



# SOSC 11600 7 - Power, Identity, Resistance III - Instructor(s) - Jennifer Spruill

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

Number Enrolled: **19**

Number of Responses: **6**

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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
Power, identity, and resistance in Hegel, Nietzsche, Beauvoir, Fanon, and Korsgaard.
How to critically engage with several different theories at once. This class really taught me how to digest theory on Hobbes, Locke, etc and apply them to real life scenarios.
Recognition theory
Hegel's dialectics finally make sense, this concept is used everywhere and is extremely useful.

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

Comments
The lectures were great for gaining a better understanding of difficult texts, notably Hegel and Nietzsche.
The discussions and common place entries were fruitful. You really get to hear peoples interpretations of the reading and the way their experiences influence how they understand certain topics.
Discussions and office hours (Professor Spruill's OHs really help with papers)
Lectures were great to focalize reading concepts

## Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.40	5.00	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	0.00%	80.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	80.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%
I felt respected in this class.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%

## Additional comments about the course:

Comments
In my opinion, the course took a significant downturn in its final quarter. We moved from texts that actually focused on the social and economic structure of society to far more abstract and philosophical ones. This may appeal to some, but this is not what I thought I had signed up for when I chose the power sequence.
no need to have any Marx background, but its helpful since you'll be reading him and several other theorists.
This was my third quarter with Professor Spruill taking PIR and I really enjoyed it. She is a great instructor and really knows how to conduct the class. I especially liked this quarter because we could choose our own case and analyze it on our paper. I like it because it allowed me to think about what we were talking about in class in the context of a situation I was very interested in learning about.

## I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	0.00%	100.00%
Anyone interested in the topic	20.00%	80.00%

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

Comments
Lectures and group work
Small-group discussions in class
Spruill is wonderful! She's an intense professor who really expects the most out of all her students. I really respected her and her knowledge of the texts.
Discussions.
She was very attentive and respectful to students.

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

Comments
Better understanding of essay prompts
For the previous quarters, we were usually given the choice between a few prompts for our projects. I much preferred this to the structure this quarter, where we had to answer the same prompt for both the midterm and final project.
On the very last day of class we had an open discussion about the material and I really enjoyed that day. I wish we could have had more days like that. Professor Spruill normally creates activities for students to work in small groups, but I think that sometimes that would limit our work to focus only on the assignment and not on understanding the material from a broader perspective.
Readings are too long, hard to read when other classes are also too busy.

## The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
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.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	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.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	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.

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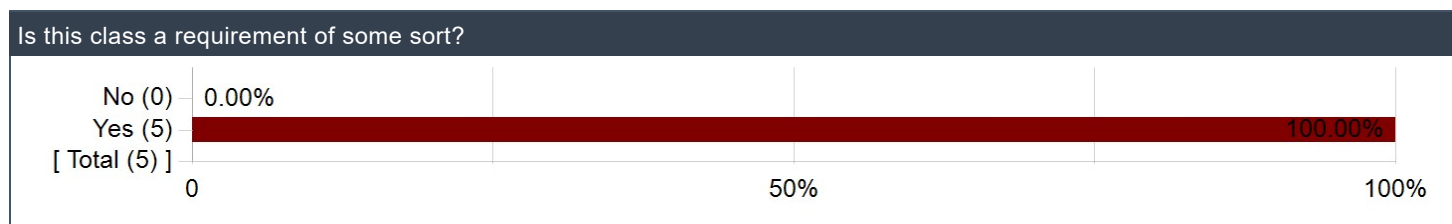
## The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	50.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%
Challenged you to learn.	1.00	1.00	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	2.00	2.00	50.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	2.00	2.00	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

