



# SOSC 12400 4 - Self, Culture, and Society I - Instructor(s) - Tracey Rosen

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

Number Enrolled: **17**

Number of Responses: **8**

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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
The most important thing I learned in this course is how to improve my writing, especially at a college level. Before this course, I felt confident in my writing skills, but this class shifted my perspective and showed me how much more I could grow. I learned how to take complicated texts and not only simplify them but also analyze the arguments more critically. I now feel better equipped to identify gaps in an author's perspective or offer new ways of looking at their ideas.
I learned how to better organize my thoughts and how to comment on other people's arguments.
The most important thing I learned was how applicable Marx's ideas are to many interpretations of today's society.
Capitalism and how its been weaved into religion, women, history, labor, perception of self, and society as a whole

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

Comments
The lectures were very helpful! Prof Rosen is an excellent lecturer and teacher.
The weekly response papers were really helpful in showing me what Professor Rosen expected in my writing. Doing them regularly made it easier to approach the midterm and final papers because I knew what to focus on. The class discussions about the readings were also a big help. Professor Rosen gave us background on the authors, the history of their time, and how their lives influenced their writing. These discussions cleared up any confusion I had and helped me better understand the readings
The varying perspectives that we discussed throughout the class allowed for me to be open and perceptive to many different ideas and perspectives.
Lectures were very useful to get a better understanding of information we were supposed to get from reading assignments. During some weeks , finishing the reading felt impossible on top of work from other classes. This was probably just due to poor time management though.
Lectures were really helpful in understanding the text that we read, because even though there was discussion in the class, she took the time to explain concepts which made it really helpful to take notes and to understand for future assignments. At the beginning of the quarter, she would ask for key words/concepts from text that we read for that day/class, which was really helpful to start a class discussion, to see the overall topics that we would be talking about in class, and it was easier way to participate if you are not as comfortable talking in class.
Discussions were very helpful to understand the content of the books we read
The lectures are where most of the reading is explained so they're very important for understanding the authors and how your prof wants you to understand them.

## Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.14	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	28.57%	42.86%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.29	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	14.29%	57.14%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.29	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	42.86%	42.86%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.43	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	28.57%	57.14%
I felt respected in this class.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	14.29%	71.43%

## Additional comments about the course:

Comments
I honestly loved having Professor Rosen as an instructor. She has a talent for simplifying complex subjects and texts, making them easier to understand and placing them in contexts we can relate to. I would highly recommend this course—the workload is very manageable, there are opportunities for extra credit, and, honestly, Professor Rosen is my favorite professor ever.
If you are particularly interested in Marx this is a great class because the professor is very knowledgeable on Marx and his ideas.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>–lecture 3x week</li> <li>–response paper of 200 to 400 words weekly (is graded in a check system, so check plus is a 100, check is an 89, and check minus is a 0) (she says to expect to get a check, and you will only get a check minus if it is really bad and you can clearly see that no effort was put in)(20% of your grade)</li> <li>–participation (20% of your grade)</li> <li>–2 essays of 1500–2000 words (midterm paper due on week 5 and final paper due on the first day of finals week) (30% of your grade each)</li> <li>–extra credit is mentioned in the syllabus by going to the supplementary lectures and adding music to the class playlist but more exact details available</li> <li>–late paper will decrease a 1/3rd of a letter grade, so from a B to a B– (she is a pretty hard grader in essays and response paper for a core class)</li> <li>–you have to purchase 5 physical books for the class and the rest of the reading will be given electronically for you</li> <li>–no electronics in class, so if the reading is electronic, you have to print it out</li> <li>–you can use iPad to take notes</li> <li>–only one absent with no explanation allowed to not affect your participation grade</li> </ul>

## 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
Lectures
The aspect of Professor Rosen's teaching that contributed most to my learning was her ability to simplify complex texts and ideas. She provided clear explanations and valuable context—whether historical background or details about the author's life—that made the material much easier to understand. Her approach helped me engage more deeply with the readings and improved my ability to analyze and critique them.
Her understanding of Marx helped me get a better grasp of his ideas, as I was not particularly interested in him and his ideals prior to the course.
Professor Rosen gives very clear overviews of context that we need to understand the author's perspective and explanations of complex ideas. She also hosted a meeting clarifying expectations for essays in the class. Apart from this being useful guidance for how to approach the final assignment for this class, the advice seemed very applicable to college essays in general.
Her explaining the key concepts in class and having a lot of knowledge of what she is talking about.
Rosen really liked to hear from the students and different opinions or real life examples we had which helped me to understand more complex topics.

