



# HUMA 14100 9 - Reading Cultures: Collection, Travel, Exchange II - Instructor(s): Valerie Levan

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

Number Enrolled: **16**

Number of Responses: **10**

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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 how to write introductions and how to evaluate claims authors make in their texts. I read a lot of books with important diverse perspectives and strengthened my ability to make an argument.
How to do close reading
Culture and traveling.
I learned how to make my reader interested in my writing by contextualizing it in a problem of the text as well as how to structure an introduction in this manner (stasis, destabiliation, claim).
I've nearned how to analyse texts carefully doing close reading and to write an analysis
I learned how to identify problems in the text and set up arguments that acknowledge and resolve these issues.
I think my writing overall improved, and I think a big thing that I learned from this course was to be open to books that I probably would not have picked up otherwise. It has really opened my mind to embracing different cultures' stories.
Structuring essays

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

Comments
Discussions were the most important to understanding the contents of the reading assignments and practicing close reading skills essential to our papers. Writing seminars helped to also practice the writing skills our teacher wanted us to implement.
The discussions and writing seminars contributed to my learning
Discussions.
It might have been just our section, but I think the lectures were the most interesting. Although they were device-free, I think they led to better conversations.
the discussions in class were very interesting, the professor is very good, and every student seemed to be interested in the topic. The weekly discussion post were interesting too, and not very long.
The discussion section was a great way to interpret the text as well as build on the learning of other students.
The discussions were very helpful, because they encouraged me to analyze the text better than I would have/did on my own, and it was very enlightening hearing what my peers had to say as well. The professor also did a great job with prompting our conversations with her questions.
Writing seminar was very helpful

## Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.56	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	44.44%	55.56%
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.	4.56	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	22.22%	66.67%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%
I felt respected in this class.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%

### Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Professor Levan is amazing! You will learn so much from her. She is so sweet and helpful and always presents something interesting for the class. Difficult course but it's 100% worth it!!!
There is a lot of reading involved especially on days where there is only one day in between. It was difficult at times to read the assigned readings on top of work from other courses.
Professor Levan is a great teacher!
This course is a lot of reading compared to other classes
The professors feedback on essays was very helpful

### 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
letting us rewrite essays was really important to my success
She let us all discuss together, adding her voice to the conversation only to help keep it going. She listened to any point anyone had and let us direct the majority of conversations. Her context from each book was super helpful and the assignments interesting (but difficult). The books were really interesting and didn't quite feel like coursework to read.
The discussion questions prior to coming to class contributed to most of my learning, as well as, the examples and discussions in class.
In-class discussion and instructor's feedback and office hours.
I think her manner of discussions where she leads us to a deeper understanding of elements of the text
The feedback for each paper was very helpful and helped me succeed in this course.
Professor Levan was extremely helpful in her office hours and provided great advice and feedback on writing assignments.
The teacher did an excellent job at promoting and prompting class discussions.
Discussing the texts

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

Comments
I think a sample essay for each assignment could really be helpful to see what level she's looking for. When practicing new styles of writing (like during this quarter) it is difficult for me to know what to do and how to do it "correctly". Of course, we need to make it our own but it would have been nice to have that sense of direction.
Sometimes it felt as though she was leading the discussion to get to a point of hers. If you had any contrasting opinions, she definitely did consider it. However, I think a bit more time to letting the students find problems as well would help.
the professor could perhaps be more clear in terms of expectations for each writing assignment
I think the instructor did an excellent job as is.
n/a

## 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.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	80.00%	20.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	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 course.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	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
Claire Palo. She was helpful in writing seminars to introduce us the writing skills. I think providing more examples of problems in the text to help us better understand which ones are good problems to tackle and which will are to broad, narrow, shallow, etc.
Claire

## The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	50.00%	25.00%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	4.25	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	3.75	3.50	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	25.00%	25.00%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.25	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	75.00%	25.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.25	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%	50.00%	0.00%

