



SOSC 13300 3 - Social Science Inquiry III - Instructor(s) - Linda Zhao

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

Number Enrolled: **18**

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: **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
How to write research papers and best practices.
Writing an academic research paper in the social sciences, research framing
We learned important concepts to research and the final project was very instructive.
How to write a real research paper. We took the whole quarter to dive into the specifics of research papers, establish a research question with good framing, manipulate datasets, create figures, regress variables, and edit the finished product.
The many things that go on behind each research paper. Made me realize why papers take months/years
How to conduct meaningful research and what responsible research looks like

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

Comments
Class was used to focus on detailed sections of writing a research paper and conducting our own analysis, very helpful in combining what we've learned from SSI 1 and 2 to apply to our own research
Lectures were the most important
Class time contributed very much to learning. Office hours were helpful for one-on-one sessions. Assignments seem to be rushed, but the timing is great for us to get the research paper done with plenty of time to edit and fix up.
Discussions, office hours, and feedback on progress checks/assignments were most helpful.
Lectures were informative and helpful in clearing expectations, reading memos required close reading of research papers.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	16.67%	66.67%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%
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	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	16.67%	66.67%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
The work in this class by Professor Zhao was medium.

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	0.00%	100.00%
Anyone interested in the topic	28.57%	71.43%

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

Comments
Amazing prof
Accomodating assignment styles, focus on helping students learn instead of just getting assignments turned in on time
She gave helpful office hours
Workshops were helpful for each paper. They also helped us address what we could do better by reading others' papers.
Availability in office hours, assigning a few fully finished papers each week as examples of class concepts
Being available for office hours since a large part of this course is project based.

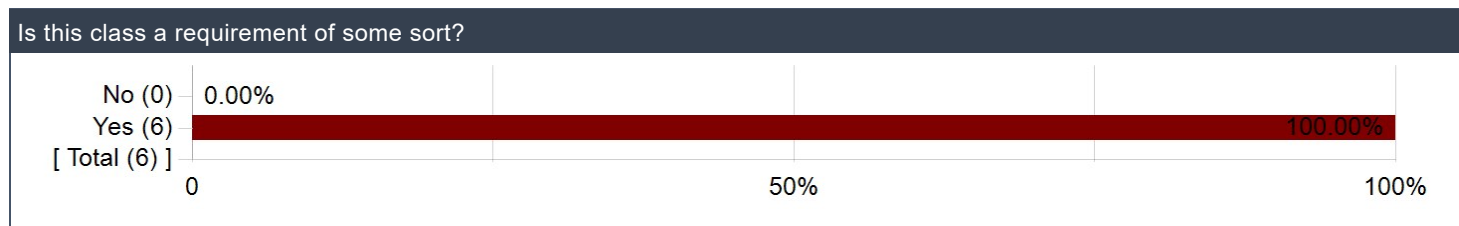
What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Would prefer if we had more time to work on the reading memos, maybe release them earlier in the week.
More clear standards and timeline from the start. More examples of previous papers, what works and what doesn't
N/A

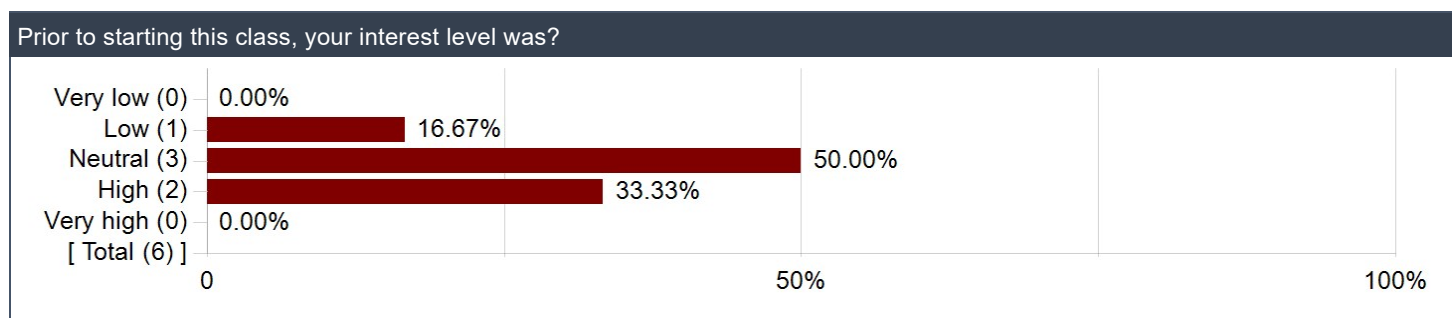
The Instructor . . .

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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.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%

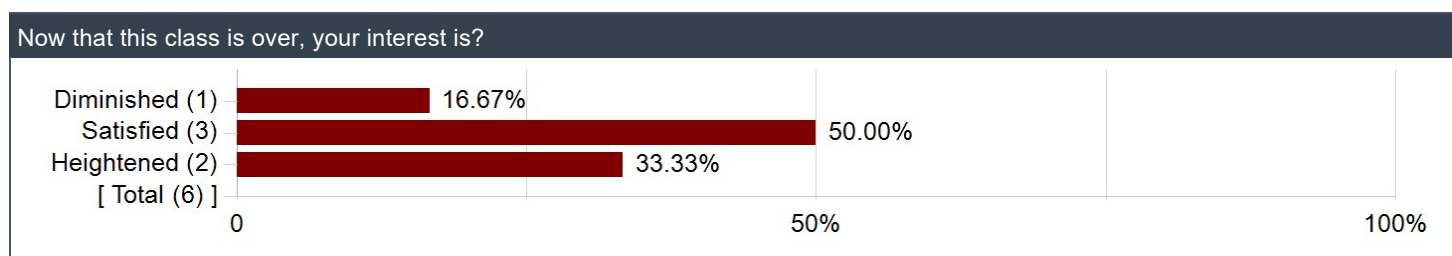
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



