



# HUMA 16100 6 - Media Aesthetics: Image, Text, Sound II - Instructor(s): Haitham Ibrahim

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

Number Enrolled: **19**

Number of Responses: **13**

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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
Writing—theoretical ideas about the medium and how to write essays.
I learned how to think critically about language (also the medium of language — such as text or speech) and systems... and how to apply these concepts to analyze media examples. We covered theories by Saussure, Luhmann, Plato, and Barthes to name a few. This was an incredibly insightful course, the most enriching one I have had at UChicago!
Philosophy relating to language and media.
How to apply the concepts we learned in class to external examples
Concepts related to media, language, and humanity
I gained an entirely new outlook on media based philosophy and vocabulary. And how to apply them rigourously.

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

Comments
Classes are engaging, reading bolsters the classes, and essays build writing skills and work as active recall for the material.
The discussions were my favorite part of this course. Hearing my classmates' insight on discussion topics was helpful, and hearing Professor Ibrahim's clarifications and explanations of the authors we read was the most helpful to my understanding of the complex authors/ theories we covered. Also, office hours were always incredibly helpful.
Discussions were useful for figuring out what you want to write your essay about and they are very interesting.
Discussions, especially when Professor Ibrahim interjects and offers some explanation of the concepts that might be kind of confusing.
The discussions that would take place within class
The lectures are bar none the most important parts of this class. If you do your readings and participate in class you should come out with a great understanding of the content.

## Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	8.33%	83.33%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.58	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	8.33%	75.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
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.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%

### Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Good but challenging
If you put a lot of effort into this class, you will get a lot out of it.
You should definitely take this class with Professor Ibrahim!!
If you dislike open-ended essay prompts you will probably dislike this class. Also, more focused on philosophy than I anticipated.
Wonderful course. Take it if you can.

### I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	0.00%	100.00%
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
Explaining and applying theoretical concepts.
His explanations of the theories in class were most helpful, along with his constant connections of the theories we studied to current events, demonstrating the every-increasing relevance of these theories.
Discussions.
Office hours were really helpful for discussing the essays and getting ideas for what to write about.
The notes and discussions
His positive vibes and willingness to take criticism
Prof. Ibrahim is the most incredible professor I've ever had. His lectures are wonderful and he is so passionate. His jokes are witty and he truly cares about what he teaches.

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

Comments
Not that challenging!
I don't think it's possible to improve this course. It's amazing!!
Fewer texts covered more thoroughly.
I think the breadth of the course kind of hindered our ability to spend time on specific theories or examples. It felt like we were trying to go too fast at times. I think getting rid of some examples or some of the theories that aren't as important would be helpful.
N/a
nothing, GIVE THIS MAN A RAISE!!
Nit pick response, but we could spend more time on some topics rather than others. Then again this is personal preference.

## The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.91	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	83.33%	8.33%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.92	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	91.67%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	16.67%	75.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	16.67%	75.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.92	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	91.67%	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.	4.92	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	91.67%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.92	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	91.67%	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
Michelle Hoban/ Her writing seminars helped me improve my writing skills.
Michelle Hoban. Her Seminars were well-organized and helpful
Michele Hoban is a great writing instructor. What I love about her style is that she doesn't necessarily tell you what to do, but she caters to your own preferences and helps improve upon them. Also her meetings were all very good topics to know for the future. I feel that my writing improved from this directly.

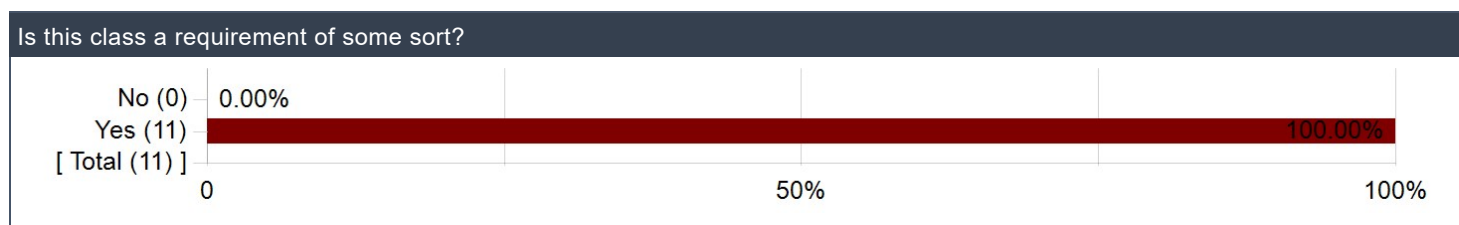
## The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	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%	100.00%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	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 class.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	0.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	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%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%

