



SOSC 14100 11 - Mind I - Instructor(s): Monica Rosenberg

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

Number Enrolled: **19**

Number of Responses: **12**

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
Topics related to the mind and how we process information.
We learned about visual perception, working memory, long term memory, concepts/categorization, language learning, decision-making, behavior, imitation, expecancies, optical illusions, and false memories. The course was largely centered around cognitive psychology and the constructive nature of the mind. We also learned how to read psychology papers and write about psychology.
How to read psychology papers
How the mind constructs reality through different aspects (ex. vision, auditory, etc)
How "the mind goes beyond the information given," i.e., how the mind constructs information beyond our simple reality.
Every week we would cover a different topic that served as an explanation about how our mind constructs reality. The most captivating and I think important was when we went over how others construct our mind
This course was much more interesting than I expected. Sosc is a requirement, but I was actually very fascinated and engaged by the material. I gained a much more complex and deeper understanding of how the human mind functions.
How the mind constructs reality
Learned how the mind works and various cognitive patterns.
how to analyse scientific articles
Learned at how to synthesize and read research papers.

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

Comments
The open-discussion lectures really helped my understanding
The lectures provided an overview of the material while the readings usually focused on more specific aspects of the topics we covered. Discussions and writing assignments helped expand upon our understanding of the course material and think critically about the readings.
Lectures and discussions were very useful. Assignments were a bit sparse, and we had no labs.
discussions were helpful to think about experiments in other ways
One lecture and one discussion section per week in addition to weekly discussion papers. The discussions were useful in going over the weekly topic and the discussion papers forced us to really dissect the reading to prepare for class.
Lectures were very helpful and discussions were very engaging! They successfully helped understand and go beyond the course content
The weekly discussion classes were crucial in my understanding of the material. The weekly lectures were interesting. However, I felt myself much more engaged and interested in the discussion sections with Ms Rosenberg.
Lectures provided good insight on readings
Discussions helped understand the papers and concepts for each week better.
assignments
Discussions were definitely most helpful.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.33	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	33.33%	50.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.42	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	25.00%	58.33%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.25	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%	50.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	16.67%	75.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	16.67%	75.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.08	4.00	0.00%	8.33%	16.67%	33.33%	41.67%
I felt respected in this class.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	8.33%	83.33%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.42	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	41.67%	50.00%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
This was an excellent course. The topics covered were fascinating and the way they were presented was ideal for anyone interested in the topic (regardless of their level of background knowledge). The lecturers were amazing and the selection of topics was really good. This is probably the best class I've taken at UChicago. It made me really interested in Psychology and Cognitive Science and I'm excited to learn more.
N/A

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	8.33%	91.67%
Anyone interested in the topic	8.33%	91.67%

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

Comments
The in-class discussions
All the lecturers did a really good job explaining things and they made the course content interesting and engaging. Professor Rosenberg did a really good job facilitating discussions, elaborating interesting points people made and allowing all of the students to share their ideas. Her lecture was really interesting and engaging and it made me excited to learn more.
She asked every individual a question in every class, which ensured we were all well caught up
Professor Rosenberg was very helpful with clarifying the readings and overall just willing to talk about any concerns students had.
Professor Rosenberg was always available during office hours to help with the reading and facilitated discussions well.
Every instructor for the lectures was engaging and provided great slides. My instructor for discussion as amazing! Professor Rosenberg provided great slides and activities, led engaging discussions with a great attitude
Ms Rosenberg was great. I really enjoyed the weekly discussion classes with her. She really strengthened my interest in the topics and she made class exciting and interesting. She was always energetic and passionate about the material, and she made sure that all students were active participants.
Did a good job facilitating discussion
Leading the class discussions helped flesh out each topic.
assignment comments, class discussions
Prof Rosenberg is really passionate and really knowledgable. Makes class a lot more interesting and discussions really fruitful.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
N/A
Some of the last couple of lecturers could have gone a bit deeper into the material and been a bit less redundant but otherwise, they were all really good.
nothing :)
Some of the lectures were somewhat confusing to follow
Nothing. She's amazing!
Nothing all did great!
Nothing. She was a great instructor, and I really enjoyed the quarter.
Provide more applicable feedback on the discussion posts.
nothing

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.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	16.67%	75.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	16.67%	75.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.58	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	41.67%	58.33%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	16.67%	75.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	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
Daniel Jacobs, the writing advisor, assisted me with structuring my discussion posts and essay!
Danny Jacobs was readily available to meet with students and did a fairly good job facilitating discussions about our writing assignments. However, he wasn't knowledgeable about the course material since he specialized in a different field (he also didn't have the chance to do the readings) so his ability to help us put together our responses was very limited. His advice was mostly very general and only focused on writing in general rather than any specifics.
Danny Jacobs. He was super helpful with improving my writing and was consistently available for office hours.

