



# SOSC 14300 13 - Mind III - Instructor(s) - Marc Berman

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

Number Enrolled: **19**

Number of Responses: **12**

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## 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
Learning how our environment affects our minds
reading social science papers and writing about them
Population–level psychology topics — basically what you think matters, and stereotypes are powerful.
The self in relationship to psychology and neuroscience
We learned about the mind within different contexts, like stereotypes or empathy.
how to think
I learned about the Mind in context, through different professors' lectures each week. I learned how to concisely summarize lectures and scientific papers into weekly discussion papers and how to communicate about at times abstract concepts in an understandable way. I also learned more about researching additional scientific papers and writing about them in a longer research paper.
I really enjoyed the different topics covered within this quarter of mind because the topics were all unique but very applicable to our lives such as different environments, AI and language models, fairness, etc.

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

Comments
Discussions allowed us to strengthen our knowledge gained from lecture
lectures were pretty interesting, different topic each week. discussion sessions however were the most helpful in understanding material
I really liked many of the lectures
Lectures were cool it was nice to hear from different psychologists about their research each week. I also enjoyed the recorded lectures so I could review them on my own time. Discussions were nice to talk through the lectures and share viewpoints.
The lectures were very interesting this quarter, and Berman was a great discussion leader
good facilitator of discussions
Lectures were very interesting, and I liked how we had a different topic each week, but all which related to a broader idea of the Mind in context. I LOVED discussions with Dr Berman – he is such a great professor and it was so lovely to feel like we can discuss anything we were interested in from each lecture.
Lectures were pretty decent this quarter, and discussions were amazing!
Lectures were very informative and discussions were very engaging

**Please respond to the following:**

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	3.75	3.50	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	25.00%	25.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.42	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	58.33%	41.67%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.42	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	58.33%	41.67%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.25	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	41.67%	41.67%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.42	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	41.67%	50.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%
I felt respected in this class.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.58	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	41.67%	58.33%

### Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Professor Berman is amazing!!!
great professor, highly recommend getting into this section
Discussions were low-key, but kept everyone engaged and interested, which was an excellent break from the rigor of my other classes, which didn't have as much room to just talk about interesting topics from 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
Feedback to assignments
Professor Berman was extremely approachable and friendly, and moderated class discussions well
Prof Berman was really engaging and led the class well
The way he facilitated discussions was engaging and kind
Berman organized his discussions very well and had a knack for knowing when we were engaged or tired and adjusted accordingly
Dr Berman was the best Mind instructor I had all-year, and I had a different instructor each quarter. He allowed student to make most of the decisions about what to discuss, how much depth to go into each topic, relating it back to other lectures, which I really appreciated. That being said, he still made sure we stayed on track and asked follow-up questions or additional relevant comments based on his expertise, which was very beneficial for even greater understanding of the topics during discussion.
The professor was amazing this quarter because he facilitated engaging discussions while also pushing us to think more deeply about the various topics. I also appreciated how discussions were centered around topics and questions that we would come up with at the start of class. AND it was very helpful to have exercises and class time that related to our final papers.
Marc was great! He focused a lot in class on what we wanted to discuss and listened to us

### What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Nothing, he was amazing
not much
Maybe working with us on our writing more directly and actively
Nothing! He was awesome.
Professor Berman was definitely the best mind instructor our section had! The only thing I would say was sometimes discussions got very off the topic of the week and then I felt like I would have nothing to say or contribute to the discussion.

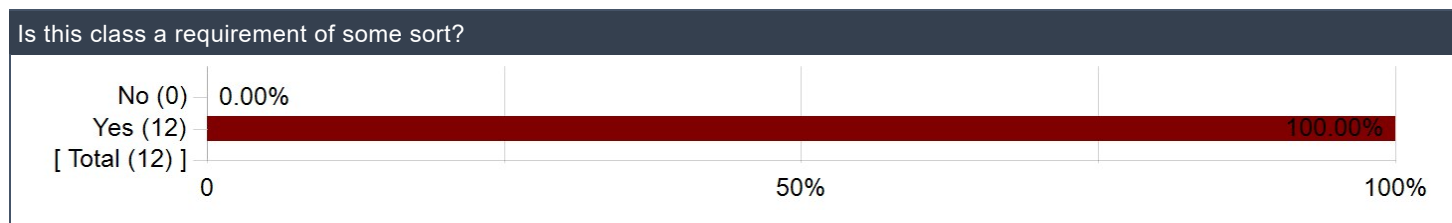
## The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	36.36%	63.64%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	36.36%	63.64%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	36.36%	63.64%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	36.36%	63.64%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.55	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	45.45%	54.55%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	36.36%	63.64%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.55	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	45.45%	54.55%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	36.36%	63.64%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	36.36%	63.64%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.73	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	27.27%	72.73%	0.00%

