



# GNSE 15002 7 - Gender and Sexuality in World Civilizations I - Instructor(s): Sarah McDaniel

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

Number Enrolled: **19**

Number of Responses: **14**

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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 think how to explore new genres new literature pieces combined with pop culture
Heterosexism, ballroom culture, third sex
I really loved the inclusive and forgiving environment Prof. McDaniels created. Everyone was willing to learn and listen to each other—the focus was not grades, it was learning and creating.
How to tackle analysis from a different lens. Specifically hear the lens of gender as well as culture. It was a process of suspending what you know or what you think you know to dive into the text from another angle.
Change in gender/sexuality understanding and opinions over time, masculinity & feminism, trans identities
I'm not queer, but this class helped me recognize the importance of queer history
I learned a lot about gender and sexuality as fundamental concepts
Everything about gender and sexuality there is to know! (Just kidding but still so much) Gendered embodiment, sites of resistance, formation of community. Learned how to use gender as a lens to understand not only academic sources but also daily life.
Learned how to apply history and theory to modern lives and society. Also learned so much more about the history of gender and sexuality
Doing gender, scientific determinism on gender, trans life (Paris is Burning), HIV/ACTS and act up,

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

Comments
weekly discussion posts— such creative prompts and fun questions to answer lectures/ discussions – so collaborative, healthy give and take between students and prof McDaniel short-form article – so much freedom to write about what i am passionate about and explore gender and sexuality through a lens I see fit while combining learnings from class discussions and the readings event: explore a new way of thinking about the course
Professor Sarah McDaniel IS THE BEST. She is caring, accommodating, understanding, incredibly aware of all nuances of her subject, and an awesome human being! I LOVE HER
the lectures and readings are amazing!
The discussions were very interesting and helpful, the professor thoroughly analyzes and explains the readings.
Lectures were very helpful to dive into the text when you may have not understood it. The professor was able to provide a different angle that we could view the text from, as well as adding in other points and references with a curated slideshow for each lecture.
Discussions were fantastic. Professor McDaniel does an amazing job facilitating discussion and making everyone feel welcome to contribute. There were weekly assignments (discussion posts) which were always very reasonable and length and interesting to do. The midterm and the final are both pretty open ended, which I think is great, and it allows for you to really explore whatever you might personally be interested in
The readings were interesting and the discussions always had something interesting
The discussions were great
Sarah led genuinely the most thoughtful and engaging class discussions I have had in a core class so far. The discussion posts were also very fun and engaging and gave students an opportunity to tie their personal lives into the course material. The projects allowed us to achieve a similar connection if we choose and created an opportunity for a deeper engagement with the material.
Lectures were always engaging and thought provoking and the readings I thought were really good and provided more insight into the topics
Loved the discussions during class, so helpful in understanding and thinking deeply about the material

### 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.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	35.71%	64.29%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.79	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	21.43%	78.57%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	7.14%	21.43%	71.43%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.79	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	21.43%	78.57%
I felt respected in this class.	4.93	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	7.14%	92.86%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.93	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	7.14%	92.86%

### Additional comments about the course:

Comments
HIGHLY RECOMMEND THIS CLASS! Awesome professot
Professor McDaniel is an AMAZING AMAZING human being and professor. I was going through some stuff, and she was extraordinarily compassionate and generous, and she's incredibly knowledgeable and allows students to pursue creative forms of writing / art for the final assignment!
not difficult
Sarah is the best professor I have had at the university so far. She creates such a pleasant and engaging classroom environment while also encouraging students to engage in the material in an interesting way.
Professor McDaniel is a literal gem! Genuinely one of the most wonderful professors I have ever met — clearly an expert and passionate about gender studies, phenomenal facilitation and lecturing

### 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
everything! from discussions to readings and writings
The discussions
The topics could be challenging and new for people who have looked into gender and sexuality politics, or just people who identify as cis and straight. The instructor was very kind and willing to teach concepts.
Professor McDaniel does a great job leading discussion and integrating our comments into the themes of the discussion, no matter how off topic our comments might be.
The professor was very organized and helped students understand concepts in class.
Willing to listen to other ideas and attempt to incorporate them later into different classes/readings if relevant. Facilitated a lecture as well as a discussion between peers.
She is amazing at facilitating discussions, and very knowledgeable on the subject matter which really shines through. I think the best thing about her teaching is her ability to make every single contribution feel valuable. She is very understanding and kind, and probably one of the best professors I've had
Prof macdaniels is the nicest professor I've ever had.
Everything. I mentioned lots of things in detail in the previous section.
I really enjoyed Sarah's engaging lectures that both discussed the readings and applied it to modern society so we could better understand the changes on views on gender and sexuality. I also think Sarah's genuine interest in getting to know us as people and not just students made me look forward to class time and just chatting with her
She always links the additional information/theory brought up in class, great introduction to material

