



# CMST 14400 2 - Film and the Moving Image - Instructor(s) - Bret Hart

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

Number Enrolled: **18**

Number of Responses: **7**

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## 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
How to analyze film from varying academic perspectives, new ways to look at cinema, importance of various themes in media
I learned how to watch a film carefully. There are now more dimensions of a film that I'll pay attention to.
I learned about formal film elements such as sound, space and frame, and also explored how these show up in video games.
How to approach films and other media objects from the perspective of formal analysis; some fundamental essays in cinema/media studies
Ways to analyze film outside of its message/theme
I learned how to think about films through formal elements – beyond content and surface–level summary.

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

Comments
Screenings greatly contributed to enhancing class concepts, readings served as supplemental to learning new theories regarding film, class activities allowed me to apply and retain these concepts.
I enjoyed the in–class lectures and slideshows, as well as the assigned nightly readings.
Lectures were the most helpful for understanding the reading material, which at times, was dense.
I found the readings interesting and informative, and the (short) weekly papers were a great way to think through the readings and put them into practice. I also got a lot out of the wide variety of example clips Bret showed in class. That said, I'm not sure quite so much class time needed to be spent on summarizing the readings.
Lectures and discussion
Bret's lectures were consistently fascinating and dovetailed nicely with the screenings.

## Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	66.67%	16.67%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%
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.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.33	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	33.33%	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.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%

## 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
Interactive class activities to retain concepts learned in reading, clear powerpoint slides explaining course concepts and how they apply to our screenings.
He was relaxed and outgoing and always willing to meet outside of class.
I think I got the most out of Bret's excellent curation of clips shown in lecture—he did a great job picking examples of films which demonstrated various course concepts
The professor did a great job of giving an overview of the readings we had to do for class so that even if one didn't do the class readings, we were still able to participate in class discussions.
The lectures and crystallization of the readings were immensely helpful in figuring out which formal elements to extract from a given week's screening.

## What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Nothing to be honest.
I wish a bit more class time had been spent discussing the screenings, and a bit less spent on lectures summarizing the readings.

## 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.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%	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.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	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.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	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.	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.	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%

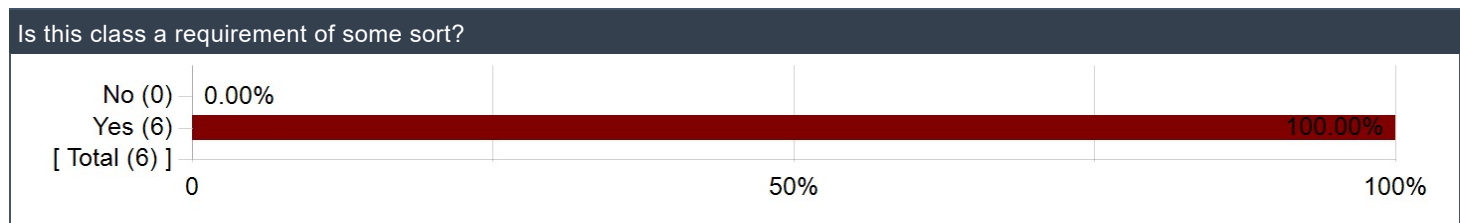
## How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%

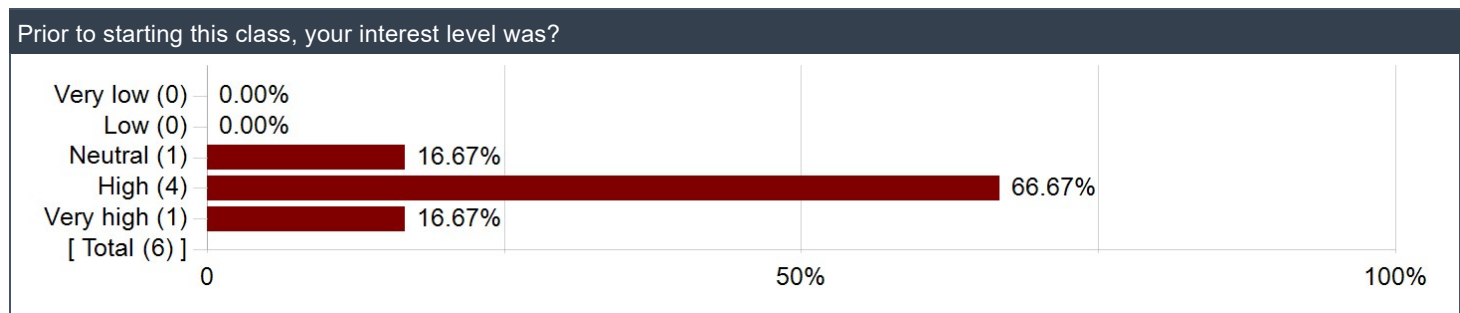
## Other course elements not mentioned above:

Comments
Screenings
Weekly screenings contributed significantly to the depth of the course.
Film screening

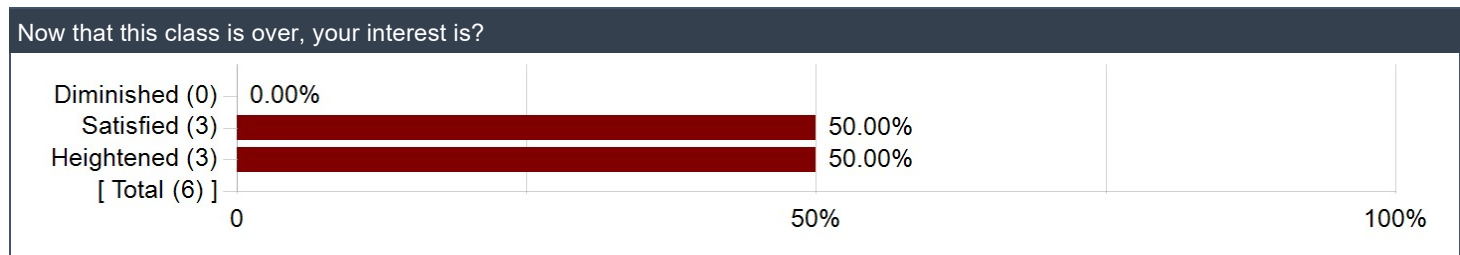
## Is this class a requirement of some sort?