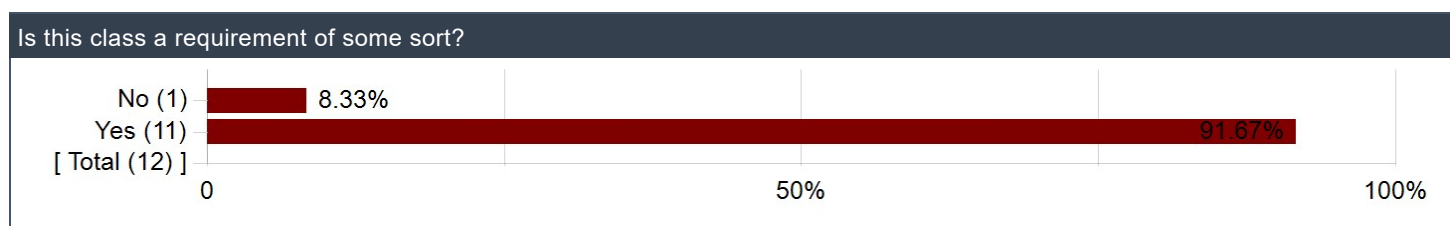
The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	4.33	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%	66.67%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	4.33	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%	66.67%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.33	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%	66.67%	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	5.00	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	0.00%

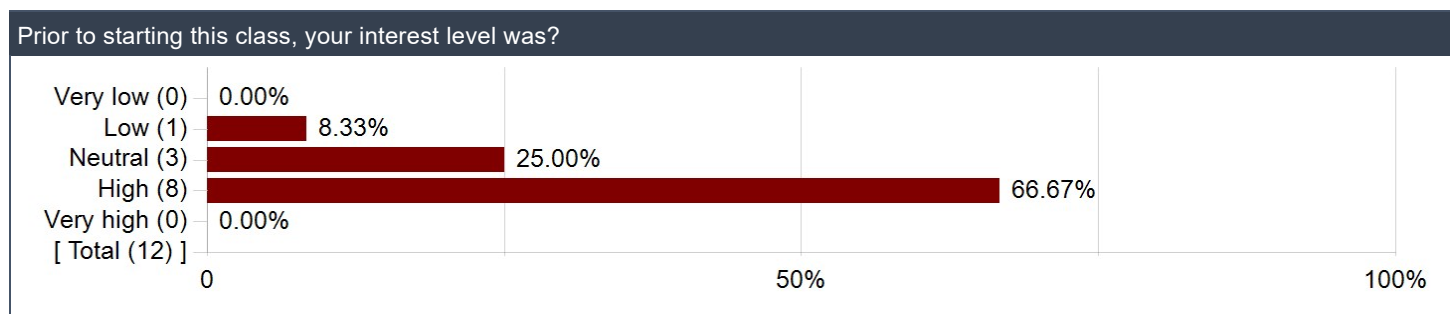
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	Mean	Median	No Gain	A Little Gain	Moderate Gain	Good Gain	Great Gain	N/A
Laboratory Experience	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%
Field Trips	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%
Library Sessions	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%
Review Sessions	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%
Writing Seminars	3.43	4.00	14.29%	14.29%	14.29%	28.57%	28.57%	0.00%

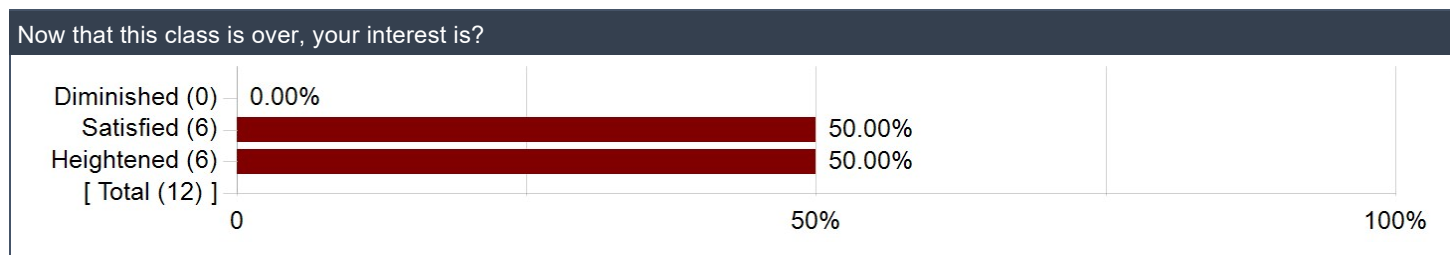
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