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

Comments
nothing!
N/A
Post the assignments earlier!
Nothing that I can think of!
Nothing Sarah was amazing
Nothing! Amazing — maybe a little better organization in terms of assignments

## The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.93	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	7.14%	92.86%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.93	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	7.14%	92.86%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.93	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	7.14%	92.86%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.93	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	7.14%	92.86%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.93	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	7.14%	92.86%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.93	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	7.14%	92.86%	0.00%

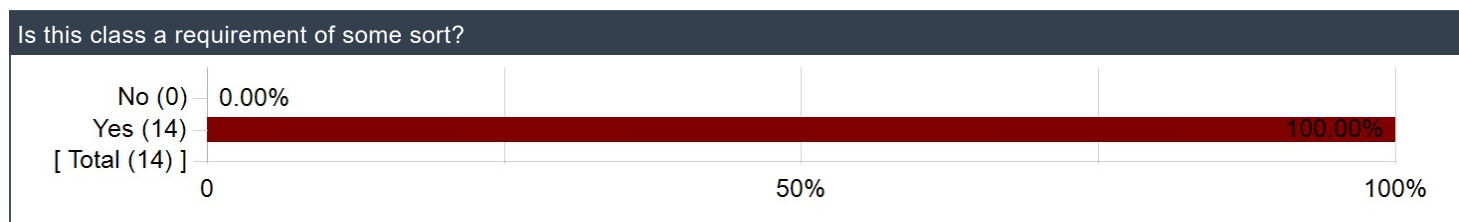
## How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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%

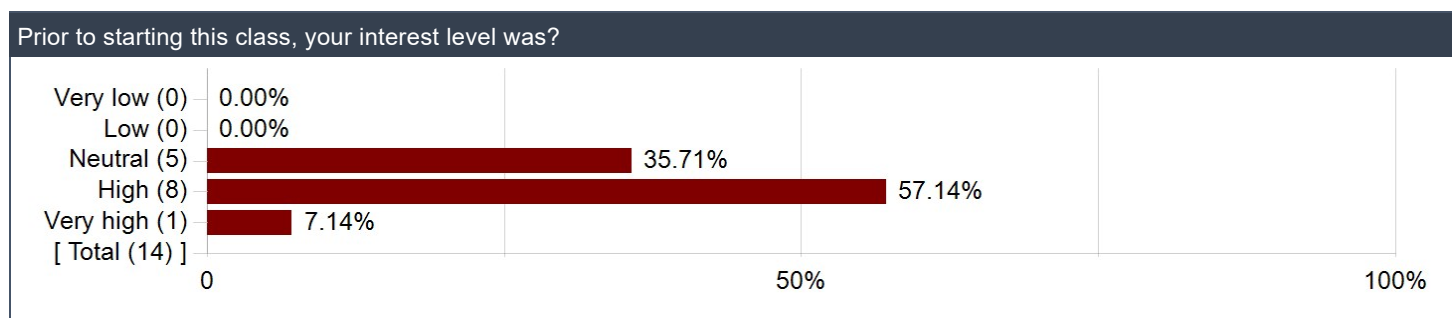
## Other course elements not mentioned above:

Comments
CSGS events helped teach about more specific elements of queer history. We also had movie screenings

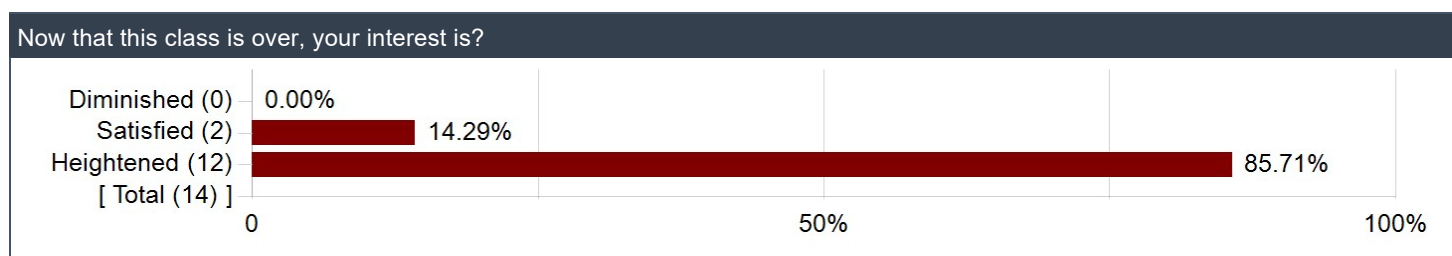
## Is this class a requirement of some sort?