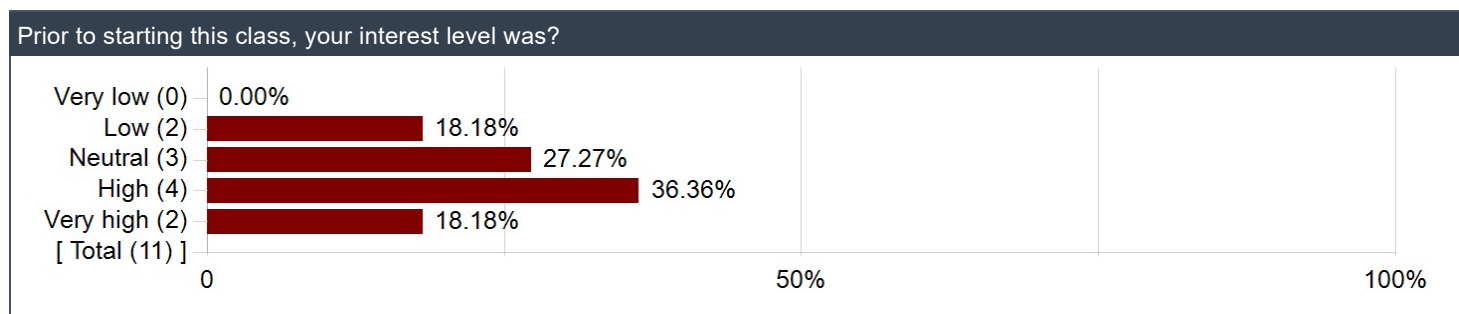
## How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	Mean	Median	No Gain	A Little Gain	Moderate Gain	Good Gain	Great Gain	N/A
Laboratory Experience	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	85.71%
Field Trips	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	85.71%
Library Sessions	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	85.71%
Review Sessions	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	85.71%
Writing Seminars	4.00	4.00	0.00%	10.00%	20.00%	30.00%	40.00%	0.00%

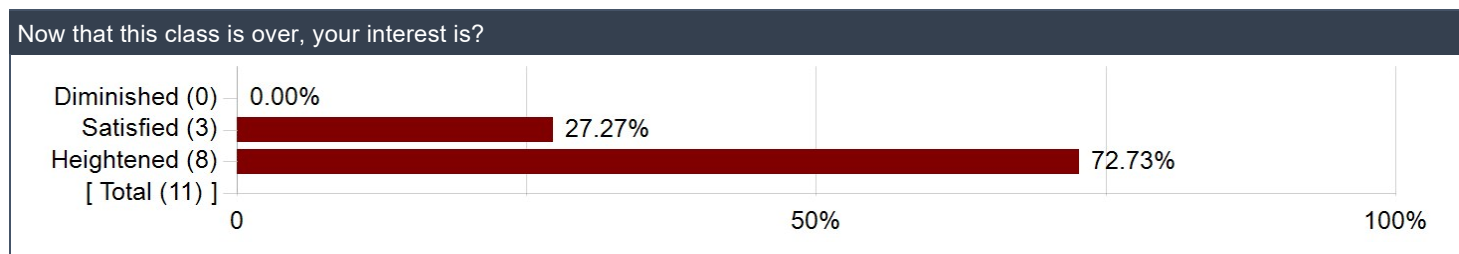
## Is this class a requirement of some sort?



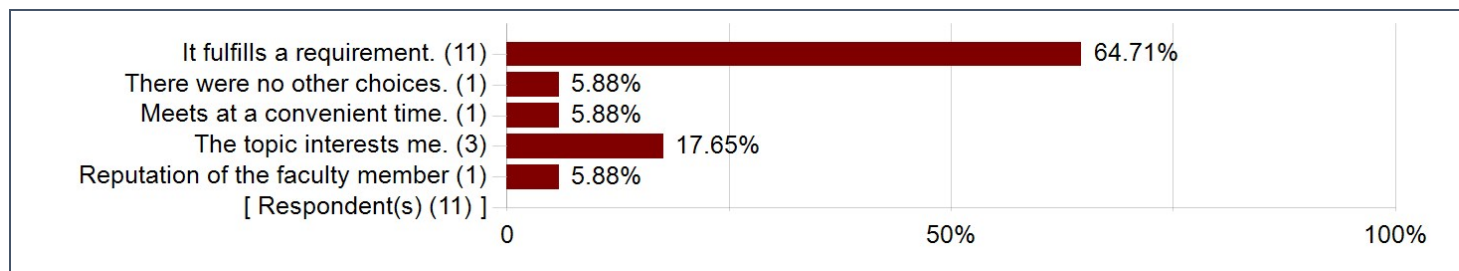
## Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



