



RDIN 24002 3, SOSC 24002 3, HIST 18302 3, ANTH 24002 3, SALC 24002 3, CRES 24002 3 - Colonizations II: Imperial Expansion, Anti-Imperialism, and Nation in Asia - Instructor(s) - Alice Yao

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

Number Enrolled: **20**

Number of Responses: **9**

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 |
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| Colonizations in asia, it was good |
| We learned a relatively comprehensive history of colonization in East Asia – from initial encounters between merchants, to mercantilism, to the Opium Wars and the unequal treaties, through to nationalism and Japanese colonialism. Skills in learning from primary sources, especially written but some visual, were emphasized |
| We went over how to judge Asian culture and imperialism from an outside western perspective. |
| We discussed origins and ideas surrounding imperialism and colonization in Asia, connecting both to the past, but also to the issues of the countries today. |
| Colonization in East Asia |

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

| Comments |
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| good discussions and the posts also helped |
| The readings assigned were interesting, but class discussions which included a short introductory lecture and then a discussion of the readings were the most important. |
| The discussions were very helpful for understanding the material. |
| lectures definitely helped a lot to contextualize the primary source readings |
| The slides at the beginning of class were the most informative, and all the assigned readings were quite interesting and relevant. I appreciated the emphasis on primary sources. Discussion could be a little dry at times but that's hard to account for. |
| seminars were great. Prof Yao is an incredible professor! |
| this is the worst class i have taken in my whole time at uchicago, so unengaging |

Please respond to the following:

| | Mean | Median | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly Agree |
|--|------|--------|-------------------|----------|---------|--------|----------------|
| This course challenged me intellectually. | 4.13 | 4.50 | 12.50% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 37.50% | 50.00% |
| I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it. | 4.13 | 4.50 | 12.50% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 37.50% | 50.00% |
| I understood the standards for success on assignments. | 4.14 | 5.00 | 14.29% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 28.57% | 57.14% |
| Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments. | 4.29 | 5.00 | 14.29% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 14.29% | 71.43% |
| I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work. | 4.14 | 5.00 | 14.29% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 28.57% | 57.14% |
| My work was evaluated fairly. | 4.29 | 5.00 | 14.29% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 14.29% | 71.43% |
| I felt respected in this class. | 4.29 | 5.00 | 14.29% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 14.29% | 71.43% |
| Overall, this was an excellent course. | 4.14 | 5.00 | 14.29% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 28.57% | 57.14% |

I would recommend this course to:

| | No | Yes |
|---|--------|--------|
| Highly-motivated and well-prepared students | 12.50% | 87.50% |
| Anyone interested in the topic | 12.50% | 87.50% |

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

| Comments |
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| It is very helpful to ground the discussion in a short introductory lecture with some historical context. This allows the course to become more than just the readings, and the readings to become more valuable themselves. |
| She curated a good set of readings |
| the office hours were extremely helpful! |
| Professor Yao's lecture slides, especially the focus on primary source images. I also really appreciated the introductions given before each reading, helping us to contextualize and direct our reading of the texts. |

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

| Comments |
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| Maybe a little more clear set agenda for classes I felt we got bogged down on the same topics sometimes |
| Have more diverse subjects beyond just East Asia |
| Maybe posting the slides for later reference on canvas. |
| NA |

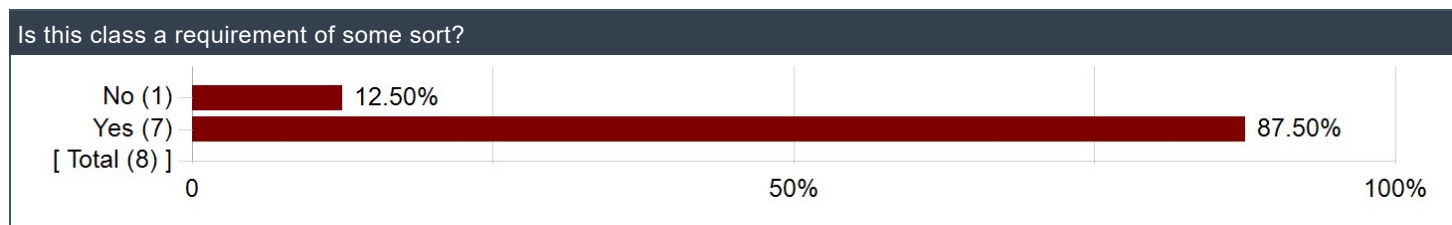
The Instructor . . .

