



GNSE 15002 99 - Gender and Sexuality in World Civilizations I - Instructor(s): Lina Ferreira Cabeza-Vanegas

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

Number Enrolled: **25**

Number of Responses: **12**

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
I learned many valuable things in this course! I learned a lot about existentialism and how queerness disrupts essentialist viewpoints and also foundational gender and queer studies knowledge that has assisted me in subsequent courses.
I learned a lot about genres and binaries that exist in society and have formed our current power dynamics. Additionally, I was able to further enrich my knowledge in gender and sexuality studies with new terms and concepts that I had less exposure to previously.
Gender is everywhere and nowhere!!
"Gender is everywhere and nowhere" and "Existence precedes essence" These two phrases became mantras for our class and we were able to apply queer theory and existentialism to our readings and discussions.
Existence precedes essence. Gender is everywhere and nowhere.
Basics of gender theory through creative writing
how to discuss gender and sexuality through a academic lens. We also learned many philosophical topics that helped shaped our knowledge about gender, such as; existentialism, worm theory, epistemology, etc. We also learned more about the history and religious context that helped form and shape the gender roles and systems we know today.
Existentialism ("existence precedes essence") vs Essentialism, Intro into Beauvoir, Virginia Woolf
Gender and sexuality
Intro to gender and sexuality studies, queer theory, feminist theories

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

Comments
This was a discussion-based class, which was nice! The assignments were reasonable and helped me articulate my thoughts.
The lectures were super interesting and interactive! I think Professor Ferreira does a great job of both facilitating discussion and pushing a lecture forward in order to maximize our lecture time.
Professor Ferreria is a fantastic professor. She was engaging, worked to form connections with her students, and kept lectures interesting. Her knowledge about the subjects we were learning about are vast and there is no question she cannot answer thoughtfully.
I loved Lina's lectures, which were "stories" that she would tell us during class that relate to the themes of gender and sexuality. We definitely learned all of the building bricks of feminism: existentialism, de Beauvoir, etc. Lina is an amazing professor who challenged our thinking and allowed us to produce really amazing final group projects, as well as creative final papers. I loved this class and would definitely recommend it to everyone, especially to anyone who is creative and/or queer!
Lectures were the most valuable to me because our conversations are what led this class. It felt as though the class had more control over our learning. The projects at the end of the course were also helpful in a way that forced us to use the terms that we had learned in anything we wanted. The assignment was very open, and as long as we used these terms correctly, we were able to take creative liberty in what we researched.
Lectures were essential, so was reading. There was a final paper and final creative project. I learned a lot but i think it was very backloaded for the condensed class.
The lectures were incredibly amazing. They were engaging, through and really interesting!
Discussions and lectures were helpful.
The lectures were long but super helpful
Lectures and class discussions were interesting and helped me understand the material better.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	36.36%	63.64%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	36.36%	63.64%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.27	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	36.36%	45.45%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.55	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	45.45%	54.55%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	36.36%	27.27%	36.36%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.45	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	18.18%	63.64%
I felt respected in this class.	4.91	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	90.91%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.73	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	27.27%	72.73%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
This was a great course!
Professor Ferreira is incredibly amazing! Any lectures with her honestly was the best art of the classes. its incredibly easy to learn from her and be engaged at the same time, which is incredibly hard to find sometimes at uchicago.
Professor Ferrera is a very bright and encouraging professor. Her intellectual understanding and course design is through, unique, and engaging.

