



HUMA 11000 2 - Readings in World Literature I - Instructor(s): Doren Snoek

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

Number Enrolled: **10**

Number of Responses: **8**

Report Comments

Opinions expressed in these evaluations are those of students enrolled in the specific course and do not represent the University.

Creation Date: **Friday, February 2, 2024**

What are the most important things that you learned in this course? Please reflect on the knowledge and skills you gained.

Comments
I enjoyed learning about literature from different parts of the world, and also getting insight on how certain literature was created and the way it's important to certain cultures and people.
This course has taught me how to be able to close read and dissect literature beyond the surface level. It takes a deeper dive into the different layers that develop the story and how a certain interpretation can affect the way one views the entire story/character.
This course mostly delved in on epics.
Academic writing and critical analysis of texts
I learned good writing skills
The techniques from the writing seminar on structuring argumentative essays were important to learn in this course.
This course has helped me develop my writing skills, teaching me to make specific claims and draw on the text to back them up. I also have gained a lot of knowledge about epics and other cultures. I feel much more prepared to analyze writings from other cultures and look for recurring themes.

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

Comments
The discussions were really helpful to bounce ideas around about the significance about certain phrases in books and helped me get ideas for my future papers.
The in-class discussion allows me to understand different reader' perspective as it shines a light on different outlooks to the piece of literature read.
Honestly, lecture was mostly a way of talking about what we read and how to synthesize ideas into arguments.
Discussions during lecture were engaging and contributed to learning
The readings helped me learn and connect different cultures and ideas.
Lectures helped me analyze the text and learn to make substantiated claims. The discussions helped me structure my arguments in order to fully articulate my thoughts. Essays helped me apply the skills I learned in the other parts of the course.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.25	4.50	0.00%	12.50%	0.00%	37.50%	50.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.25	4.50	0.00%	12.50%	0.00%	37.50%	50.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.13	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	62.50%	25.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	3.63	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%	0.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	50.00%	25.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.25	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	50.00%	37.50%
I felt respected in this class.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.13	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	62.50%	25.00%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
I would not suggest this to someone who is interested in learning about literature from like the Victorian era in Britain and the Renaissance in Italy, no, this course is designed in a way that focuses on one kind of literature from a time in the world. I honestly did not like any of the literature we read.

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	0.00%	100.00%
Anyone interested in the topic	12.50%	87.50%

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

Comments
He asked interesting questions that allowed me to think and consider new ideas.
The instructor's discussion in class helped me develop a multitude of unique perspectives and think in a way that I have never considered before.
Probably just how he synthesized ideas into potential arguments for the papers.
Prof. Snoek made class discussions engaging
Reflecting and discussing our readings in class.
He fully helped us think through our thoughts and guided us through the text. His knowledge in relevant cultures was useful when analyzing the texts.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Being able to specify what is needed in the writings, and how to develop a nuanced essay
I felt like the literature—especially Mahabharata, was not as engaging as it could be. It was complex, long, and honestly the reading was unrealistic given our course load in general.
Discuss parts of the text more deeply
I think having feedback on our work earlier would help.
The instructor could provide more class times for us to flesh out ideas that could be used in our paper. We talked about a lot of ideas, but some were at the surface level.

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.13	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	87.50%	12.50%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.38	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	62.50%	37.50%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	3.88	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	62.50%	12.50%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	3.88	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	37.50%	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%	12.50%	62.50%	12.50%	12.50%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.13	4.00	0.00%	12.50%	0.00%	50.00%	37.50%	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
Karen was really helpful in the writing seminars and really helped improve my writing. She also made the writing seminars fun and engaging.
Karen Xu is an excellent writing specialist that facilitilites different unique ideas and discussion that really encourages the students to think outside the box. She helps the students explore challenging concepts and pushed them to explore controversial ideas.
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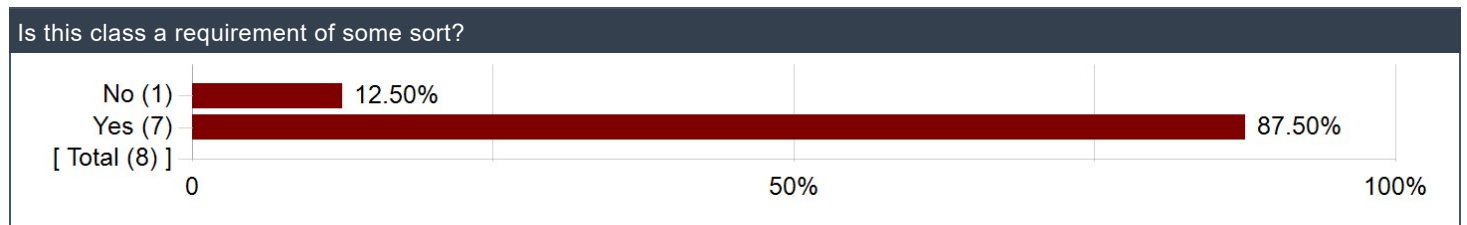
The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	33.33%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	33.33%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	4.17	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	83.33%	16.67%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.17	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	83.33%	16.67%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	33.33%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	33.33%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.17	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	83.33%	16.67%	0.00%

