



HUMA 11600 4 - Philosophical Perspectives II - Instructor(s): Timothy Harrison

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

Number Enrolled: **13**

Number of Responses: **6**

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, March 28, 2024**

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

Comments
Epistemology through the lenses of Avicenna, Descartes, and Hume.
The limits of human understanding (Hume argues that we are limited to our repeated observation of conjoined events and our thoughts which create relations between events, especially cause and effect), and the way we ascertain knowledge (Descartes' meditations argue that our certainty in our existence and God's existence is key to this knowledge). We also read Othello, Ibn Hayy's conception of the self, and Ibn Sina's Flying Man thought experiment.
We spent most of our time exploring the linkage of mind and body through the lens of Descartes, Ibu Sayn, and Hume. This also included several thought experiments that attempted to prove that we exist given at times eccentric base assumptions.
Argue clearly
How to think critically about many things, including purpose of life, our beings and our thoughts.

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

Comments
Wonderfully mediated discussions and lecturing by Prof. Harrison.
Lectures and discussions were helpful
I almost always got the most out of in-class discussions. I found that the vast majority of my class was interested in what we were talking about, and there really wasn't ever a dull moment when it came to what we were discussing.
The discussions are superb. Feedback on writing assignments are helpful.
Discussions were extremely conducive to learning, assignments such as the discussion posts were also conducive and allowed us to ask questions.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.40	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	60.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	40.00%	40.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	80.00%
I felt respected in this class.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
I really liked this course and enjoyed attending and participating in class, but I felt that the lack of guidelines with the papers as well as Professor Harrison's occasionally vague and convoluted way of explaining things can get in the way of understanding precisely what is needed to succeed on graded assignments

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	20.00%	80.00%
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
Discussions and Prof. Harrison's readiness to explain tough philosophical topics/questions after class.
The way that Professor Harrison facilitated in-class discussions really helped the conversation flow, and it also really helped to discover new insights in the text.
Feedback and dicaussions
When he posed questions and allowed us to debate on them.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
The essay prompts were a bit open ended, which it slightly harder to get started on writing.
Please upload very specific guidelines for the essays on Canvas and make the prompts less vague
Honestly not sure what Professor Harrison could have done better; it truly was an amazing course.
Prof. Harrison is great!
Nothing, he's doing a fantastic job!

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	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.

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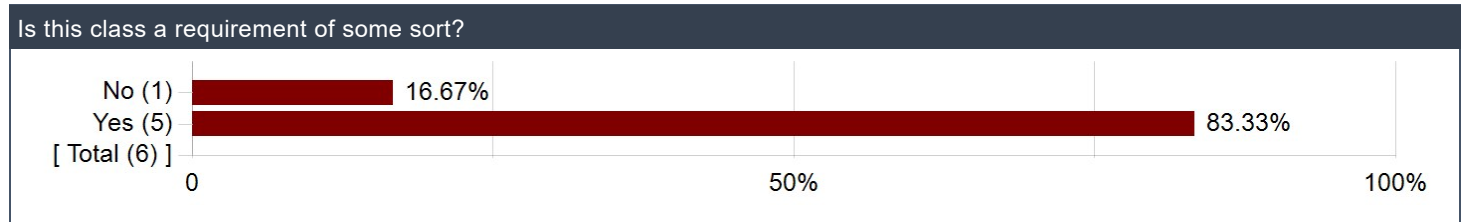
The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	4.25	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	3.75	4.00	0.00%	25.00%	0.00%	50.00%	25.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	4.25	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	0.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.25	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	0.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.25	5.00	0.00%	25.00%	0.00%	0.00%	75.00%	0.00%

