



HUMA 16100 7 - Media Aesthetics: Image, Text, Sound II - Instructor(s): Haitham Ibrahim

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

Number Enrolled: **19**

Number of Responses: **15**

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 was particularly interested by signal, signifier, and object. I think the concept of how language behaves in systems, and is arbitrary depending on the environment really put things in perspective for me. I do believe that though at times the knowledge in this class appears to be intangible, the thought processes are provoking and have real-life applications.
how to look and think of language
The system theories which it is very helpful and applicable in real life.
analyzing language as a medium
I gained a new perspective on viewing media that I wouldn't have realized otherwise.
The most important thing learned was that language just shapes our entire reality and thought process.
systems theory, various theories on language, how to closely analyze media
You learn about the fundamentals of language and speech
The most important things I learned in this course concern the systems theory, which explains every aspect of life and has allowed me to understand how various systems in the world interact. Overall, it has completely shifted my perspective regarding interactions and relationships.
The constructive nature of text and writing in media; the importance of not giving a text a fixed interpretation; the relationship between speech, memory, and writing.

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

Comments
I think that the writing seminars are a more intimate way to gain feedback on essays that may otherwise not be touched upon in class.
office hours are the best
The lectures were really helpful in understanding the readings/movies better.
discussions were extremely helpful – taking notes and looking back on the different perspectives of my peers was useful.
The discussions during class were very helpful to understand the different concepts and how they relate to media.
This class was the most interesting I've had at the university so far. Professor Ibrahim is the very best!
discussions were really helpful and fully student led
Class discussions were the most helpful
The discussions were extremely engaging and they always proved to bolster my understanding of the dense theories that we read. Also, the movies that we watched also put theories into action such that they were easier to grasp after watching these movies.
In-class discussions are really helpful and always fun, and office hours are also great I strengthening my understanding

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.62	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	38.46%	61.54%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.69	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	30.77%	69.23%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.54	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	46.15%	53.85%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.69	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	30.77%	69.23%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.46	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	7.69%	38.46%	53.85%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.62	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	38.46%	61.54%
I felt respected in this class.	4.69	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	7.69%	15.38%	76.92%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.69	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	7.69%	15.38%	76.92%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Professor is amazing!
super hard
Very interesting course. It wasn't what I was expecting but it turned out to be very interesting and engaging.
prof. ibrahim is the best hum instructor! he always facilitates all discussions in the class and is very passionate about what he teaches – he made the class manageable for me
essay grades improved this quarter, difficult concepts but essays were short and prompts were simple
I greatly appreciate Professor Ibrahim's passion and commitment in each class, which contributed to extremely engaging discussions, allowing me to understand and become fascinated by the complex topics covered over the quarter.
It's a great course if you are interested in media and art

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
The discussion–based nature of this class is great for those who learn by the mistakes of others and a huge plus to the at times highly complex readings.
office hours
He is very knowledgeable and knows a lot about what he is talking about. It helps us understand the material and have a very interesting discussion. He can answer any questions that you have and he is very interested in our opinion and perspective. He is very understanding and cares about our success in class.
his dedication and passion for the material – he always made the discussions very interesting and inclusive for everyone
Professor Ibrahim is one of the most flexible and cooperative professors I've met. His flexibility and great knowledge of the material made the class much less stressful and so much fun. Also, his office hours were extremely helpful as they are one–to–one so it's tailored for every student.
The examples and philisophica texts were the most helpful for dissecting media, especially systems theory.
discussion and close reading of scenes in class
He was super informative and passionate about what he was teaching. He also provided annotated notes on our readings so we could understand them better.
By asking open–ended questions concerning the topics of discussion, Professor Ibrahim contributed most to my learning by creating an open space for discourse that allowed me to take intellectual risks such that it strengthens my understanding of these complex concepts.
Professor Ibrahim has a thorough understanding of theoretical concepts. He is capable of making thorough analysis of every piece of media we study. The writing assignments he gives is also constructive in helping me improve in forming arguments.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Perhaps shorter readings with more direct bullet points on what we should be focused on.
he muffles sometimes
Maybe a little better time management but overall it is very good.
take less time reviewing the readings at the beginning of the class and spend more time on discussions
I'd prefer the writing seminars to be prior to submitting our papers as it would help more to recognize our mistakes before submitting.
slower deconstruction of theories
N/A
Although this class was structured very well, I believe Professor Ibrahim could spend more time analyzing details in the various movies that applied to theories in order to provide a stronger understanding of the theories being exemplified in the movies. In this light, students would be able to grasp the dense theories that we covered over the quarter.
Professor Ibrahim is in love with systems theory, as a considerable portion of the class is spent analyzing media through the lens of systems. I think that a more balanced theoretical approach to media would help me develop a more well-rounded understanding of media in general.

