



HUMA 12050 4 - Greece and Rome: Texts, Traditions, Transformations I - Instructor(s): Emily Austin

Project Title: **College Course Feedback - Autumn 2023**

Number Enrolled: **12**

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, February 2, 2024**

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

Comments
We read the Iliad, the Aeneid, and Omeros. All three are long poems. We learned how to read classics in translation and the ways that traditions are inherited and transformed. For Omeros we got much better at reading and interpreting a difficult text and skills for reading poetry in general.
Write a claim, develop and argument, close read.
I think that this course helped me become a more critical, sharper reader.
I learned how to both close read literature and discuss it. Furthermore, I learned how to write more concisely and how to point my arguments towards the right direction
I feel like this course developed my close reading skills, since our class time centered on analyzing shorter excerpts from our readings.
I learned how to really thoughtfully and in an organized way engage with overwhelming and difficult texts (epics). Also gained skills in writing: making grounded claims and supporting them.
Iliad, Aeneid, Omeros Making a good claim supported by evidence.

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

Comments
The discussions were important in being able to fully understand the texts and also for forming ideas about the connections between the different works. The papers ensured that you were able to do your own analysis and close read the text.
Post class reflections, class discussion helped me a lot with clearing thoughts in my mind.
I think that the discussions in class definitely helped me process my own thoughts about the poems, especially since I got to hear a lot of new ideas/perspectives that I hadn't thought about before from my classmates and professor.
Post class reflections were very useful on keeping active with the text as well as to improve my writing
Professor Austin kept the class very student centered, allowing us to talk about what we found most compelling and interesting. I liked our post-class reflection because they were a low-stakes opportunity to think about what we discussed in class or read.
The discussions led by Professor Austin were incredible.
The discussions in class are really helpful as everyone is so involved in sharing their different understanding of the reading.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.29	5.00	14.29%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	71.43%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.14	5.00	14.29%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	57.14%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	3.86	5.00	14.29%	14.29%	0.00%	14.29%	57.14%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	3.86	5.00	14.29%	14.29%	0.00%	14.29%	57.14%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	3.86	5.00	14.29%	14.29%	0.00%	14.29%	57.14%
My work was evaluated fairly.	3.86	5.00	14.29%	14.29%	0.00%	14.29%	57.14%
I felt respected in this class.	4.43	5.00	14.29%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	85.71%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.14	5.00	14.29%	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	71.43%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
The professor never told us how we were positioned in terms of grading throughout the course. We found out our grades the last day. I never received any comments on how I could improve in the class.
Excellent class all around.

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
Leading discussions and offering brief overviews of the text that contextualized the texts when needed.
I think that my instructor was really passionate and engaging during discussions and helped me think in more nuanced ways about the text we were reading.
Motivating the whole class to speak
I think her engaging approach to seminar made it really easy to contribute to class and to learn from peers. Prof. Austin's office hours were also exceptionally helpful, even when not in the midst of writing a paper.
Probably the questions she asked— they were very thought provoking and really engaged the whole class.
Professor Austin is really knowledgeable about the readings and she is good at leading the discussions. She also brought us her self-made cookies!

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Nothing, really good!
N/A
I think slowing down the readings so that we have more time to engage with the text and not skim over entire chapters
Nothing! Both the professor and her cookies are great!

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.29	5.00	14.29%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	71.43%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.29	5.00	14.29%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	71.43%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.29	5.00	14.29%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	71.43%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.14	5.00	14.29%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	57.14%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.14	5.00	14.29%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	57.14%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.14	5.00	14.29%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	57.14%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.00	5.00	14.29%	0.00%	14.29%	14.29%	57.14%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.43	5.00	14.29%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	85.71%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.43	5.00	14.29%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	85.71%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.14	5.00	14.29%	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	71.43%	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
Maya Shenoy
I think that our writing specialist for the course (Maya Shenoy) helped me become a better writer by, for example, introducing us to new methods of looking at and evaluating our arguments and claims.
Maya Shenoy
Writing specialist: Maya Shenoy
Her help and feedback on specific examples from our writing. Also her help showing what's a grounded interpretive claim and what is not