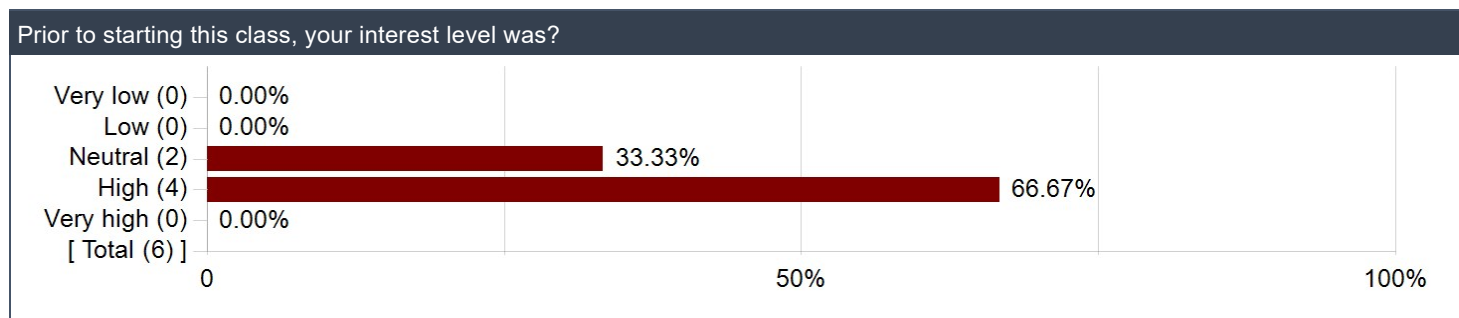
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	2.75	2.50	25.00%	25.00%	25.00%	0.00%	25.00%	0.00%

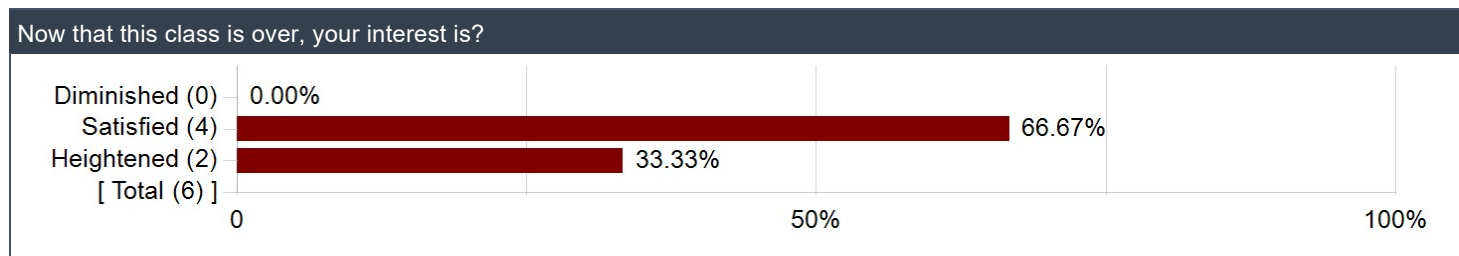
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



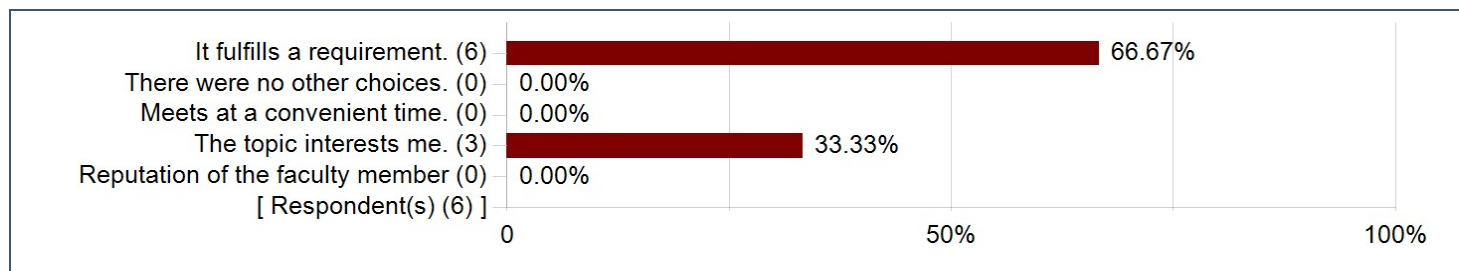
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



