



HUMA 12400 8 - Human Being and Citizen II - Instructor(s): Jason DeStefano

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

Number Enrolled: **19**

Number of Responses: **10**

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
How to write an introduction
writing skills
We read Aristotle's Ethics, Augustine's Confessions, and Dante's Inferno. I enjoyed Inferno the most, but Augustine taught me a lot more than the other two about just being a human and the anxieties and fears associated with that. I also learned a lot about how to write better through the writing seminar.
Lots of early and middle period Christian theology and Greek philosophy.
Mostly how to analyze texts and defend my argument.
I learned how to take an analytical approach to text, considering the underlying symbolism and allegorical context. I also learned the importance of considering the literary decisions of an author and their implications.
The main thing we learned in this class was the ability to analyze theological and philosophical texts from a long time ago and apply them to a modern world.
I learned how many things play into human culture
Nicomachean ethics and what it means to be good, confessions and St. Augustine's revelations with God, and Inferno with an exploration of sins and their meanings.

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

Comments
The writing seminars and reading other people's approach was useful
discussions were helpful and interesting
I think our discussions were really helpful in breaking down concepts, especially for when we were reading Aristotle. I also liked it when different people started moderating the class because it forced a structure. Assignment prompts were wide-ranging and flexible. The professor also often gave mini-context lectures for each book we read, which was helpful.
The discussions were interesting, and professor Stefano did very well to moderate it.
The lectures were the most helpful and office hours. I didn't attend a ton of office hours but it was nice to be able to talk to the professor one on one about my ideas.
The discussions really deepened my understanding of the text. I liked listening to my peers' interpretations of the text, which allowed me to view the text from distinct perspectives. I also found student-led discussions to be a great way to get involved in class!
The entire class was built around the class discussions, which worked well.
It was seminar and the open discussions of topics on the book were very insightful and contributed to my learning.
Discussions were very helpful to the writing that we did outside of class.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	30.00%	70.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	10.00%	80.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	10.00%	80.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	20.00%	70.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%
I felt respected in this class.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	30.00%	70.00%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Take HBC.
I loved this class!
n/a

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
The introductions at the start of each class and how he would rephrase other students comments to make them more understandable or applicable
He effectively led discussions and they were interesting and informative.
Jason is a great moderator and leaves room for people to add to the conversation. He also notices if you have something to add but might be a little shy. This made me less uncomfortable jumping into conversations and getting into dialogue with my classmates. He is very accommodating and changed office hours to suit more of us.
Letting students run the discussions in each class using discussion posts about specific interesting passages.
The discussion posts were really helpful and the professor did a good job of making the conversation keep going about the text even when it got awkward.
Jason's facilitation of the discussions definitely contributed to most of my learning. He really encouraged us to participate in the class discussions and would often provide his own insight on students' interpretations of the text. He would also direct us to interesting/insightful portions of the texts, which I found helpful.
He was very good at knowing when and when not to interject. He never disrupted a flow the class was on.
Jason's ability to lead a discussion in a productive way contributed most to the learning.
His ability to ask really good starting questions to get us started off.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Nothing really
Sometimes, the class would dive into total silence, but that I feel is because some people do not read each time, and it is not Jason's fault. Still, I think having maybe reading guides would be helpful so that we know what to look for as we read and to prevent awkward silences.
I would have liked to see more debates or formal arguments in the discussions.
Maybe do smaller groups, big groups can be a little daunting.
Nothing!
We had a good system of 2 people doing extra work beforehand and leading the discussions each day, but that only started in week 5. If it had started earlier(week 2 imop) then I think our early discussions would have been more productive.
None
More emphasis on the notes taken in class by the one individual, never really got the point of that.

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	30.00%	70.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	70.00%	10.00%
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.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	30.00%	70.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	30.00%	70.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	20.00%	70.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	30.00%	70.00%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	30.00%	70.00%	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
Kartik Maini
Kartik Maini. They were an amazing writing specialist. I really appreciated all of their feedback and I felt that the structure of the writing seminars helped a lot with how I should go about my essays. Only complaint I have is that the assignments for the seminar were due a little too in advance of the seminar.
Kartik Maini. Kartik was very helpful, provided insightful feedback, and was very supportive throughout the writing process!

