



# SOSC 12600 18 - Self, Culture, and Society III - Instructor(s) - Elham Miresghhi

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

Number Enrolled: **20**

Number of Responses: **9**

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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
We learned about how much of how we think about the world and what we think of as "truth" or "rational" is socially constructed. This was probably the most interesting quarter of self!
I definitely increased my critical thinking skills and how to structure cohesive writing that analyzes a text
The ideas of Kuhn, Foucault, Said, and Hall, as well as related authors.
I felt like almost all the readings were very interesting and significant, and really contributed to my understanding of a number of different topics. The course was also really helpful in learning how to engage with the texts we were reading, many of which covered topics I hadn't really studied or even considered before.
I learned a lot about how to read and process political/economic/social theory and how to synthesize it into essays.
How an individual never really exists as a single unit but is always a part of a larger community and universe
I learnt how to critically read and analyze texts in relation to the topics being discussed in class. I also learnt how to apply the gained knowledge in real-world scenarios.

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

Comments
The discussions and lectures by the professor greatly contributed to my learning. The shared notes doc and discussion posts were also helpful to look back on, but something I struggled to keep up with.
Lectures reinforce readings
The classes were extremely helpful. Professor Miresghhi was an incredible professor who really helped me get a clearer understanding of the readings and how they applied to the world around us, and was always very able and willing to answer questions or clear up misunderstandings. Class discussions were also very useful, and engaging with other students and their perspectives made a great contribution to how well I understood all the topics we discussed.
Group discussion really helped my understanding of the reading because it allowed me to engage in conversation with my peers.
Class discussions were helpful. She lectures a lot but I actually quite like it since it allows her to clarify the key concepts in the texts
The lectures and discussions were super helpful in building my understanding. Prof. Miresghgi was very knowledgeable and often prompted us to connect insights from the different readings assigned for the course.

## Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%
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.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%

## Additional comments about the course:

Comments
This was an amazing course with a great professor and I would really encourage anyone to take it!!
I really loved professor Miresghi, she is one of the sweetest people ever and so helpful. Class wasn't always the most interesting (it is a core class after all) but if you want a super helpful and nice professor take self with this professor.
This was an excellent course!

## 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 Miresghi is very passionate about the topics we discussed and caring and empathetic towards her students.
The lectures contributed the most to my learning, because we were learning about very complex topics that hard to parse through on our own.
Lectures and discussions
Professor Miresghi was always willing to answer any questions, which really helped whenever I was unsure about something. She was also very good at holding discussions to make sure that students were all able to get a chance to share their views or to ask for clarification. Professor Miresghi was also very understanding when students had trouble finishing work, understanding readings, or participating in class because of outside circumstances, which was a massive help to me and contributed a lot to my ability to learn in the class.
My instructor was incredibly passionate and informed about the readings and the subject matter + current political topics which made the class super informative and engaging.
She provides a lot of insight on the course content by bringing in modern/contemporary examples (e.g., Palestine vs Israel) and also lectures a lot about the main concepts. She repeats frequently a lot of the things you will need to remember later on so pay attention to those stuff
The utilization of a range of resources and forms of knowledge through lectures, readings, videos, podcasts, additional articles and books were very effective in providing a deeper and broader learning journey.

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

Comments
I think splitting off into small groups is often helpful, especially if we're given a prompt like a question central to the text to answer. It helps because I often feel less comfortable sharing in the large group, and because it feels more like a coherent discussion rather than people just sharing random thoughts.
More time to talk with my peers maybe in a setting outside of class to gain a better understanding of the text and be held more accountable to do the reading. When I think of recording the final podcast, that was really helpful to go through all the old texts and talk about them in a smaller setting and create a structured discussion on our own.
More discussion
Occasionally it could feel like the readings were too large for us to properly discuss all the relevant parts in class, which I think affected how nuanced an understanding I could get of the text. This definitely wasn't a big issue though, and mostly we were able to cover the majority of the text during class discussions.
Nothing
Professor Miresghi is SO sweet. I think you can really tell she actually cares about her students. She modified the final to be a podcast which took significantly less time than an essay and removed one of the Canvas post assignments to decrease our workload
Nothing, I absolutely loved the class! I felt challenged in my thinking and learning.