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.	4.92	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	7.69%	92.31%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.92	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	7.69%	92.31%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.69	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	30.77%	69.23%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.77	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	23.08%	76.92%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.77	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	7.69%	7.69%	84.62%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.85	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	7.69%	0.00%	92.31%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.77	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	7.69%	7.69%	84.62%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.85	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	7.69%	0.00%	92.31%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.77	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	7.69%	7.69%	84.62%	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
Michelle Hoban. Incredibly kind. Great teacher.
michelle – she was so helpful in the writing seminars!! she is the best
Michelle
Michelle Hoban; writing seminars were extremely helpful and were essential to improving my essay grade
Michelle Hoban. She was informative in writing seminars, though I wish she provided more feedback in the essays she graded.
Michelle Hoban was a wonderful writing instructor that helped me shape and improve my writing style such that I feel confident to generate a coherent, logical argument in each of my papers. Although Michelle was amazing, I would suggest that Michelle makes her office hours appointments more available and easier to reserve in order to provide an additional resource to help others improve their writing.
Michelle Hoban

The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	14.29%	71.43%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	4.29	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	42.86%	42.86%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	14.29%	71.43%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%

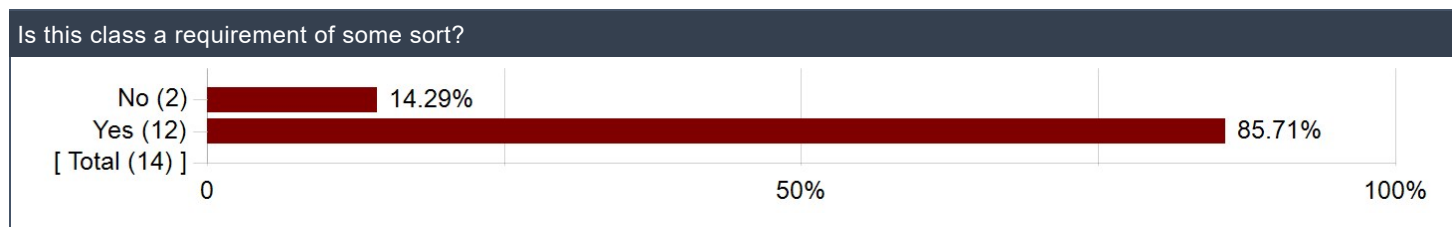
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	Mean	Median	No Gain	A Little Gain	Moderate Gain	Good Gain	Great Gain	N/A
Laboratory Experience	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	0.00%	87.50%
Field Trips	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	0.00%	87.50%
Library Sessions	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	0.00%	87.50%
Review Sessions	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	0.00%	87.50%
Writing Seminars	4.36	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	45.45%	45.45%	0.00%

