



HUMA 11500 8 - Philosophical Perspectives I - Instructor(s): John Proios

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

Number Enrolled: **19**

Number of Responses: **10**

Report Comments

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

Creation Date: **Friday, February 2, 2024**

What are the most important things that you learned in this course? Please reflect on the knowledge and skills you gained.

Comments
how to write concisely while also not missing any details/making assumptions
I learned how to analyze ancient philosophy texts with more precision.
Through this course, I learned about Plato's and Aristotle's texts, among others. In reading these texts, I learned of various interpretations of knowledge, happiness, and virtuous life. This course taught me to read and interpret old texts in a critical and reflective manner.
I learned how to think on a much deeper level and increased the effectiveness of my reflection process because of this course.
What is going on in Aristotle's and Socrate's mind (not everything but at least I learned something)
Learned important thinking and writing skills.
how to read philosophical texts and do argument reconstruction/evaluation
goodness of the soul, the good, happiness, etc. great reflections!
Think critically, read philosophical texts, etc
How to debate the strengths and weaknesses of a philosopher's argument.

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

Comments
the discussions helped clarify and answer things I was confused about/wondered about in the readings. I loved listening to my classmates' thoughts too.
I thought that the informal style of the lectures helped me understand the material much better than I otherwise would have. There were no labs or discussion sections.
Class was comprised of a mixture of lectures and discussions. These both greatly contributed to my comprehension of more difficult texts. I often walked out of class with a greater understanding of themes and ideas from convoluted passages.
The discusses that took place are consistent with the expectations that somebody has when they apply to The College. The readings were reasonable, the discussions were well facilitated, and the resources were world class.
The discussions in classes are amazing. Writing seminars on the other hand is not as helpful to the understanding of course materials as classes does, but they help clarify the essay requirements
The discussions were insightful and interesting.
discussions and writing seminars are really helpful
everything was great, from weekly presentations to the papers.
The group-based discussion, while a bit slow at some points (by the time everyone is a bit tired with the readings), showed itself pretty lively and valuable at some points, and those were the situations in which I felt like I was gaining the most insight on the topic
Class discussions contributed the most to my learning. Hearing everyone's opinion on the text, along with the professors provided me with insight that I found more valuable than anything else we did.

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.	4.56	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	44.44%	55.56%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.20	4.50	0.00%	10.00%	10.00%	30.00%	50.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	20.00%	70.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	10.00%	80.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	80.00%
I felt respected in this class.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	30.00%	70.00%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Strongly recommend! The texts serve as a wonderful introduction to philosophy without being too difficult. Great for a student who wants to get a taste of very important and substantial literature in a way that ensures deep comprehension.
great materials, but only suitable for those who are prepared to read five pages in 2 hours
The professor usually made us delve deep into specific questions and passages of the texts, which, in my opinion, made learning much more pleasant

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	0.00%	100.00%
Anyone interested in the topic	10.00%	90.00%

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

Comments
he facilitated the discussions well in an organized way
The instructor's clear and easy-to-follow lecture style made it easy for me to understand themes and ideas within the text.
The facilitated discussions.
Professor Proios is amazing and charismatic! He is fun, though not explicitly, and he asks a lot of questions to promote thinking. He understands A LOT about his materials and is tolerant towards different ideas.
facilitating discussions
his open-mindedness!
Guiding us through the logic of the arguments presented and making us talk to each other.
He made sure the discussions were led by the class but did not stray too far off from the subject matter.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
nothing that I can think of
Often, the instructor was most concerned with ensuring we all understood the basic summary of texts. While this was central to understanding, it prevented us from analyzing different means of observing the text.
Nothing
Provide more feedback and spend more time on interesting discussions in class.
N/A
nothing, it was a great class.
I felt that, sometimes, time management on the topics we were discussing could be a little better so that we could equally cover everything, but that is a minor issue.
More instruction on how to write a philosophy paper well.

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.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	0.00%	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.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	80.00%	10.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	20.00%	70.00%	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.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	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
Katie Howe was phenomenal in her facilitation of writing seminars and feedback.
Katie. She provided good feedback for my work and is kind and patient.
Katie Howe. Discussions during writing seminars and comments on paper drafts were really helpful

The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	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.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	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.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%

