



SOSC 17300 4 - Religion: Cosmos, Conscience, and Community III - Instructor(s) - Derek Buyan

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

Number Enrolled: **19**

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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| I loved this course. This whole sequence was great. |
| liberation theology! |
| How to write essays that explain texts in the context of another, the idea of religion as it involves identity and virtue, how different religions contribute to political states |
| Challenging the creation of religion; religion in secularity; religion in protests and social movements. |
| Better organization skills with writing, how to approach certain prompts |
| the societal aspect of religion |
| I think I most learned to see the intersectionalities that different authors pointed out. On how religion and social revolutions are intimately intertwined. |

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

| Comments |
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| I wish class would have sometimes had more lecture as I had no background on some of the texts that we read. |
| Class time/Discussions were helpful, Office hours as well |
| The readings were quite interesting and discussions were exciting. Prof. Buyan would occasionally lecture, and it would be very insightful to the overarching ideas and themes of the course. |
| I think the lectures were always very engaging and interesting. I'm not a fan of partner work, but it was fun in this class. Also, the weekly reading analyses, though sometimes inconvenient, were very helpful in helping me ensure I kept up with my readings |
| discussions were really helpful for clarifying key points in text |
| discussions/lectures were very helpful nad often illuminated points that I hadn't considered when first reading the texts |

Please respond to the following:

| | Mean | Median | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly Agree |
|--|------|--------|-------------------|----------|---------|--------|----------------|
| This course challenged me intellectually. | 4.67 | 5.00 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 33.33% | 66.67% |
| I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it. | 4.56 | 5.00 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 44.44% | 55.56% |
| I understood the standards for success on assignments. | 4.11 | 4.00 | 0.00% | 11.11% | 0.00% | 55.56% | 33.33% |
| Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments. | 4.33 | 4.00 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 11.11% | 44.44% | 44.44% |
| I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work. | 4.89 | 5.00 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 11.11% | 88.89% |
| My work was evaluated fairly. | 4.22 | 4.00 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 11.11% | 55.56% | 33.33% |
| I felt respected in this class. | 4.44 | 5.00 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 11.11% | 33.33% | 55.56% |
| Overall, this was an excellent course. | 4.44 | 5.00 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 11.11% | 33.33% | 55.56% |

Additional comments about the course:

| Comments |
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| I feel as though if we were arranged into a more discussion based configuration rather than a lecture based one, that would have been better for the type of class it was |

I would recommend this course to:

| | No | Yes |
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| Highly-motivated and well-prepared students | 11.11% | 88.89% |
| Anyone interested in the topic | 11.11% | 88.89% |

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

| Comments |
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| Notes on the board while we discussed ideas were very helpful. |
| Briefings about Author's before discussing them in the following class, leading conversation through diagrams on the board, small discussions |
| Prof. Buyan was very good at guiding thoughtful discussions, and he was helpful in office hours. |
| his joyfulness, and fun shirts. He gave introductory mini lectures at the start of new topics and readings which was very helpful. |
| class discussions and the questions that aided in direction of our classes were most helpful |

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

| Comments |
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| Less small group discussion, I understand the point but I am not sure if I got much out of it |
| More leeway with the length of reading analysis responses! Also, not lecture so much. It was unusual for class to end on time rather than going a few minutes over. |
| Letting the conversations and discussions follow what most interested the students |
| the set up of the classroom. Also, i feel like there should have been more time for class discussions rather than having to fit in the questions. |

The Instructor . . .

| | Mean | Median | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly Agree | N/A |
|--|------|--------|-------------------|----------|---------|--------|----------------|-------|
| 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. | 4.78 | 5.00 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 22.22% | 77.78% | 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. | 4.67 | 5.00 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 33.33% | 66.67% | 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. | 4.56 | 5.00 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 11.11% | 22.22% | 66.67% | 0.00% |
| Was available and helpful outside of class. | 4.78 | 5.00 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 22.22% | 77.78% | 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. | 4.89 | 5.00 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 11.11% | 88.89% | 0.00% |
| Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning. | 4.78 | 5.00 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 22.22% | 77.78% | 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 |
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The TA/CA or Intern. . .

| | Mean | Median | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly Agree | N/A |
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| Facilitated discussions that supported your learning. | 4.00 | 4.00 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% |
| Gave you useful feedback on your work. | 5.00 | 5.00 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% | 0.00% |
| Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class. | 4.00 | 4.00 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% |
| Challenged you to learn. | 4.00 | 4.00 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% |
| Helped you succeed in the class. | 4.00 | 4.00 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 33.33% | 33.33% | 33.33% | 0.00% |
| Was available and helpful outside of class. | 4.67 | 5.00 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 33.33% | 66.67% | 0.00% |
| Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning. | 4.00 | 4.00 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% |

