



SOSC 12600 30 - Self, Culture, and Society III - Instructor(s) - Abhishek Bhattacharyya

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

Number Enrolled: **15**

Number of Responses: **9**

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
Supplementing past SOSC courses with more contemporary authors (Butler, Said, Foucault, etc.)
power, gender, social science research, colonization
I learned a lot about theories on gender, identity and other parts of culture. We read many daunting authors that I would not have read outside of class, but I feel more prepared for my continuous future in academia after being exposed to them.
The most important thing I learned in this course was conceptual information that we recieved through reading various texts
The most important things I learned from this course were writing, discussing, and leading discussions.

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

Comments
Discussions (especially small groups) were very helpful in clarifying the texts covered, especially when they were tough to read.
Professor Bhattacharyya is phenomenal! I really enjoyed his lectures!
student presentations, discussions helped
The classes were discussion based, they were awesome!
Discussions took up most of the class and were extremely helpful in understanding the material.
Course was structured with six weekly Canvas posts, two presentations, one in-class midterm essay, and one essay. Of them all, I would say the Canvas posts contributed the most to my learning because they allowed me to digest our readings in a much more doable way.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%
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.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%
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.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%
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.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Abhishek is an excellent professor. He's knowledgable, caring of his students's needs, and creates a strong classroom environment of conversation.
I loved having Ahbishek! What I will say is that I still am upset that the class I was admitted into before joining Ahbishek in the second week made me switch sections due to over enrollment. That really messed up my schedule and set me back since each class is on a different syllabus. I wish the registrar would have fixed their error in the future instead of making me leave due to their own mistake of letting the professor admit me.
Self is a really great class, I highly recommend it to anyone who is interested

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
Small group time, clarifying points, etc.
Professor Abhishek is very approachable and willing to clarify confusing concepts
He was very good at leading discussions and found ways to make the entire class participate.
The way discussions were lead and propelled were incredibly helpful for learning.
Abhishek was really good at knowing when we were processing information by ourselves versus when we needed help understanding the texts. This quarter, he really focused on stepping back and allowing us to develop our own thoughts, and he seemed to have his finger on the pulse on when we needed him to step back in and elaborate on some things.

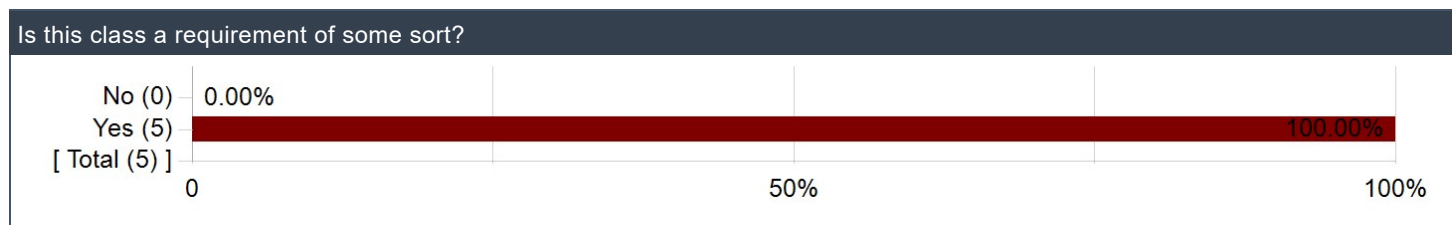
What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
N/A
Nothing.
Nothing really, I think the organization and material of the class were very helpful for learning.
Absolutely nothing! Abhishek is a wonderful instructor and I'm not sure he could do anything to be a better teacher.