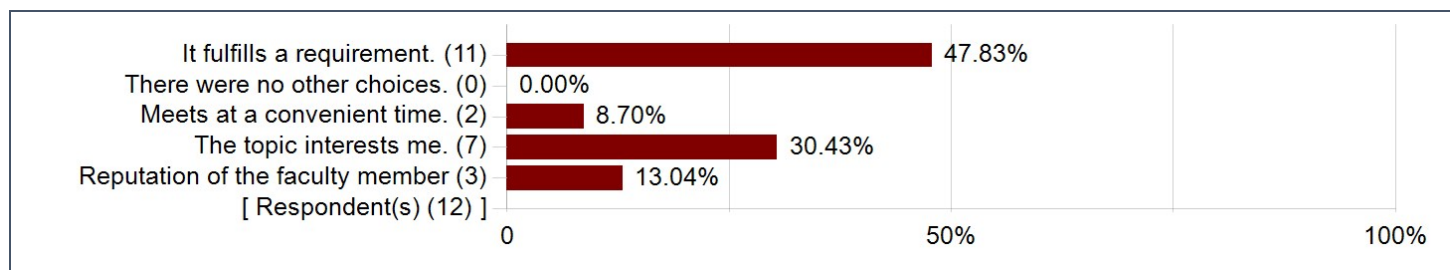
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



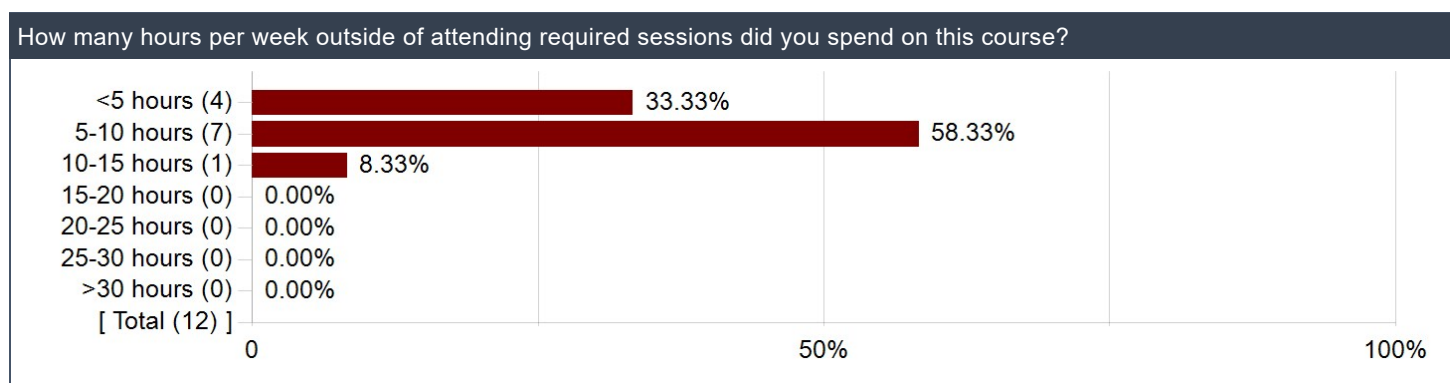
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



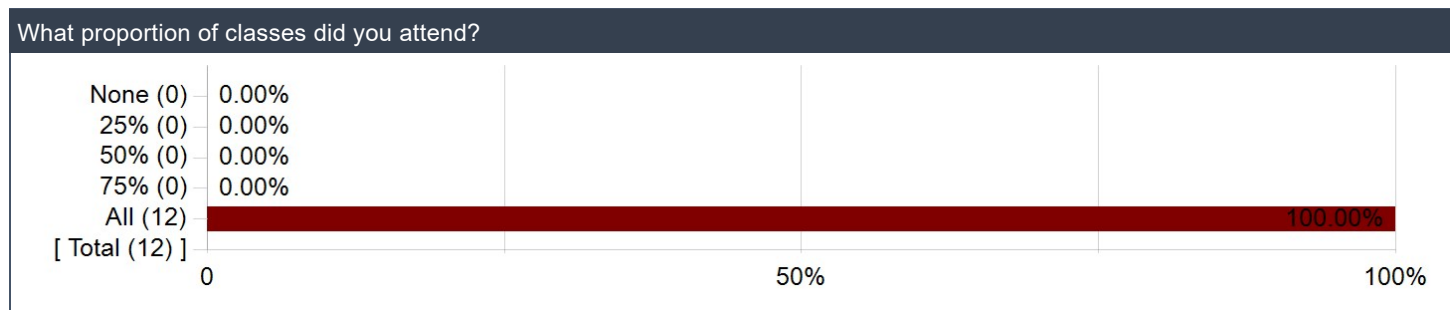
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
I came into this class with very little knowledge of psychology and I found it very manageable. It was very reasonable for an introductory class and it was a good survey of the field of Cognitive Psychology.
Perfect difficulty
The only portion of the course that was a little difficult in the beginning was writing the discussion papers however after helpful feedback and meeting with my instructor I was able to improve! The readings were very manageable and interesting
Not terribly difficult
Not a difficult course, but the grading scheme is not clear
somewhat difficult