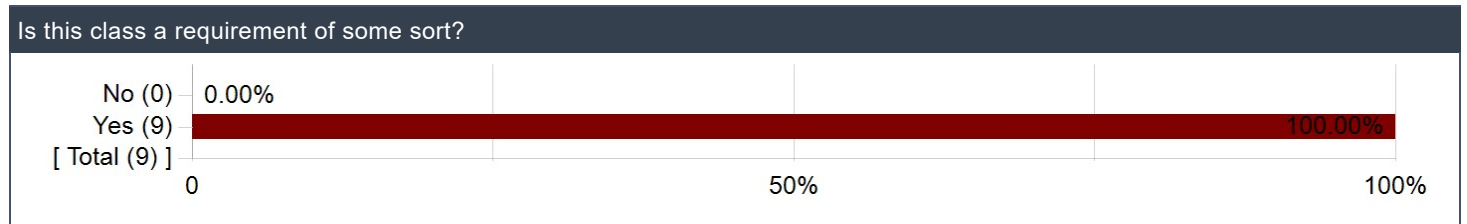
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

| | Mean | Median | No Gain | A Little Gain | Moderate Gain | Good Gain | Great Gain | N/A |
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| 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 | 2.63 | 2.50 | 12.50% | 37.50% | 37.50% | 0.00% | 12.50% | 0.00% |

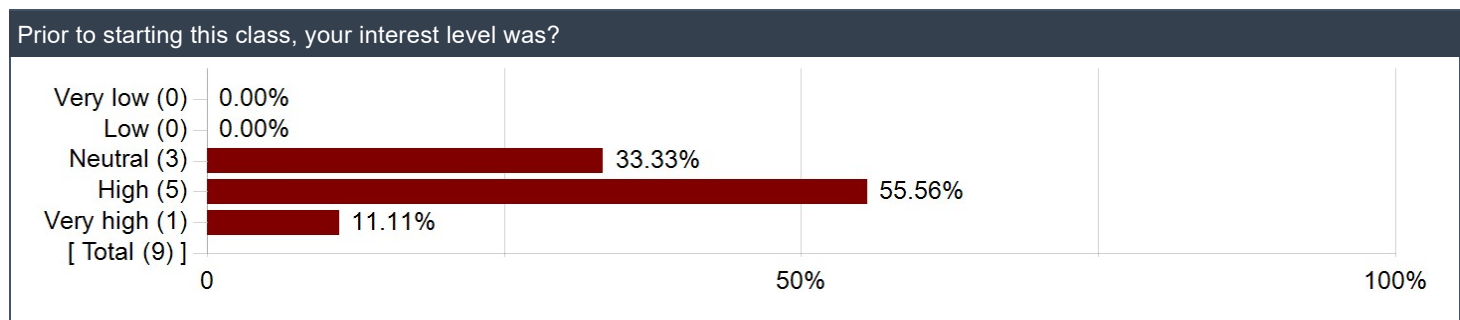
Other course elements not mentioned above:

| Comments |
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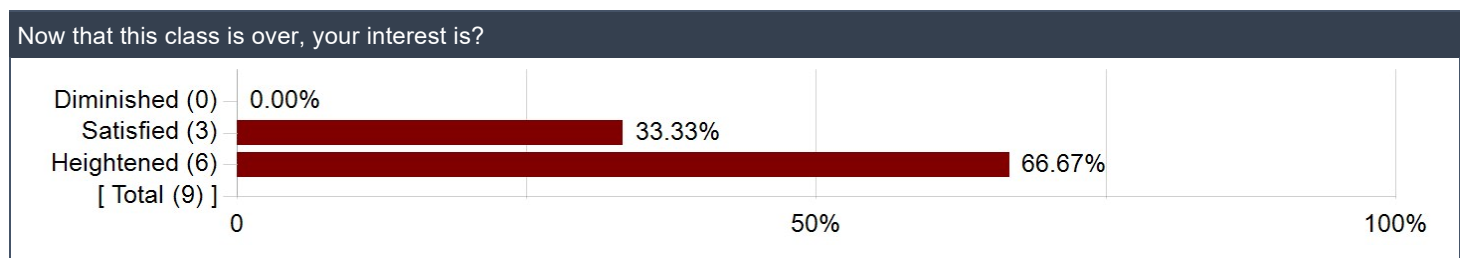
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



