



SOSC 12500 24 - Self, Culture, and Society II - Instructor(s): Anirban Karak

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

Number Enrolled: **15**

Number of Responses: **4**

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, March 28, 2024**

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

Comments
I thought all of our readings were extremely relevant to helping us understand the world we live in and its power structures. I think everything I learned was important.
I learned about what it means to be an individual in society. This meant learning about the history of racism, sexism, and neurosis. I learned how to gain understanding from large chunks of text in quick amounts of time.
I learned a lot about the role of oneself in society, and how the ideas of such have changed over time and across different cultures, genders, and races with a great emphasis on their psychoanalytic origins and implicaitons.

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

Comments
Class is very helpful because he teaches us but also we need to engage, so that makes it more helpful.
Lectures contributed to learning by summarizing main points and connecting content to every day experiences.
The lectures helped the most as they pinpointed the key factors discussed in the many texts that we discussed throughout the quarter. The readings were quite diverse and helped with understanding many themes of the course from different perspectives. The assignments helped to reinforce the ideas discussed in the lectures and encouraged us to identify the many implications within them.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.25	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%	50.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	50.00%	25.00%
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.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
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.	4.00	5.00	25.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	75.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.00	4.50	0.00%	25.00%	0.00%	25.00%	50.00%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
I highly recommend taking this course!! The texts are very fun and interesting and my understanding of why I behave in society has greatly improved.
If you are student who is deeply uncomfortable with the use of the n slur particularly by people who are/have not been historically affected by the racial slur, I do not recommend taking this course with Professor Karak. When reading Fanon he doubles down on his usage of the slur while reading/explaining the text despite concerns and extends an invitation to other students to say it as well when dealing with the text. Effectively, creating a very uncomfortable and unpleasant learning experience for such important texts.
He also assigns a 2400 word in person essay final (divided between a few questions) which may not be the best assessment for some.

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
His lectures/ how he led class discussions
The professor's lectures were very very helpful. He did an amazing job making sure we all understand the messages, motives, and main ideas of the texts we read.
The teacher's lectures helped the most as they streamlined many of the readings' complex ideas into understandable chunks. Also, his use of group discussion and presentations was appreciated as it facilitated breaks of interaction that added to the overall discussion of the topics.

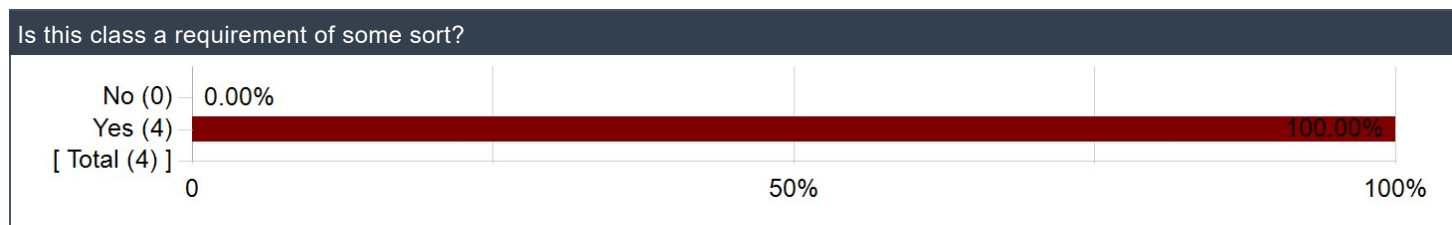
What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
I think he could adopt more techniques for facilitating class discussion when we aren't talking a lot. He did start doing breakout small discussions this quarter which I think helped.
The prompts for essays were confusing at times. I wish he stated his standards more explicitly and provided greater explanations of his prompts.
Some in-class preparation activities for the final exam would be helpful (in-class writing with time limit).