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	0.00%	100.00%
Anyone interested in the topic	9.09%	90.91%

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

Comments
She facilitated fun and engaging discussions!
I appreciated all of the extensive powerpoint presentations the professor had as well as how she was able to make use of them throughout the lecture. Additionally, I appreciated how she was really flexible with office hours and was willing to speak to students individually for their final projects.
Her knowledge of the subject and genuine interest in our thoughts.
Lina is amazing at distilling our most basic thoughts into profound insights about gender and sexuality. Her instruction is superb. She also lowered the workload during "finals" week so that we could focus on our work more, which was very welcome.
Professor Ferriera's general openness to topics and comments really drove the class forward. She created an incredibly safe space that allowed for interesting conversation and discussion.
Professor Ferreira was incredibly well-versed in the readings and the background theory of our discussions. She provided excellent lectures on existentialism and facilitated thought-provoking conversation.
The lectures were by far the most incredibly important part of the class. I was also really impressed with the time in office hours that professor Ferreira spent making sure we understood the content and assignments.
Discussions
Her lectures

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
I don't think there is anything I would like to change about the course. My only complaint might be that grades were not returned very quickly. However, I know that the study abroad courses are very fast-paced.
I would've liked more time to discuss the readings we did in class as I felt the readings became somewhat redundant in class discussions.
Grade our finals please! Also, we would only talk about whole books on Thursday, which would have been good to know, but we got ready to discuss things starting on Monday.
There were some points where I felt the class had gone into a loop of just saying the same thing over and over again. This was more prevalent in the first few classes (it felt like a learning curve to this type of speed learning). The only critique I would have is to take more control over class discussions when things get repetitive.
Possibly try to avoid deviating from original lesson plans too much
A more guided conversation could be helpful. We didnt talk about any reading the first week even though it was due. I shouldn't be expected to read it if we are not going to talk about it. The expectations of the reading and writing weekly responses were confusing. I still have not received feedback for half the assignments or the final.
honestly, nothing. I just wished there was more time.
Presents some inkling of the main idea at the beginning of the lecture. Although I liked the buildup, I think having a bit of understanding of where the lecture will lead would be helpful. Also, it would be helpful to create more of a rubric for projects. More specificity could save both the students and professor time, as we're all not trying to ask her questions because we don't know if our ideas fit into the parameters of the project.
Explaining concepts more as if we weren't familiar with them
More feedback in a timely manner.

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	9.09%	18.18%	36.36%	36.36%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.45	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	36.36%	54.55%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.82	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	81.82%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.73	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	27.27%	72.73%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.73	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	9.09%	81.82%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.82	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	81.82%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.55	5.00	0.00%	9.09%	0.00%	18.18%	72.73%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.82	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	81.82%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.91	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	90.91%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.73	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	9.09%	81.82%	0.00%

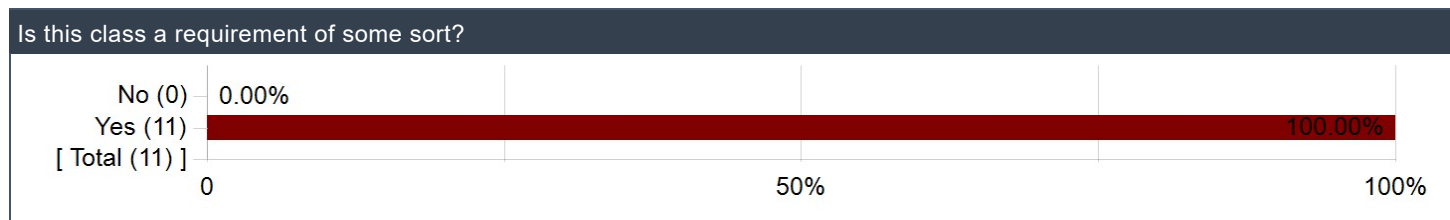
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	4.11	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	44.44%	33.33%	0.00%
Library Sessions	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%
Review Sessions	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Writing Seminars	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%