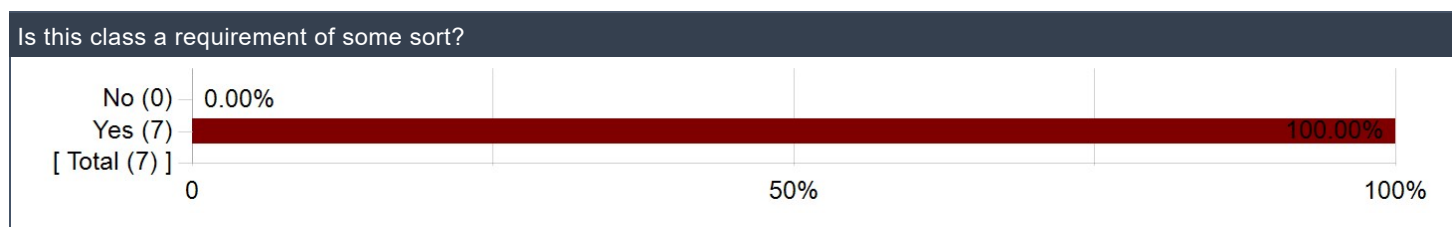
## What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Sometimes it felt like we were rushing through the readings. The class seemed to move very fast and often it felt like we were just barely starting to scratch the surface of a text before we had to move on. It might be helpful to either read more from the texts, or figure out a way to spend more time on them.
Nothing
N/A
It would be nice if we had more feedback on our writing responses
Maybe a more collaborative atmosphere, I felt like people didn't talk as much because they were afraid or being wrong.

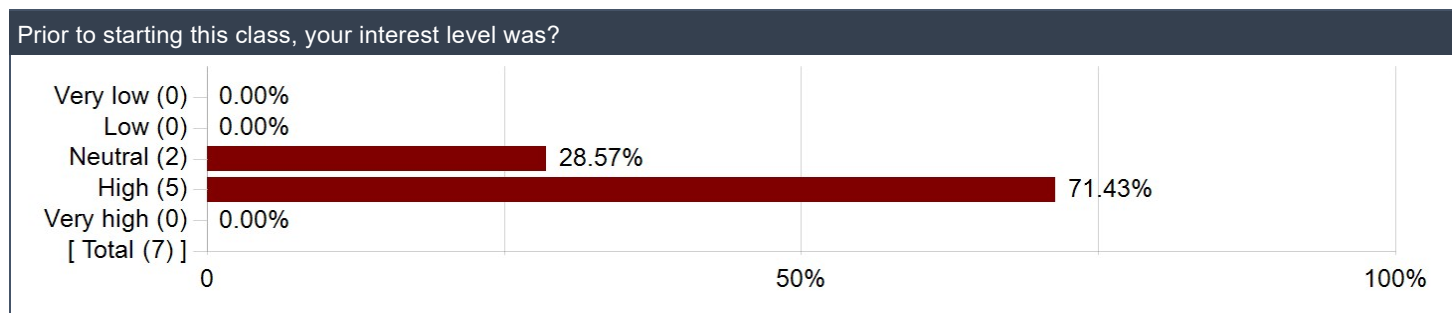
## The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.14	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	28.57%	42.86%	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.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	57.14%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.43	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	28.57%	57.14%	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.	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.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	14.29%	71.43%	0.00%

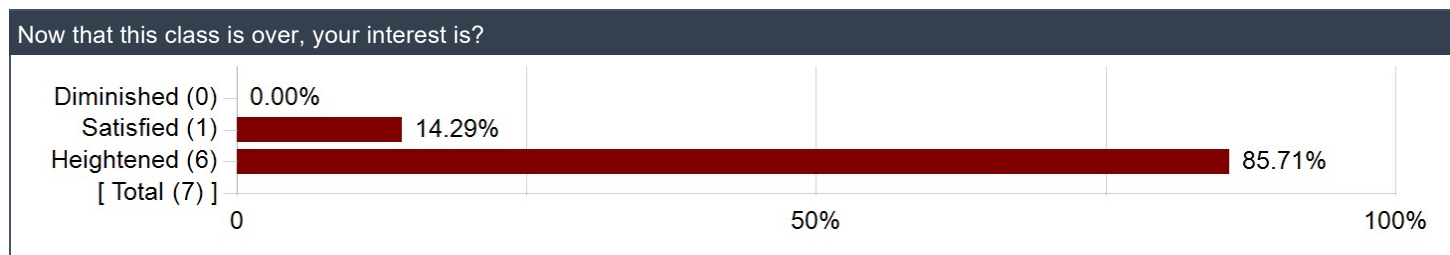
## Is this class a requirement of some sort?



