



JWSC 12000 1, NEHC 22010 1, RLST 22010 1, MDVL 12000 1, HIST 11701 1 - Jewish Civilization I: Ancient Beginnings to Medieval Period - Instructor(s): Larisa Reznik

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

Number Enrolled: **21**

Number of Responses: **7**

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
Jewish history is complicated and we don;t even know how much is specifically Jewish
We learned a good overview of ancient Jewish history.
Jewish history from Abrahamic times to the expulsion of the Jews in Spain.
This course focuses on examining the roots of Judaism starting from Genesis in the Torah and following a historical approach to their customs, diaspora, beliefs, and culture until the Ashkenazi medieval period, or around the time of the Spanish Inquisition.
I learned about Judaism and Jewish civilization from its ancient beginnings to the medieval period. I am very grateful for what I have learned about the tradition and for the skills (reading, writing, thinking about primary sources) I have acquired along the way.

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

Comments
Lectures were most important
I really enjoyed the class discussions. I got a lot out of them and they complemented the readings very well.
The lectures were great for understanding how everything in the readings connected either with prior readings or with future readings. It was also useful in learning the historical background behind events and texts.
Dr. Reznik was excellent at leading class discussions and also providing mini lectures on background information when needed.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.33	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	33.33%	50.00%
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.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%
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.	4.33	5.00	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%	16.67%	66.67%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
I'd take something else. The texts are interesting but so different from one another it is hard to understand where we are in history and in the course.
Great course and super awesome professor!
Amazing course!

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	0.00%	100.00%
Anyone interested in the topic	16.67%	83.33%

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

Comments
Prof Resnik was very helpful in office hours
Professor Reznik is a good lecturer. She is good at setting the historical context and stage in each class. Her ability to facilitate discussions was also great as well, there were never moments where class discussion was dead as a result.
Dr. Reznik is amazing! She is very kind and thoughtful, and really helped us learn the material by facilitating class discussions, pointing out key moments in our texts to focus in on, and providing us with background information to fill in the gaps in our knowledge when we needed it.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Her method of leading conversations was not particularly engaging. It also may just have been due to the fact that the section was from 4:30–5:50 winter quarter... it was dark and we were tired.
N/A

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.33	5.00	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%	16.67%	66.67%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%	83.33%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%	0.00%	83.33%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.33	5.00	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%	16.67%	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.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	16.67%	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.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%	0.00%

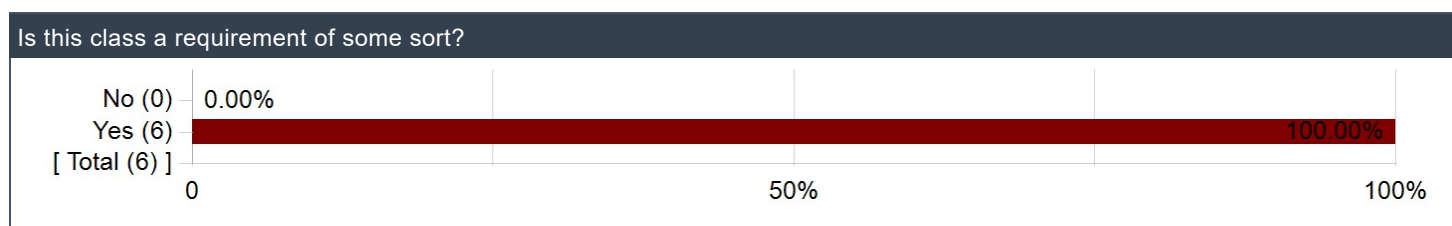
Please include the name of the TA/CA/Intern you are evaluating. What aspects of the TA's teaching contributed most to your learning? What could the TA modify to help you learn more? Please include any additional feedback for the TA/CA/Intern.

Comments
Miriam
Miriam Bilsker was great!

