



# SOSC 12500 2 - Self, Culture, and Society II - Instructor(s): Uday Arun Jain

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

Number Enrolled: **19**

Number of Responses: **12**

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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 about the important readings of Durkheim, Fanon, de Beavoir, and Freud. Some of these important topics include religion, repression, racism, feminism.
How to present on texts and read quickly
The way the self exists and interacts with society/other individuals in different forms of being (religious, gendered, racially distinct...etc.)
Analyzing and writing about society and how it's structured, the individual
I learned about several authors
We learned the main theories of Durkheim, Freud, Fanon, and de Beauvoir.
I learned how different groups come to be within a society and how groups of different identities interact with each other. With Freud, we explored how our individuality impacts the way we think and act. Overall, really interesting.
How society interacts and comes together.
main ideas of Durkheim, Freud, Beauvoir, and Fanon. Learned how to read for main arguments and synthesize

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

Comments
A lot of discussion and professor lecture in the beginning about the author that was kind of just time wasted. I liked how we all had different choices on the assignments we could do. For ex, midterm final or papers or presentation.
Group discussions were interesting and small group assignments were helpful
Lectures were very helpful. Prof. Jain is very clear in his explanations and I love the clear mind maps/concepts on the board as he speaks. Discussions were also fruitful and didn't feel completely lost/student dictated which tends to happen (given guidance in discussion to facilitate fruitful conversations).
The discussions helped me understand readings
Jain's lectures clarified the readings.
Three times a week, we would meet for 50 minutes and have discussions on Fanon, Freud, Durkheim, and De Beauvoir. Professor Jain's discussion based learning environment helped me understand the authors and how their messages can be applied towards understanding the world we live in. In addition, I loved the professor's willingness to ask challenging questions to the class in regard to how our society works during discussions. I also got to do a presentation and paper on a specific chapter of De Beauvoir's writing and I enjoyed getting to explore and dig deep into a specific argument.
The professor had a heavy influence during class which helped the flow of the ideas.
lectures were helpful and and Prof Jain related content to contemporary examples which was interesting

## Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.58	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	25.00%	66.67%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	33.33%	58.33%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	8.33%	0.00%	25.00%	66.67%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
I felt respected in this class.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%

## Additional comments about the course:

Comments
I think Uday is a really nice guy. Most of the time his hand writing is hard to make out however he is willing to repeat things when needed. I appreciate how he doesn't cold call and always makes students feel motivated to speak.
Great Prof., always available and helpful during office hours and very understanding.
Really enjoyed Jain! He was a great teacher and facilitated the course well. I also like the selection of readings even though they could have been more diverse.
Self is pretty dependent on what instructor you get. Uday Jain is a fair grader, is very empathetic to his students, and understands that we have a time consuming workload.
10/10. Would recommend to anyone trying to explore how our group and individual identities impact the way we live within society.
Prof Jain is very understanding and offers options of what type of paper to write. I was much more comfortable doing a midterm rather than a long paper and felt that I could focus on many more aspects of the reading this way

## 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
He wasn't as engaging as the other Self teacher I had but he's a nice guy and wants us all to do well. He writes on the board which is very helpful.
His willing ness to engage with students
Clear lectures, facilitating discussions, providing context/switching up class structure (showing us media/presenting presentations).
His enthusiasm and kindness; was always very accommodating and willing to explain difficult concepts
He was always helpful in discussions and office hours
The instructor gave great background on all the theorists and explained their main theses in a comprehensible way. We also did stretching in class, which at first, I felt was super unorthodox, but I eventually appreciated it.
Professor Jain's focus on discussion based learning where the diverse perspectives of the classroom can be heard contributed the most to my learning.
class discussions, his explanation of key ideas from each text
The instructor wrote on the white board as a way to organize elements of the text and into understandable explanation. He also gave time for students to think about the question and offer their response. Each response was received with enthusiasm and respect.
Flexibility with assignment type and lectures

