SOSC 14200 9 - Mind II - Instructor(s): Wilma Bainbridge

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

Number Enrolled: **19**
Number of Responses: **15**

Report Comments

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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
neural networks, how to analyze dense scientific research
How to read research papers and synthesis information
How to read social science research papers and look at topics from different levels of analysis.
I learned about how mechanisms of the mind work, and how they're all interconnected with each other.
Mechanisms for phenomenon in the brain and social world.
Learned some more things about psychology and the mind. Topics included stress, reading, circadian rhythms, epigenetics, memory, group behavior, social environment, etc. I enjoyed learning more about human behavior and thought patterns.
How different mechanisms work to produce the mind.
Learned more about the mechanisms behind certain cognitive phenomena and different research methods
mechanisms in mind

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

Comments
The discussions are quite interesting, but the lectures can seem a little scattered/unrelated at times.
Discussions weren't bad and some of the lectures were interesting
The discussion posts helped me reflect on the material, so I could understand fully what was going on. The lectures were very interesting, and they kept me engaged. The discussions of the class really made me think deeper about each topic of each week, and they were very helpful in my understandings of the topics.
Lectures were nice and gave introduction to the readings needed to complete discussion posts.
The lectures could be interesting or boring depending on the lecturer and the topic being discussed. Some lectures were more helpful than others. The discussions were fine; basically everyone was doing other work the whole time during discussion.
professor bainbridge allowed everyone the opportunity to talk in class and feel respected
I really liked the articles we read, but most were concise but brought in an outside example of what was learned in lecture and deepened my understanding
the weekly lectures were interesting, but I really appreciated professor bainbridge's faciliation of our class discussions – they were so interesting and I love how we connected outside topics to what we were learning in a very natural way.
weekly essays that we wrote on lectures and readings were helpful in learning about different mechanisms

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	3.92	4.00	0.00%	15.38%	7.69%	46.15%	30.77%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.54	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	46.15%	53.85%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.46	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	53.85%	46.15%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.38	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	61.54%	38.46%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.54	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	46.15%	53.85%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.54	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	46.15%	53.85%
I felt respected in this class.	4.77	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	23.08%	76.92%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.54	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	46.15%	53.85%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Was super great – prof was great
The professors pretend that each quarter of Mind has a theme, but they are all basically themeless, not that it really matters.
I loved Prof Bainbridge and thought she did an excellent job teaching —- she would allow for everyone to speak, which I appreciated and allowed us to learn from our mistakes since she gave us very detailed feedback. I also liked how she led the discussion, which she balanced very well with letting the students lead too
professor bainbridge was incredibly nice – she was great at making the discussions fun and I always felt respected in the class. she gave very good feedback and we know how we were doing in the class at times (had points for participation, weekly discussion posts – all this was posting on a weekly basis so we had a numerical grade at all time). the expectations for the participation were super clearly laid out in the rubric. she also gave really great feedback on the discussion posts!

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
prof bainbridge was excellent at letting discussion reach new aspects while still keeping focus on the week's overarching themes
They led discussions that were interesting without asking too much of us
The discussion questions she would ask in class helped facilitate the aspects of the lecture we should focus on.
I think she was very kind and open to hearing all of our opinions. She facilitated discussion well and was very clear about grading policies.
Prof. Bainbridge was a good discussion leader because she tried to get the students to do most of the talking and wouldn't impose her own ideas on everyone else. She was knowledgeable and brought up interesting discussion topics. She also lets everyone use computers which is good.
Wilma was so sweet and lead such good discussion lead. Listened to everyones thoughts so well.
Dr. Bainbridge always made really insightful comments in class, making me think about the readings and their applications in new ways.
The detailed feedback each week was so thoughtful and extensive. I also really appreciated the organization of the course, since she did an amazing job of communicating her expectations and providing us all of the support we needed
the class discussions were great for solidifying material. each week, we had discussion leaders who briefly went over each article and then we spent half the class time discussing each article. the class was ran really smoothly and I always participated because it was fun to and not because I had to. given that it is sometimes a bit harder to know the expectations in a humanities course, the professor was super transparent with this and it made the class a really great experience since we knew where we could/had to improve. her office hours were also really nice – she gave very helpful feedback for the final paper!
discussions were helpful

