



HUMA 11600 12 - Philosophical Perspectives II - Instructor(s): Daniel Wyche

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

Number Enrolled: **18**

Number of Responses: **8**

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
How to discuss philosophy and different topics in religious philosophy.
I loved this course. I have always been interested by philosophy, but I think Daniel really made a difference in fostering this interest further. I further honed my capacity for argument reconstruction, as well as approaching philosophical texts from both a more humanistic standpoint and from a more critical/analytical standpoint.
I learned about epistemology, self-knowledge, rationality, empiricism, and skepticism. I also developed me skills in understanding and analyzing philosophical arguments.
The importance of epistemology in how we can, and often should, live our lives.
I learned how to carefully and precisely digest texts and how to bring my own ideas into their discussion in class.

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

Comments
Lectures were rare, but were helpful in understanding the material
Our class discussions were all incredibly interesting and I was always excited to go to class. My only negative comment would be that we spoke too much in small groups for my taste.
In-class and online discussions fleshed out the arguments made in the readings (which were very dense) and allowed me to comprehend them in a more nuanced fashion.
Seminars especially. Having discussions on the night's reading allowed me to fully understand what I lacked prior to going to that seminar.
Discussions have been very helpful because I was able to verbally express my ideas and argue with others that had different ideas .

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.14	5.00	0.00%	14.29%	14.29%	14.29%	57.14%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.43	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	28.57%	57.14%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.43	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	28.57%	57.14%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.29	5.00	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	28.57%	57.14%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.43	5.00	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	14.29%	71.43%
I felt respected in this class.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.33	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%	66.67%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
I highly recommend this course to everyone, even if you aren't particularly interesting in philosophy or even in the humanities. I think the topics we discuss in this course are all incredibly vital.
I loved this class.

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
Guided discussions were helpful, and the instructors insights helped me understand the material and engage with it.
I think Daniel did a really good job of gauging the class mood and adjusting lessons appropriately. He did a great job explaining difficult aspects of the readings, while also bringing in his own specific expertise to enhance our understanding of the texts. Additionally, he was amazing at dissecting complicated arguments with us as a class, so not only did we understand the readings further, but we understood better how to approach complex arguments ourselves.
The way he posed questions and engaged the class in the readings.
His questions which could build off of what a previous response was so our conversation could be stimulated. Or it could bring in new responses responding to a particular part of the question.
The fact that he always made sure that the opinions of everyone are heard and that he made himself available to talk outside the classroom.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Give more time to lecture, especially on the most essential concepts of the readings.
N/A
I think I would prefer it if there was more structure to conversations/more lecture to clearly illustrate the concepts in the book as I always find that helpful.
Some of the questions could have been more specific (for example, rather than "what does Descartes say about error", something more akin to "where does Descartes say error comes from"). At times the class was silent because they weren't very motivated in their answer.
Nothing
I think he was great and I wouldn't modify anything.

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.43	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	57.14%	42.86%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	57.14%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	57.14%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.43	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	28.57%	57.14%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	57.14%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.14	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	28.57%	42.86%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.43	5.00	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	14.29%	71.43%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	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
Nick Nurre
Nick Nurre I think he was really great at leading writing seminars!

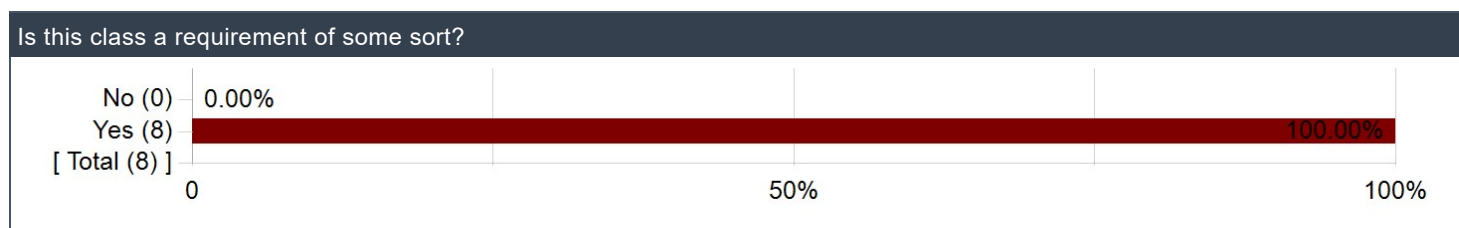
The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	3.00	3.00	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%	33.33%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	33.33%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	3.33	4.00	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%	66.67%	0.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	3.67	4.00	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	3.67	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	3.67	4.00	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	3.67	4.00	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	0.00%