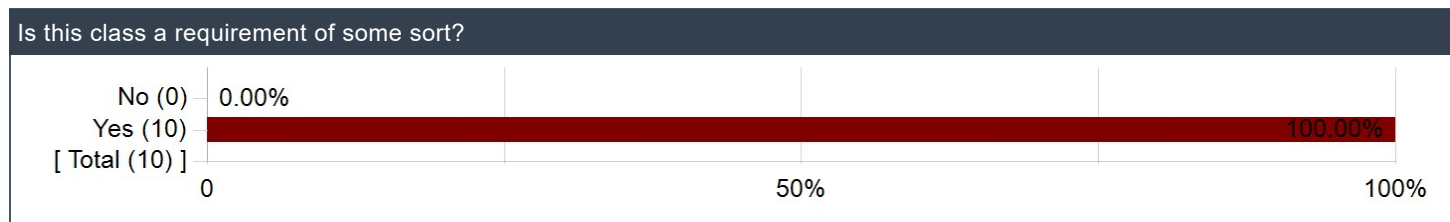
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%
Library Sessions	3.75	4.00	0.00%	12.50%	0.00%	25.00%	12.50%	50.00%
Review Sessions	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Writing Seminars	4.44	5.00	0.00%	11.11%	0.00%	22.22%	66.67%	0.00%

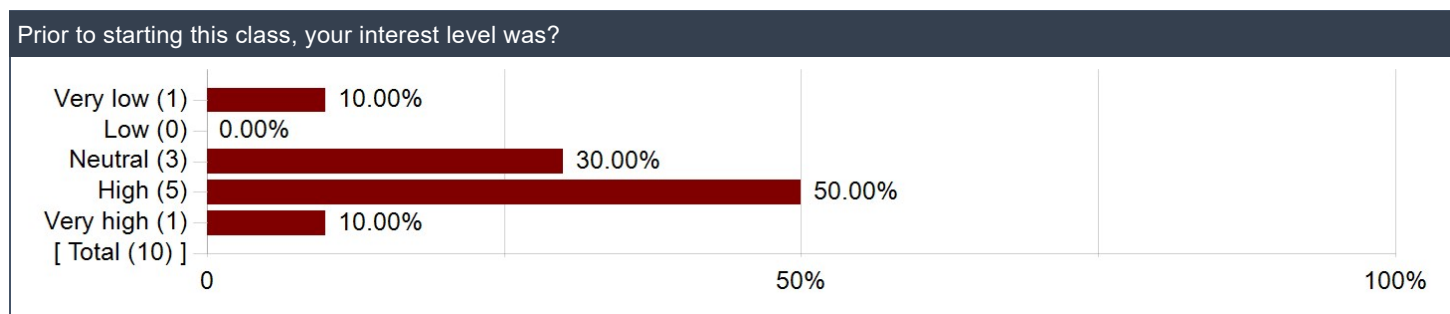
Other course elements not mentioned above:

Comments
NA
The writing seminar in this course feels somehow disconnected from the course materials, but Katie is great

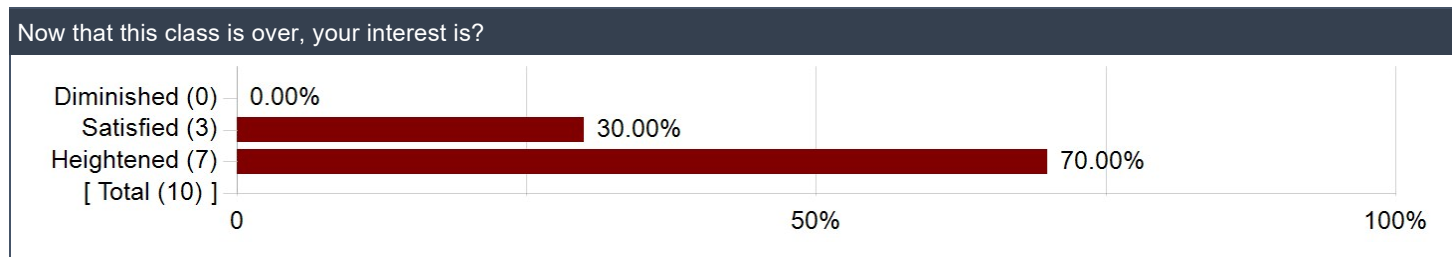
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



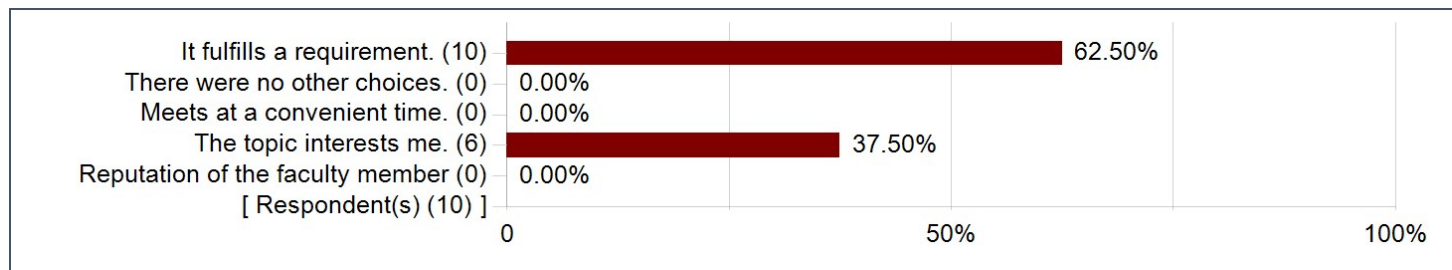
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