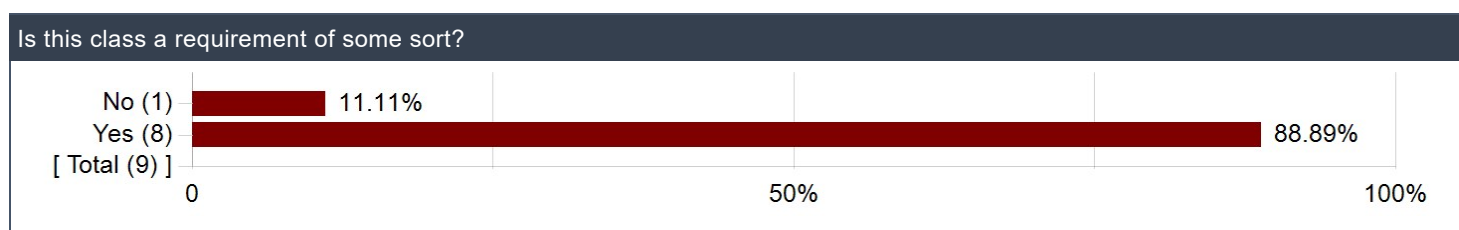
## How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	Mean	Median	No Gain	A Little Gain	Moderate Gain	Good Gain	Great Gain	N/A
Laboratory Experience	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Field Trips	3.67	4.00	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	14.29%	14.29%	57.14%
Library Sessions	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%
Review Sessions	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%
Writing Seminars	3.33	4.00	11.11%	22.22%	11.11%	33.33%	22.22%	0.00%

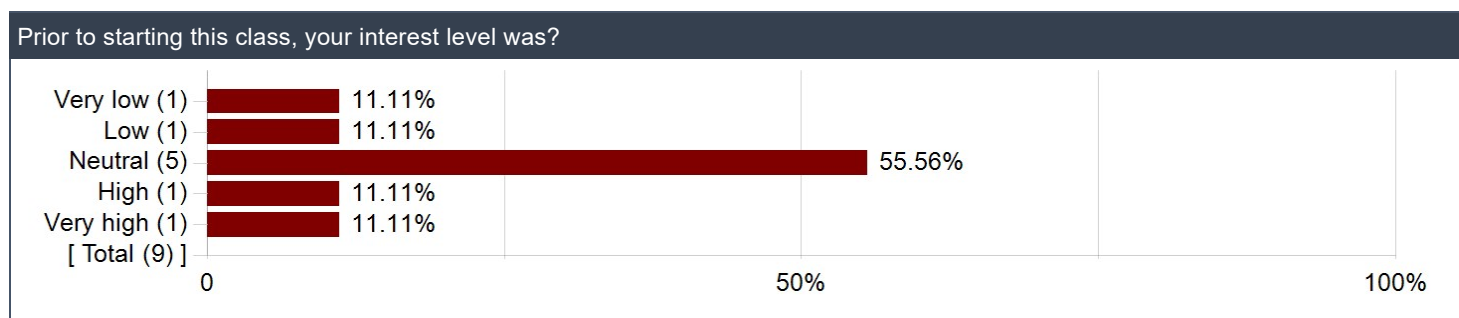
## Other course elements not mentioned above:

Comments
n/a

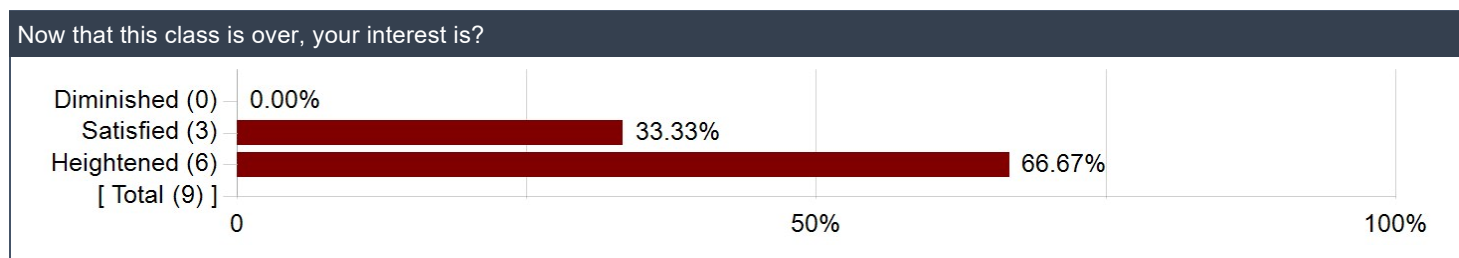
## Is this class a requirement of some sort?



