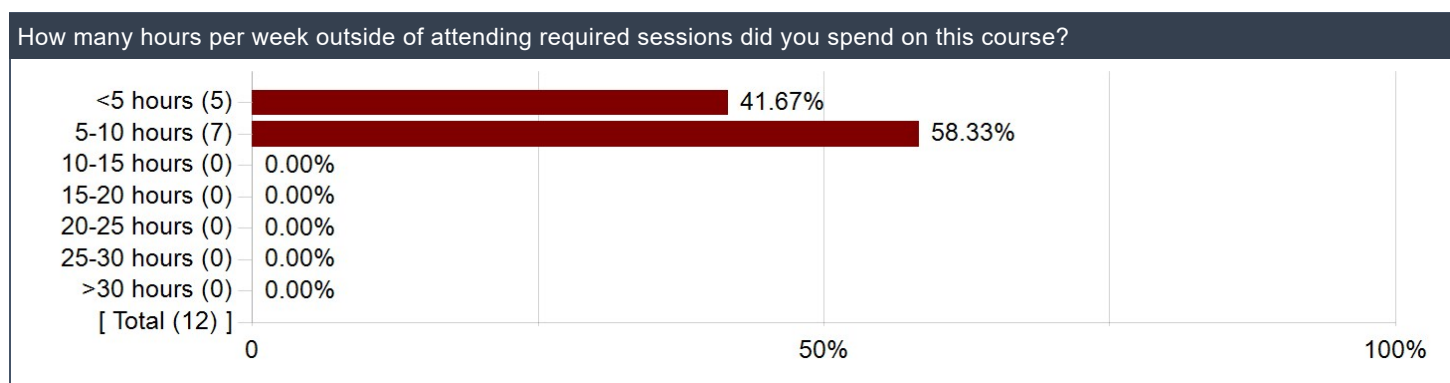
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



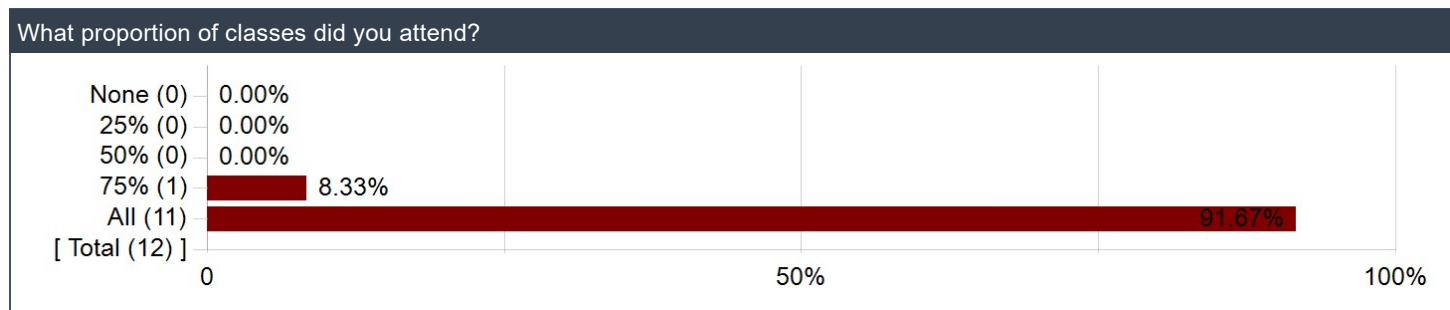
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
It was manageable especially since to write the essays, we didn't need to understand each of the readings completely.
a bit difficult
Easy
Had a bit of background reading aesthetics stuff, but the course is not too difficult overall
While the topics are conceptually difficult, the Professor does a good job at explaining them.
Medium difficulty
This course was more difficult than any writing course I have ever taken. The closest comparable is my College Preparatory English 12 class senior year.
The course is not too difficult. Pretty manageable compared to other HUMA courses.
The course was not inherently difficult, but sometimes the complexity of the films made it difficult to understand and connect the films back to other themes and concepts we learned in class.