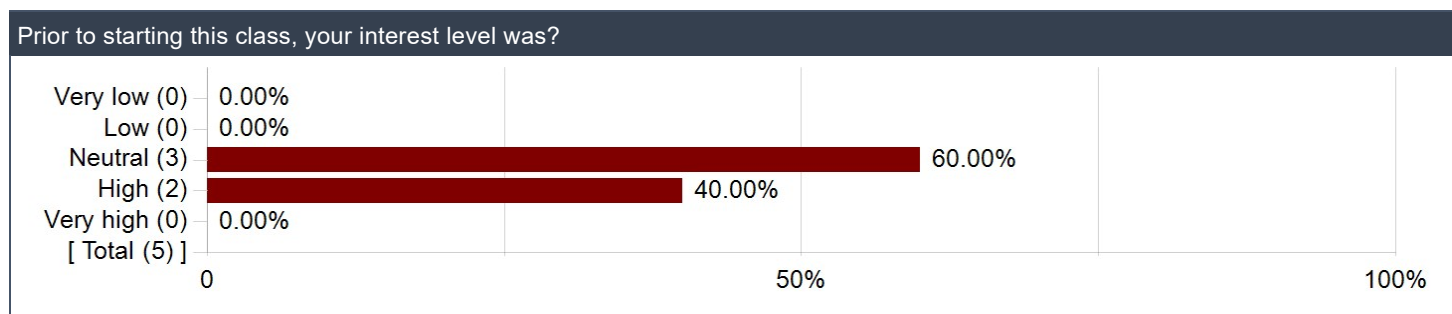
## How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	2.00	2.00	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

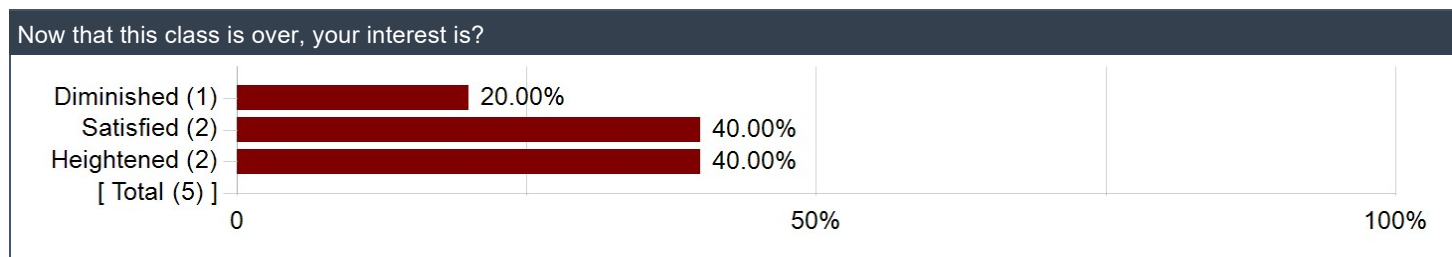
## Is this class a requirement of some sort?



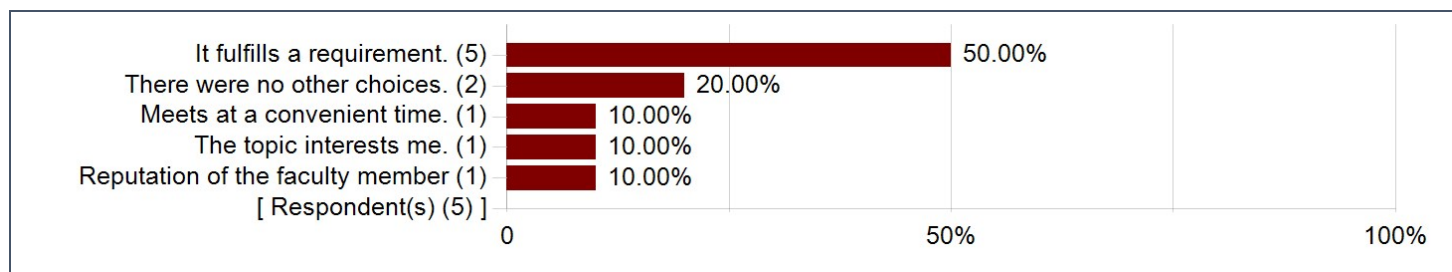
## Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