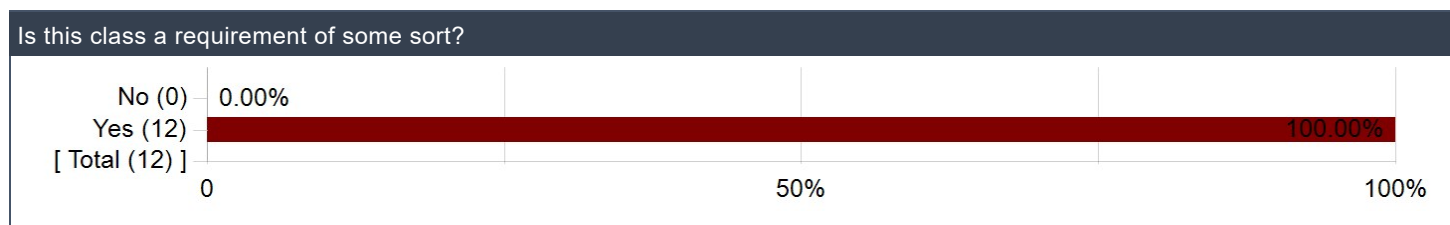
## What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Nothing!
The only thing would maybe be handwriting, sometimes hard to read the board.
not much, his handwriting could be better
N/A
He was very encouraging of our ideas and responses in class. It would be interested if he countered them on occasion to better engage with the students.
Professor Jain did a great job with the course and I can't really give any recommendations for ways to improve the learning experience.
n/a

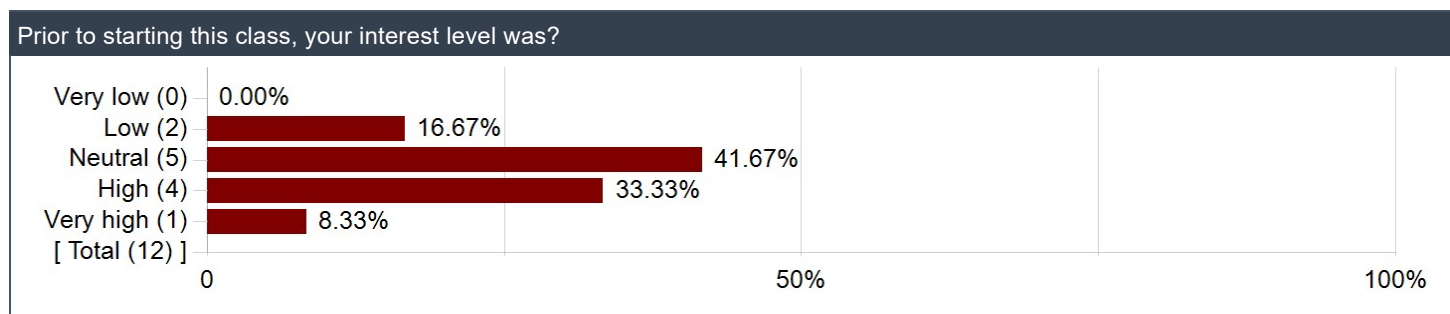
## The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	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.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.92	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	91.67%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	91.67%	8.33%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	0.00%	91.67%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%

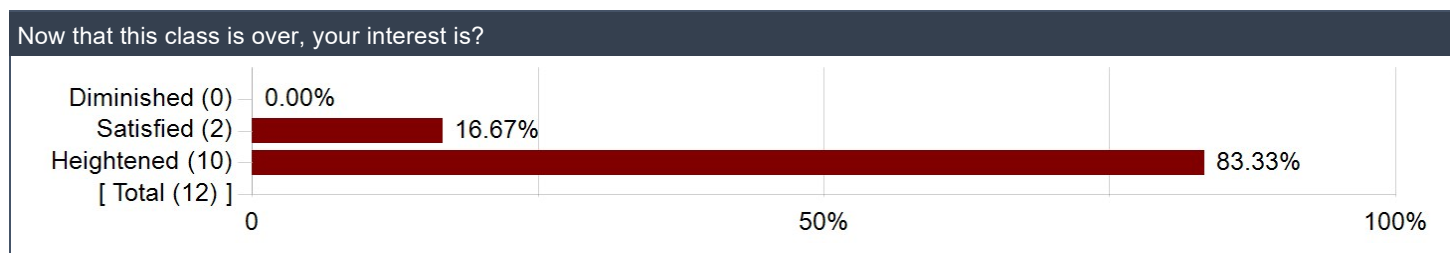
## Is this class a requirement of some sort?



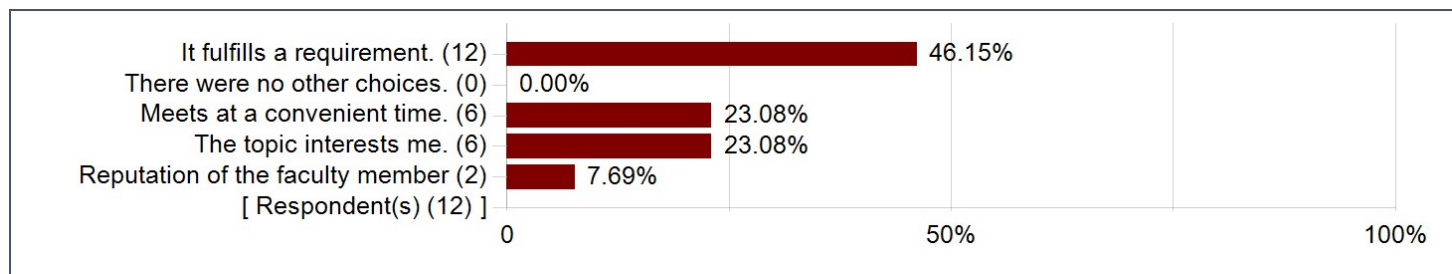
## Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



