



HUMA 16000 1 - Media Aesthetics: Image, Text, Sound I - Instructor(s): Elisabeth Wilhelm

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

Number Enrolled: **19**

Number of Responses: **14**

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 how to analyze for different mediums within a work of art or literature. Similarly, I learned how to look for and distinguish strategies used to convey messages, and what those messages might be.
I learned how to read and analyze theory, and how to connect it with various pieces of media.
The multiple ways to understand and deconstruct media in current society.
understanding art and texts through various lenses
how to closely analyze text and media
The complexities between different mediums and how that shapes our understanding of reality and society.
How to effectively analyze different types of artistic mediums and the intersection of those mediums as well.
I learned a lot of important ways to analyze images in their visual (static and moving) and text forms. I learned a lot about integrating philosophical perspectives into the analysis of images to come to nuanced conclusions.
Honestly, not much. I hate writing essays.
Gained knowledge about and made aware of the existence of various works of art and theories that are related to them. Learned the "bottom up" style of structure for my essays.
How to write a paper properly. I had previous experience in IB but Professor Wilhelm helped clear up how I should present my claims and work with a basic structure to create refined and thought provoking papers
Synthesizing texts and problem based arguments in discussions and papers.
I learned how to close read images and make connections between different thinkers in the field of media analysis.
How to synthesize content across different media forms, how to closely read theoretical text

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

Comments
The assignments were really helpful to my understanding because basically for every assignment we'd have an assigned 500 word response, so at the end of the quarter I had an easy time reviewing the content.
There was a lot of outside reading and writing, and although the weekly responses were a pain sometimes, Ella had super valuable feedback every week that ensured that I knew what was going on and that my reading and writing skills were constantly improving. Classes sometimes were kind of repetitive, but overall they were helpful in breaking down the dense reading material.
Weekly posts were useful to get a deeper understanding of the content we were reading. Discussions were great, but would've loved more lecturing from Dr. Wilhelm – she seemed really interested in the topics we were covering, and it would have been great to hear a bit of her own perspective as well. Papers were really interesting and helped go further. Also, Dr. Wilhelm gave really detailed and useful feedback.
we had multiple graded reading responses. the comments on those contributed to being a better writer and deepening your understanding
class discussions
They were all interesting and added opened my eyes to a variety of different ideas.
Being in a smaller class made the learning experience more engaging and connected than what a normal lecture would be. The weekly assignments were not too difficult and still allowed me to keep my thoughts sharp on the weekly topic/reading.
I thought that the weekly responses on canvas about the readings were very helpful for my understanding of the material, because I was also able to receive feedback about my writing style so that I could learn ways to improve. In addition, the writing seminars were great for helping me strengthen my writing skills. Our lectures were also very engaging.
The lectures gave some good ideas, but that was pretty much it. Again, I really hate writing essays. I'm not a humanities person at all.
The writing seminars, although scarce, were the most useful aspect of this course. I learned new approaches towards structuring my essays and papers.
Discussions as they helped me gauge how others thought of a certain text or image and helped me build my communication and writing skills.
Small group discussions were really helpful to hashing out ideas and thinking critically about our work.
Class was a combination of lectures and group discussions which both contributed to my learning by improving my reading and thinking skills. Outside of class assignments focused on responses which improved my writing skills.
Discussions were mostly student-driven with help from the teacher, which was an effective way to steer the conversation in the right direction. The smaller group discussions were also helpful, as it allowed everyone to be heard. Assignments were fairly straightforward with response papers.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.07	4.00	0.00%	14.29%	7.14%	35.71%	42.86%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	3.93	4.00	7.14%	7.14%	14.29%	28.57%	42.86%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.21	4.50	7.14%	0.00%	7.14%	35.71%	50.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	3.93	4.50	7.14%	14.29%	7.14%	21.43%	50.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.29	5.00	0.00%	7.14%	14.29%	21.43%	57.14%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.43	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	7.14%	42.86%	50.00%
I felt respected in this class.	4.43	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	57.14%	42.86%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.29	4.50	7.14%	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	50.00%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Really great prof, recommend
Ella was the best, you could tell she really cared about your success as a student.
Dr. Wilhelm is a wonderful instructor. Really happy that I have taken this class with her.
Prof. Wilhelm is a really nice and engaging teacher who cares a lot about what she teaches and it shows in the ways that she tries to make class interesting.
The course contents were too random, vague and incohesive when considered in conjunction with each other. The ideas from one piece of art or theory did not flow well in relation with most of the other pieces and this proved to be quite troubling when with each subsequent paper you were required to relate ideas from more and more pieces with each other.