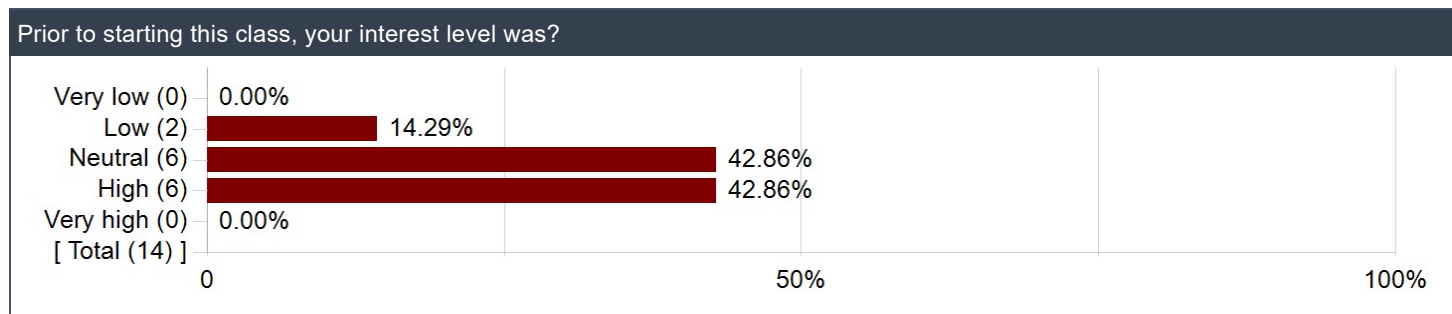
Other course elements not mentioned above:

Comments
N/A.

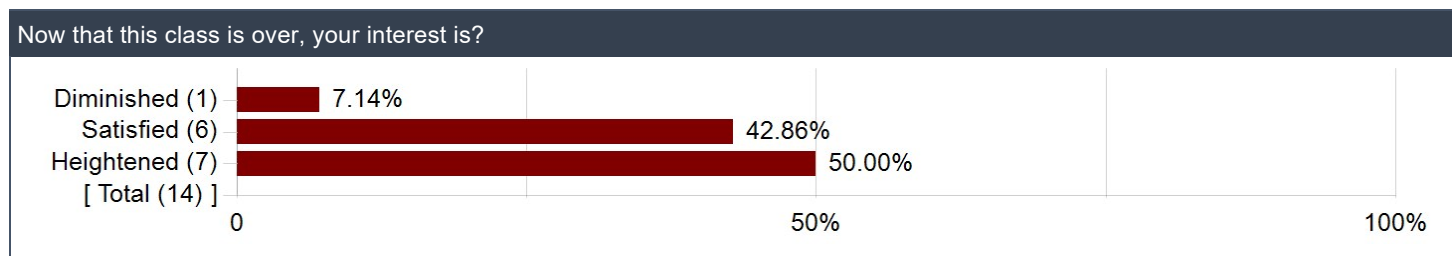
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



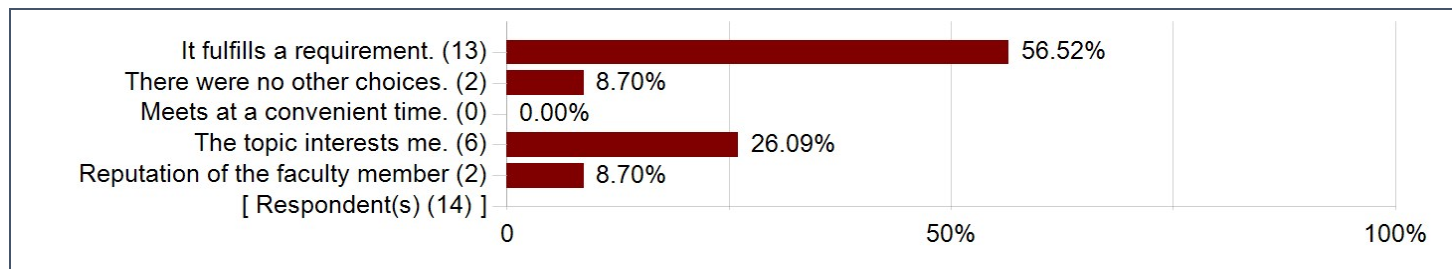
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