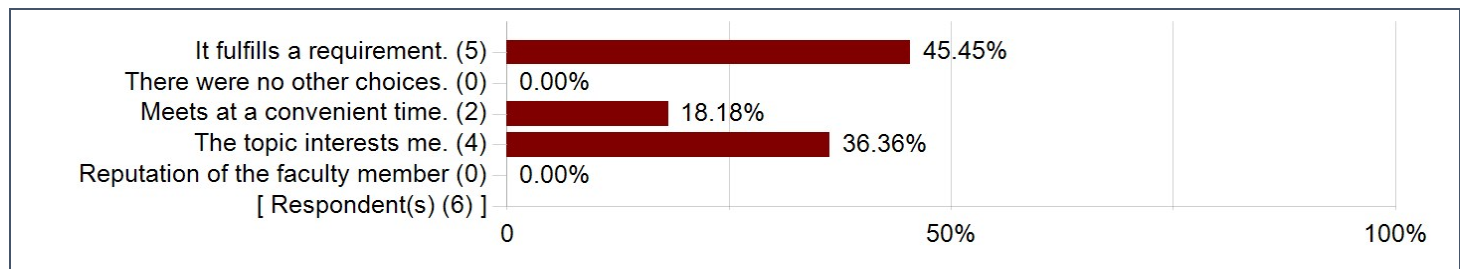
## Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



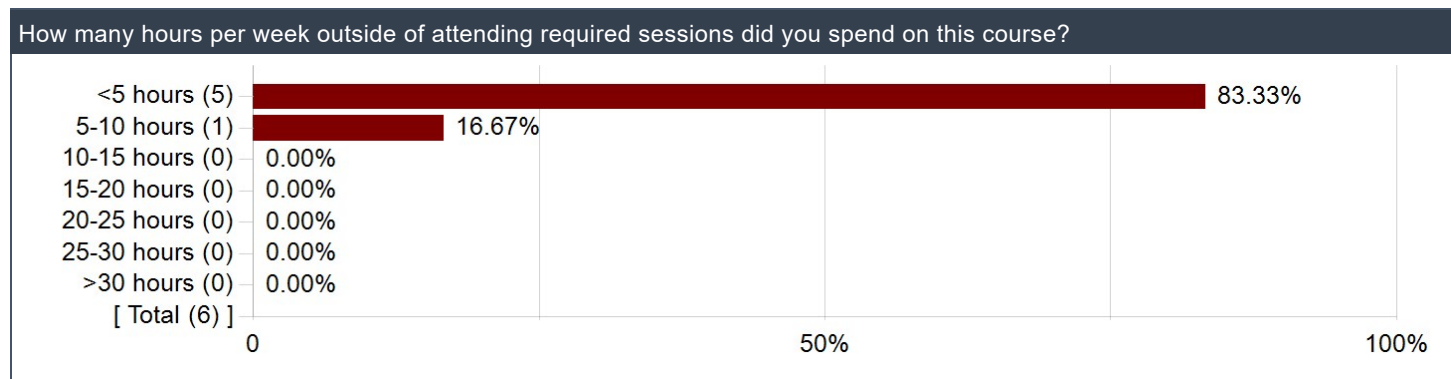
## Now that this class is over, your interest is?



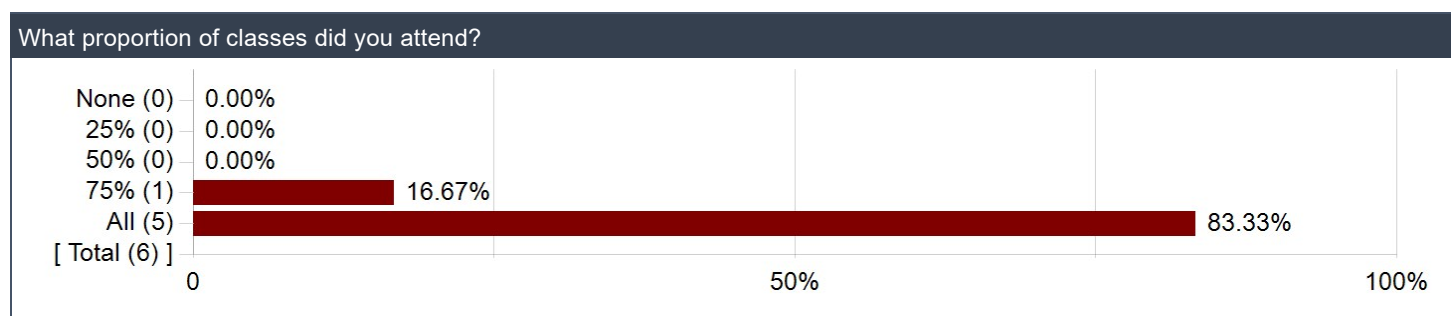
## Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



## 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
Course served as introduction to concepts in cinema and media studies
This is one of the last courses I'm taking at UChicago. With the rest of the core behind me, I found the readings pretty straightforward and the writing assignments easy to get through.
This was a great introductory class on film. It was very accessible and has definitely shaped the way I view film analysis now.