HUMA 11100 9 - Readings in World Literature II - Instructor(s): Pablo Ottonello

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

Number Enrolled: **11**
Number of Responses: **9**

Report Comments

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

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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
An appreciation for reading a writing, writing more freely
How to construct good arguments, how to think about and analyze texts
I learned more about critical theories in literature and got a broad overview of some parts of world literature.
Writing critically about autobiographies.
writing
Autobiographies, close reading, forming arguments, history behind authors
I strengthened my writing skills and learned about different aspects of autobiography.
I learned about autobiographies as a genre, and how to improve my writing in analyzing different themes and audience within different autobiographical works. I also learned about how to compare these ideas across works from different time periods and areas of the world.

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

Comments
Group discussions were very engaging and teacher presentations inspired me to write/read more
Lots of discussion, and prof had some slides to guide us as well which was useful.
The lectures were so fun. Prof Ottonello is an incredible, funny instructor.
In class discussion were engaging and definitely increased my interest in the subject.
good lectures
Lectures and discussions were helpful. I found our professor to be very knowledgeable and in constant effort to help us learn and have fun with our readings.
The discussions in class helped me think more critically about the text.
In–class discussions were the most useful to my learning. Professor Ottonello was always well prepared with a presentation and ideas for us to discuss about different readings. Ideas presented in these discussions were often reflected in my essay.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	44.44%	44.44%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	11.11%	77.78%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%
I felt respected in this class.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Best teacher I've ever had. Super funny and engaging.
The best course I have taken at this school so far. Professor Ottonello is a great teacher.
Professor Ottonello was very passionate about the course content, and inspiring about the importance of the humanities in general. He was also a generous grader, who was focused on helping us to learn about how to develop and communicate our ideas through writing, rather than following specific formulas or restricting us to certain styles. He often provided us with useful background information that allowed us to understand about how the works we read fit into different categories of writing.

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
leading discussions + giving own perspective
His extensive knowledge about the book and other related subjects were useful to help write our essays and understand the text.
Just being so chill about the class and making it a non stressful environment where we could freely have interesting conversation.
In class discussions were both fun and informative.
funny
His lectures and attitude towards the class.
He was very engaging and interesting to listen to
The presentations that we had were very helpful in structuring our discussions, and helping us to work on developing themes and topics that would be used within our essays. Class discussions in general were very interesting and useful.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
encourage more group sharing
Nothing
I think it would have been good to have a project as we did in the first quarter.
Ask more questions to the class so it feels more like a discussion than a lecture
The one thing that could have been improved in the class was the structuring of assignments and requirements, particularly in how they were presented on the syllabus. Occasionally, the professor would change the length of the essays we were expected to write or add/take away an additional reading assignment in class without reflecting this in the syllabus. Being a bit more clear about writing what the expectations are on assignments (most particularly due dates and length requirements) in the syllabus or on Canvas would have been helpful.

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	11.11%	77.78%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	11.11%	77.78%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%	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.

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The TA/CA or Intern. . .

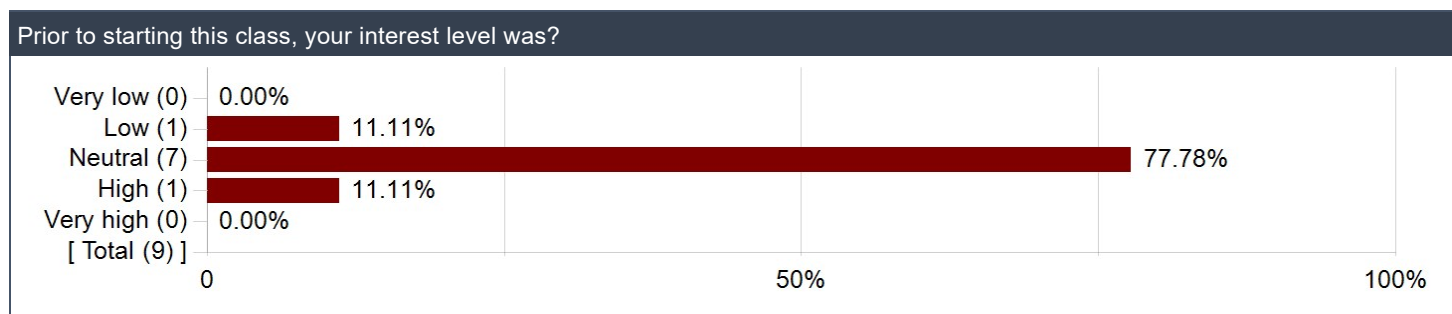|	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	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	2.71	3.00	14.29%	14.29%	57.14%	14.29%	0.00%	0.00%