| | Mean | Median | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly Agree | N/A |
|--|------|--------|-------------------|----------|---------|--------|----------------|-------|
| Organized the course clearly. | 4.00 | 4.00 | 14.29% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 42.86% | 42.86% | 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. | 4.00 | 4.00 | 14.29% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 42.86% | 42.86% | 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. | 4.14 | 5.00 | 14.29% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 28.57% | 57.14% | 0.00% |
| Motivated you to think independently. | 4.14 | 5.00 | 14.29% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 28.57% | 57.14% | 0.00% |
| Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment. | 4.29 | 5.00 | 14.29% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 14.29% | 71.43% | 0.00% |
| Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning. | 4.29 | 5.00 | 14.29% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 14.29% | 71.43% | 0.00% |

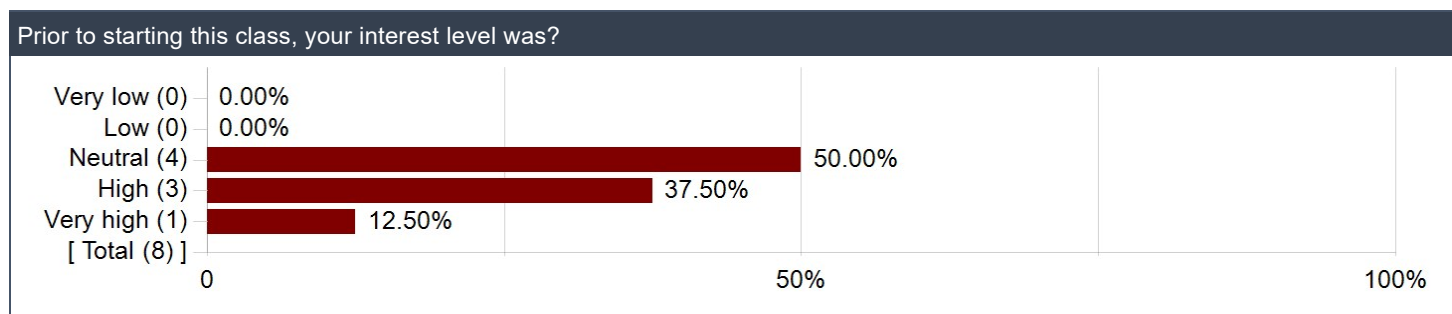
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

| | Mean | Median | No Gain | A Little Gain | Moderate Gain | Good Gain | Great Gain | N/A |
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| Laboratory Experience | N/A | N/A | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Field Trips | 3.40 | 4.00 | 20.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 20.00% | 40.00% | 0.00% |
| 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 | N/A | N/A | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |

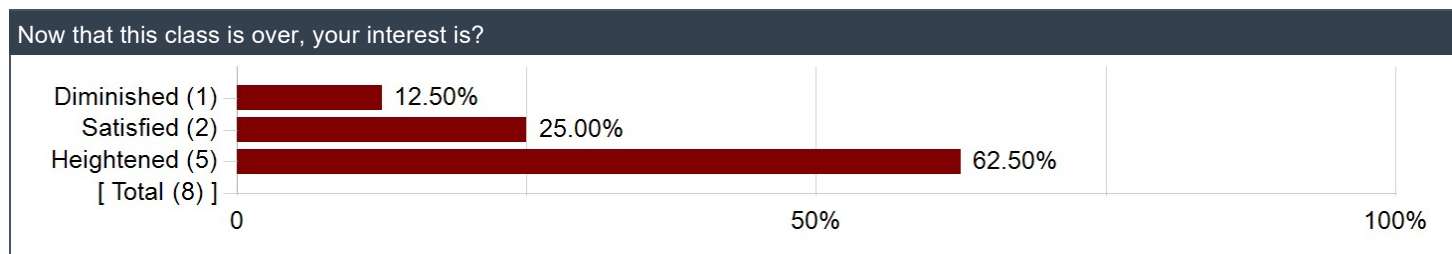
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



