



SOSC 15300 7 - Classics of Social and Political Thought III - Instructor(s) - Taimur Reza

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

Number Enrolled: **12**

Number of Responses: **4**

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
The most important things that I learned in this course were how to critically read complex social and political theories and how to write about them in an accurate and straightforward manner.
I really learned how to develop my own ideas and create strong arguments and use the text to support them effectively. I also learned how to implement close reading in a socio-political perspective.
How to think about modern philosophy
New understanding and appreciation for several important thinkers and their seminal works.

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

Comments
The discussions contributed greatly to my learning by clarifying many of the questions that I had about the assigned readings, and the assignments contributed profoundly to my learning by giving me the readings that provided those questions and enabling me to put the conclusions that I drew about the questions in those readings from discussions into practice.
The lectures and assignments both contributed greatly but I do think the lectures were the most effective at helping grasp the content of the texts.

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%	25.00%	50.00%	25.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.00	4.50	0.00%	25.00%	0.00%	25.00%	50.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.25	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	75.00%	25.00%
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.	3.75	3.50	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	25.00%	25.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
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.	4.25	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%	50.00%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
None.

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
Professor Reza's vast knowledge of social and political philosophy and theories contributed most to my learning.
He always seemed to appreciate anyone's contribution. Whenever anyone made a point he would say "that is a very great point very interesting" and thank you by name. He was great at creating an open learning environment.
Focusing in on certain quotes or parts of the text

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
I cannot think of anything that Professor Reza could modify to help me learn more.
The class could have used a little more structure and direction. I felt that at times we were not being (for lack of a better word) corrected on misconceptions we might have had on the text. It was very freeing and made me think independently but also made me leave the class unsure whether my thoughts were an accurate representation of the author's writing.
Class discussions seemed to be very unfocused and unmotivated – we need more of a central theme to think about each text

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	50.00%	25.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	50.00%	25.00%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.00	4.50	0.00%	25.00%	0.00%	25.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.25	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	50.00%	25.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	50.00%	25.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	50.00%	25.00%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.25	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	0.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	50.00%	25.00%	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
Elana Schafer. The aspects of her teaching that contributed most to my learning were the respect that she had for students' opinions and her willingness to work around the schedules of her students when they could not make a meeting. She could modify the time at which she contacts students about a schedule change, as there was a time when she rescheduled a meeting the day of its occurrence.
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Elena Schafer

The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	3.50	3.50	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	0.00%	33.33%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%
Challenged you to learn.	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	33.33%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%	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%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%	0.00%

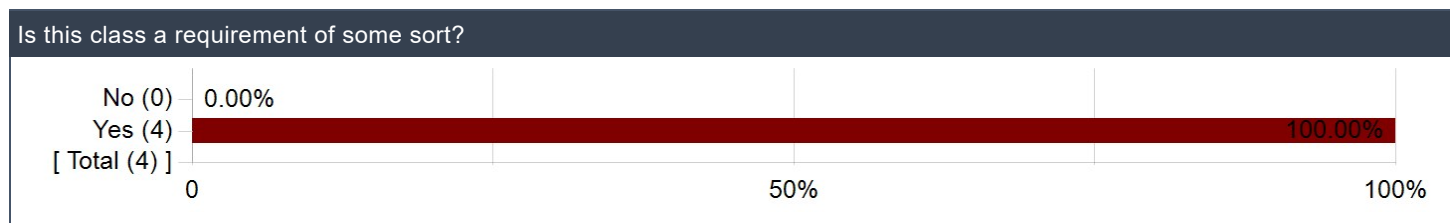
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%

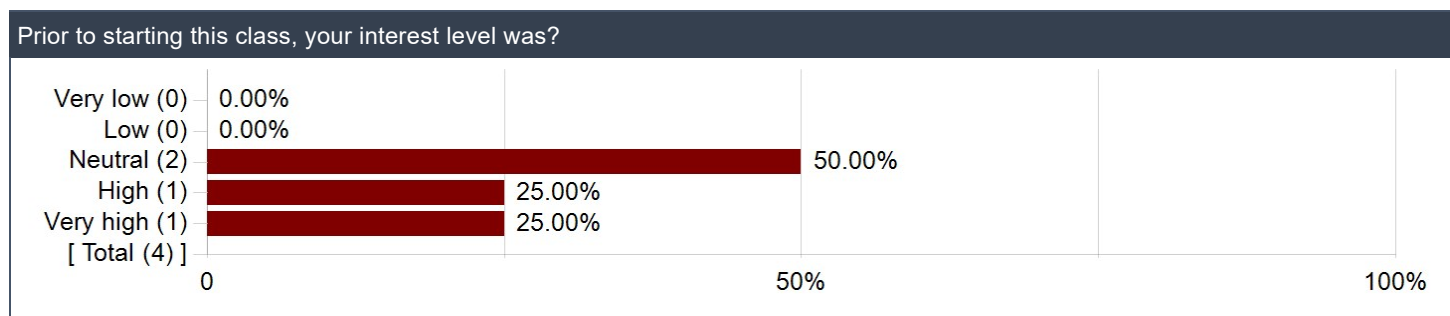
Other course elements not mentioned above:

Comments
None.