Is this class a requirement of some sort?
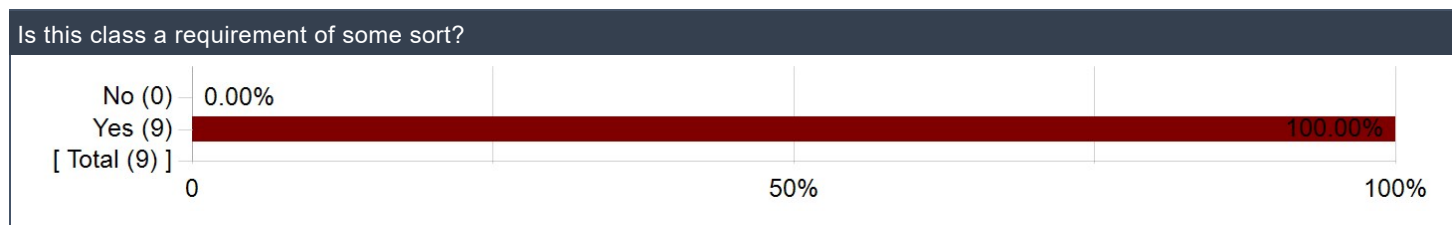
Is this class a requirement of some sort?	
No (0)	0.00%
Yes (9)	100.00%
[Total (9)]	

0 — 50% — 100%

Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?

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Very low (0)	0.00%
Low (1)	11.11%
Neutral (7)	77.78%
High (1)	11.11%
Very high (0)	0.00%
[Total (9)]	

0 — 50% — 100%

Now that this class is over, your interest is?

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Diminished (0)	0.00%
Satisfied (4)	44.44%
Heightened (5)	55.56%
[Total (9)]	

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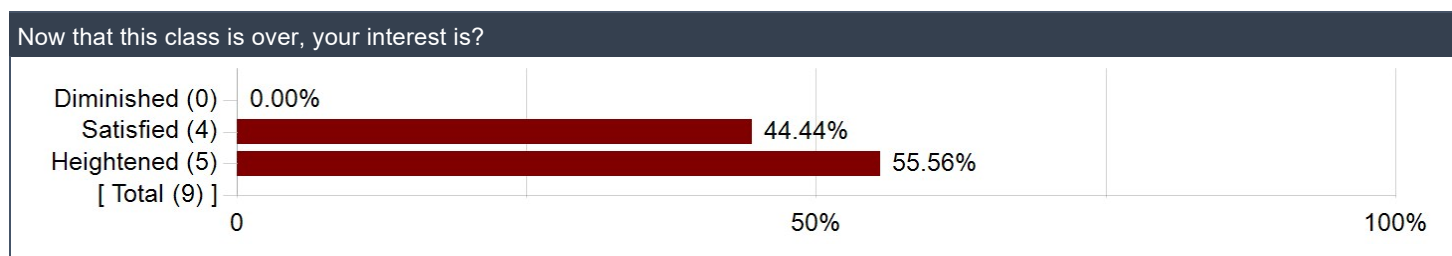
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)
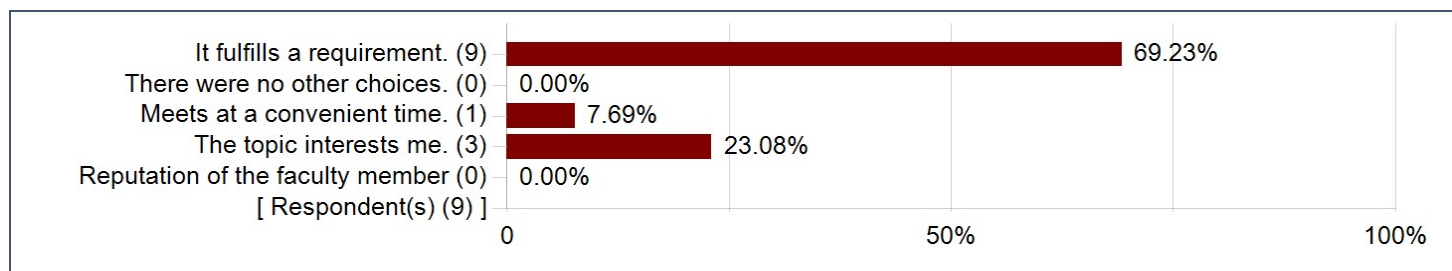
It fulfills a requirement. (9)	69.23%
There were no other choices. (0)	0.00%
Meets at a convenient time. (1)	7.69%
The topic interests me. (3)	23.08%
Reputation of the faculty member (0)	0.00%
[Respondent(s) (9)]	

0 — 50% — 100%

How many hours per week outside of attending required sessions did you spend on this course?