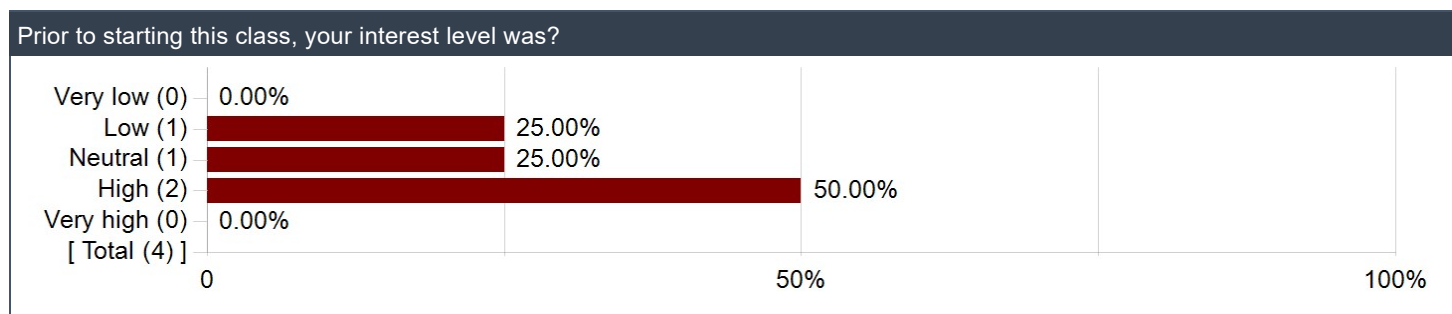
The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	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.	4.25	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	0.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	0.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	0.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	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.	4.00	5.00	25.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.25	5.00	0.00%	25.00%	0.00%	0.00%	75.00%	0.00%

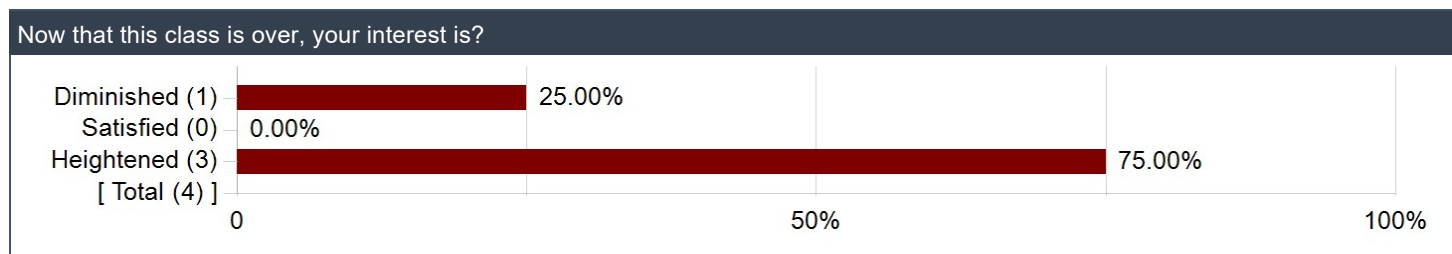
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



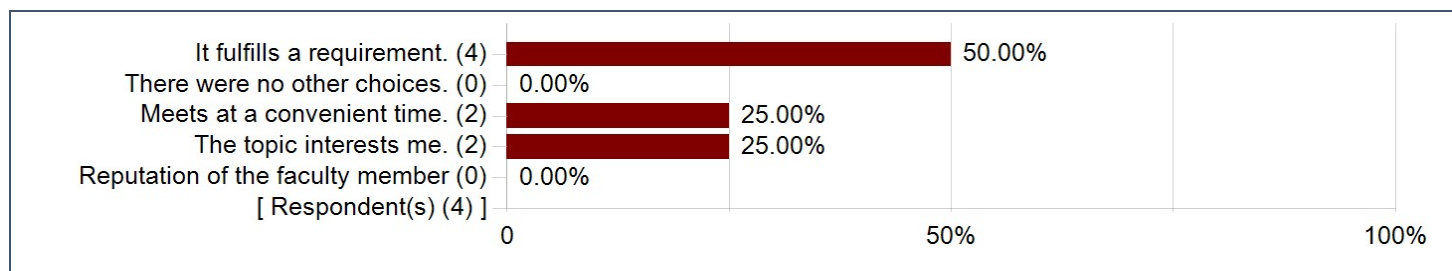
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