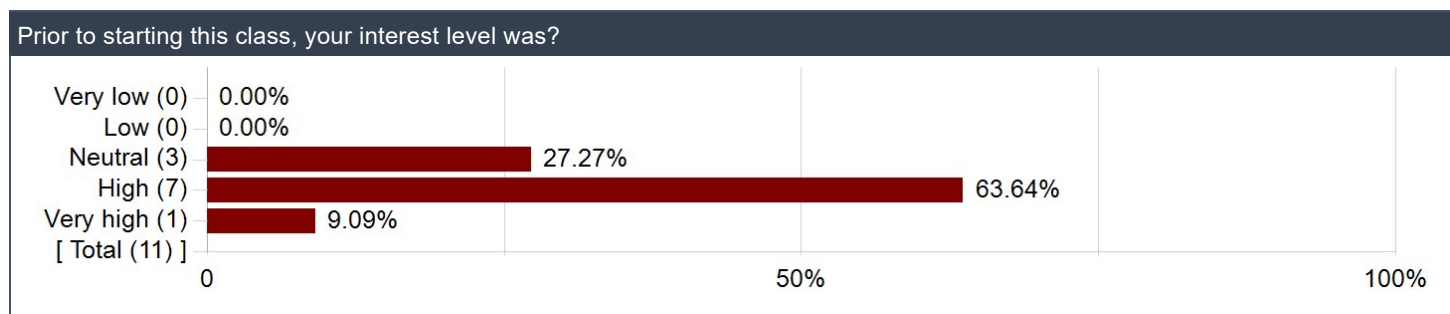
Other course elements not mentioned above:

Comments
Gender is everywhere and nowhere <3

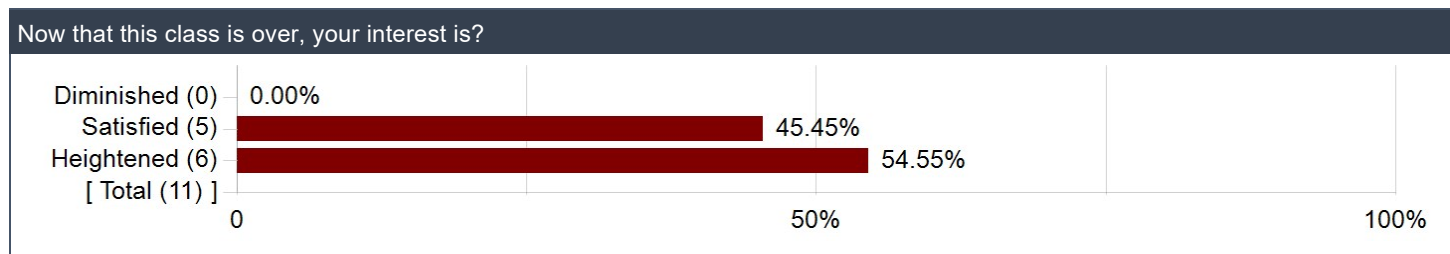
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



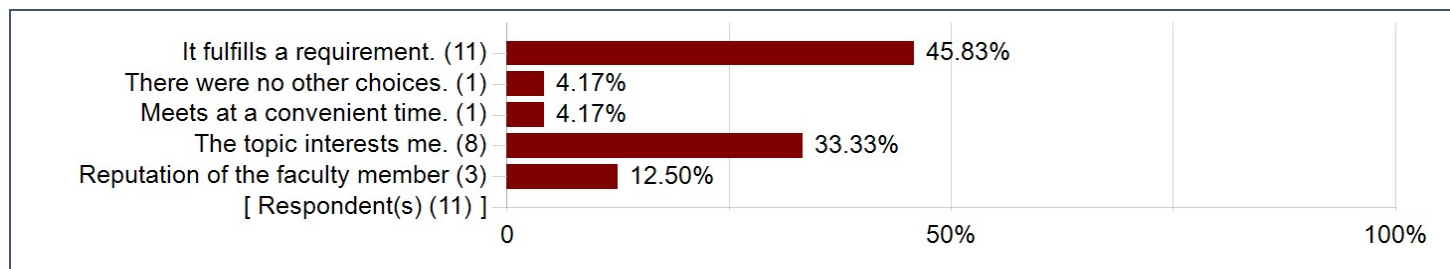
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