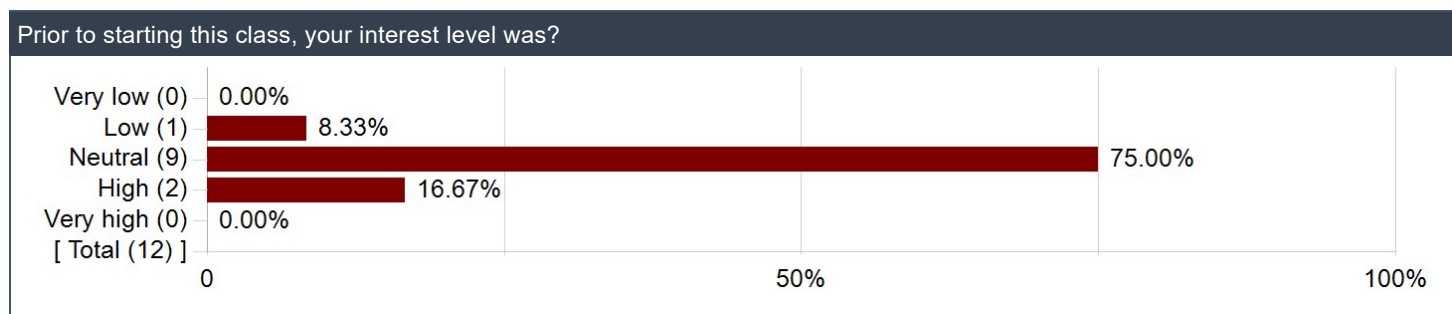
## How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	3.67	4.00	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	0.00%

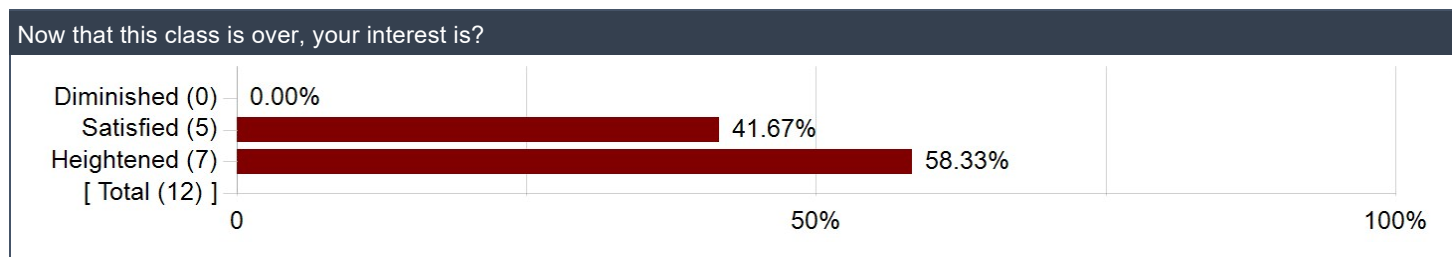
## Is this class a requirement of some sort?



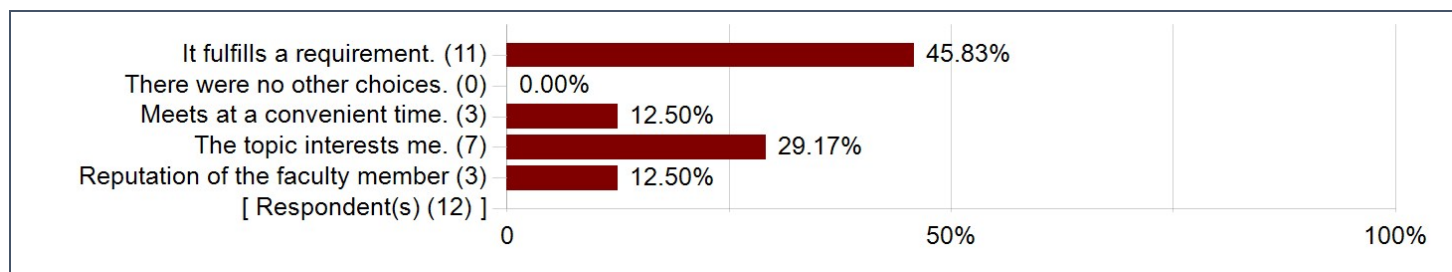
## Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



