



HUMA 11700 16 - Philosophical Perspectives III - Instructor(s) - Magnus Ferguson

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

Number Enrolled: **8**

Number of Responses: **5**

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, July 11, 2024**

What are the most important things that you learned in this course? Please reflect on the knowledge and skills you gained.

Comments
Kant's Metaphysics of Morals, Foundations of utilitarianism, modern approaches to deal with the ethics at the scale man operates at, ethics in communication. This class overall focuses a lot on HOW we perceive morality.
We learned how to think about ethics and what the "right" interactions between people could be. We read texts by Kant, Mill, and a variety of 20th-century authors to see how fundamental views had changed and been complicated over time.
Thinking from different ethical perspectives

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

Comments
Lectures were great—very genealogical in that he likes presenting the lives of the author too. Discussions (based off questions) were helpful in that we got to hear what others thought, but were sometimes cut short. Readings were relevant and insightful. Essays were good practice at close reading. There were also non-intrinsically philosophical texts (like short novels) that provided good practice at close (very close) reading.
Discussions, as always with Professor Ferguson, were great and very productive. He starts most classes with semi-lectures about the reading and the author, leaves us to figure out our thoughts in small groups, and then holds a guided discussion that is almost always really interesting. He is great at drawing out what is interesting in everyone's comments.
Discussions highlighted sections of the text I would not have focused on/understood as well otherwise

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	80.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.40	5.00	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	0.00%	80.00%
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
He loves close-reading. If you love making arguments loosely based off a text/prompt, you should take this class to practice close reading and analysis. We did a reading of Joyce's the Dead in which we looked at how the author uses adjectives when in the protagonists' perspective that was exemplative of how close we are reading.
Professor Ferguson's Philosophical Perspectives section was great all year. I'd highly, highly recommend taking his courses.

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
Discussions and prompting of what happened in the text
Guided discussions.

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	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.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	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%

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
Karen Xu. Took me a while to realize she was a TA (seemed like a student in the class).
Karen Xu

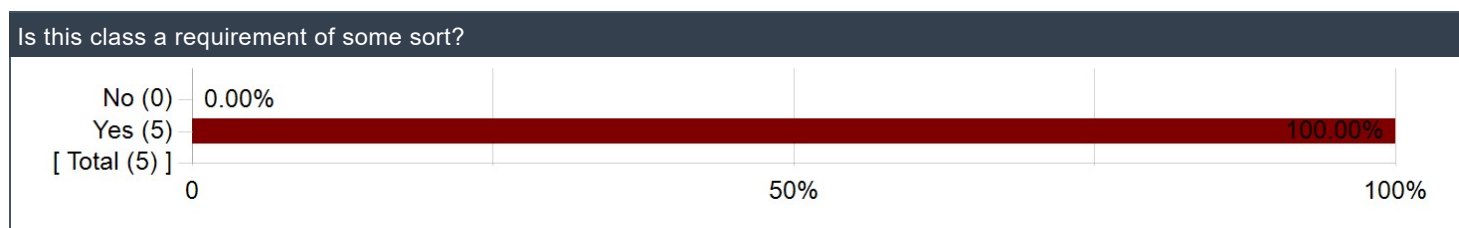
The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	3.50	3.50	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%

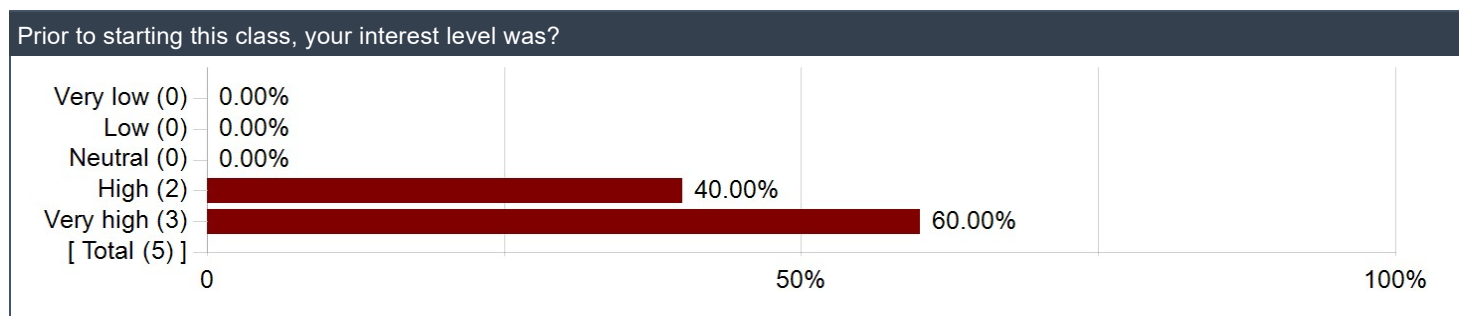
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	2.60	3.00	20.00%	20.00%	40.00%	20.00%	0.00%	0.00%

