



SOSC 12600 29 - Self, Culture, and Society III - Instructor(s) - David Molina

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

Number Enrolled: **19**

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, July 11, 2024**

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

Comments
Power is distributed
The major themes of this course were the ideas of power and paradigm, which we explored through the writings of Kuhn, Foucault, Said, Butler, Mahmoud, Trouillot, and many others.
I loved this course I learned a lot about a wide variety of topics – gender, sexuality, race, economics, and more. All really theoretical and hard to sometimes conceptualize – but its so rewarding when you get the right answer
I learned about paradigms in scientific revolutions and their intersection with humanities, providing a valuable perspective on the evolution of knowledge.
I really learned how to pull together a good essay. As a STEM major I had very limited experiences but I felt that the readings were so so interested for me and Molina really awarded effort and interest grades wise even if you weren't a humanities person.

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

Comments
Lectures are great
Professor Molina's explanations of the readings were extremely clear and helpful, and I also appreciated the opportunities he gave us throughout every class to have discussions and contribute our ideas.
discussions really important to participate even if its just something minor – i appreciated how discussions were held
The lectures were the most influential aspect of this course, largely due to the professor's engaging teaching style. He utilized interesting analogies and often prompted the class to reflect on counterintuitive concepts, which significantly enhanced our understanding and critical thinking skills.
This class had no discussion posts so it was really lectures, readings, and the midterm + final as well as one presentation on a reading. I really appreciated the lack of discussion posts since our time is so stretched at this school anyway that usually if there are discussion posts it takes away from actual reading time. I felt lucky to have the time to read all the texts in this course, partly because I think Molina was reasonable with assignments. It took the class a bit of time to warm up to having full participatory discussions so in the beginning Molina would do more lecture style explaining the texts which for readings like Kuhn was very helpful in terms of making sense of what was being said. Over all though, the texts were more readable than the previous quarters or maybe I improved who knows.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	57.14%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	57.14%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.29	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	14.29%	57.14%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	57.14%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	57.14%
I felt respected in this class.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Self is already the best soc and Molina was an excellent professor. In the beginning I felt a bit like he only liked essays that reaffirmed his opinion but as time went on I felt more that he was just trying to keep students on the right track since so many of our authors this quarter are heavy on the irony sometimes.

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
Lecture, David is very knowledgeable and clear in his instructions.
was very passionate about the material and presented it in an interesting and unbiased way
I liked the way he led discussions.
The most impactful aspect of the instructor's teaching was his ability to engage the class through the use of thought-provoking analogies and encouraging reflective discussions on complex topics. This approach not only deepened our understanding but also stimulated our analytical thinking.
His explanations of the text. Sometimes he would cut into discussion a bit but he really was good at making sure everyone was on the same page about the different possible readings of the text. I think some professors lean on small group discussion too much which Molina didn't do.

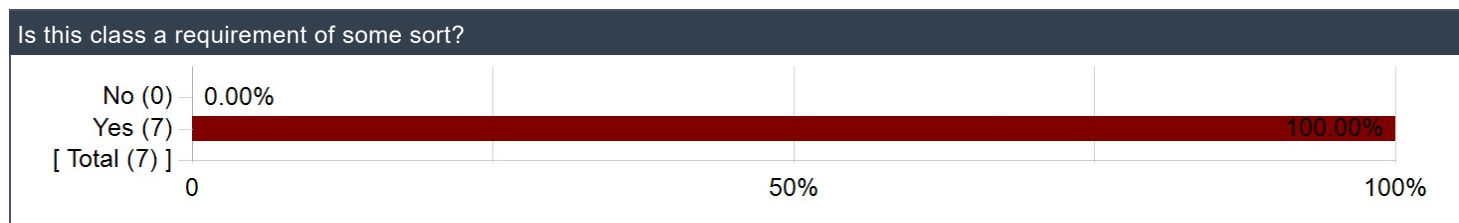
What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
I think he could be more clear about his expectations for essays or add more grades. It is quite crazy to have a final grade where two papers are 70% of your grade.
Nothing
Could allow students a little more room to reach conclusions on their own instead of trying to systematically cover every chapter of the reading in some detail.