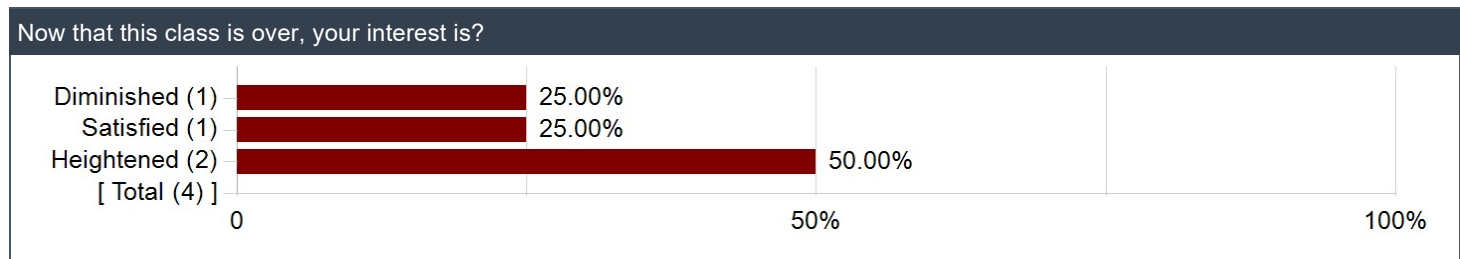
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



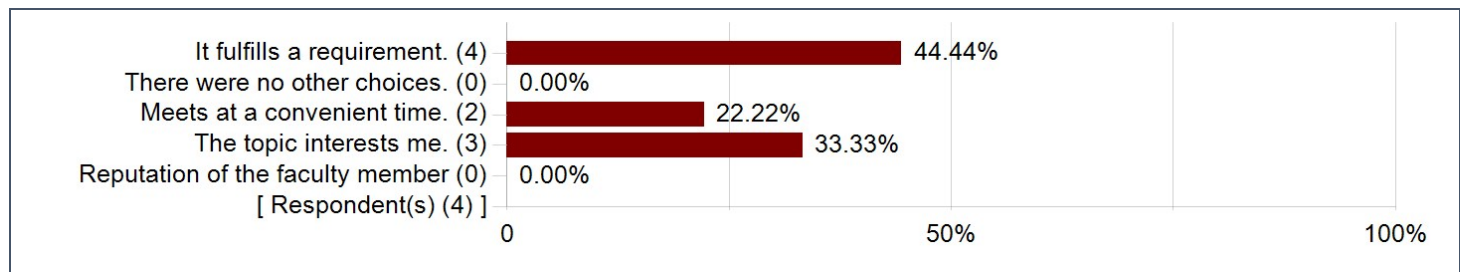
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



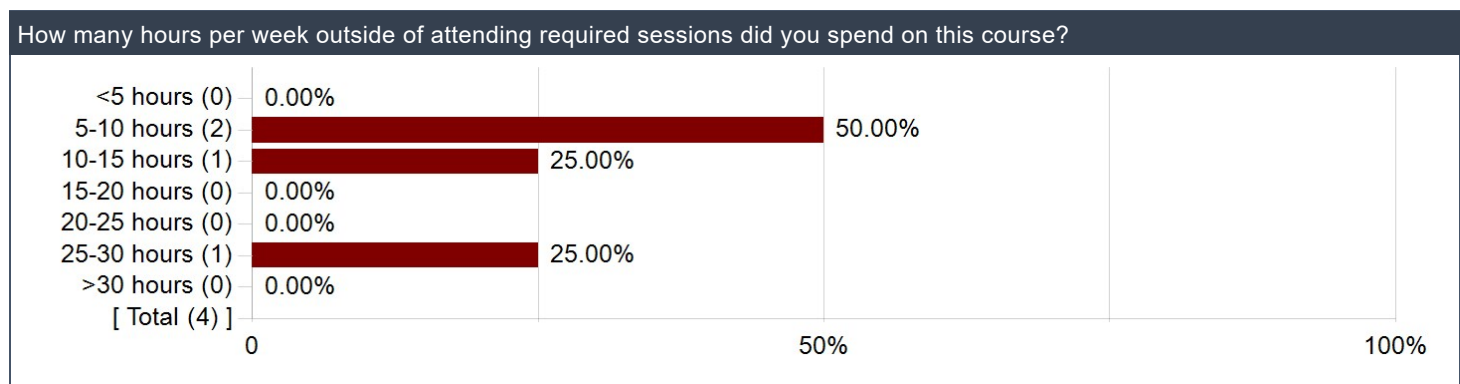
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



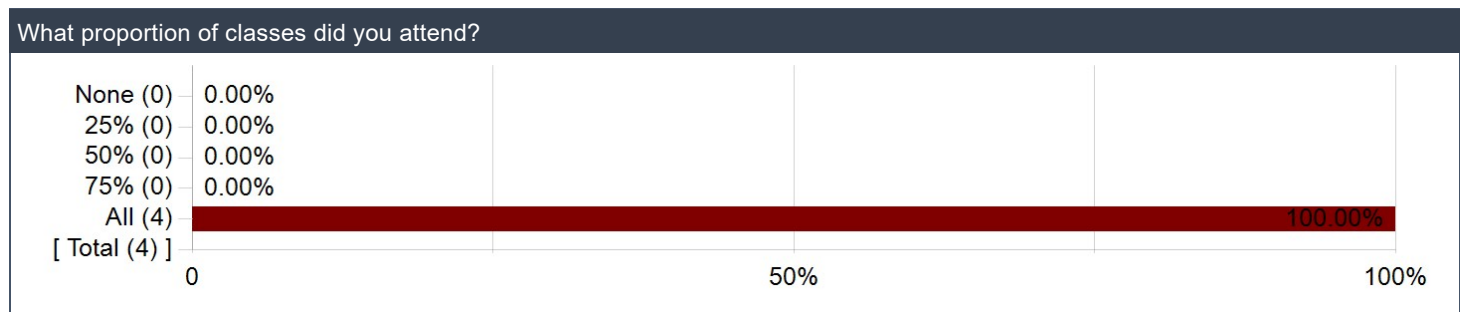
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
This course was very difficult relative to my background and experience, as the amount of work it assigned was often difficult to balance in addition to my other courses.
moderate – easy