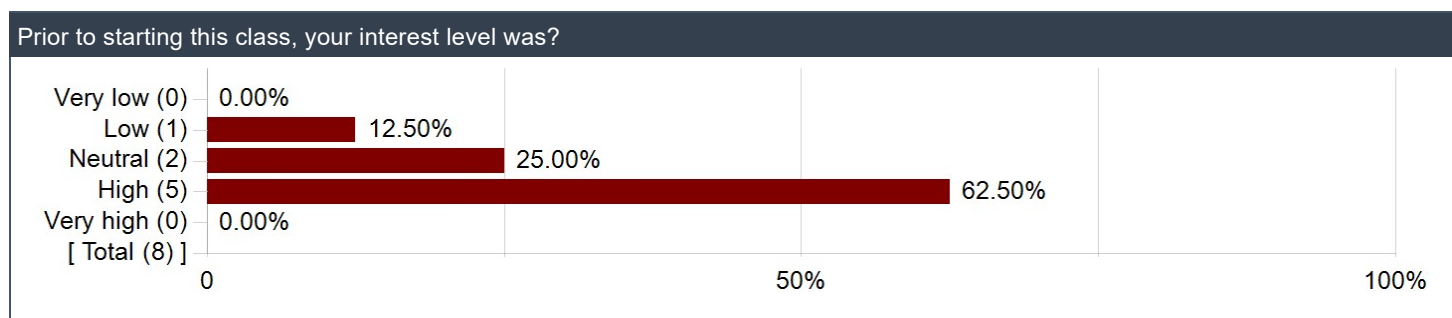
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	Mean	Median	No Gain	A Little Gain	Moderate Gain	Good Gain	Great Gain	N/A
Laboratory Experience	1.00	1.00	33.33%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%
Field Trips	1.00	1.00	33.33%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%
Library Sessions	1.00	1.00	33.33%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%
Review Sessions	1.00	1.00	33.33%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%
Writing Seminars	4.43	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	57.14%	42.86%	0.00%

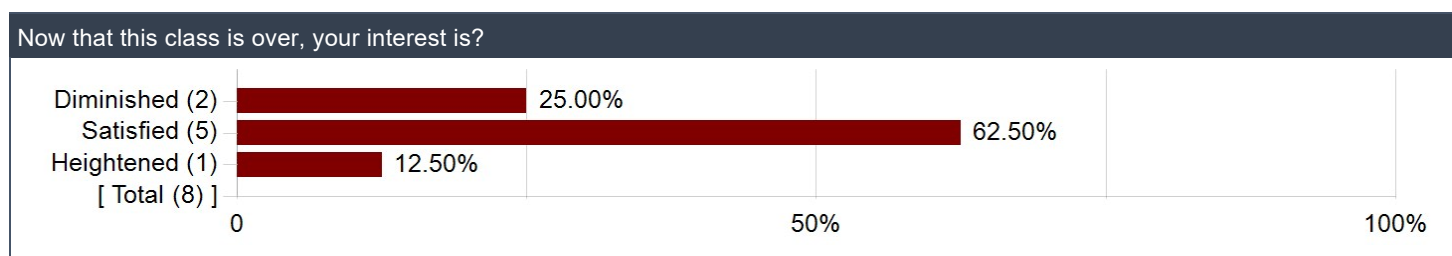
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