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<5 hours (5)	55.56%
5-10 hours (4)	44.44%
10-15 hours (0)	0.00%
15-20 hours (0)	0.00%
20-25 hours (0)	0.00%
25-30 hours (0)	0.00%
>30 hours (0)	0.00%
[Total (9)]	

What proportion of classes did you attend?

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None (0)	0.00%
25% (0)	0.00%
50% (0)	0.00%
75% (1)	11.11%
All (8)	88.89%
[Total (9)]	
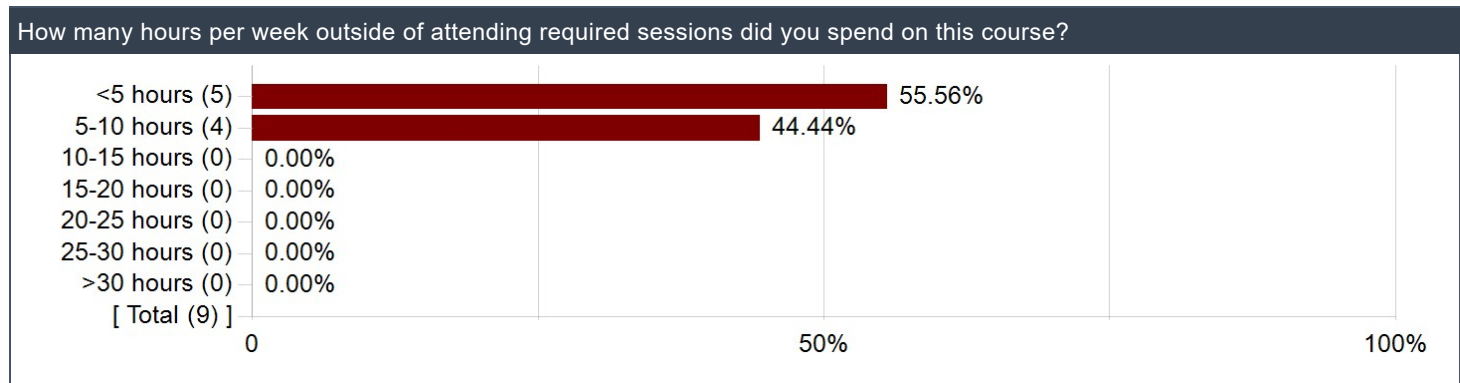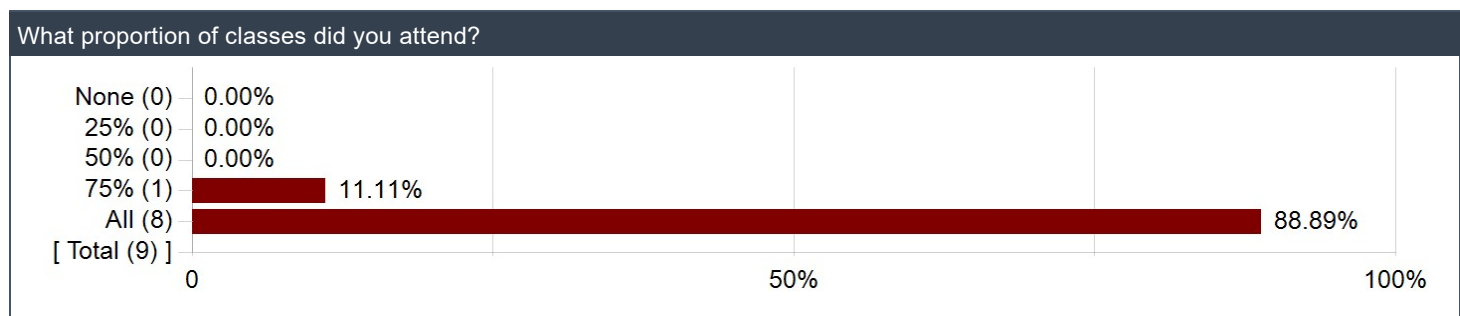
Please comment on the level of difficulty of the course relative to your background and experience.

Comments
little background, able to keep up
no experience needed apart from knowing how to write an essay
Open to all regardless of level
Professor Ottonello definitely challenges you to think, but the class discussions are incredibly fun. In addition, the grading is quite relaxed as long as you show that you put some effort into your essay. Would recommend this course to any and everyone.
easy
A lot of reading but not too much writing compared to other HUM classes so overall not super difficult.
This course was slightly more difficult than my previous quarter of HUMA because it required considerably more reading every night. That said, doing the reading did make it easy to participate in discussions and write good essays, so the time spent did feel like it contributed to my performance and grade.