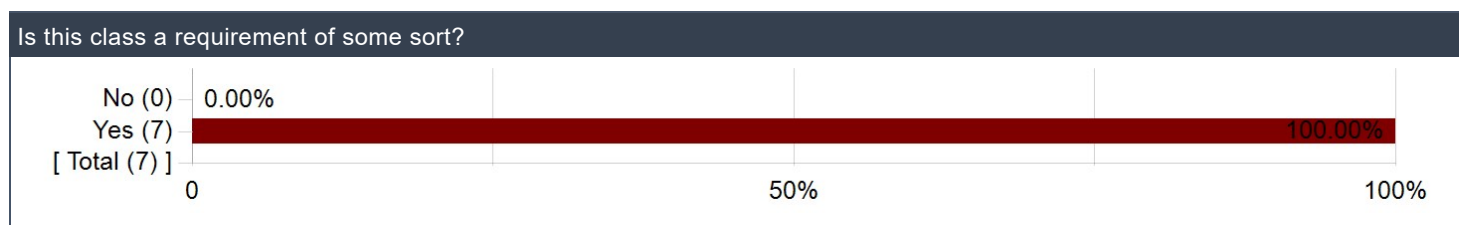
The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	4.00	5.00	20.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	4.00	5.00	20.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	4.00	5.00	20.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.20	5.00	20.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.20	5.00	20.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.00	5.00	20.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	3.80	4.00	20.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	40.00%	0.00%

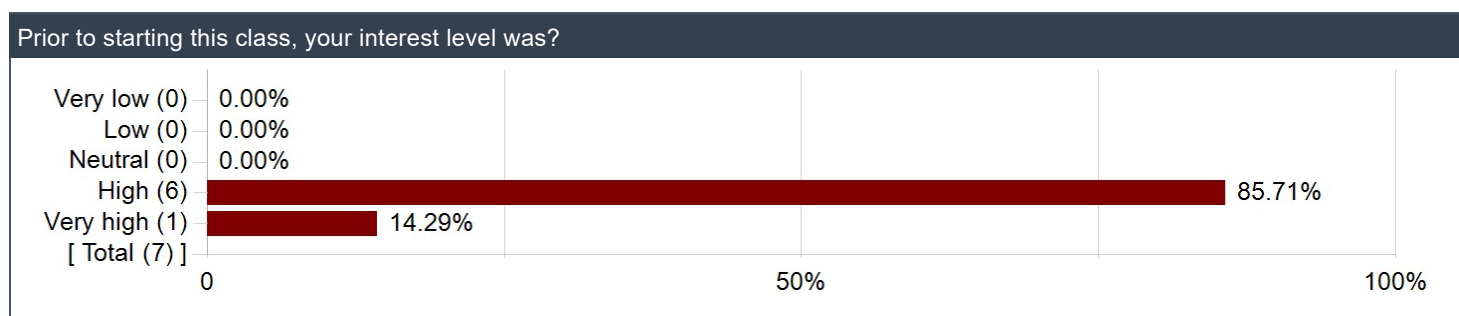
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	3.71	4.00	14.29%	14.29%	0.00%	28.57%	42.86%	0.00%

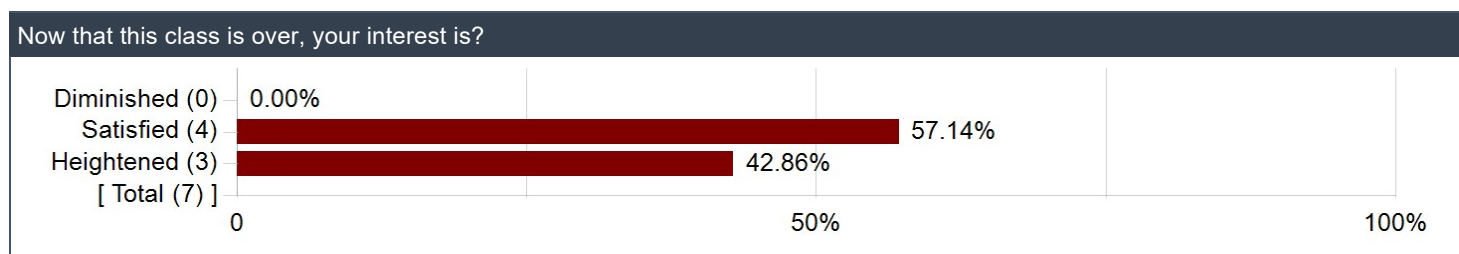
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