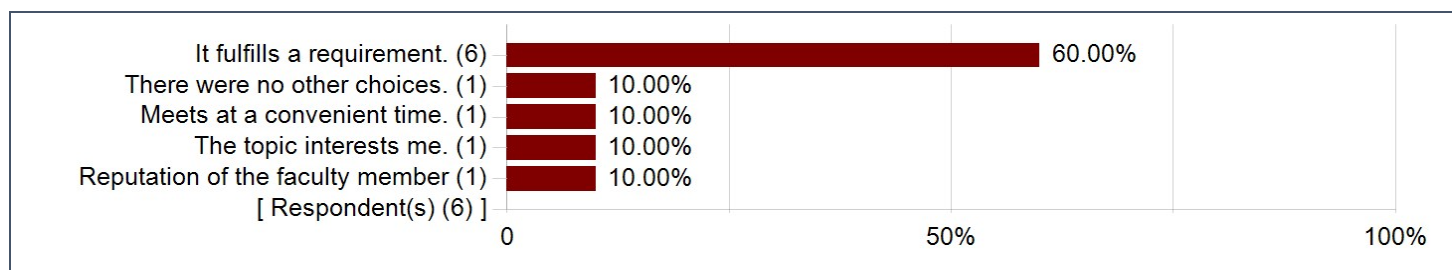
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



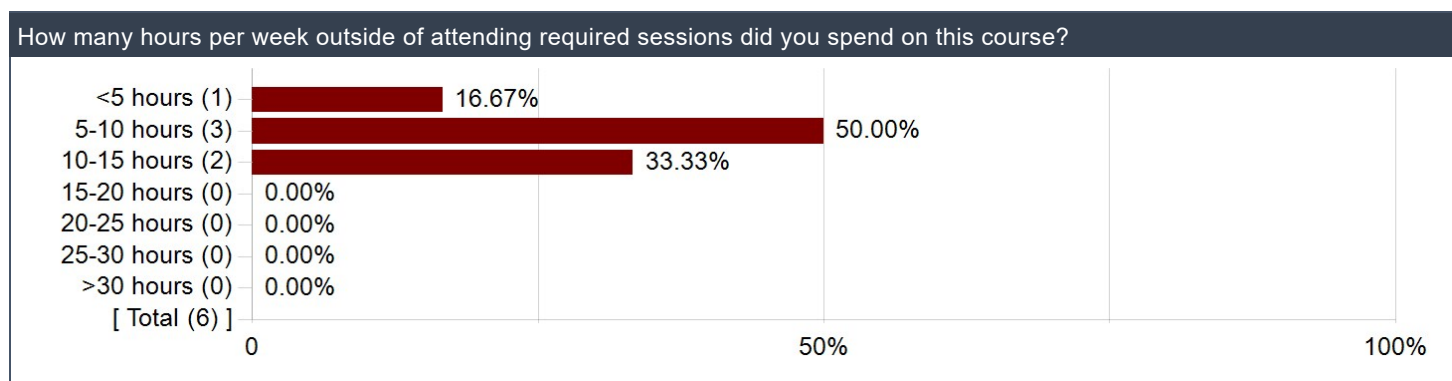
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



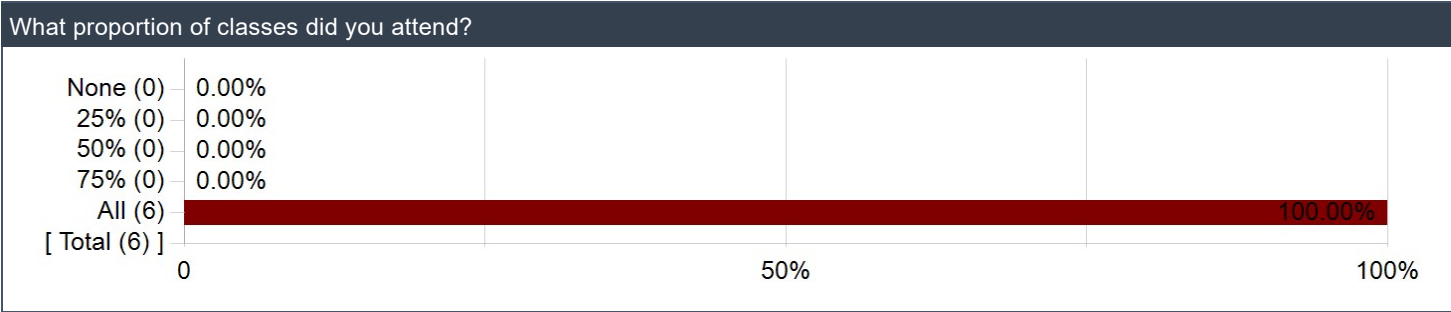
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
Very doable given previous quarters in the sequence
Perfect last class for the SSI sosc sequence
Hardest class of the sequence IMO. If you're looking for an easy professor, Linda is not by any means any easy grader/professor. Still, this has been one of the best classes I've taken, despite how unnecessarily stressful it was (up to 200 pages of reading assigned on Thursday with a ~ 3 page paper due each Sunday on those readings). If you're actually interested in your project topic and want to make a good researcher paper, take this class with Linda. I would also suggest that she implements some type of feedback form/way to hold partners accountable for each other, as I feel I did maybe 90% of the work on my partner and I's project, which made this class extremely stressful and quite miserable for me.
It can be hard for people with no coding or stats background since the class requires you to use regression and other tests