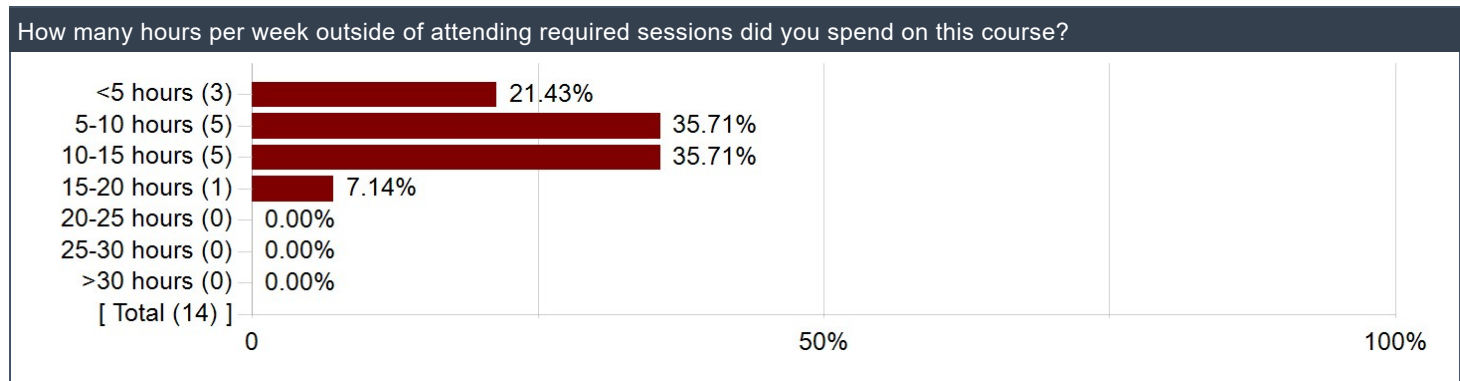
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



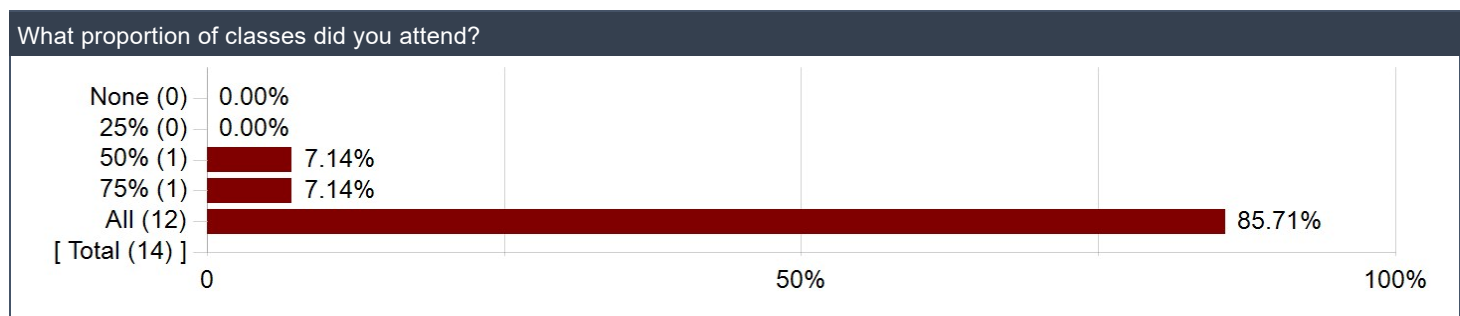
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
Fair.
it was easier compared to the first quarter as i had experience. i knew what to expect and how the workload would be
The content was not too difficult with some philosophy background.
wasn't terribly difficult if you had prof Ibrahim first quarter
This class is what you make of it. It is not very difficult, and the readings are relatively short, yet dense. As such, if you are bought in to the class, you will learn and gain so much insight concerning the world through the lens of the theories we learn in this class. I feel as though I have completely transformed my perspective by understanding the world outside of my own point of view.