



SOSC 12400 7 - Self, Culture, and Society I - Instructor(s) - Andrea Ray

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

Number Enrolled: **17**

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: **Friday, January 31, 2025**

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

Comments
I learned a great deal of knowledge regarding the formation of our society's current worldview.
Concepts of individuals and societies under capitalistic influence.
I learned about concepts in the social sciences, largely economic theory
I learned a lot about economic theory and background on how economics came about
definitely learned a lot about the origins of history and capitalism. Touched on religion as well class we pretty interesting
nature/features of capitalism; impact of capitalism on society and people within; how is capitalism formed in the account of the authors that we are reading (Ibn Khaldun, Adam Smith, Karl Marx, Max Weber)

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

Comments
Lectures were great at helping students comprehend the material, and made me well prepared for all assignments.
Lectures were great Andrea is a great facilitator of discussion and really knows what she is talking about.
They were all helpful
classes were actually very interesting
just discussion everyday so definitely be comfortable with participating out loud bc that I what every class is
the seminars were very well organized and engaging; they helped me to gain a clear and deep understanding of the readings/authors' main argument and overarching project

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	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	3.33	3.00	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	0.00%	33.33%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.00	4.50	0.00%	16.67%	16.67%	16.67%	50.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.00	4.50	0.00%	16.67%	16.67%	16.67%	50.00%
I felt respected in this class.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%	83.33%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.17	4.50	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%	33.33%	50.00%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
It was a great class and well worth my time.
Lots of reading
She was CRAZY about grading papers. Never have I seen such aggressive comments on a paper
I really like self as my socs option compared to the others. Very enjoyable and I felt prepared for every class. I took this as a first year and found it challenging writing wise but The feed back I was given helped me improve substantially.
The class does have a written in-person final as the final assessment and it weighs 40% of the total grade. However, after actually studying for it and taking it, I felt having a final instead of a paper lowered my stress in turning in a perfectly revised piece of writing, and it indeed helped me gain a better understanding of the class materials (otherwise I would probably just study the passages I would use for the final paper). I would say don't let the "exam" scare you away from this section as Professor Ray is an amazing teacher

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
Her understanding of the material and patience was instrumental in our well organized class discussions.
Extremely knowledgeable on readings, provides great interpretation and guidance when necessary
She did a good job organizing discussion. She was also a good explainer.
She facilitated great discussions
Ray was good at directing the discussion and stepping in when needed. I think expectations for the course could have been better laid out sometimes I felt lost about what was going on not just with the reading but with the course.
Professor Ray is very knowledgeable on the assigned readings and also texted related to the course materials. She explained contexts that were helpful to understand the materials and provided more nuanced readings on what the authors are implicitly saying/how each section ties back to the larger project of the books. She also facilitated the discussion well – there was a nice balance between student involvement and her lectures; she encouraged students to speak as well as identified areas that were challenging and explained them in ways that were easy to understand and remember. I always left the class feeling I had a clearer understanding of what the author is saying/how the author is writing the text. Professor Ray is amazing and would recommend her to everyone who is thinking of taking the self sequence.

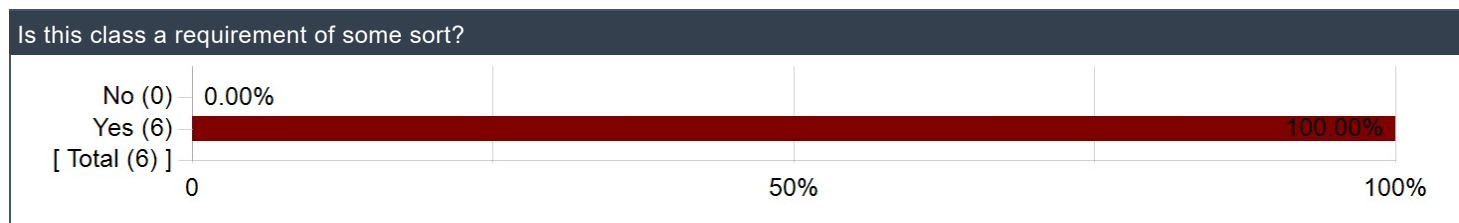
What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
N/A
nothing
Grade papers more fairly
Add more assignments to help boost my grade and discuss more on what she is expecting from writing I feel I was graded fairly unfairly and even when you improve there not enough grades to help bring you back since the only assignments are the two papers.
I felt there could be a clearer explanation on the expectations on papers/standard of good writing, and maybe more specific comments on specific moments of papers we turn in instead of just a overall commentary at the end.