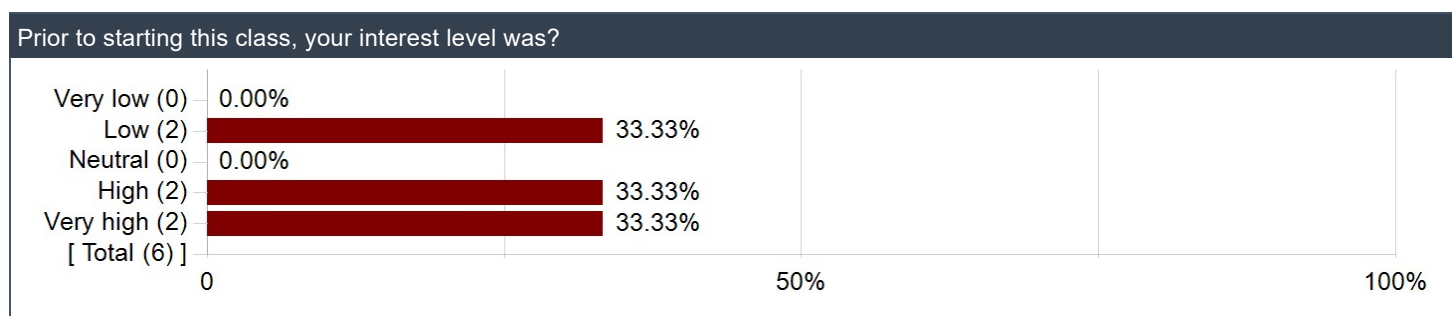
The TA/CA or Intern. . .

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Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	4.33	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%	66.67%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	4.00	5.00	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.00	5.00	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.00	5.00	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	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%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	3.67	5.00	33.33%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	0.00%

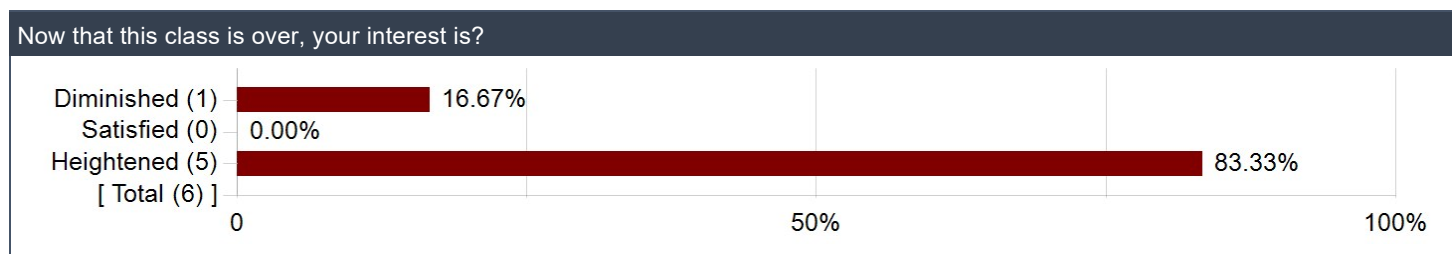
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



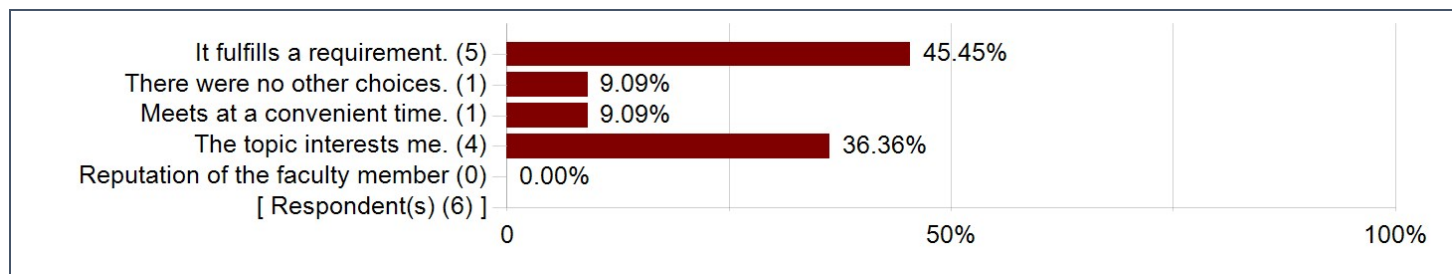
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