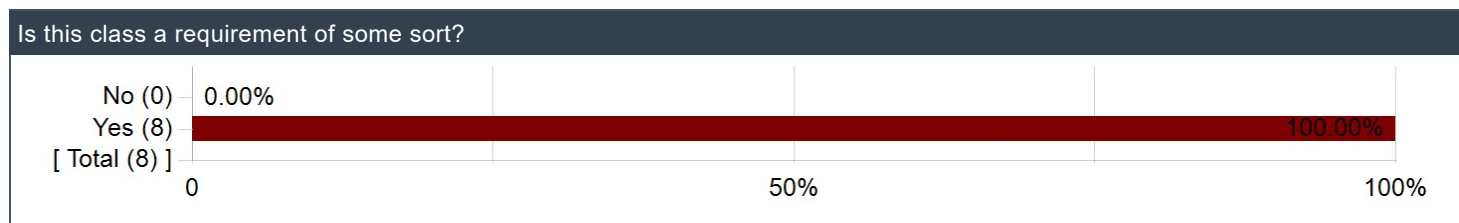
## The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	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.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	0.00%

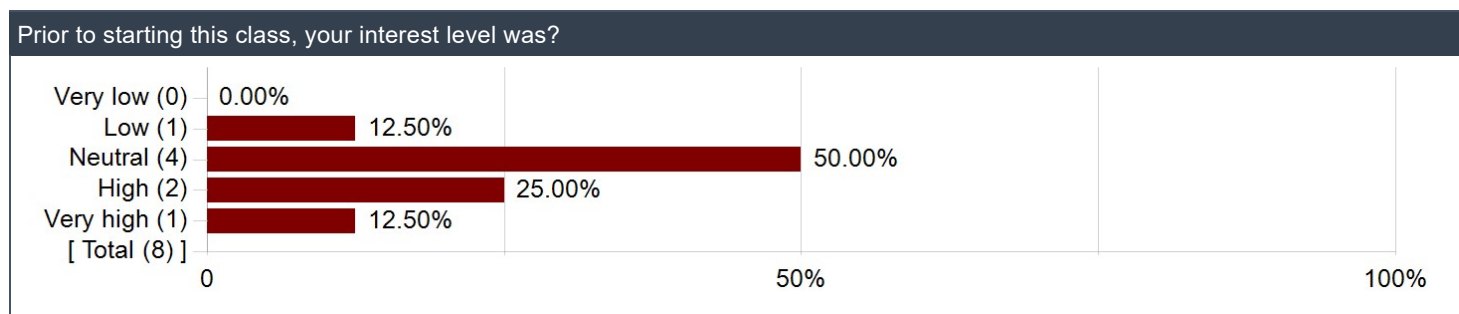
## How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%
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	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%

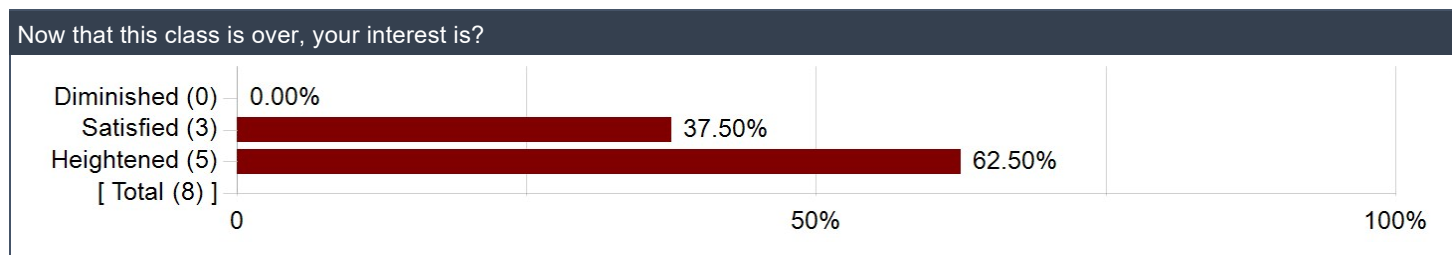
## Is this class a requirement of some sort?



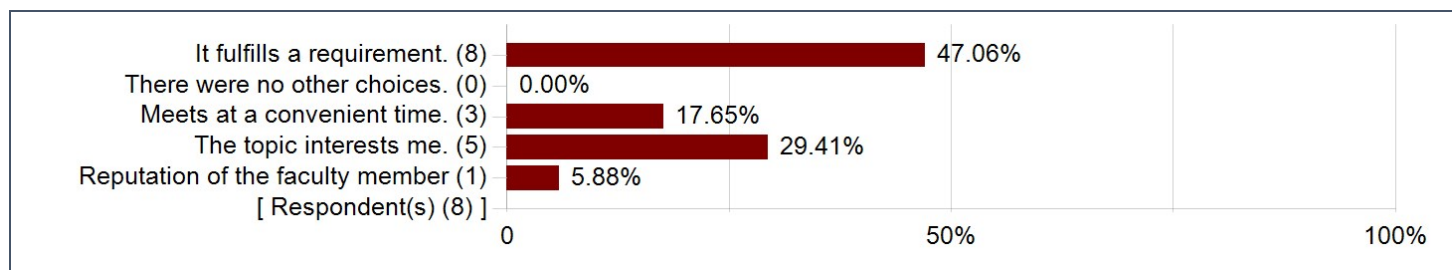
## Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