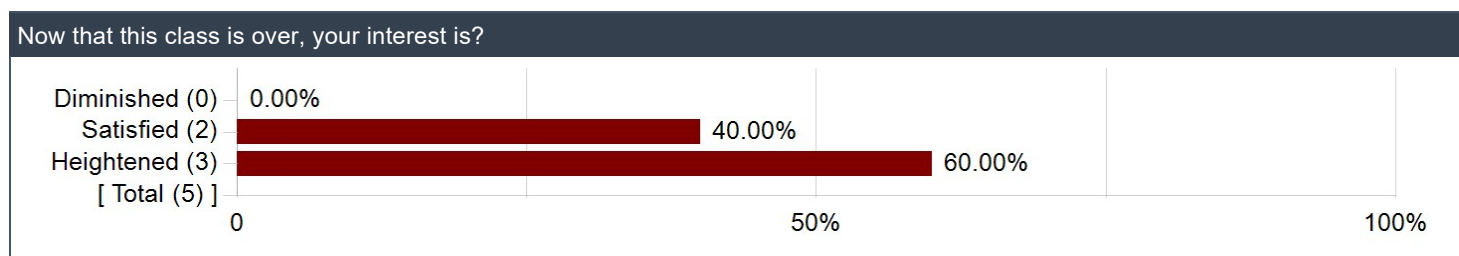
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



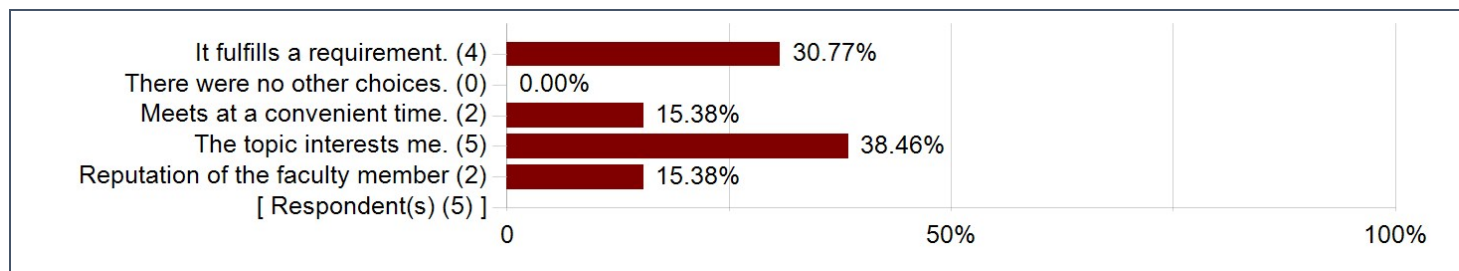
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



Now that this class is over, your interest is?

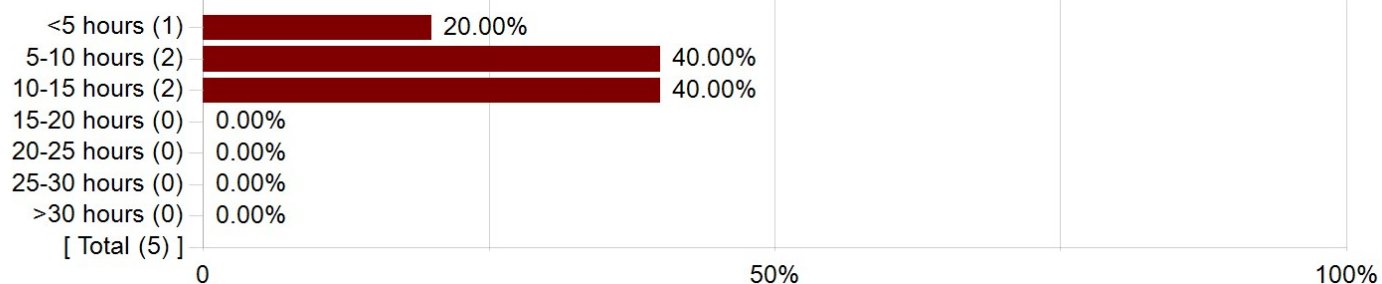


Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



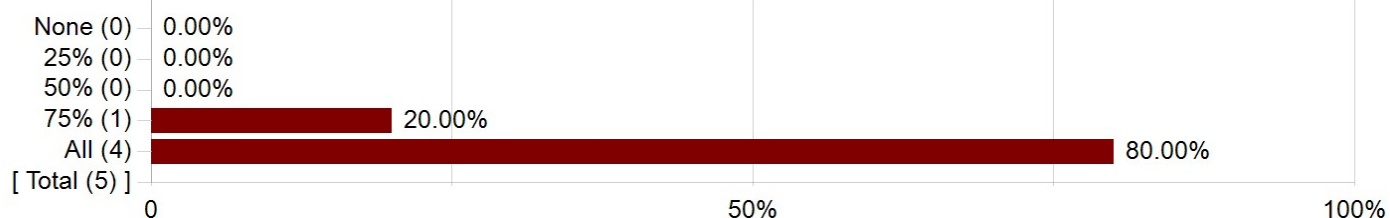
How many hours per week outside of attending required sessions did you spend on this course?

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What proportion of classes did you attend?

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Please comment on the level of difficulty of the course relative to your background and experience.

Comments

Fair—I can see it being difficult for those who don't have experience thinking philosophically though

Very manageable.