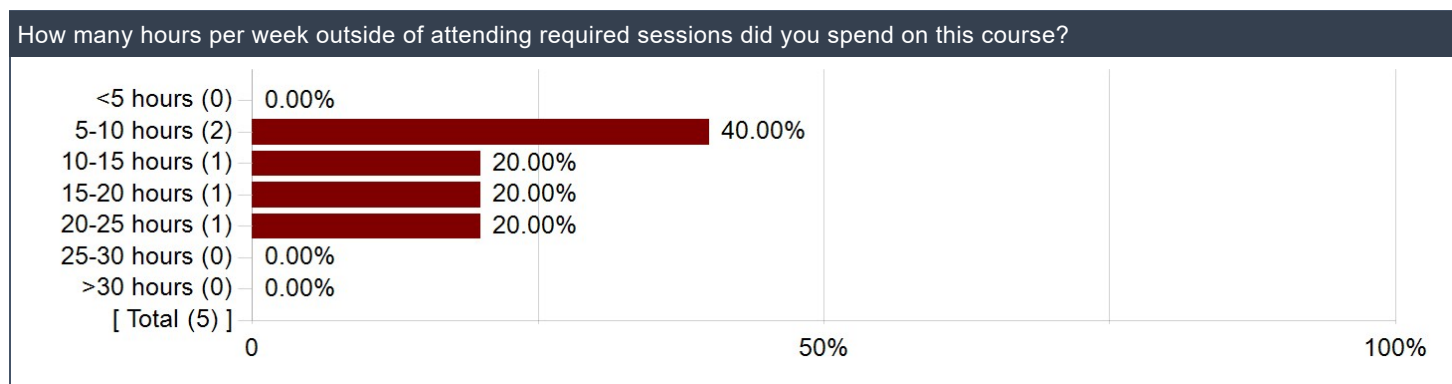
## Now that this class is over, your interest is?



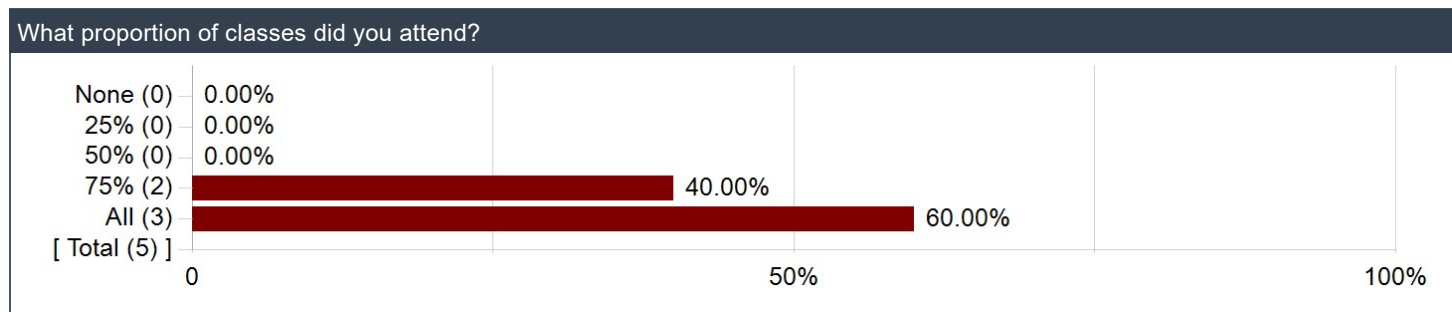
## Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



## 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 is very challenging but Spruill is great – she gives you the tools to understand difficult texts and we analyze our readings each class to gain a better understanding of what is going on.
This class required about the same amount of involvement as the previous two in the sequence; however, there is a very significant shift in course material that I found to be jarring.
Take this course, it is great. And Professor Spruill very passionate about what she does, so I really recommend her for PIR