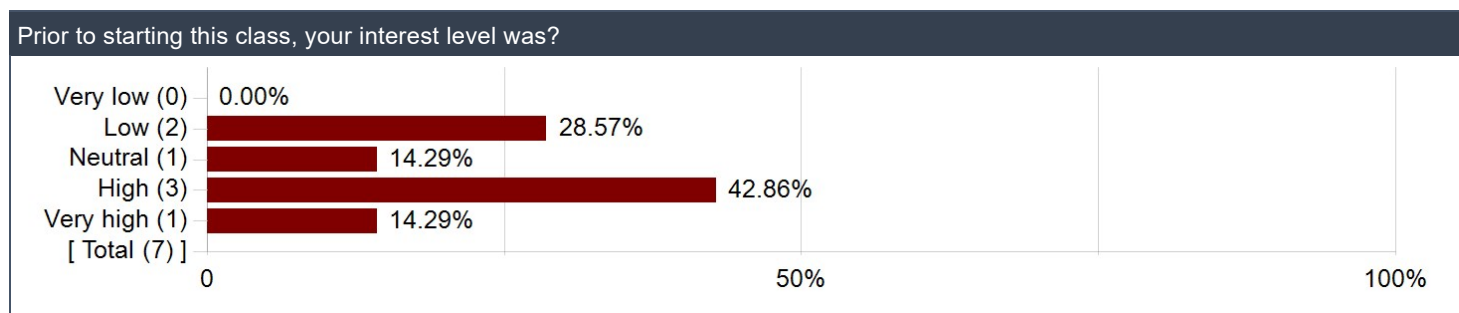
The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	57.14%	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.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	57.14%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	57.14%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	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.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%	0.00%

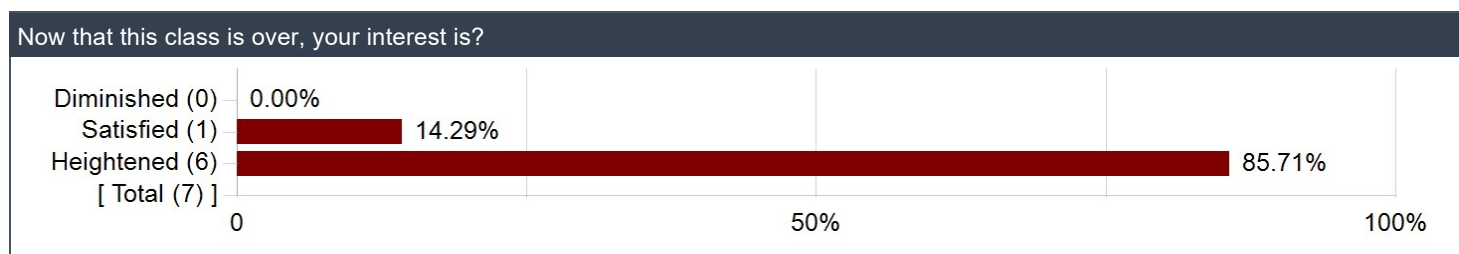
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



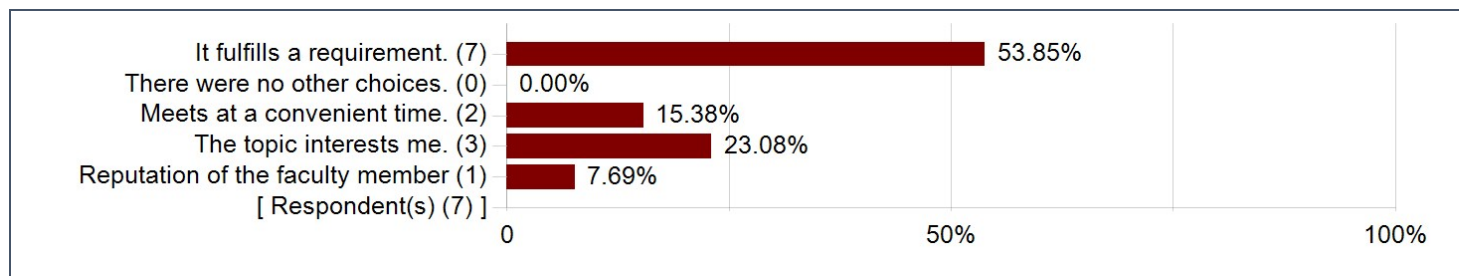
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