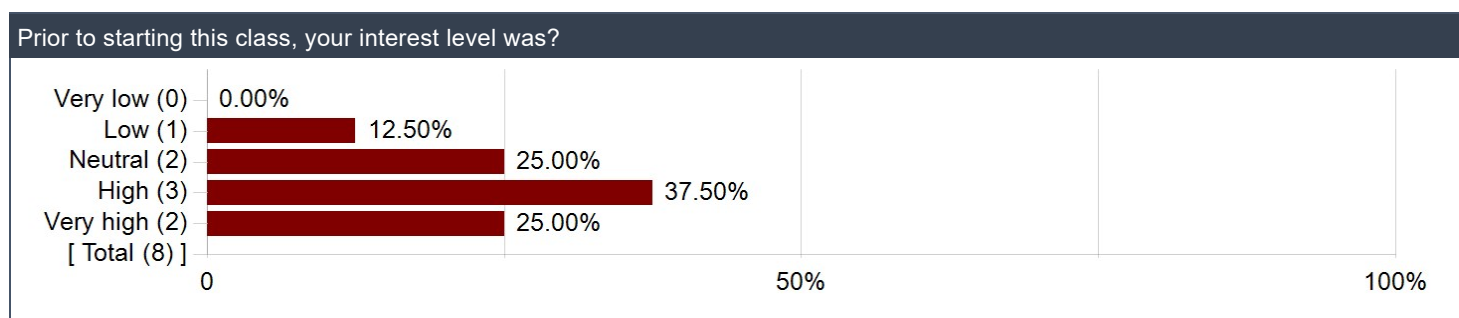
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	3.83	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	50.00%	16.67%	0.00%

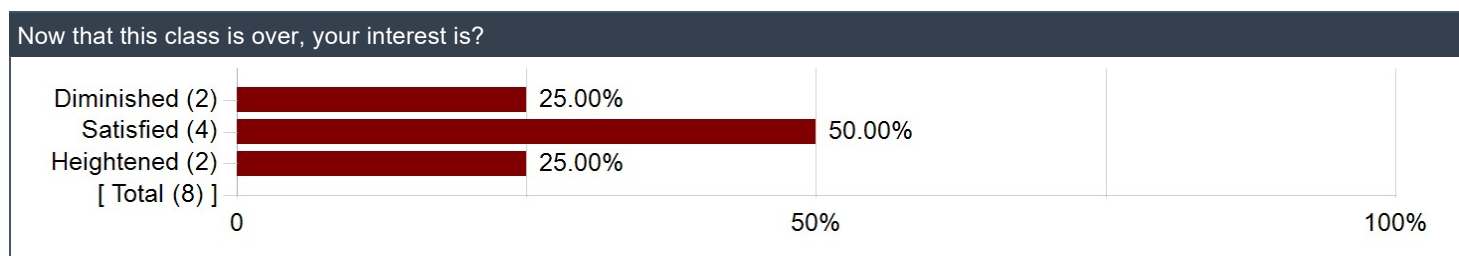
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



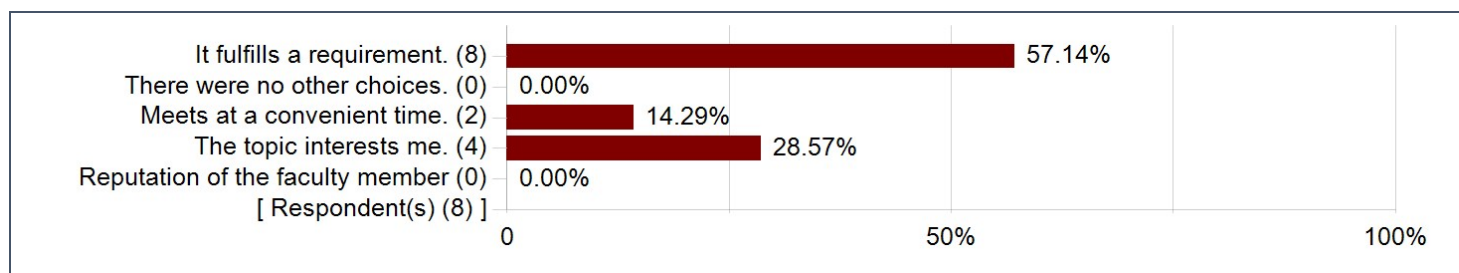
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