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	14.29%	85.71%
Anyone interested in the topic	7.14%	92.86%

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

Comments
The open discussions were really nice because I got to hear from multiple points of views. No comment went disregarded or unappreciated.
the feedback from our weekly responses were super helpful
Her ability to delve further into the topics we were covering while not monopolizing the discussions.
lectures
Our in class discussions
Willingness to help whenever you asked questions. Not only guiding you towards what could be the answer, but also asking questions that could lead to a different interpretation.
Prof Wilhelm is very approachable and it makes class feel much more relaxed and lower stakes despite still being engaging and interesting.
I especially found it helpful that when Ella graded my assignments, she left very thorough comments and also included thought-provoking questions to help further my understanding of the topic. Over time, I noticed my writing improve due to the feedback I received and was able to learn from. I also really enjoyed how interactive our class time was, with a great combination of student-led and instructor-led discussion.
Ella is very clear and inviting as an instructor. I felt comfortable in her class.
The lectures and the instructor's analysis of the ideas being studied.
Professor Wilhelm asked everyone to present their views on a topic, text, or image and guided our points to help make clever arguments which helped a lot
Ella was very calm, collected, understanding. Her teaching and feedback made me feel comfortable in the classroom and confident in my ability to grow in my work.
The slides and notes on the board helped me the most.
Discussion help and feedback on submissions; the instructor was always engaged during discussions, came prepared with material to supplement our ideas, and always responded to our questions

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
maybe just spice up class times for more variety
Lecture more!
more in-class discussion
nothing
Not much really.
I prefer doing less group work and more individual work in class which was the opposite of what we usually did. That being said, I still thought the group work was effective and provided a good learning experience.
Maybe encouraging us to change our seating every week? That way, I would've talked to more people.
N/A she is great
N/A
I would've liked more lecturing and less group work, but I know our class did a survey and many prefer group work.

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.36	4.50	0.00%	7.14%	0.00%	42.86%	50.00%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.43	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	7.14%	42.86%	50.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.14	4.00	7.14%	0.00%	7.14%	42.86%	42.86%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.07	4.00	7.14%	7.14%	0.00%	42.86%	42.86%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.14	4.50	7.14%	7.14%	0.00%	35.71%	50.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	7.14%	28.57%	64.29%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.43	5.00	7.14%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	64.29%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.29	4.50	0.00%	7.14%	7.14%	35.71%	50.00%	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
Dr. Sarah Osment
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Dr. Osment — very helpful, gave us structured and organized tips rather than random advice. I found the lessons to be disconnected from class content, but very helpful for that sole reason; we rarely discussed writing tips during the actual course.

The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	3.83	4.00	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%	66.67%	16.67%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	3.67	4.00	0.00%	16.67%	16.67%	50.00%	16.67%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	3.33	3.50	0.00%	33.33%	16.67%	33.33%	16.67%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	3.33	3.50	0.00%	33.33%	16.67%	33.33%	16.67%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	66.67%	16.67%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	3.83	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	50.00%	16.67%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	3.33	3.50	0.00%	33.33%	16.67%	33.33%	16.67%	0.00%

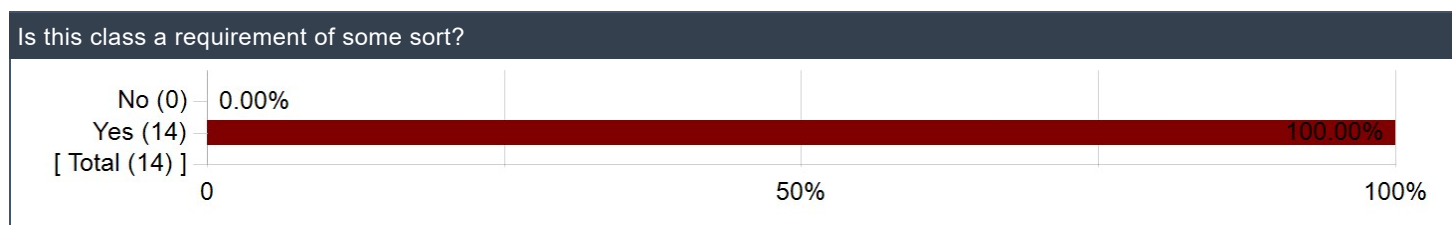
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	7.69%	23.08%	7.69%	61.54%
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	3.21	3.00	7.14%	21.43%	35.71%	14.29%	21.43%	0.00%

