



RDIN 24003 1, ANTH 24003 1, SOSC 24003 1, HIST 18303 1, SALC 20702 1, CRES 24003 1 - Colonizations III: Decolonization, Revolution, Freedom - Instructor(s) - Zoya Sameen

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

Number Enrolled: **20**

Number of Responses: **7**

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
Decolonization, especially in the context of India, Algeria, and Kenya
Reading primary sources
I learned about the extent to which European empires responded to calls for decolonization with violence, and I gained new scholarly frameworks (i.e., Stoler's imperial formations) with which to understand colonization in the present-tense.
The violence of decolonization

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

Comments
Readings were interesting! Even if some of the documents were sometimes confusing, I think the discussions always helped clear my confusions. Also, before some of the discussions, Dr. Sameen talks for around 5–10 minutes and gives us important context. I think this is really helpful.
Discussions are helpful
I really admired how discussions were directed: each student, when called on, would make their comment, to which then the professor would respond to draw out what about their comment was insightful or valuable. The papers all felt reasonable in length, and the discussion post schedule provided much-appreciated flexibility. None of the readings felt out of place; the choice to focus on three case studies of decolonization (India, Algeria, and Kenya) also encouraged the drawing of connections across geographic and temporal contexts.
I loved the assigned documentaries! The discussions were also amazing and very organized.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%
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.	4.17	5.00	16.67%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	66.67%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	16.67%	66.67%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.00	4.50	16.67%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	50.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.00	4.50	16.67%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	50.00%
I felt respected in this class.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	16.67%	66.67%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	16.67%	66.67%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
We focused too much on one country's decolonization and I think it took away from the point of the course especially since Colonizations I was so great.
This was one of my favorite core classes! I think that I learned a lot, and the discussions helped me gain understanding of the material. I also liked the group-discussion style sessions on Wednesday. Normally, I'm not one to talk so much in class, but I think this helped me say what was on my mind.

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	16.67%	83.33%
Anyone interested in the topic	16.67%	83.33%

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

Comments
She did a great job of leading discussions. Sometimes, whenever another student makes a point, I find it difficult to connect it with what I already know. However, Dr. Sameen always re-contextualized someone else's comment to the broader point she we were trying to make.
She also responds quickly to emails.
Initiating class discussions
As mentioned, the readings for this course built upon each other extremely well, and I felt I gleaned a lot from each one.
Prof Sameen is just AMAZING!! She perfectly explained the hard ideas and history of decolonization in a great way. The readings she assigned were spot on! She was also always open to questions to make sure we understood everything. She made sure we all felt heard and respected. She is one of the best professors I have ever taken with!!

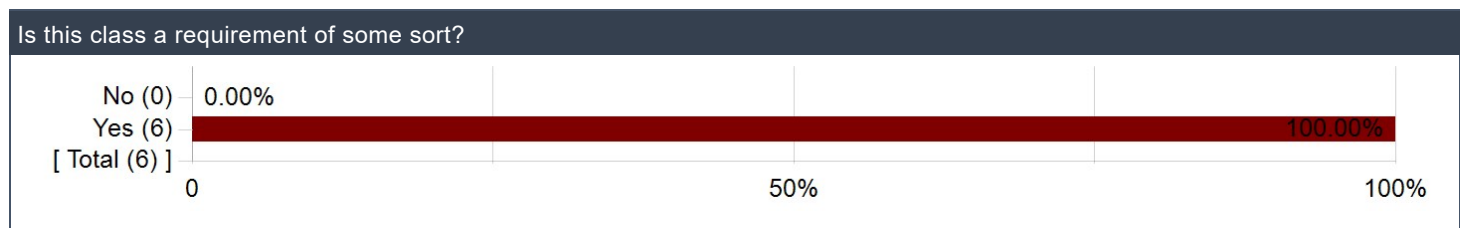
What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Nothing that I can think of right now.
N/A
Nothing everything was perfect!!

