



# CMST 14400 2 - Film and the Moving Image - Instructor(s): Tanya Desai

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

Number Enrolled: **18**

Number of Responses: **8**

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## Report Comments

Opinions expressed in these evaluations are those of students enrolled in the specific course and do not represent the University.

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## 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 lot about the history of filmmaking and how films evolved every generation in terms of story structure, editing techniques, and styles. These were valuable in understanding how a majority of our moving image entertainment is created.
tools to critically analyze photography and film
I learned a lot of new language to analyze and discuss filmmaking, and was exposed to a lot of new films.
learned how to better express my thoughts on film using technical/historical understanding of the medium
Some of the more technical analysis skills of film making and how to properly enjoy a film
Different models for analyzing and understanding film and media in general.

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

Comments
The lectures were pretty interactive. We would typically have exercises where we would actively engage in analyzing film and other media. The weekly annotations and reading contributed heavily as every lecture would take those readings and actively apply what the readings discussed.
Discussions were insightful and engaging. I appreciated most of the screening choices.
lectures were highly engaging and helped to explain complex topics
the screenings were really interesting and i enjoyed them a lot. discussions was always really fun to attend and I liked the no pressure yet interesting conversations we would have
I think the combination of the readings, screenings, and in-class lectures was structured well and worked well in demonstrating the points of the course and getting us to discuss them.

## Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	75.00%	12.50%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
I felt respected in this class.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%

## Additional comments about the course:

Comments
I really enjoyed this course. The professor is great and content is super interesting, would highly recommend
Tanya was awesome! Discussions were led well and I felt very comfortable sharing in class.
Fun course and very chill!
i really love Professor Desai, she was wonderful. truly one of my favorite and most thoughtful professors.

## 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
Tanya did a great job at balancing a lecture, class discussion, and activities all in one class. This mixture contributes quite a bit because you get a pretty good idea of whatever topics are being taught and then you have chances to explore said topics through discussion and activities. It works better than you might think despite seeming somewhat clustered on paper and it helped hammer in things more during my time in this class.
The quick reviews of the readings and films were helpful before discussions
I got great feedback on my first blog that helped better my next two blogs.
Lectures
the instructor is patient and clearly passionate about her subject matter
Discussions felt very well facilitated and natural. I really enjoyed our discussions and she made me want to take more film courses!
Leading the in-class discussions and the mini in-class lectures/slides were both useful for recapitulating the topics of the reading and screening.

## What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Activities should get more focus. Actually engaging with examples of certain things in film, such as searching for and explaining the editing styles in film, help you grow an eye for understanding how a film is made more easily. Especially since activities are typically held until the end of class, the time for completing these activities and talking through them were often constricted.
Nothing, this course was great!
Not much. I think it would have been helpful to post the occasional class notes as a reference when writing blogs.
Not much, I really enjoyed it.
Maybe take more of a lead in some of the discussions, I think there were points where the discussions could've been a bit more engaged.

## The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	0.00%

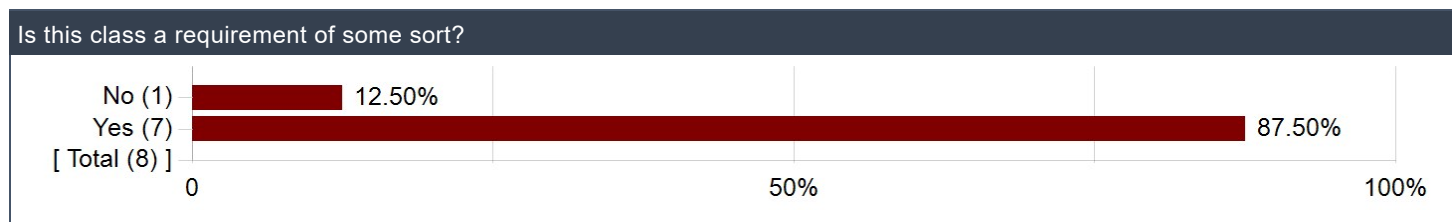
## How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%