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Nothing really.
Not much. Maybe some additional context regarding a topic each week could be provided, but it's not really necessary.
Nothing!
nothing – everything in the course was great!
Nothing

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.77	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	23.08%	76.92%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	23.08%	69.23%	7.69%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.85	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	15.38%	84.62%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.85	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	15.38%	84.62%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.69	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	7.69%	15.38%	76.92%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.85	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	15.38%	84.62%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.69	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	30.77%	69.23%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.77	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	23.08%	76.92%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.85	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	15.38%	84.62%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.77	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	23.08%	76.92%	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
Mia Thacker. They were helpful
Mia Thacker was the writing assistant for our class, and she was very approachable. The workshop we did was helpful, and aided my writing.
Mia Thacker. Mia was also very kind and available to meet with. Gives good constructive critisism.
Mia led a writing workshop that was useless, but that's not Mia's fault. Mia provided helpful comments when I sent my final paper draft.
Mia Thacker was excellent and always available for feedback. I really appreciated all of the time and effort they put into each student
mia was our writing assistant – she was always prompt to emails and her feedback for the final paper was really helpful!

The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	4.20	5.00	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%	16.67%	50.00%	16.67%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	4.20	5.00	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%	16.67%	50.00%	16.67%
Challenged you to learn.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	50.00%	33.33%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	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	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	3.00	3.00	16.67%	16.67%	33.33%	16.67%	16.67%	0.00%

Other course elements not mentioned above:

Comments
The participating in a study requirement (SONA credit min) gave a brief look into what psychology research is like.

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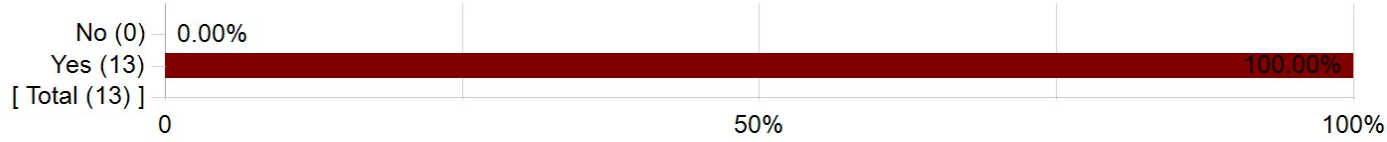

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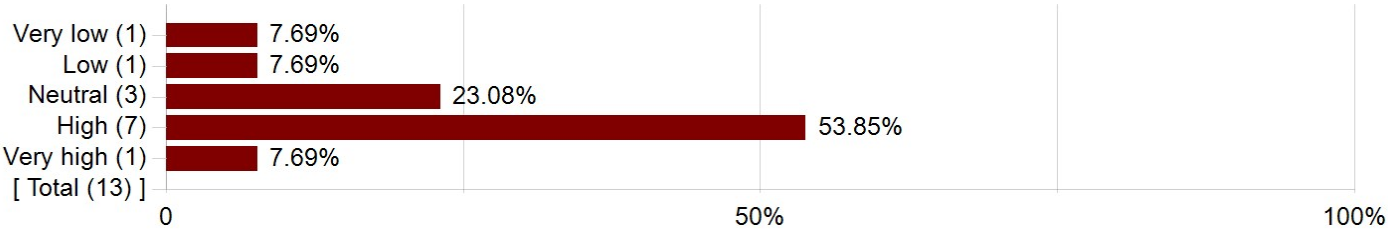

