



HIST 13700 4 - America in World Civilization III - Instructor(s) - Jacob Betz

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

Number Enrolled: **12**

Number of Responses: **7**

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 knowledge I gained from this course was a deeper understanding American Imperialism and the role America has played internationally. This was something that wasn't emphasized much in the previous two quarters of this sequence and I appreciated going into it more this quarter.
How the United States became a global super power, as well as what led to the present state of the country.
How to read primary sources effectively & develop a coherent argument from their discussions.
Understanding

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

Comments
The readings themselves probably contribute the most to my learning, I actually found myself disappointed when I didn't have the time to stay on top of the reading because I genuinely enjoyed them and found them so interesting.
Discussions were helpful for gaining an insight into the documents from different perspectives. Lectures (although few in number) were helpful for establishing context not present in the primary sources.
Class discussions were always super interesting & gave some ideas for the papers.
In-class discussions were extremely engaging and helped me absorb the course material.

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%	16.67%	66.67%	16.67%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	33.33%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	66.67%	16.67%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.40	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	60.00%
I felt respected in this class.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
The focus on the Iraq War/conflict in the middle east towards the end of the course was really interesting and not something that I've ever had the chance to cover in and American History course before.
Heavily discussion based.

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 Betz gave very clear and constructive feedback on my essays that helped me improve my writing.
Jacob was really good at prompting discussion! Whenever we would go quiet he would ask thought-provoking questions that almost always started a good discussion
I liked that the professor tried to incorporate as many students into the conversation as possible, and was open to hearing what everyone thought.
Dr. Betz made no assumptions about people's prior writing experience and was clear about his expectations. He also balanced his interpretations of the primary documents such that the class wasn't aimless but people felt comfortable sharing their own readings.
His ability to get everyone involved in the discussion and make the whole class feel engaged.

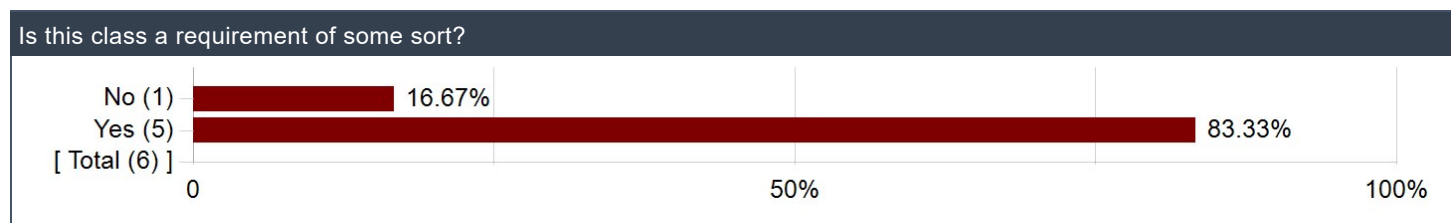
What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Give some more lectures outlining the basic historical ideas that are necessary to better understand certain texts.
Sometimes in discussion we didn't get to all documents; it wasn't frequent, but I would have liked hearing people's thoughts on these documents.

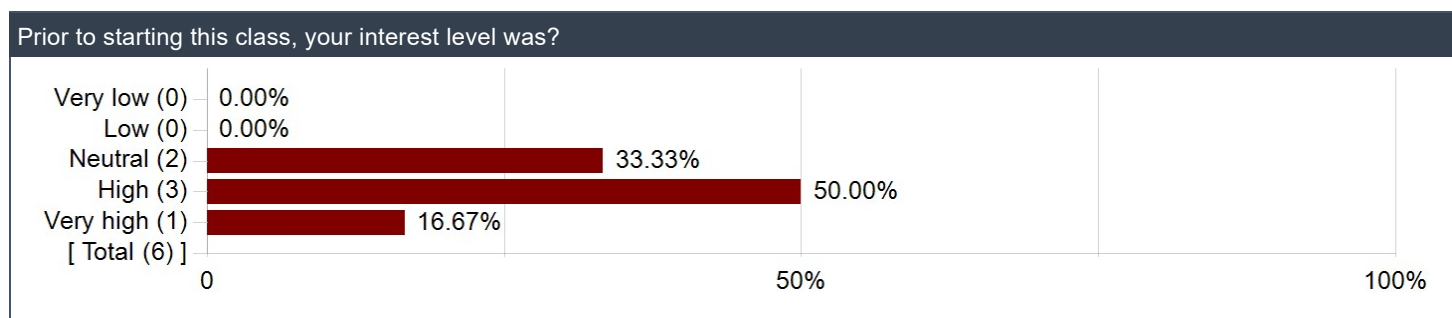
The Instructor . . .

	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.	3.75	4.00	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%	33.33%	16.67%	33.33%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.40	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	40.00%	0.00%
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.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%

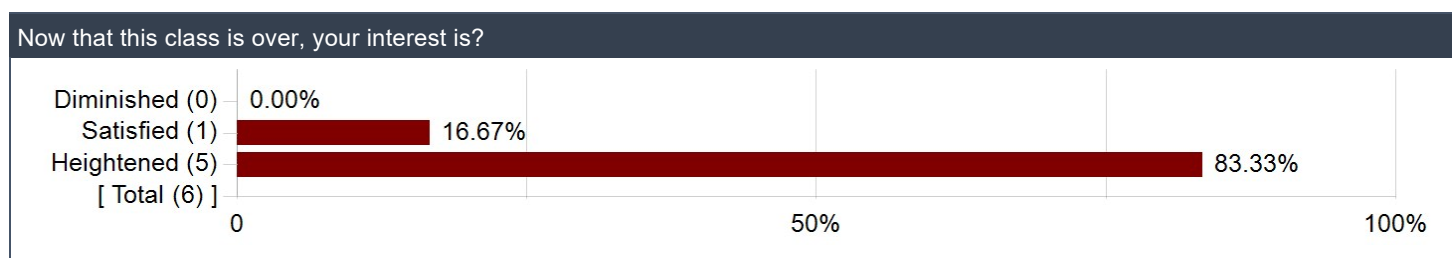
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