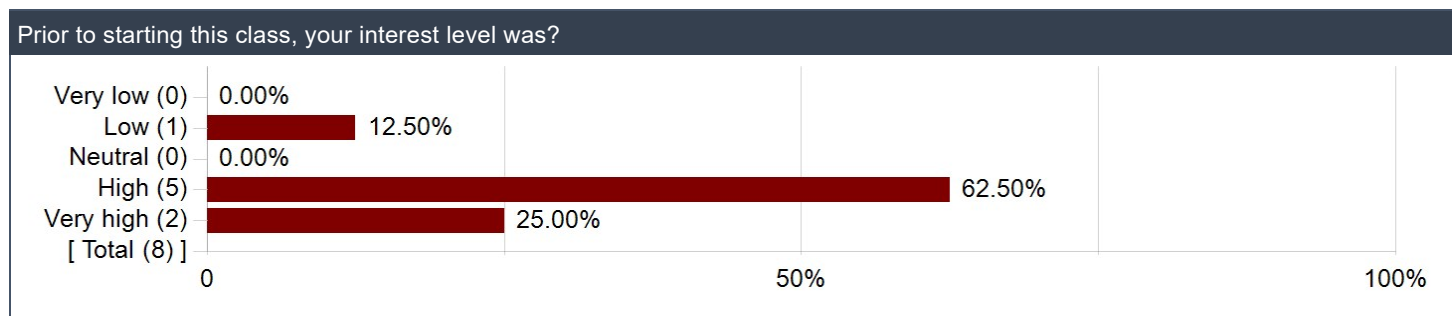
## Other course elements not mentioned above:

Comments
film screenings
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screenings

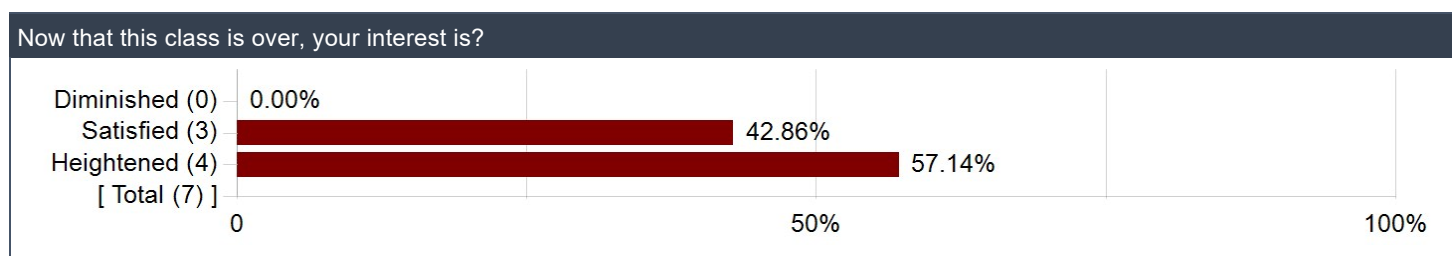
## Is this class a requirement of some sort?



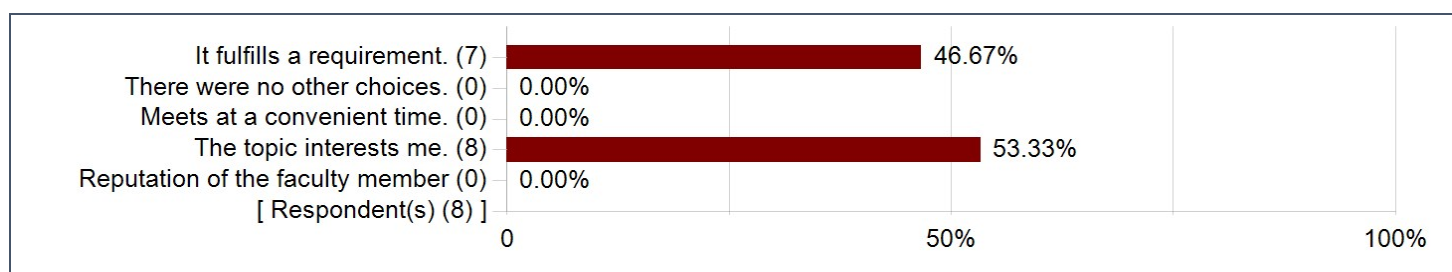
## Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