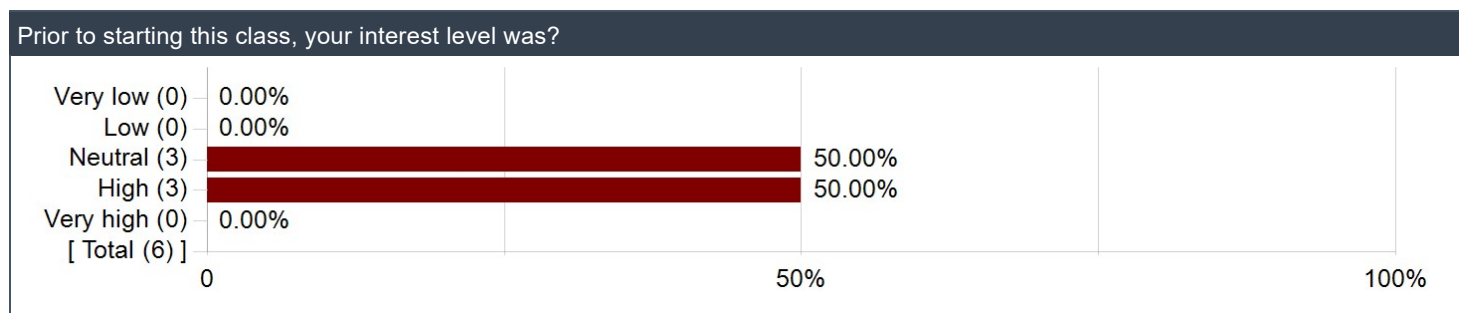
The Instructor . . .

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Organized the course clearly.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	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.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%	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%	16.67%	0.00%	83.33%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%	83.33%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	16.67%	66.67%	0.00%

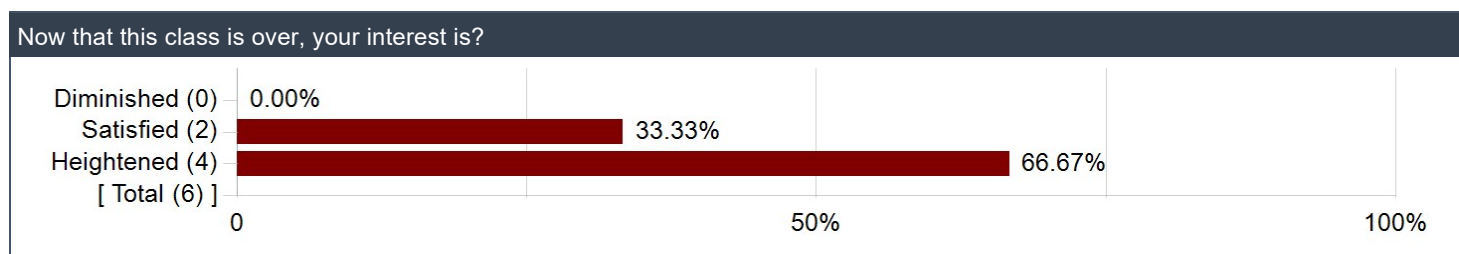
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



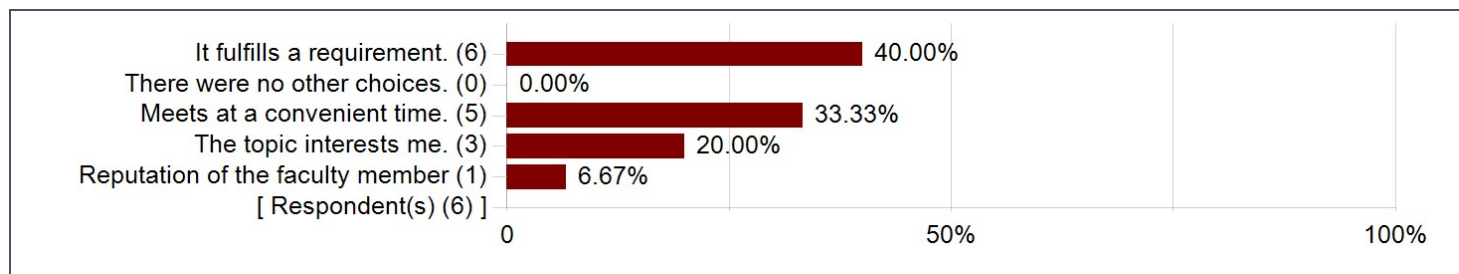
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