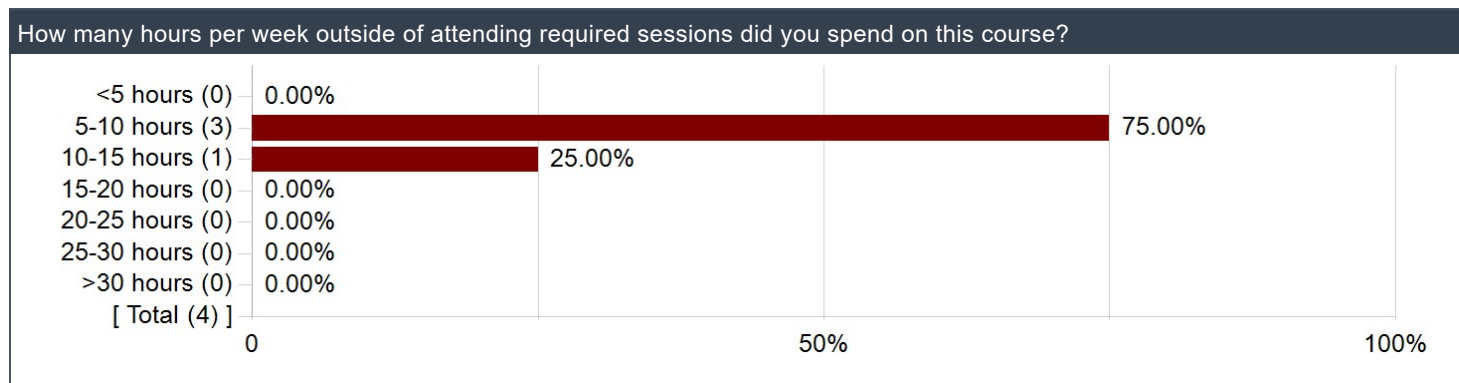
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



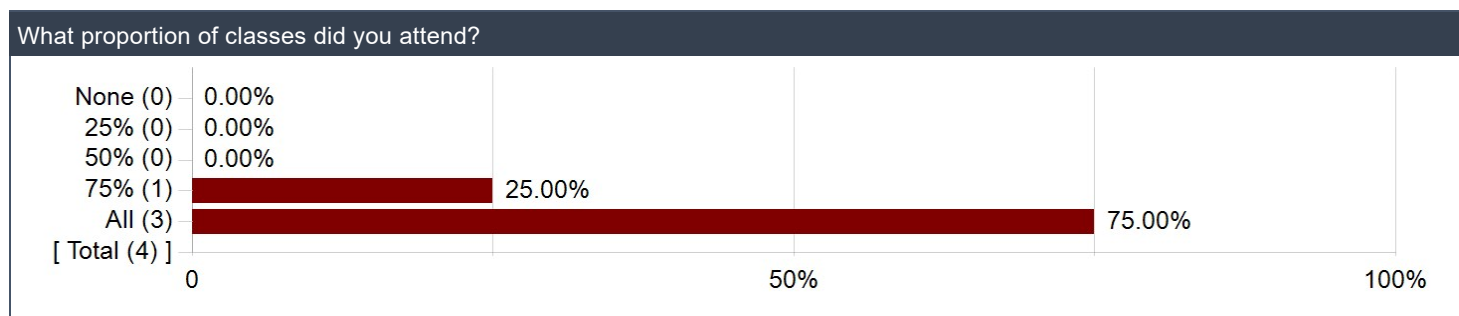
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
It was difficult but rewarding. 7/10 difficulty
This course was very doable! I think a lot of this was thanks to the professor. The texts themselves were long but could be understood with time.
I would say the course is moderately challenging on an intellectual level since I am unfamiliar with this topic area.