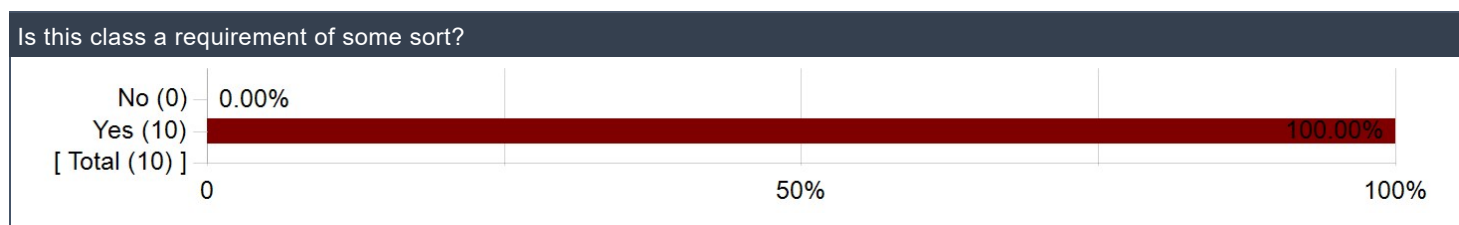
The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	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 class.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	60.00%	20.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%	0.00%

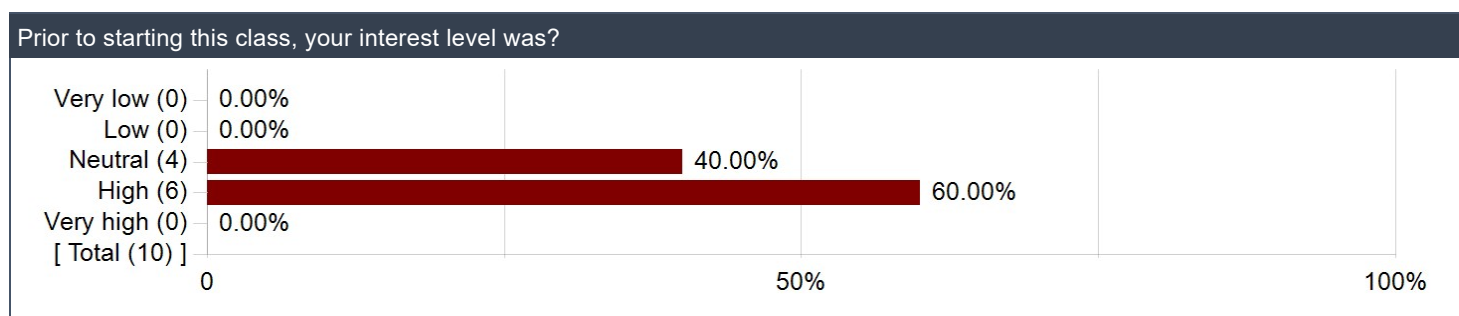
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	4.43	5.00	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	14.29%	71.43%	0.00%

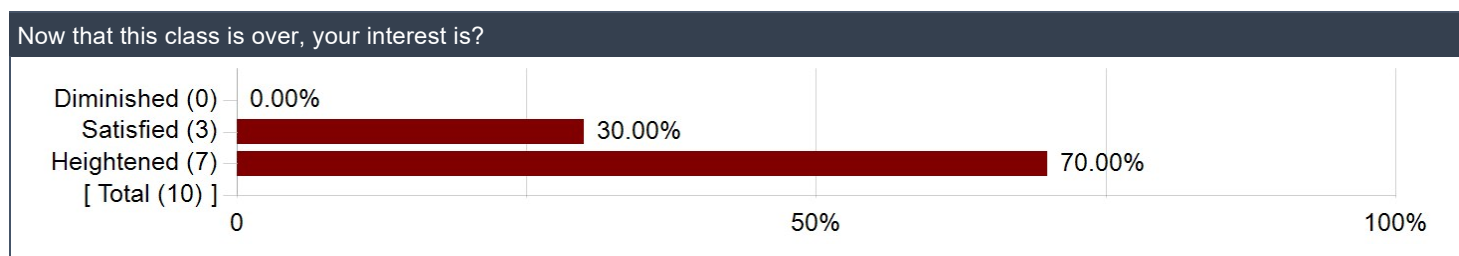
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