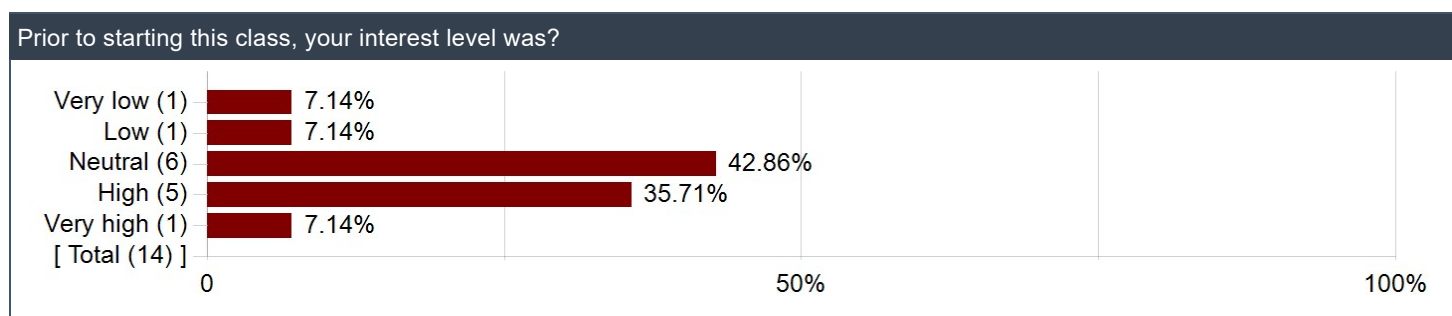
Other course elements not mentioned above:

Comments
Screenings

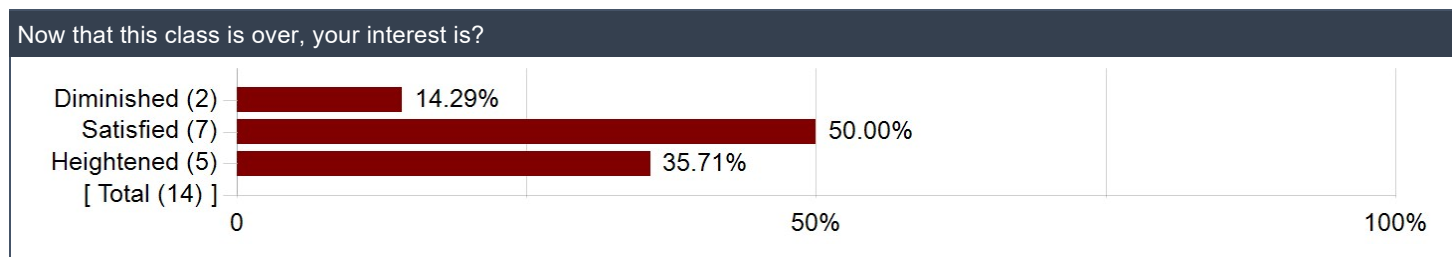
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



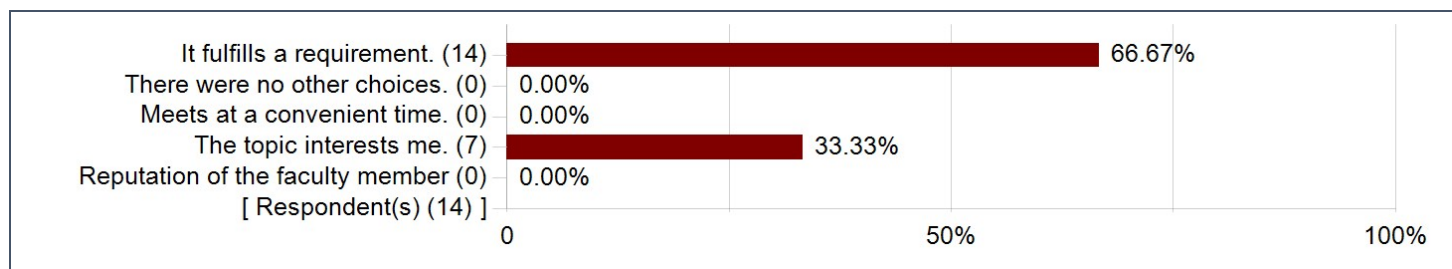
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