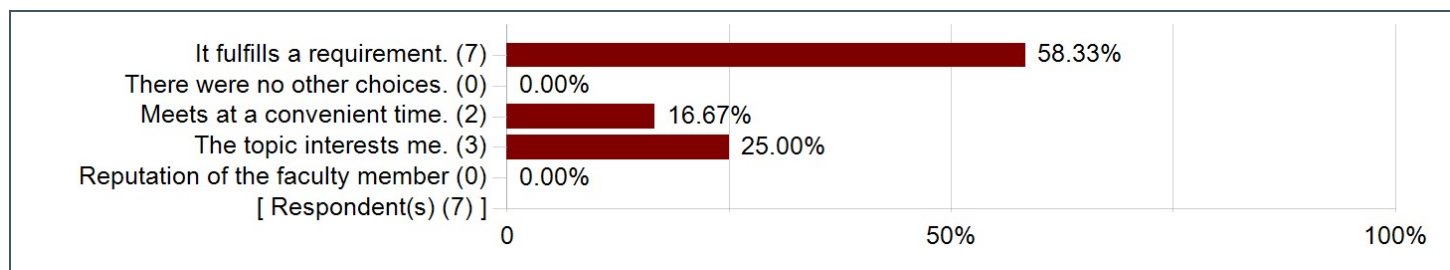
## Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



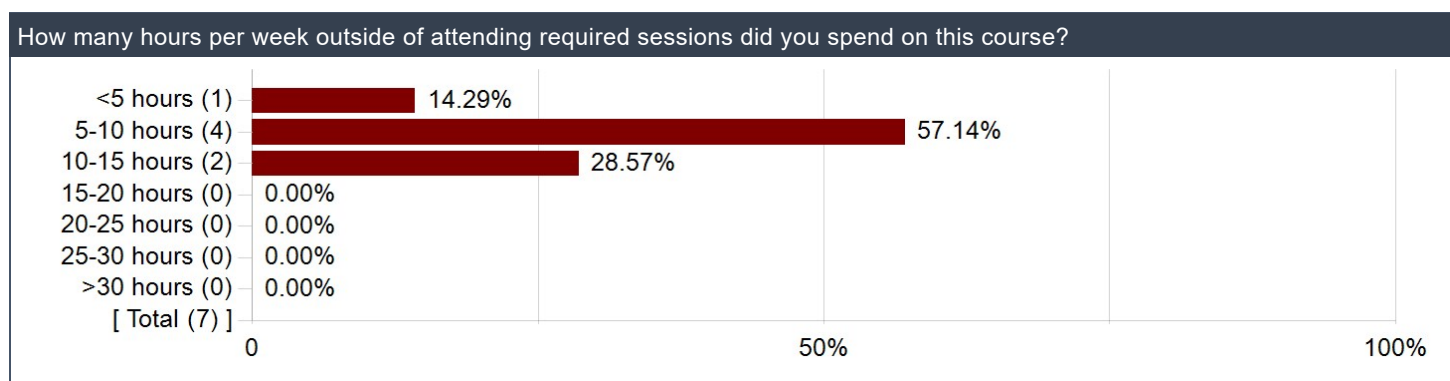
## Now that this class is over, your interest is?



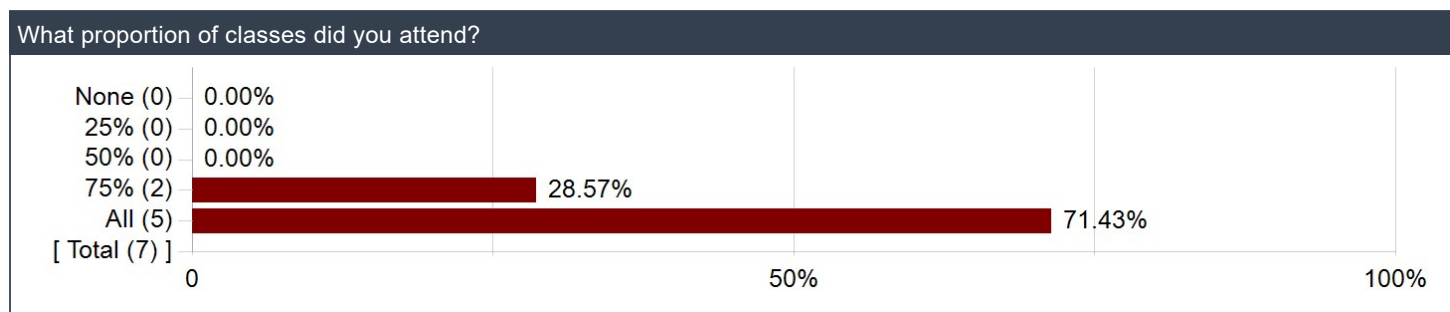
## Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



## 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
The readings could be difficult, but it wasn't excessive and was pretty much the level of difficulty I was expecting for Self.
Medium difficulty
The readings can feel like a lot, but they are worth the time if you put the effort in.
She is a pretty hard grader for a core class but in class, she does a great job in explaining the text and answering question, so if you have never read any of the texts before you will still be fine.
The readings were definitely the hardest I've ever done, coming from a mid tier public school