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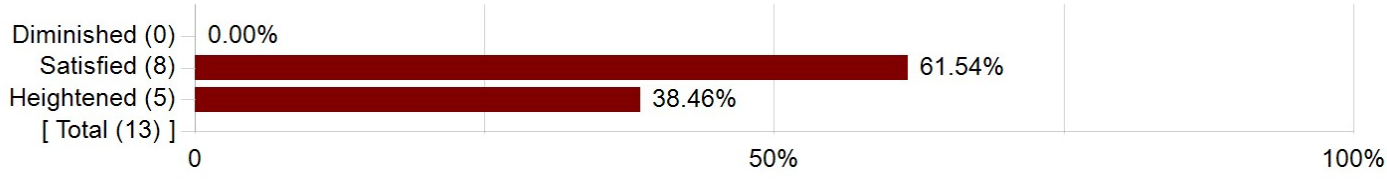
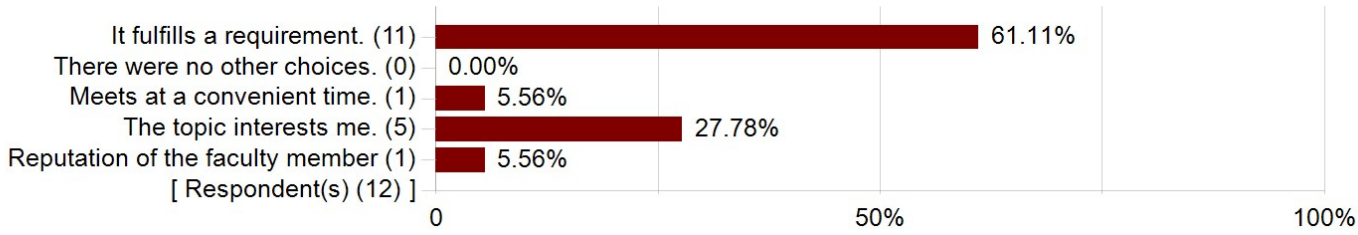


Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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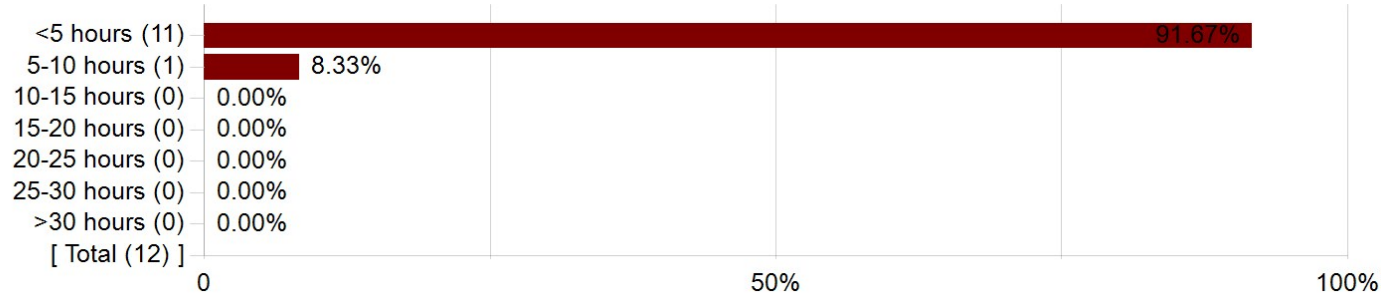

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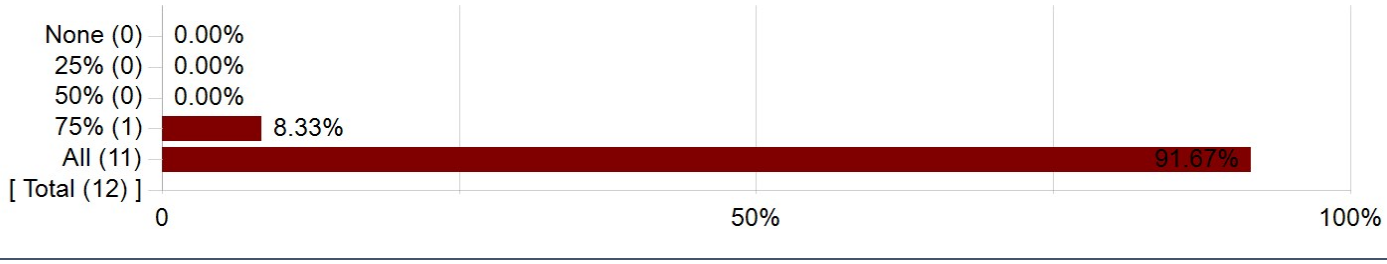

Please comment on the level of difficulty of the course relative to your background and experience.

Comments
Easy
It is an easy course
didn't really have any background for the material of this course (mainly neural psychology) but the material was really accessible. the lectures were digestible and the class discussions were at a super appropriate level where we deepened our understanding but didn't get lost in the complicated details. overall, this course was good but definitely because of the professor – she was just super. the transparency with expectations and welcoming environment just made the whole course really enjoyable. her feedback was also super specific and stuff we could apply effectively to the next assignment! I would highly recommend any class with professor bainbridge!
relatively easy but very interesting core course, for someone who had no background in psychology.