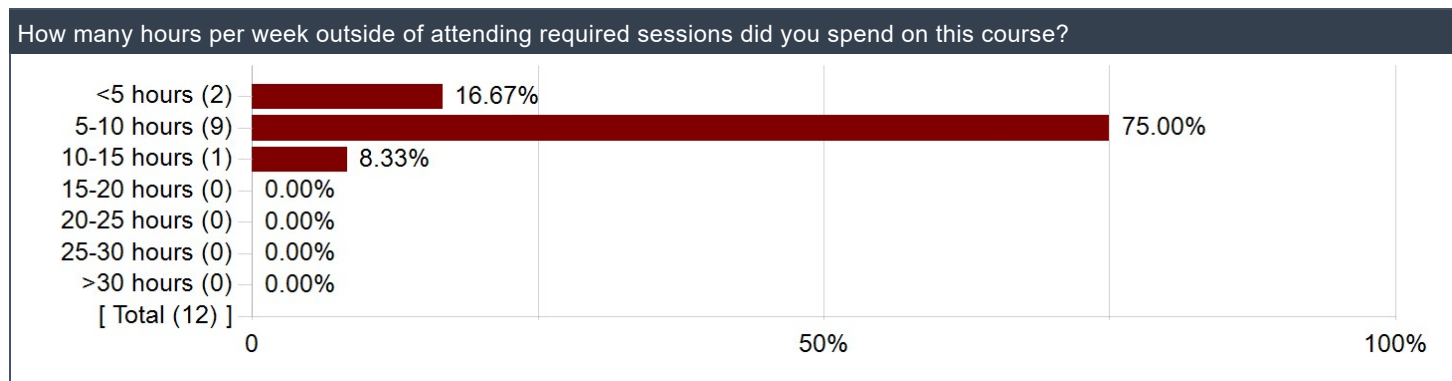
## Now that this class is over, your interest is?



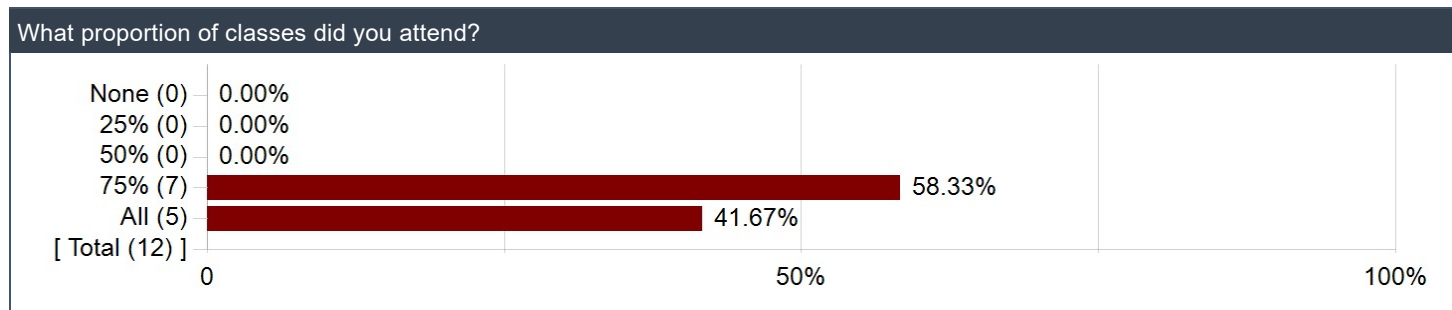
### Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



### 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
The readings are def a little challenging but he's there to help you and explain it. I think after doing Self I, I was more prepared for the topics and readings.
Not too bad!
Very manageable. Definitely meet for office hours to help with guiding direction of papers.
A little difficult but class and asking questions makes it manageable with no experience
it was easy
If you're a more humanities minded person this course shouldn't be difficult, but I do have some friends that found it challenging.
The course is very accessible. Just be ready to explore and discuss challenging topics.
Not too bad but you do need to dedicate a little extra time to be able to truly read Freud and Durkheim.
manageable but takes time