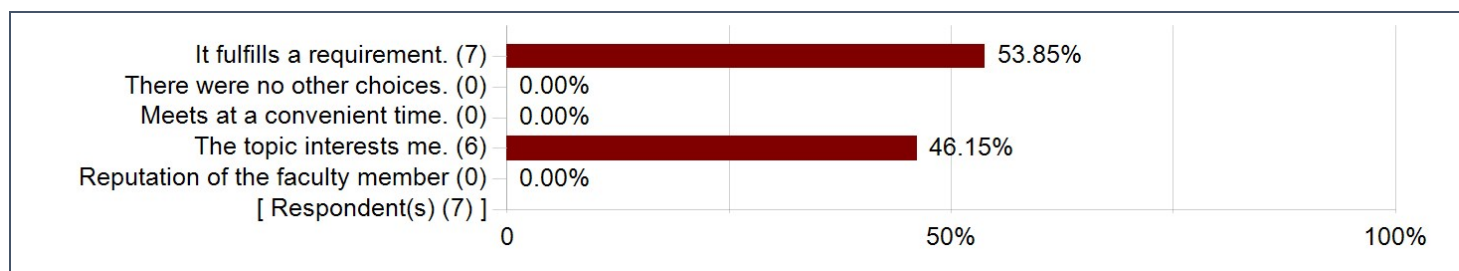
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



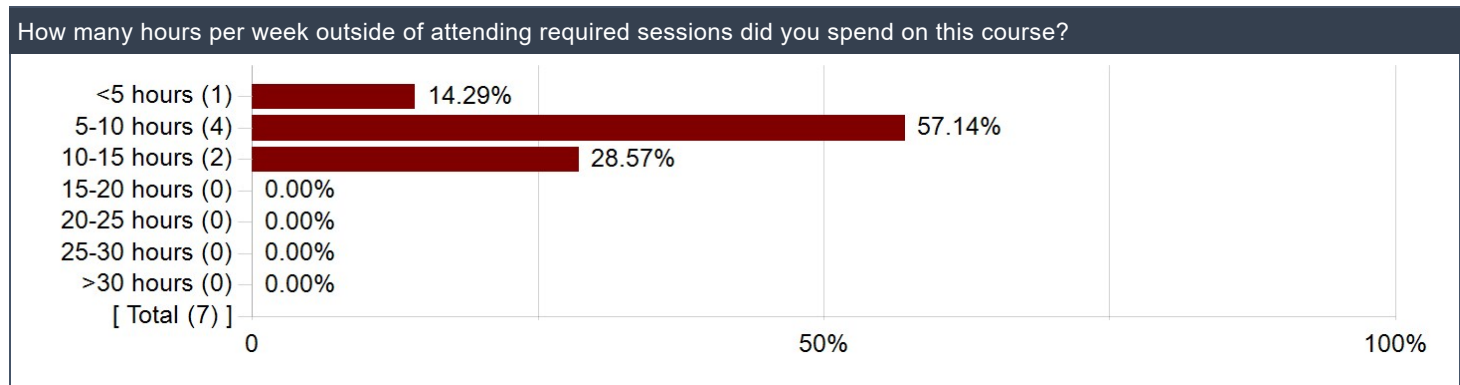
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



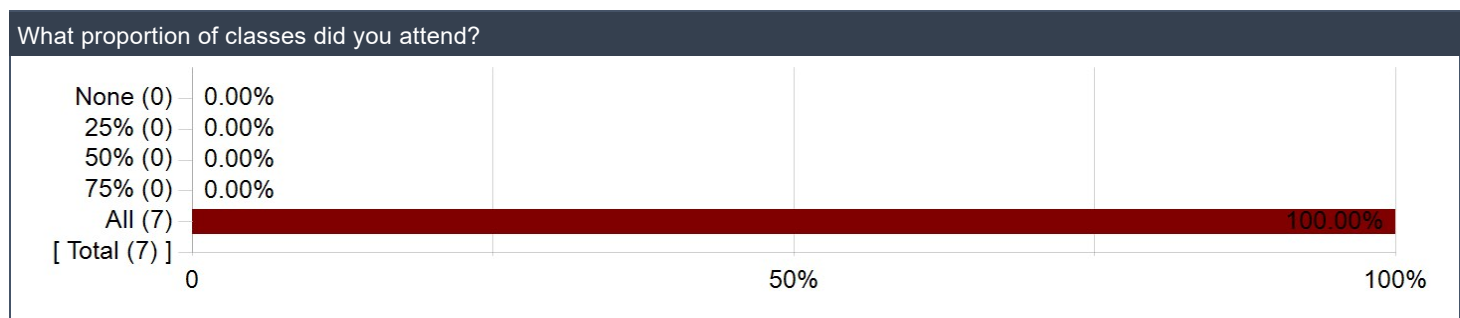
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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 not all that difficult. The readings could be pretty heavy, but always doable, max for one reading was about 3 hours.
Heavy in reading but very manageable
was difficult to keep up with readings but otherwise very manageable
No previous experience in greece and rome but everything turns out really well!