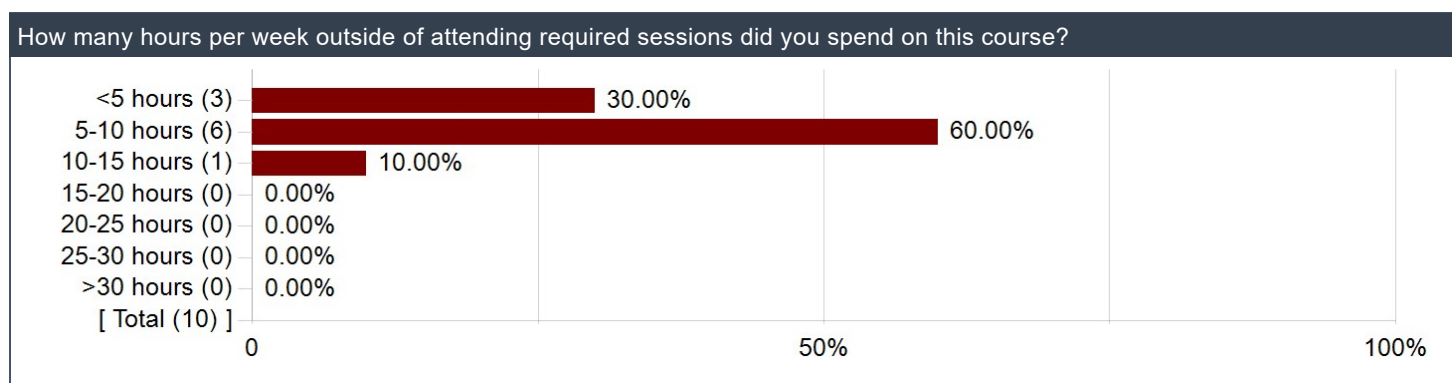
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



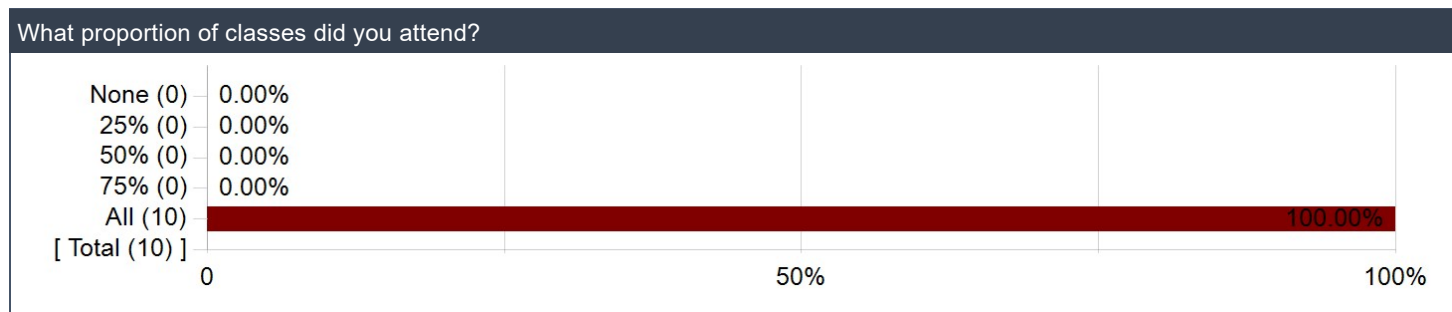
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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 text can be difficult to understand and often i had to read some passages 2–3 times to fully understand, but if you put in the effort it's not too difficult
It was somewhat easier for me than expected but I have studied some philosophy before.
This course was a moderate level of difficulty. It encouraged me to expand my knowledge, work ethic, and learning style. However, it did not force me out of a comfort zone that prevented me from absorbing knowledge.
7.5/10
the overall difficulty is completely manageable and there are some difficult things that you can challenge yourself with
A bit Intellectually challenging but extremely manageable
Was very friendly for new students in the field of philosophy.