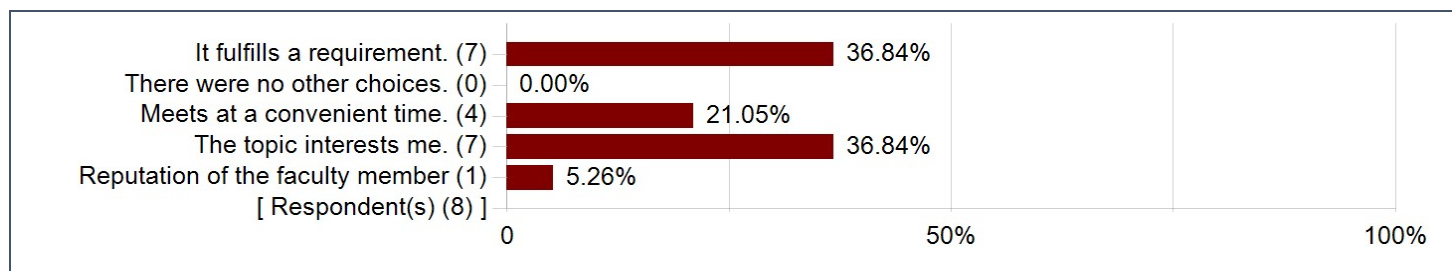
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



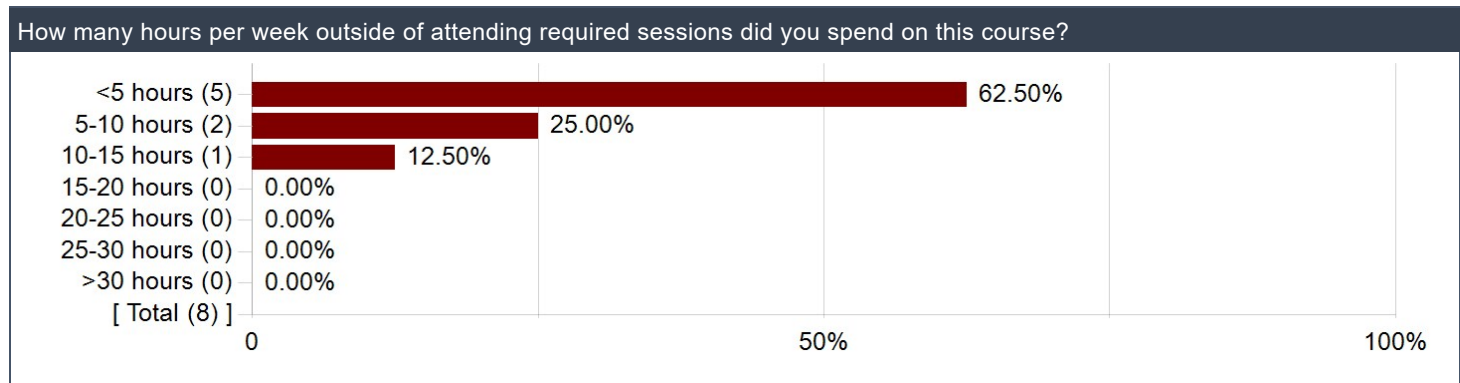
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



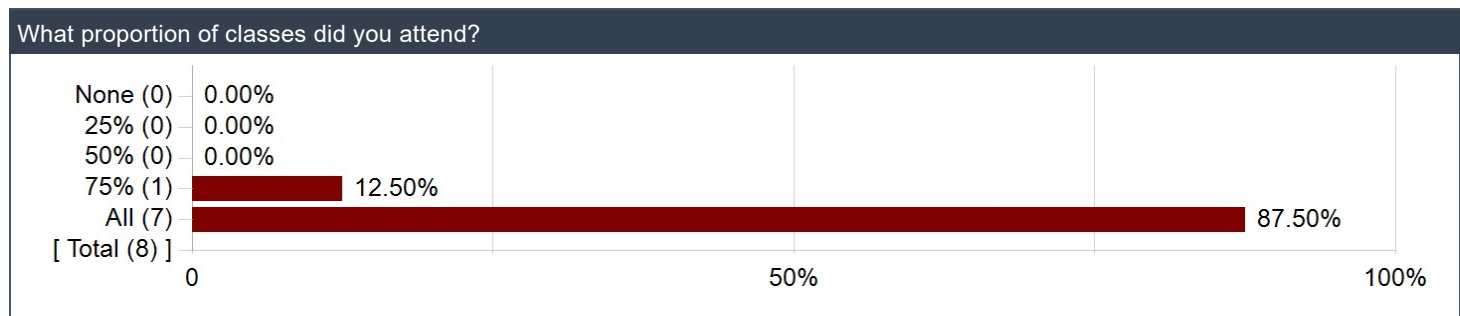
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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 |
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| This class seems to be relatively in line with other Colonizations classes, with a pretty manageable quantity of readings and two essays which are expected to be thoughtful but the professor is available to discuss in advance in office hours |
| This course was approachable given my lack of experience. |