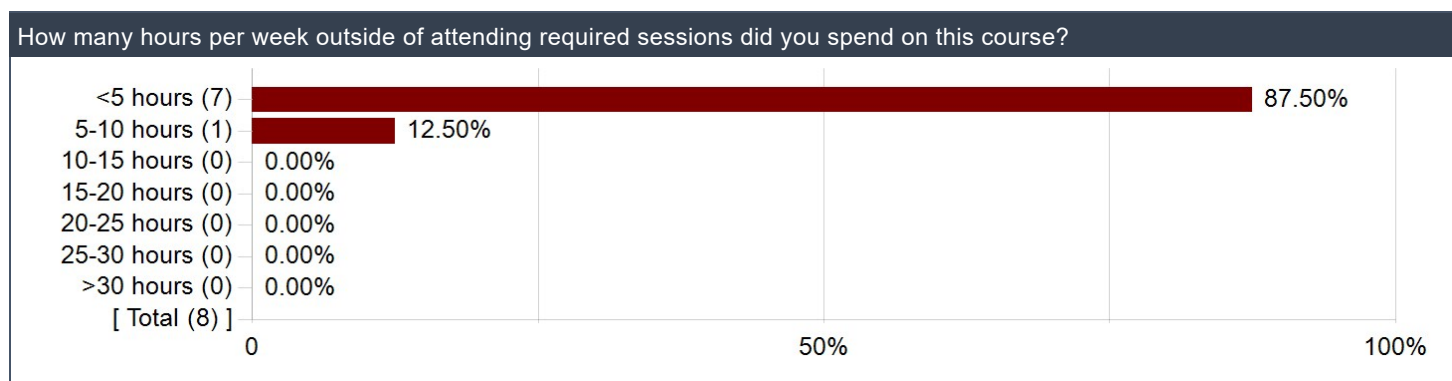
## Now that this class is over, your interest is?



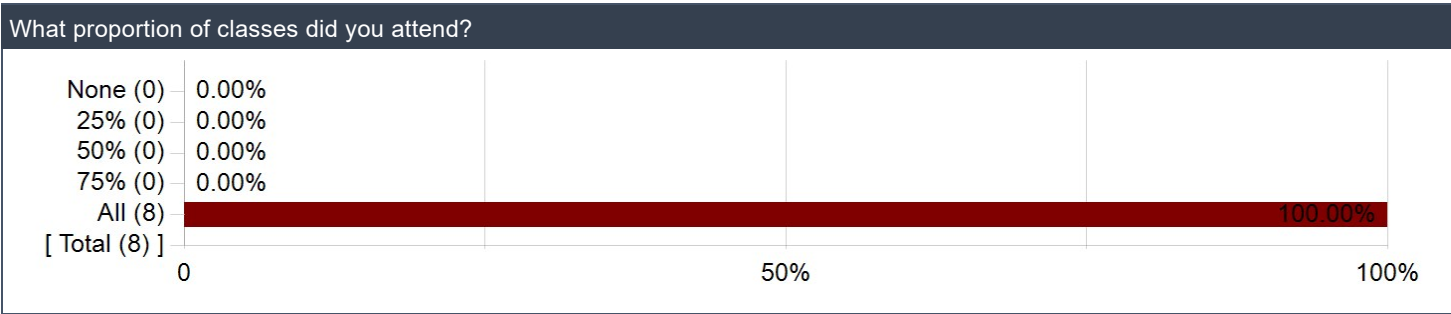
## Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



## 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 class is very friendly to anyone. You don't have to be experienced in film or moving images. For those concerned about time commitment, you will spend less than 5 hours a week outside of class on average.
I had no background in film and found this course to be very accessible
Not difficult with no film background, besides interest in the subject.
Very chill class to fulfill your art core. We had three 750–1000 word blog post papers that were pretty chill and those were the only major assignments.
appropriate for me with limited film background, good level of challenge (did not feel oversimplified, but not excessively difficult)
not too bad
I had no background in film studies, but the class wasn't challenging work-wise.