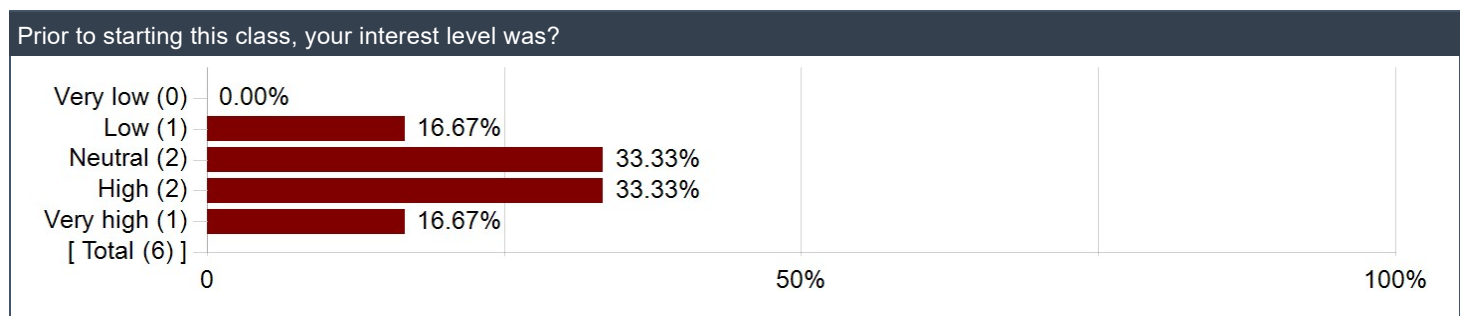
The Instructor . . .

	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.	4.40	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	16.67%	50.00%	16.67%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	16.67%	66.67%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	16.67%	66.67%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	16.67%	66.67%	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.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.33	5.00	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%	16.67%	66.67%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.33	5.00	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%	16.67%	66.67%	0.00%

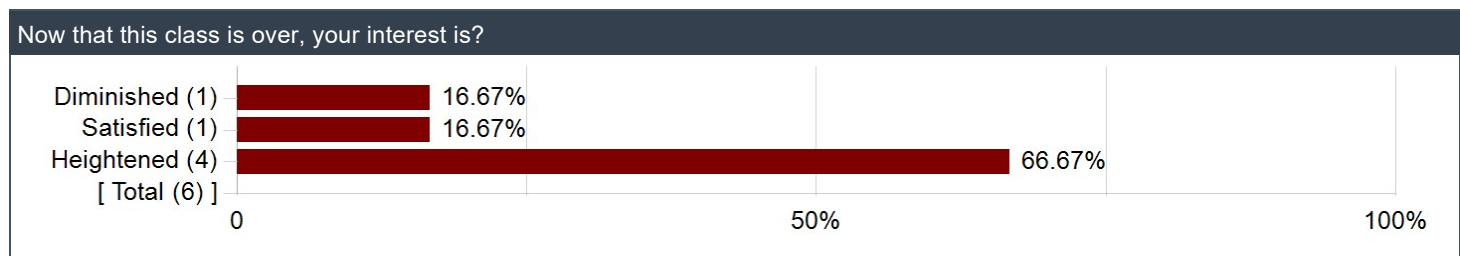
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



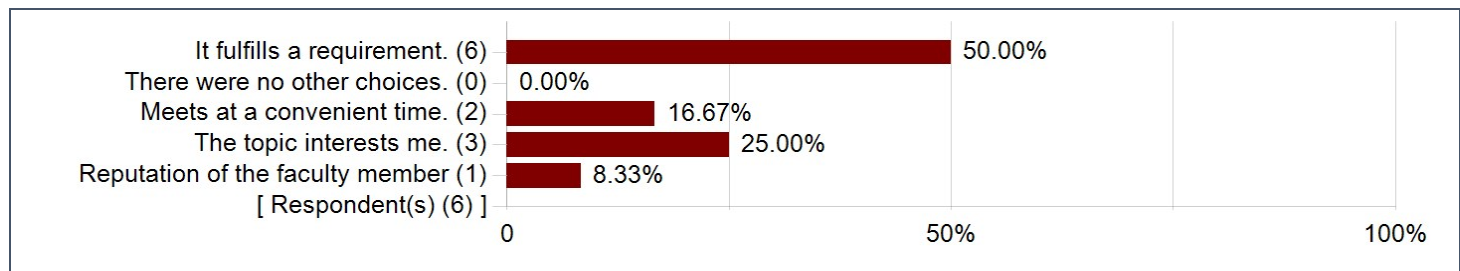
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