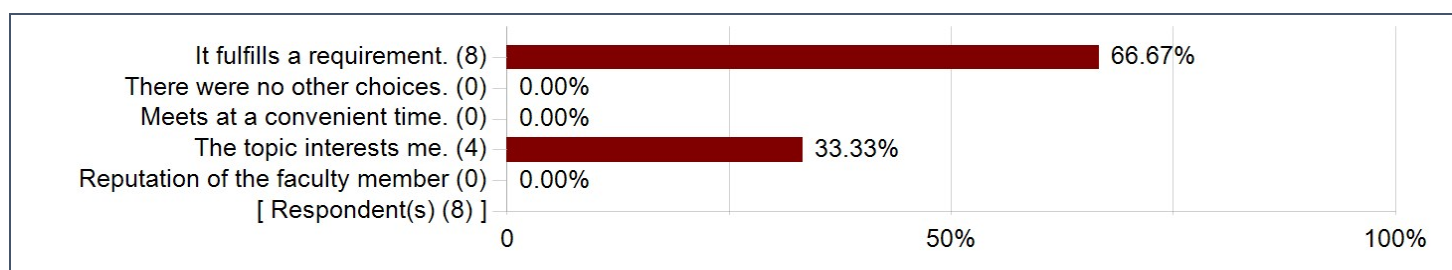
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



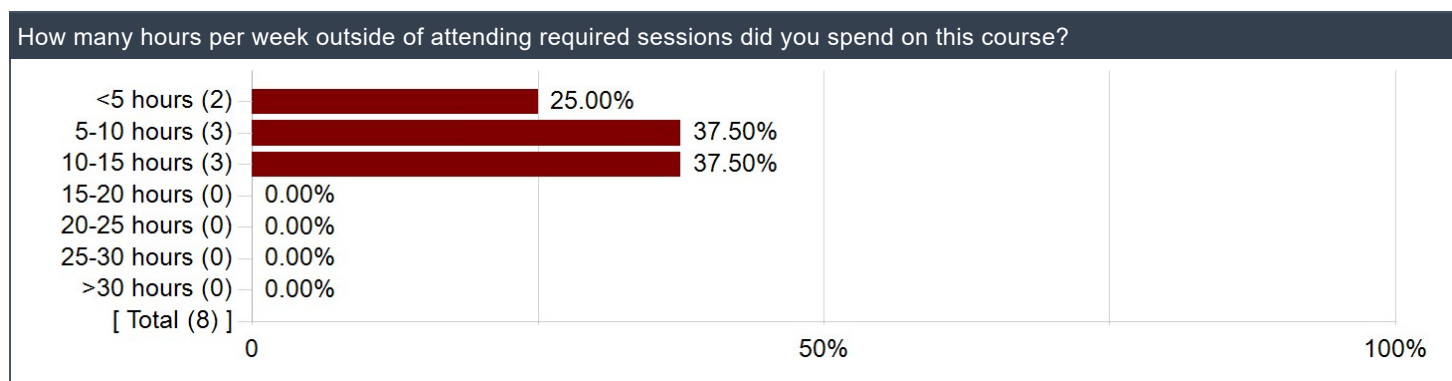
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



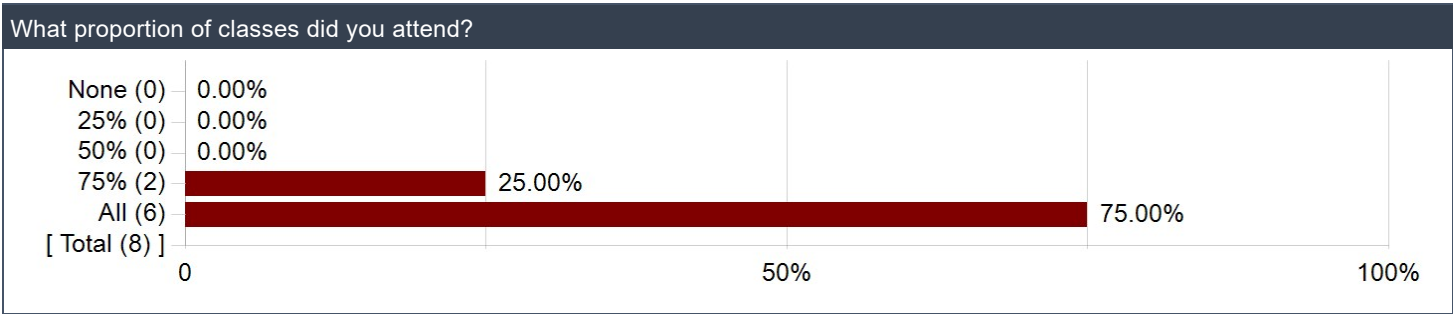
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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 course was very challenging for me because I wasn't accustomed to reading long passages for homework and there was new concepts that we had to implement in my writing that I was new to.
Honestly, you need to know how to write, and write well! There's 3 papers for this class and though one is completion, the other two are graded heavily.
Wasnt too hard if you're focused and organized
The course was relatively average compared to my background and experience. The reading was significantly more.