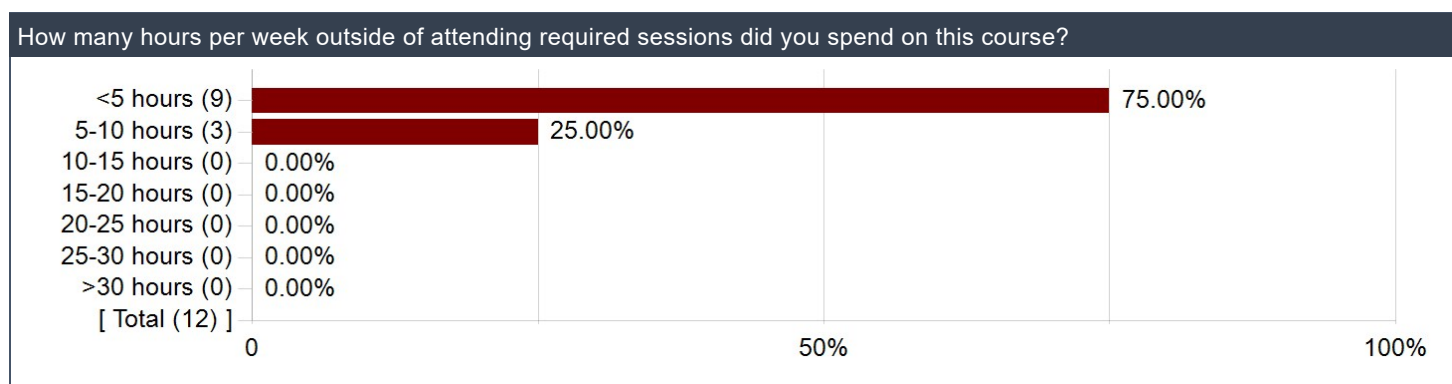
## Now that this class is over, your interest is?



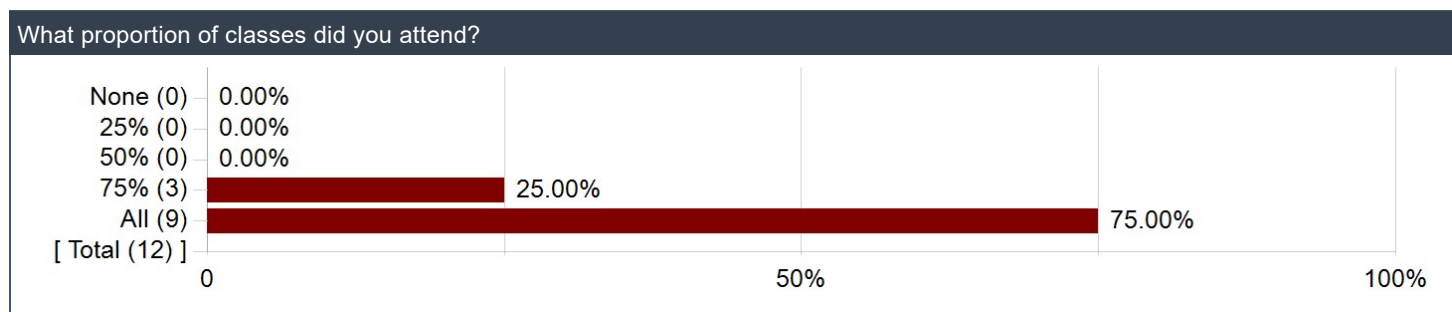
## Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



## 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 wasnt too hard for someone with limited background in psychology, and I'm also not majoring in anything literature related
Easy
Not difficult
Easy but very interesting. Just do your work (literally just the discussion papers and final paper), and you're golden.
No stem or psych background is needed!
The third quarter of Mind was easier to understand for someone with no background than second quarter of Mind