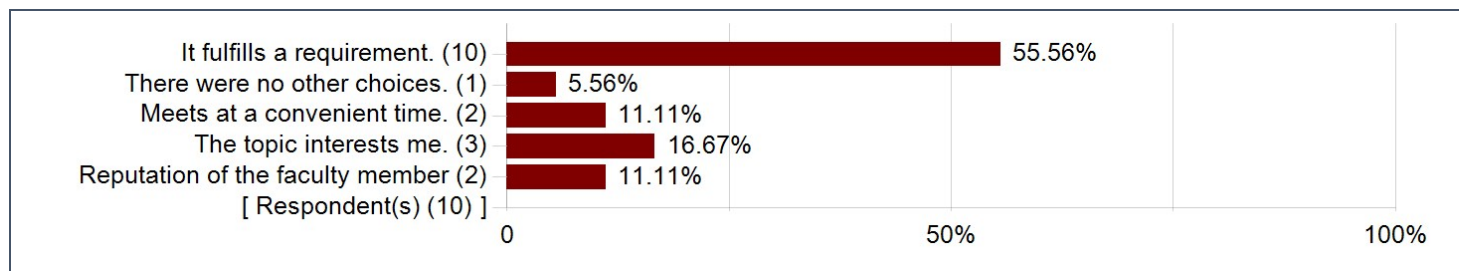
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



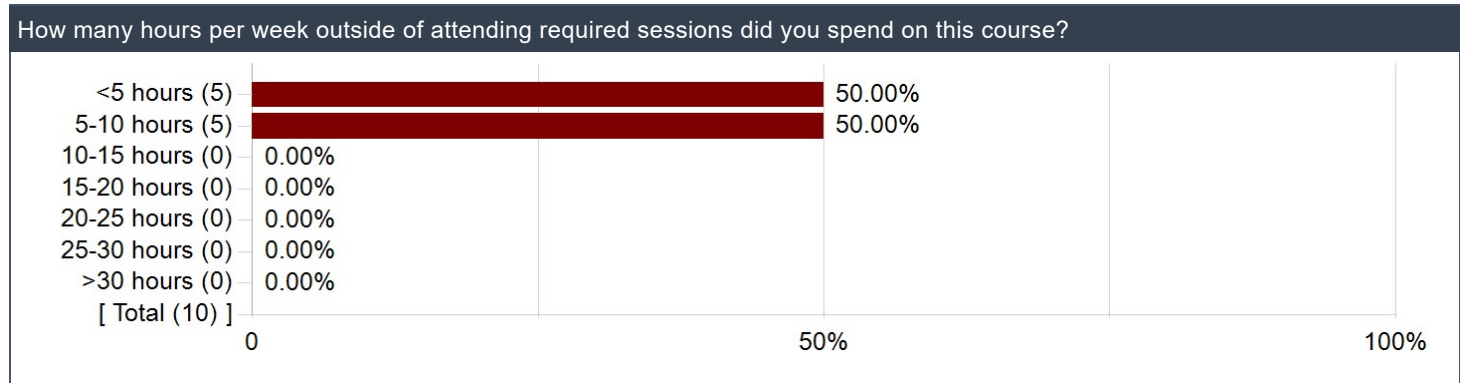
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



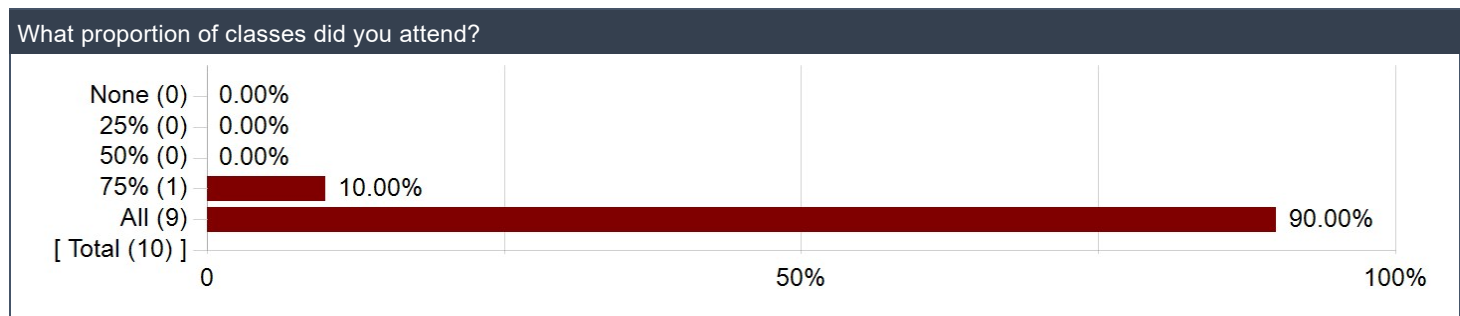
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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'm a humanities person but this class challenged me. Not in a scary way because of how Jason taught and facilitated the discussions. It was the first time I've felt intellectually challenged without it feeling daunting.
Relatively easy.
This was my first time reading the course texts, but I did not find the course to be too difficult.
The material was challenging but the class wasn't really difficult even as someone who had never read any of the assigned reading prior to this class.
Took first quarter HUM