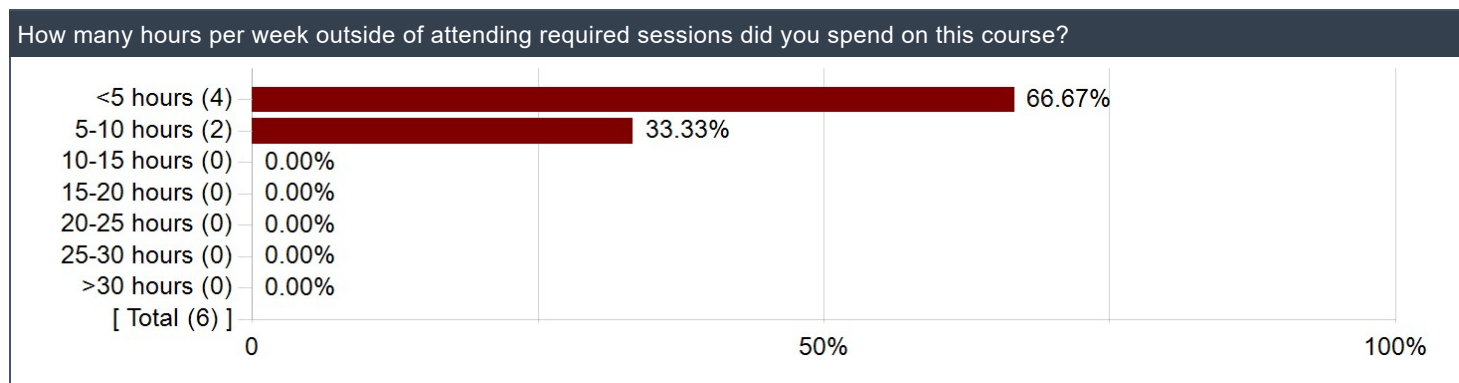
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



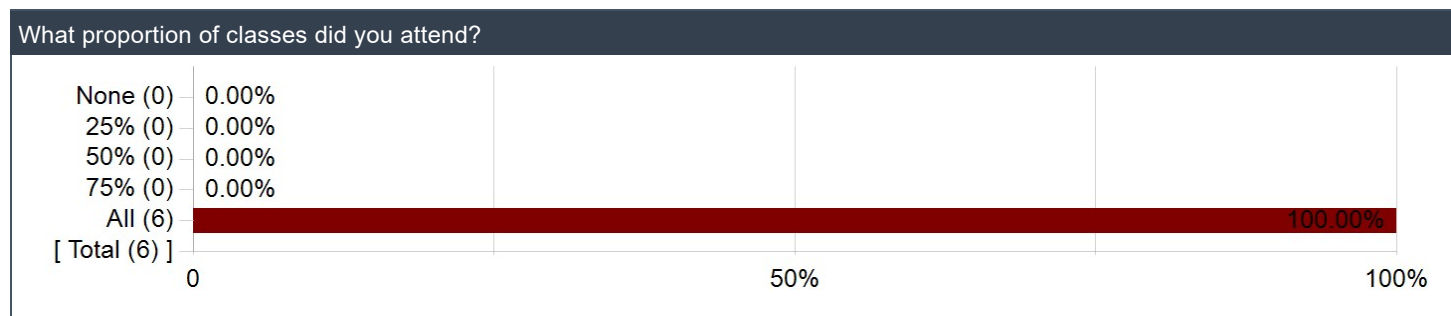
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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 are interesting and discussions help break them down; medium difficulty, but more difficult than my first quarter of Phil per in terms of grading
Reasonable for people with no background in philosophy
It was relatively easy. I'm quite interested in philosophy, so it was easy to talk and write about.
Took this class last quarter – this quarter is more difficult than last but you are typically well prepared for it, and so it isn't bad.