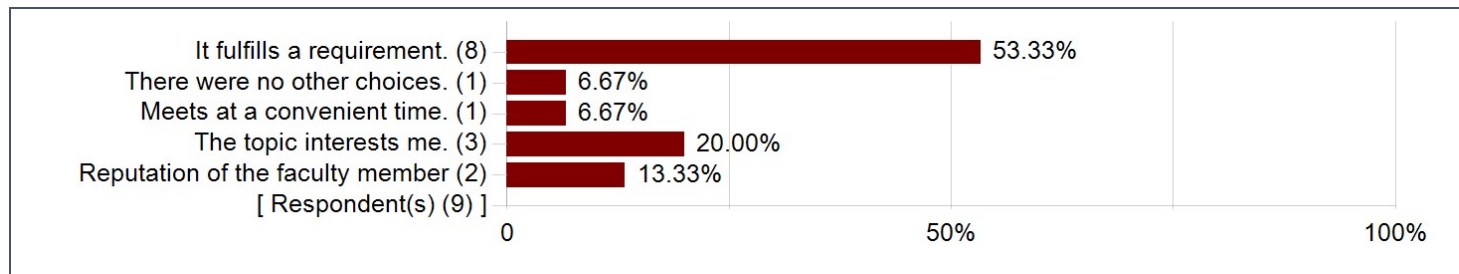
## Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



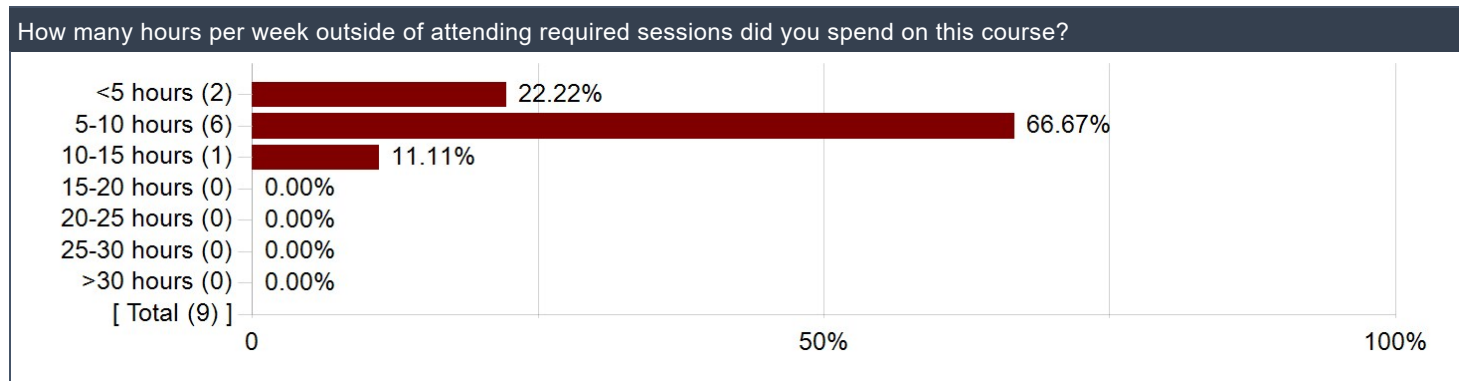
## Now that this class is over, your interest is?



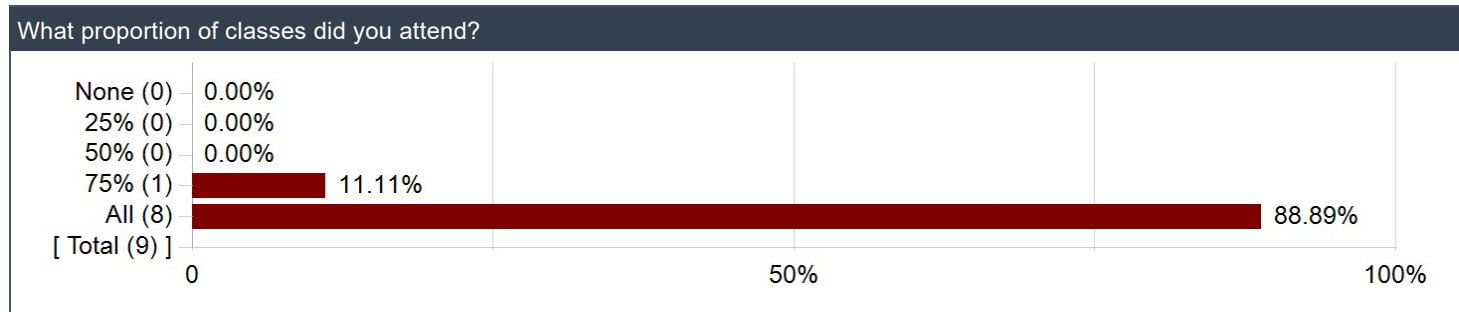
### Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



### 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
the professor did a great job. I felt the courseload was reasonable and like my work was graded fairly
Reading Cultures is probably a middle-tier HUM core in terms of difficulty, but I love love love Professor Levan. She is so amazing and will make the difference in your freshman year. I'm not the strongest writer but I always felt supported.
This course does not require any background
Not extremely difficult in comparison to AP Lit
Not difficult at all.
moderate