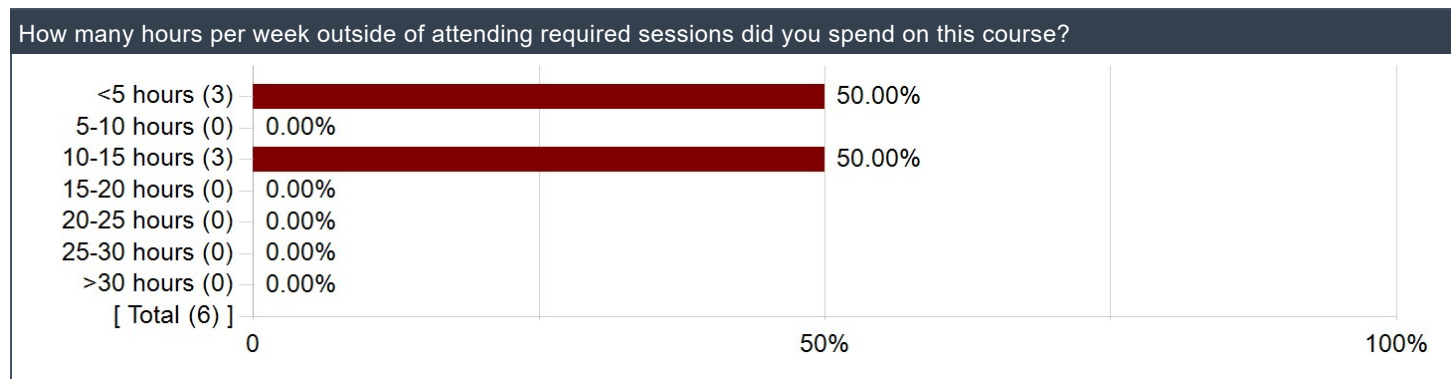
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



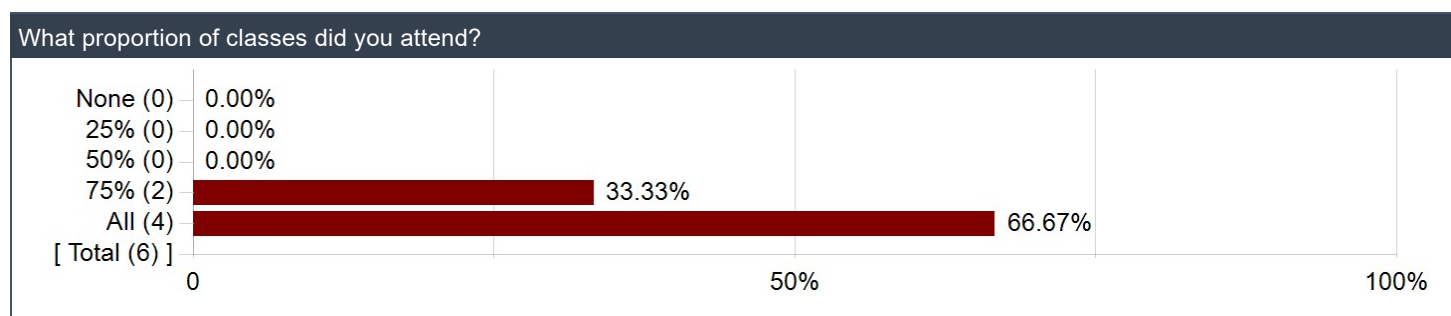
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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 harder than expected and she grades unnecessarily hard
Correct difficult. Sometimes the readings were long/confusing but my confusions were always cleared in class.
I came into this class having taken the other two courses in the sequence, and it matched well with my expectations. I found this class intellectually stimulating but not overwhelmingly challenging.