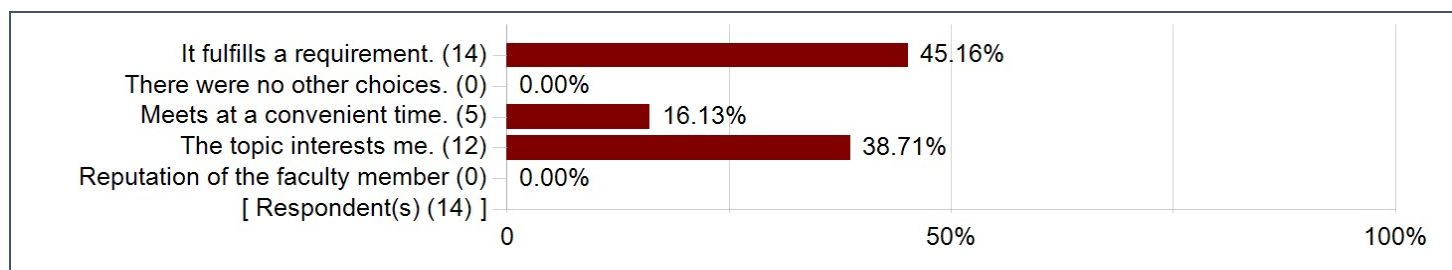
## Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



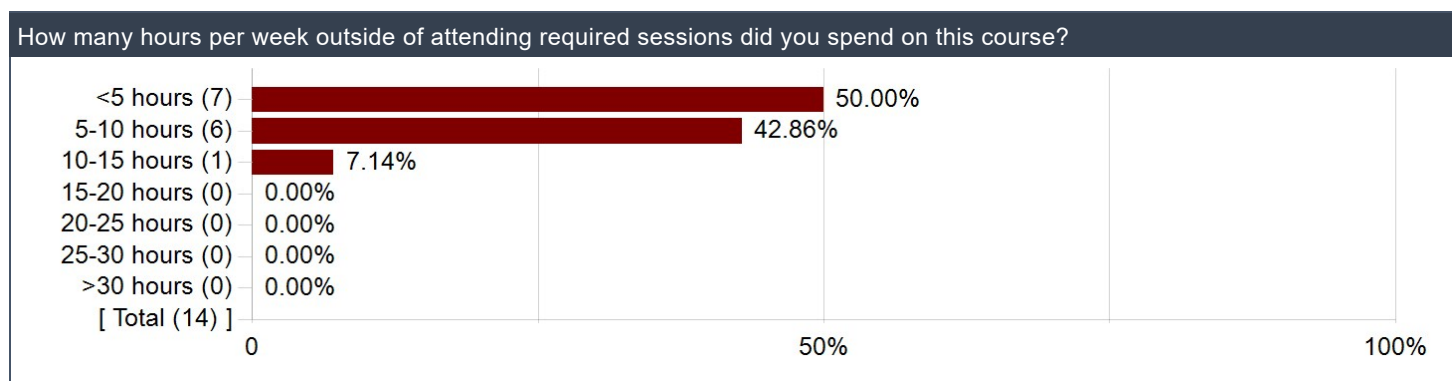
## Now that this class is over, your interest is?



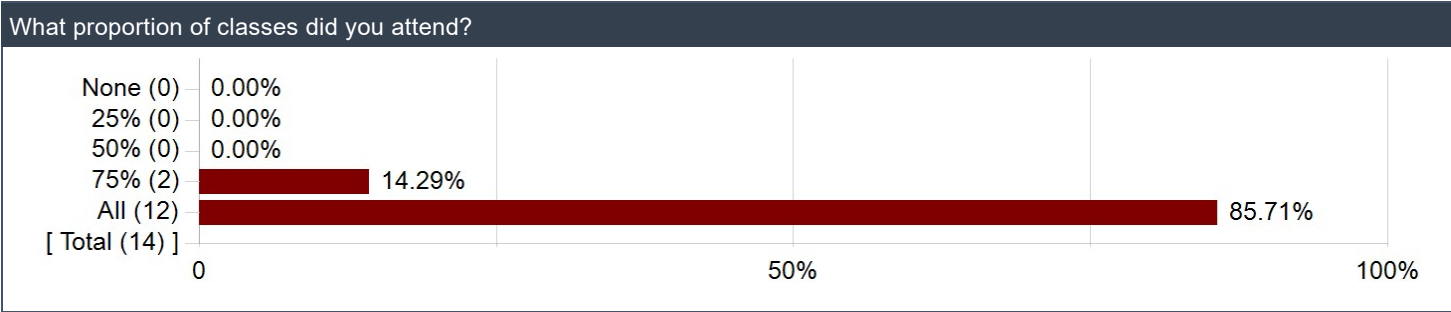
## Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



## 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
Super chill
I have taken 1 GNSE course before and have just had a general interest in the topic for most of my life, and for me the class was very engaging and interesting, but not difficult.
I didn't have much background in the field and the class was still very manageable. I think this is a great civ to take, regardless of your experience. you learn so much and it doesn't feel overwhelming
Not difficult at all
Perfect