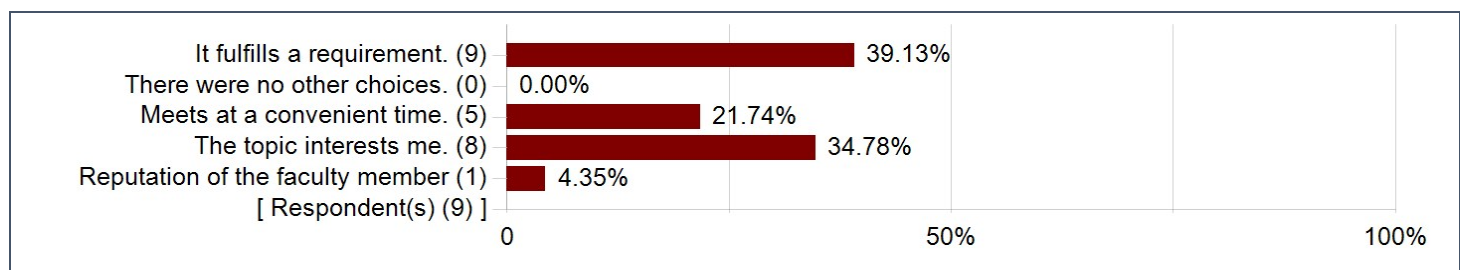
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



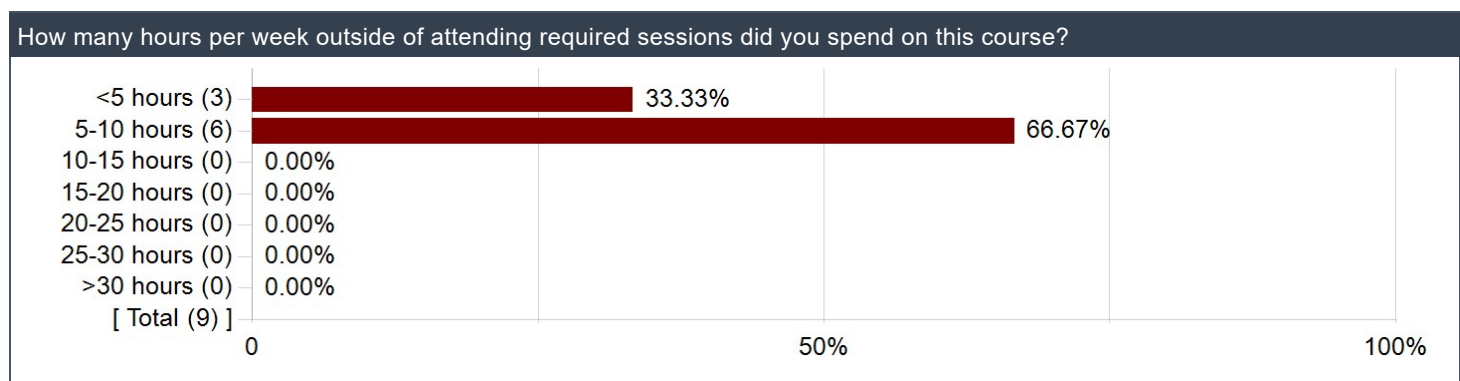
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



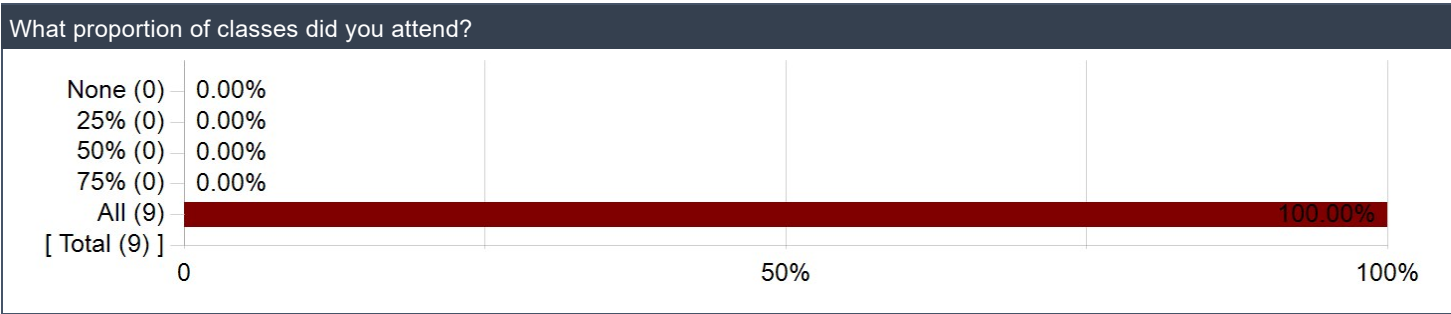
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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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| Good continuation from previous courses in sequence. |
| this quarter was more challenging than the previous ones |
| it was a fair class |