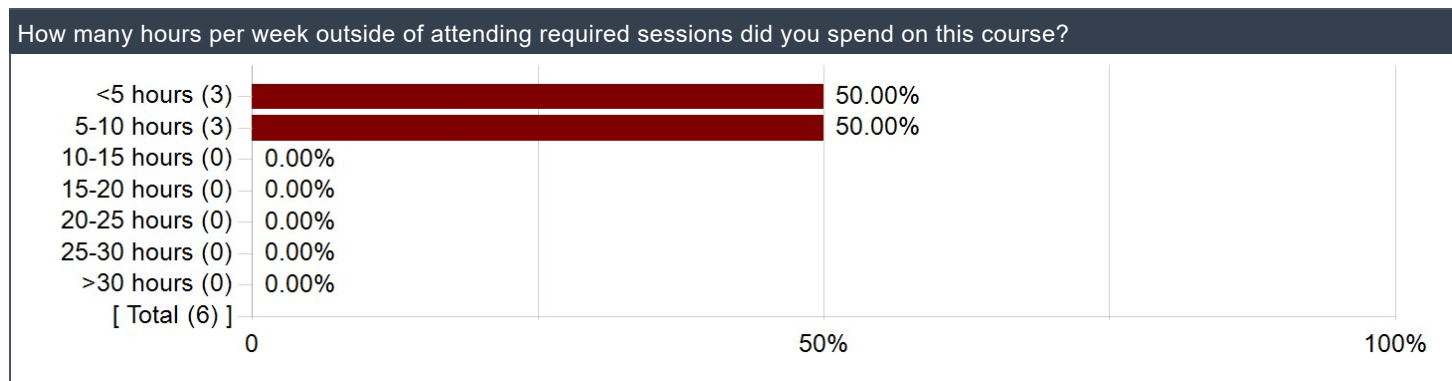
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



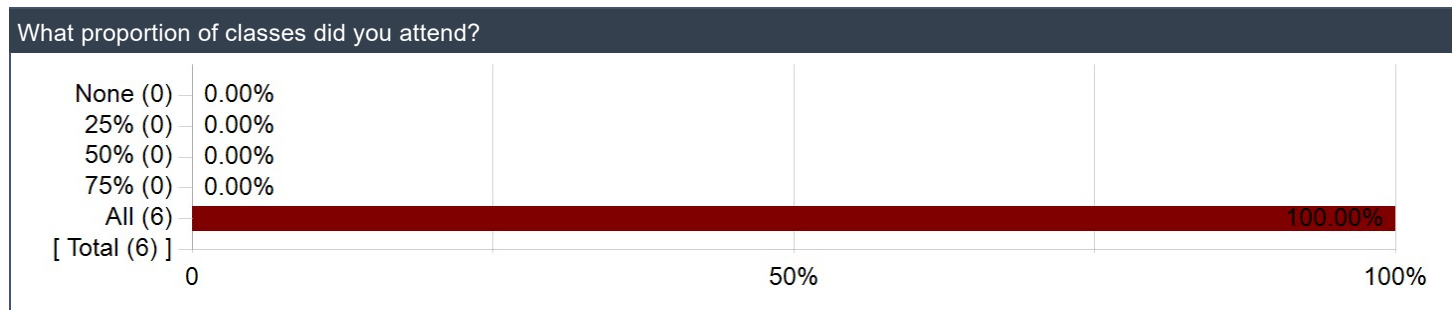
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
no prior experience necessary
You don't need any prior experience in Jewish studies going into this course.
fun
Great for everyone!