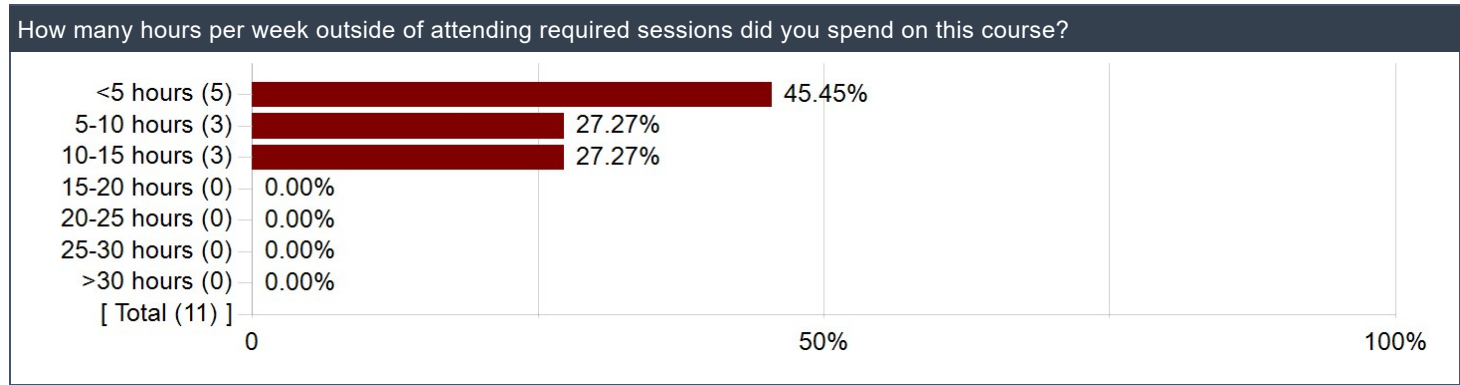
## Now that this class is over, your interest is?



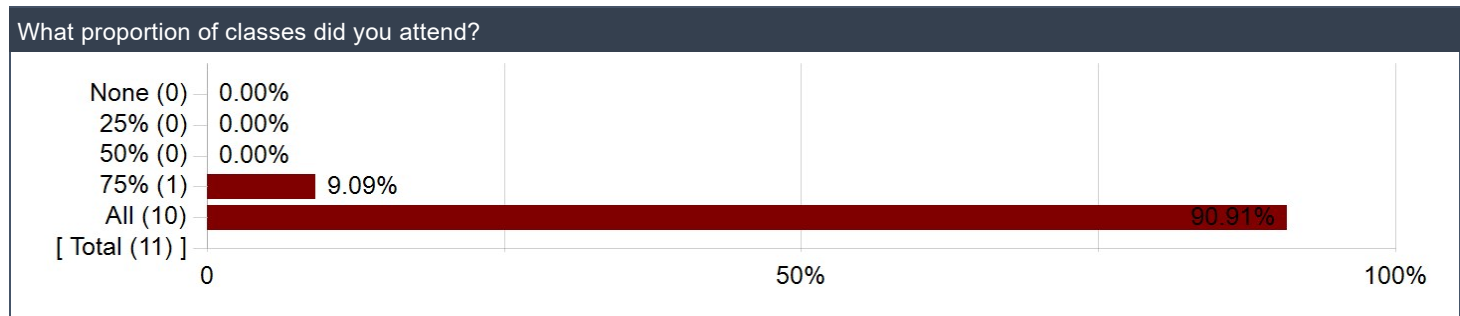
## Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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



## 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 felt adequately prepared for this course, having taken this class with the sane professor in quarter one.
Open-ended essay prompts were the only difficulty for me.
I had never studied this side of philosophy, yet I thrived in this course and it was incredibly fun.