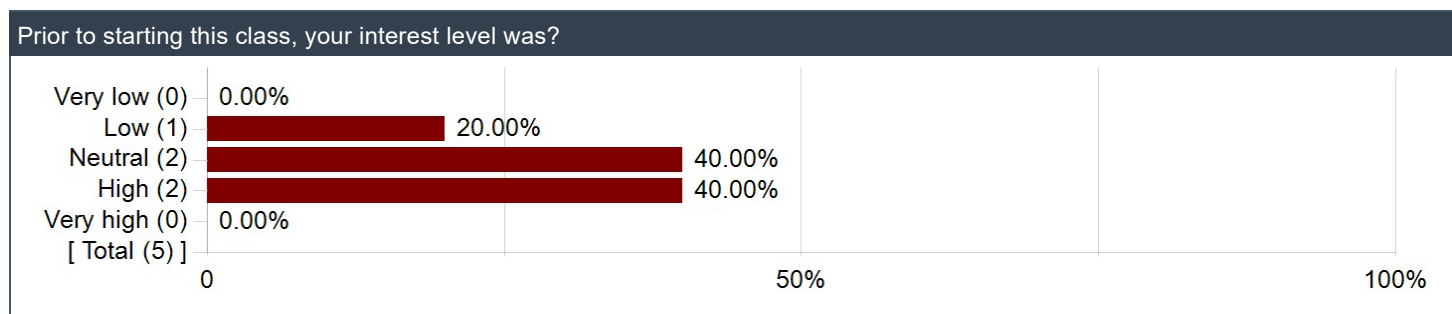
The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	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.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%	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%

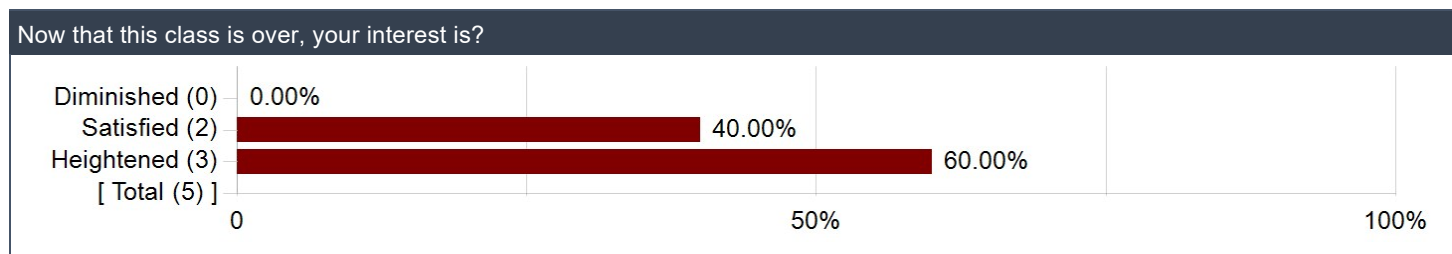
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



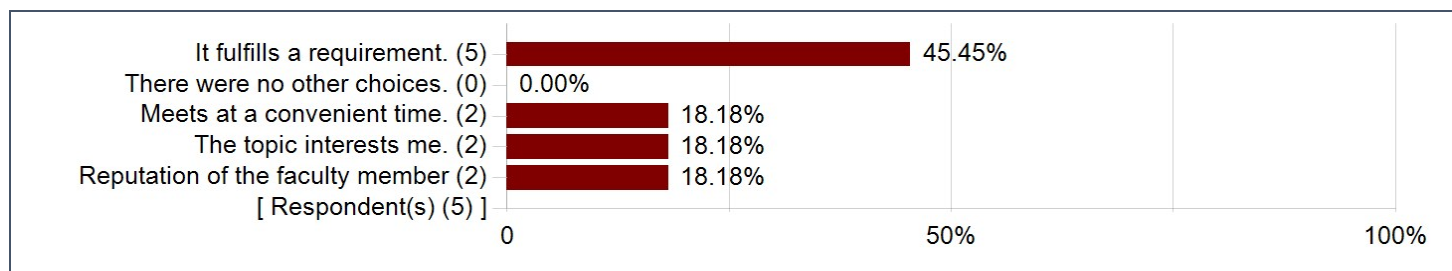
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



