



SOSC 14300 8 - Mind III - Instructor(s) - Jean Decety

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

Number Enrolled: **18**

Number of Responses: **11**

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
How our mind works in social contexts
The empathy lecture was phenomenal
Social psychology, behavior, perceptions, with an emphasis on culture
I learned how mental processes and psychological functions are influenced and shaped by context. Some lectures were also focused on human development and how, from an early age, context can influence mental processes.
I learned how context influences cognitive function
Built on last two quarters of mind to take on a more cultural and social focus. Used known information about learning patterns, self-concept, and other ideas of how the individual also fits in societal and cultural contexts. Pretty interesting.
I learned about phenomenons/working of the mind., specifically within a social aspect. Aside from what I learned, I further honed skills in reading empirical articles and writing concise papers that integrate multiple sources.
How the mind works in context

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

Comments
Lecture, readings, and discussions
Discussions were very insightful and always made things a lot clearer
Lecture and tidbits from Decety in class
I really liked how all the lectures related to one another on a broader spectrum, with some lectures referencing what we had learned earlier in the quarter. The weekly discussion papers helped me digest the weekly topics and lectures. On the other hand, discussion section helped me better grasp the assigned readings for the week.
discussions
Lectures were helpful, discussions were also helpful but Decety talks for probably 75% of the class/interjects ALL the time.
Lectures introduced the weekly topics and provided good background information to approach the reading with. Weekly readings gave us the bulk of the information for the week. Discussion was where I built most of my understanding and solidified the takeaways from the readings.
Lecture were helpful (same as previous quarters). Didn't receive a lot of feedback on assignments but group discussions were nice

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	27.27%	45.45%	27.27%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.36	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	45.45%	45.45%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.00	4.00	9.09%	0.00%	18.18%	27.27%	45.45%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.45	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	36.36%	54.55%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	3.80	4.00	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	30.00%	40.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.27	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	36.36%	45.45%
I felt respected in this class.	4.36	5.00	0.00%	9.09%	0.00%	36.36%	54.55%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.36	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	27.27%	54.55%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Prof. Decety is BRILLIANT
Prof Decety is the best!
Best class in the Mind sequence
Decety is a great professor; truly invigorated with the subject and in everyone's input to discussion. He's also not afraid to speak his mind, which makes for intriguing discussions. Also, you have to love his French accent, and his countless stories from across the world
Prof Decety seems to have pretty strong opinions and generally backs them up with research ("there was a study that..."). However, they sometimes edged into topics that made me personally somewhat uncomfortable (and not in the sense of my beliefs being challenged, more like feeling somewhat unwelcome in the class). Overall, it was ok, so maybe just try not to take things personally.

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	9.09%	90.91%
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
Discussion
He was super knowledgeable and always had interesting things to contribute to our discussions.
The instructor explained things really well and even gave us additional studies to explore in case we wanted to learn more
His fervor for psychology, behavioral economics, and biology
The professor's personal comments and thoughts about the weekly lecture helped spark conversation during the discussion. Professor Decety is very knowledgeable, and I learned a lot from his comments. He would participate along with the students and share relevant information from outside studies that related to what we were learning about. He would encourage everyone to participate.
Prof. Decety is amazing
He was extremely informed on most or all of the topics we discussed throughout the quarter, which meant that he often had interesting knowledge or additional points to share.
Professor Decety facilitated great discussions and that struck the perfect balance between students leading/giving input and Professor bringing knowledge and things to add.