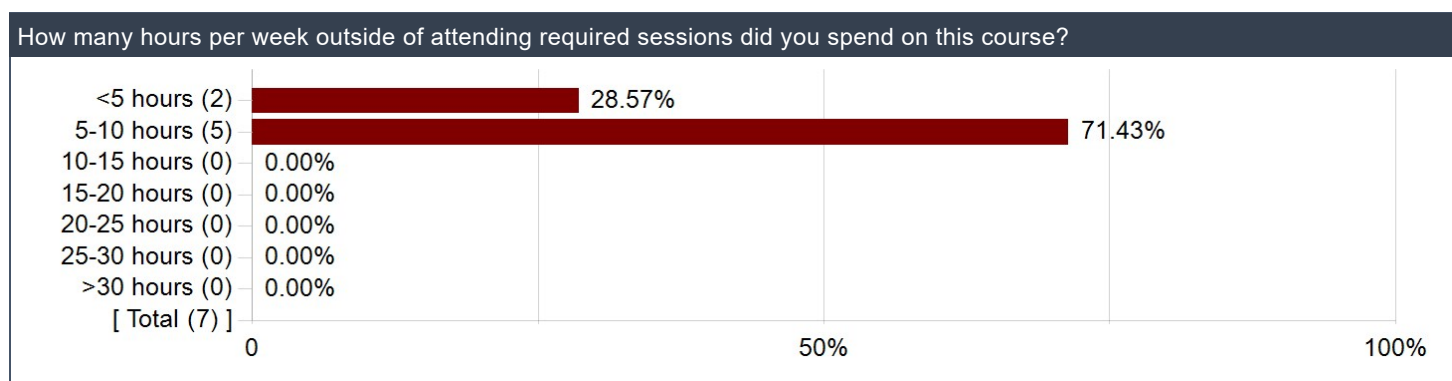
## Now that this class is over, your interest is?



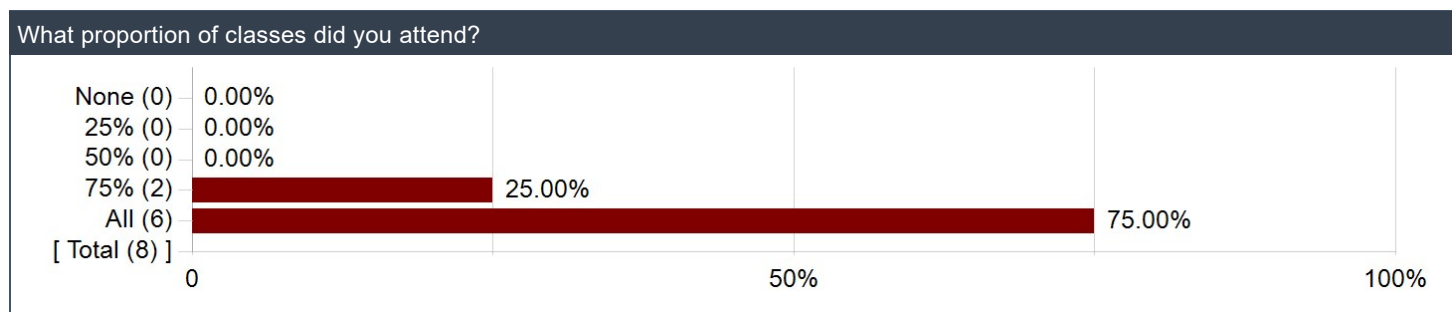
## Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



## 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
This course was difficult because the texts were difficult and it is heavy on reading, but I definitely learned a lot and the professor makes it possible to understand the full meaning of the texts through her help/office hours and lectures.
took first 2 soc quarters w another prof.
prof mireshghi's section was definitely easier
There was definitely a lot of difficult material in this course, but it was all covered extremely well and so in the end wasn't too difficult.
the texts are somewhat challenging this quarter compared to the last few.
The course was not too difficult though some readings did occasionally seem slightly dense.