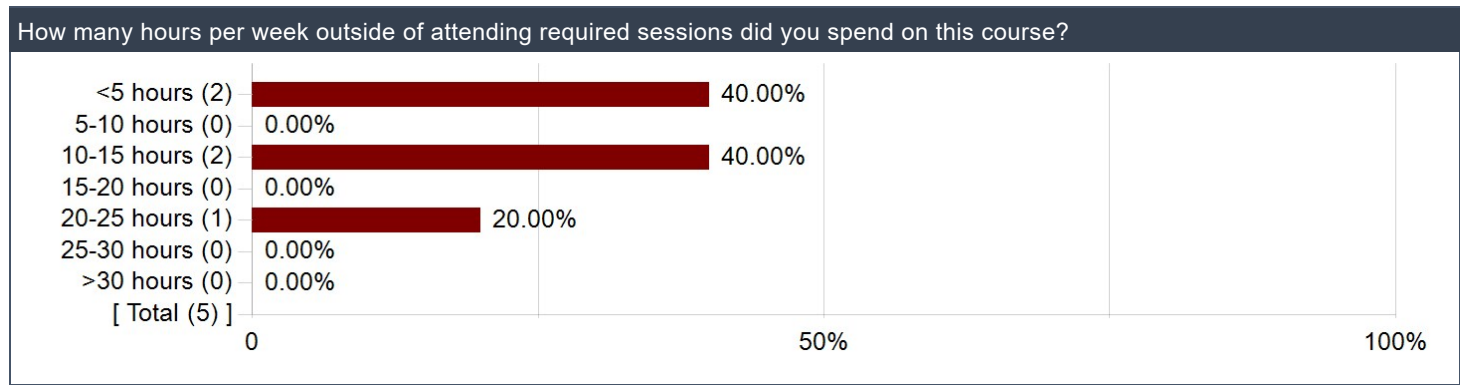
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



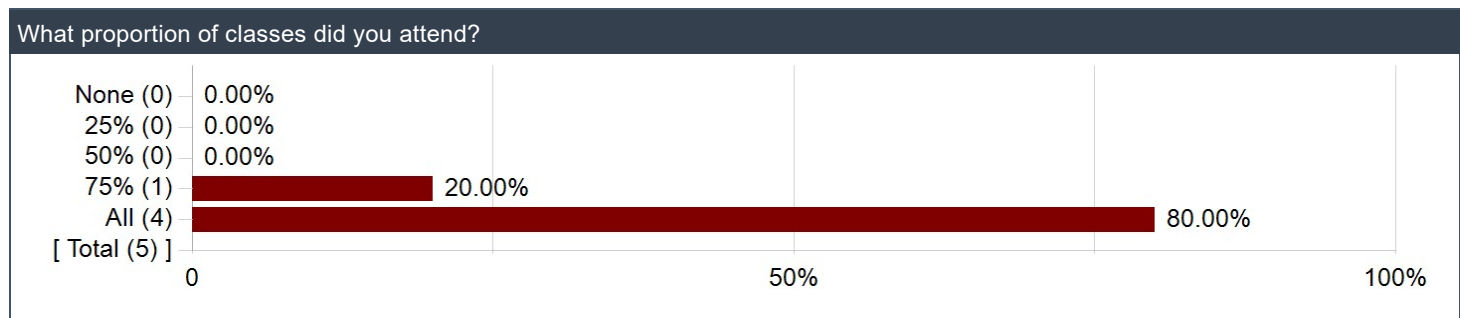
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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 not difficult but some readings took a significant amount of time (i.e., Butler)
It was a good level, especially after taking SOSC the two quarters prior.
Adequately difficult
After taking two quarters of Self, I knew what to expect. Additionally, I'd read Butler and Foucault before, so it was a pretty smooth quarter for me, Self-wise!