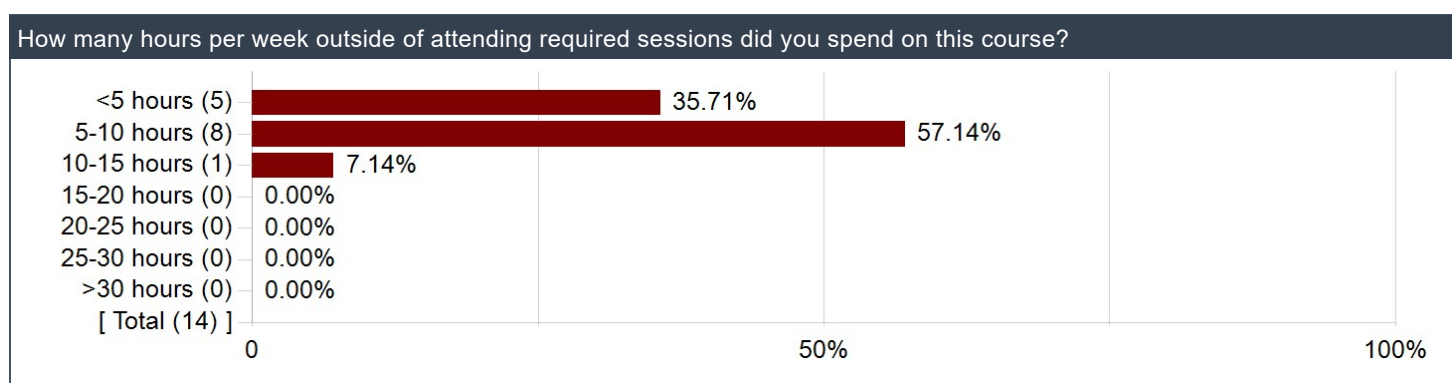
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



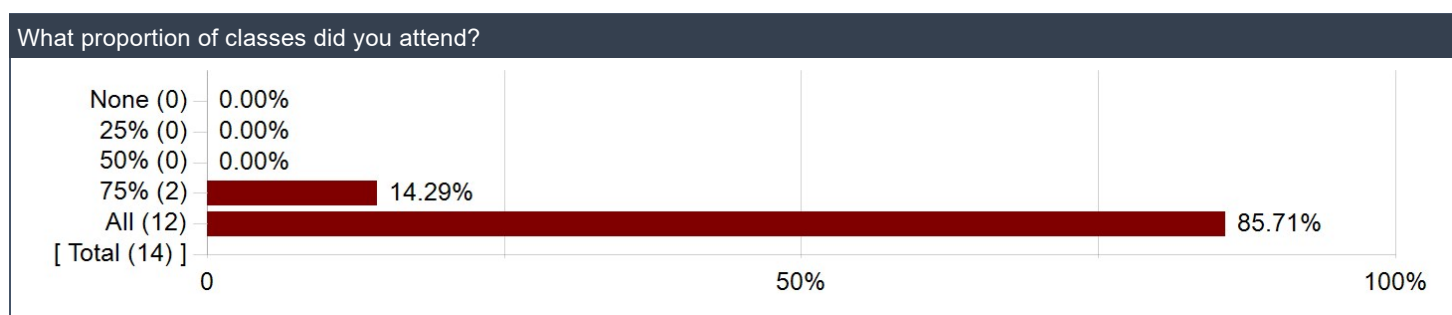
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
I had no background experience and really enjoyed this class!
It was a lot of work, but quite fulfilling
It is of appropriate for anyone interested in the topic – my experience was very reduced when it came to an academic framework for the arts, however, Prof. Wilhelm used great bibliography to explore it more.
pretty difficult and i didn't have much experience on art interpretation
It was ok
From 1–10, 10 being the hardest, this is a 5. The content wasn't difficult, it's just that I despise the humanities. Great instructor, though!
It was not pretty difficult but making great arguments did take some time which was quite frustrating, however, the professor was there to help always.
Interesting, but not very difficult at all.
I would say mild difficulty in the sense that I performed worse than I expected on the first writing assignments but was able to improve on later assignments.
Engaging but not excessively difficult

**Did the instructor provide feedback and assistance on writing assignments for the course?
What was helpful or unhelpful about the instructor's feedback?**

Comments
The writing feedback was amazing, it was like a full paragraph minimum everytime
Yes, she provided really detailed feedback, which was extremely helpful and specific regarding things that were going right or wrong.
yes; the instructor motivated me to deepen my understanding
The instructor always left a lot of feedback on all the assignments.
They did, but grading has been pretty slow. I didn't get my feedback from essay #2 in time for essay #3, so I couldn't change things in my writing to improve.
Yes – the feedback was very helpful and tailored specifically to my writing. It included aspects of what I did well, what I could improve upon, and questions to continue my thinking on the subject.
Ella was really good at seeing how what I submitted could have been pushed even further and where it would have benefited most from some more attention while also acknowledging some strengths that were already there. This was helpful for understanding the texts, and would help when using them later on.
With every paper or assignment, she gave us multiple remarks which proved vital for me to improve my paper.
Yes. Ella provided both feedback regarding what we could do better, as well as stimulating questions to help me think further.
There was detailed written feedback for all writing assignments that was helpful.
Yes; feedback was very specific and referred to parts of our writing, even on small assignments.