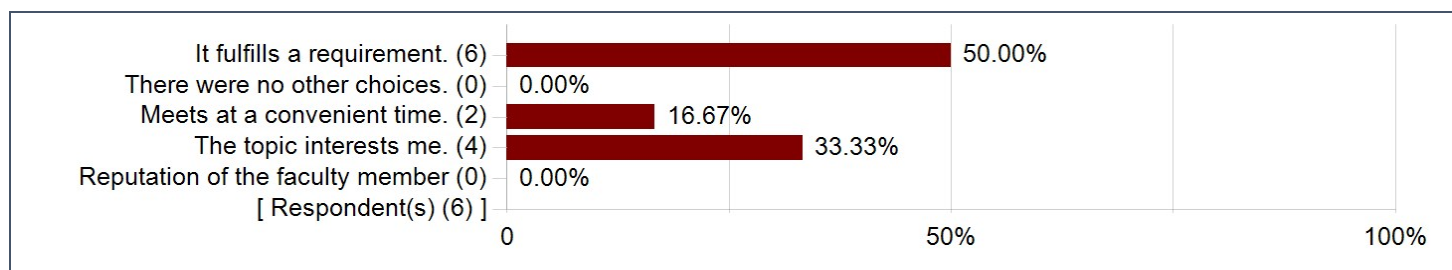
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



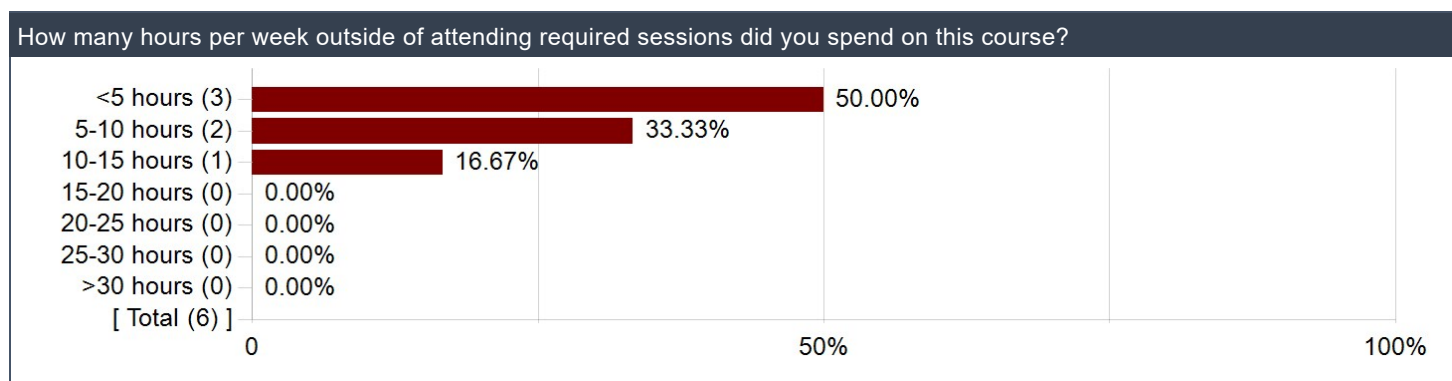
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



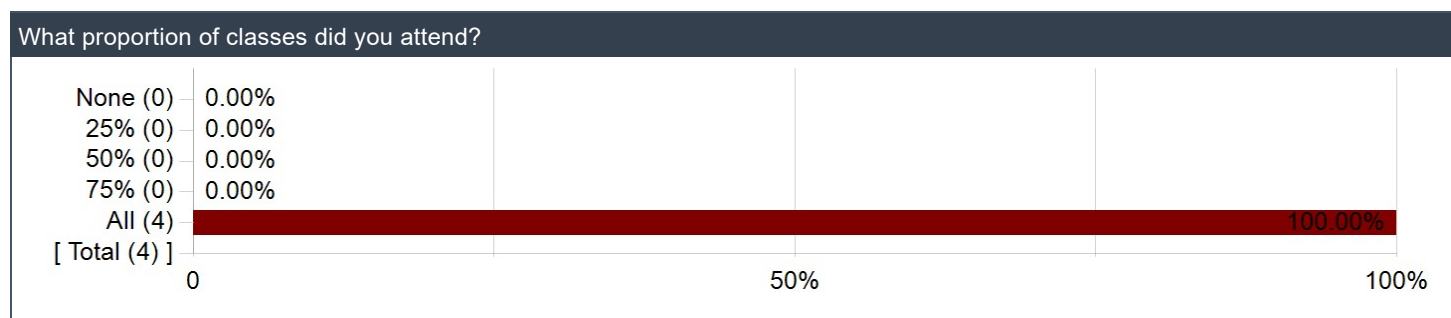
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
The readings could be high in volume, but the overall level of difficulty was pretty average for a civ course.
Standard level of difficulty for anyone with any background of American history (20th century).
Do—able for any background, but genuine engagement with the primary texts takes a few hours per class. I normally dislike readings, but I found Dr. Betz's choices to be engaging.
This course was very accessible.