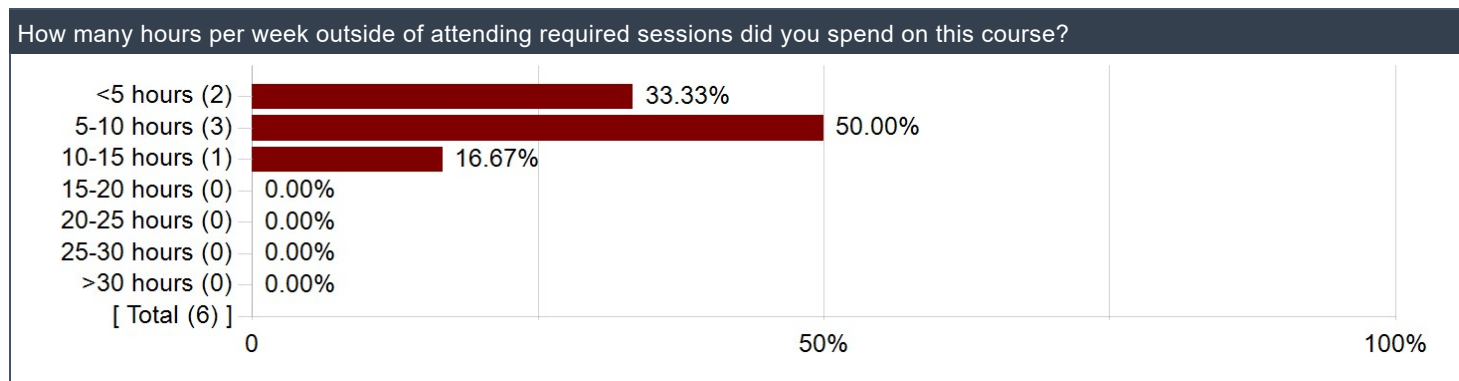
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



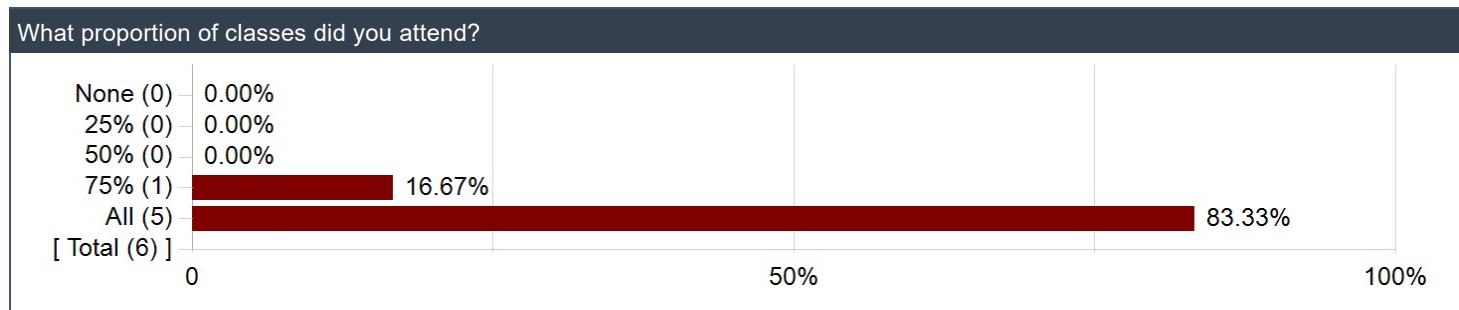
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
Never read any of these readings before, ended up with a heightened understanding of political and social consciousness.
equal
definitely difficult reading and writing would recommend taking advantage at office hours if confused
I didn't expect the econ-centered texts to be interesting but they turned out to be fun to read; some of them were a bit dense but still definitely manageable as long as you do the work