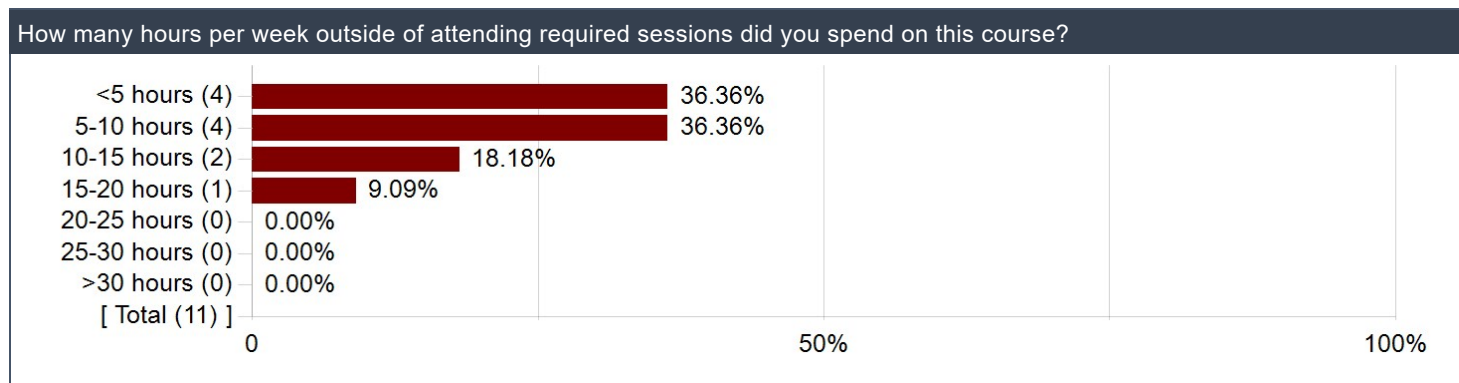
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



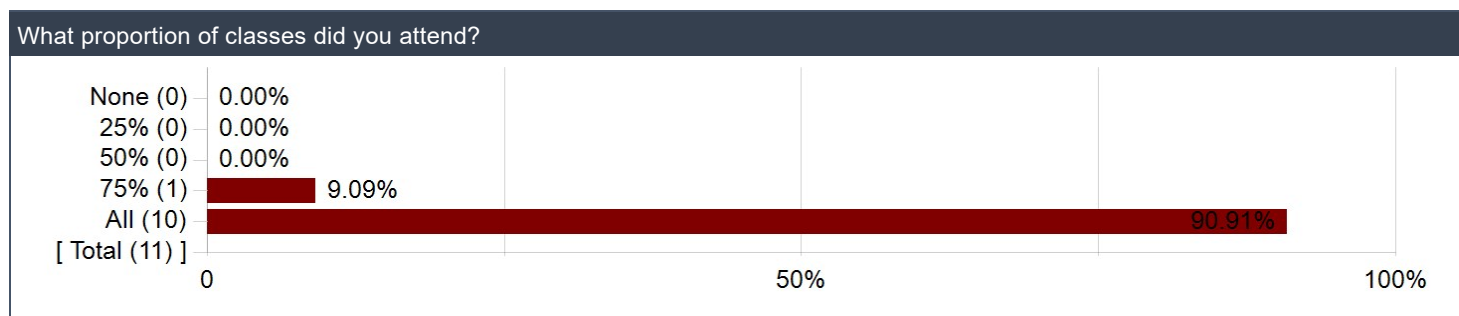
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
This course was intellectually stimulating, but not difficult.
Relatively difficult despite being a humanities person, but definitely worth the challenge.
As someone not majoring in any Gender or Sexuality studies, I found this course extremely relevant to my general knowledge of the world.
Not too bad if you do reading and are eager and able to think critically about gender and sexuality
The concepts weren't challenging, the readings were just a lot.
Not that difficult no prior background is needed