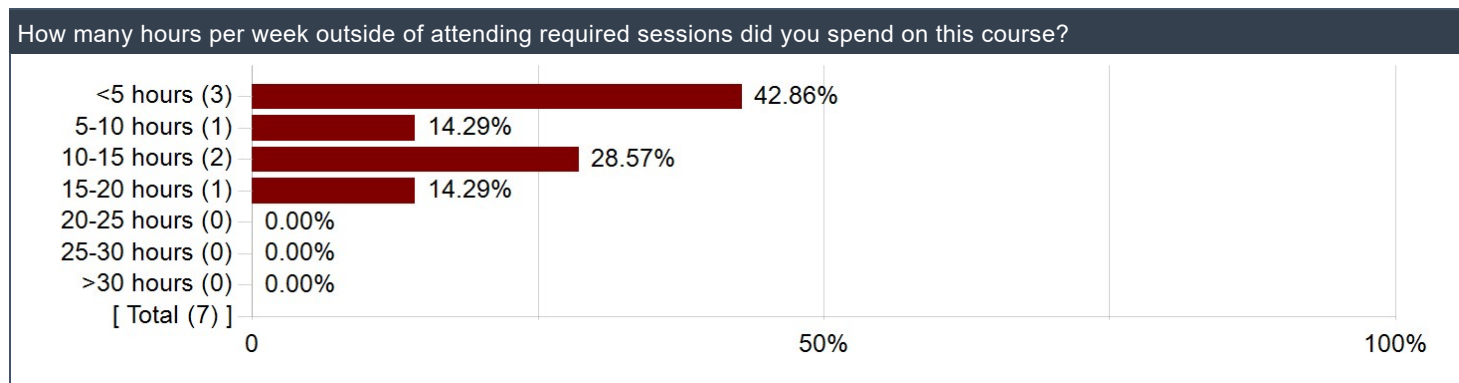
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



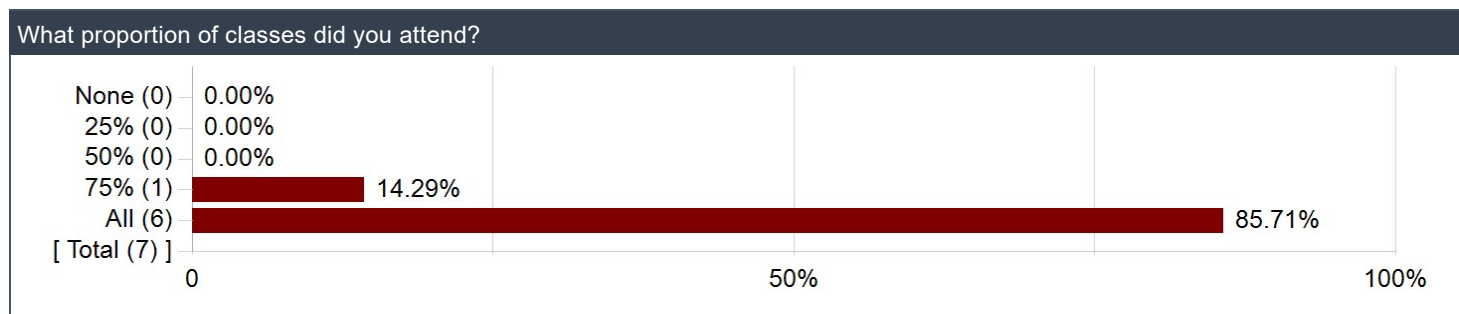
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
was appropriately challenging
its hard but manageable
Some concepts can be hard, but Professor Molina made it easier to understand.
Molina isn't one of those professors that lets you completely switch off during the class like some, he did allow laptops in class which some professors don't. It was honestly an easy class in the best way, I was also personally very interested in the texts especially Foucault, Kuhn and Said and Molina gave a good 5 essay prompts for the final and midterm so they were pretty easy to write.