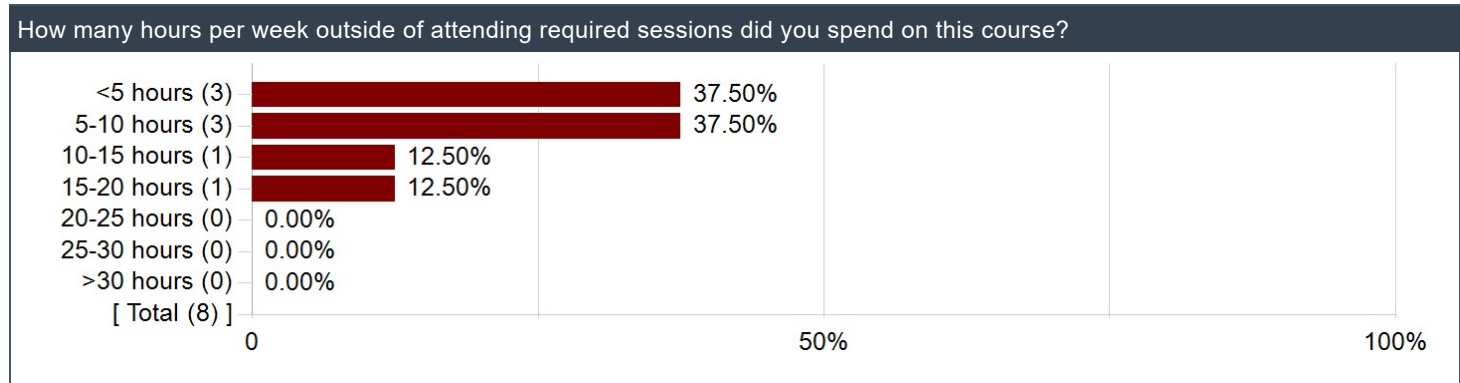
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



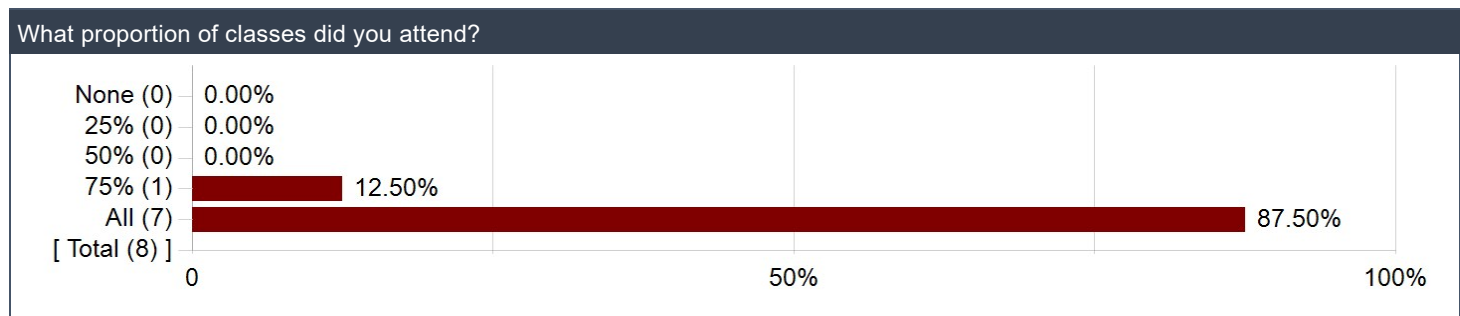
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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 felt very appropriately difficult, and I felt that resources for help were readily available should I need them.
Not difficult, welcoming to those who are confused.
Pretty easy
Rigorous
It was. Great introduction to the study of epistemology for me.