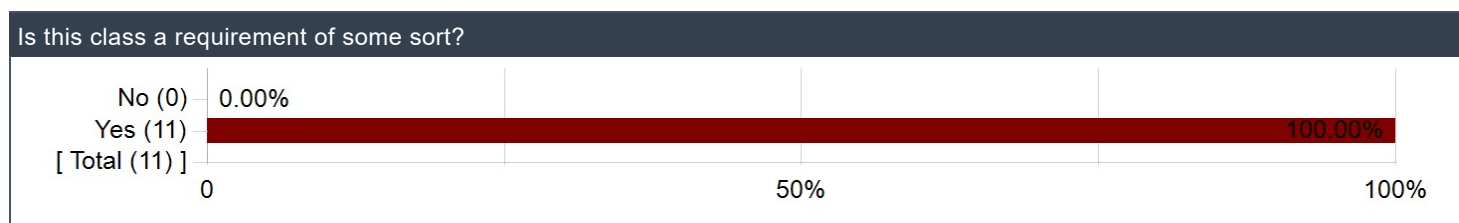
What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Nothing
Nothing
Absolutely nothing. Professor Decety is the best Professor at UChicago.
More feedback on weekly assignments.
NA he's great
N/A
nothing
Talked a lot in discussion. Cut into students' presentations, comments, etc. saying he was just going to add something and then would go on many minute tangents. Also very vague in grading structure, I submitted my final essay this week and don't know what I have in the class at all because he has given us no grades on the final paper or discussion posts or participation.

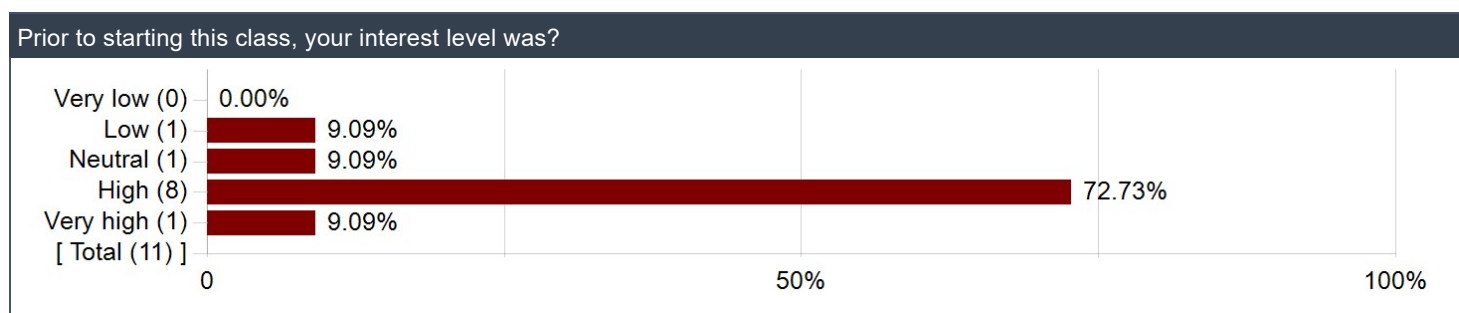
The Instructor . . .

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Organized the course clearly.	4.36	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	45.45%	45.45%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.36	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	45.45%	45.45%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.45	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	36.36%	54.55%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.55	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	45.45%	54.55%	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.	4.27	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	36.36%	45.45%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.27	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	36.36%	45.45%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.36	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	27.27%	54.55%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.45	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	36.36%	54.55%	0.00%

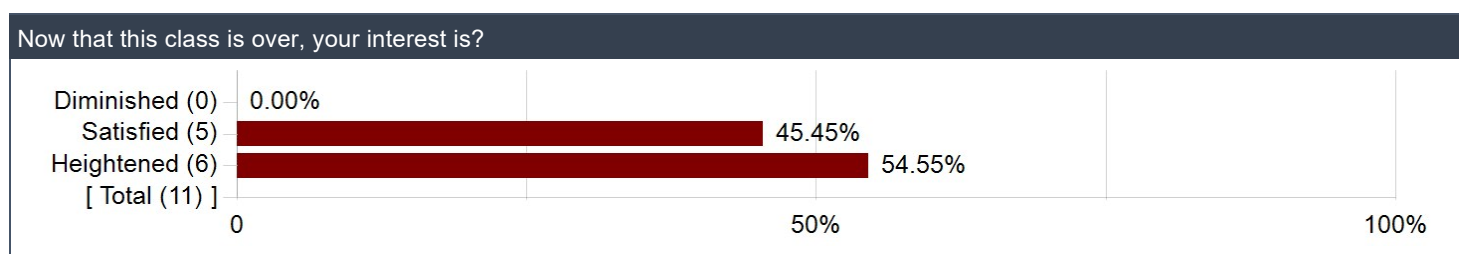
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



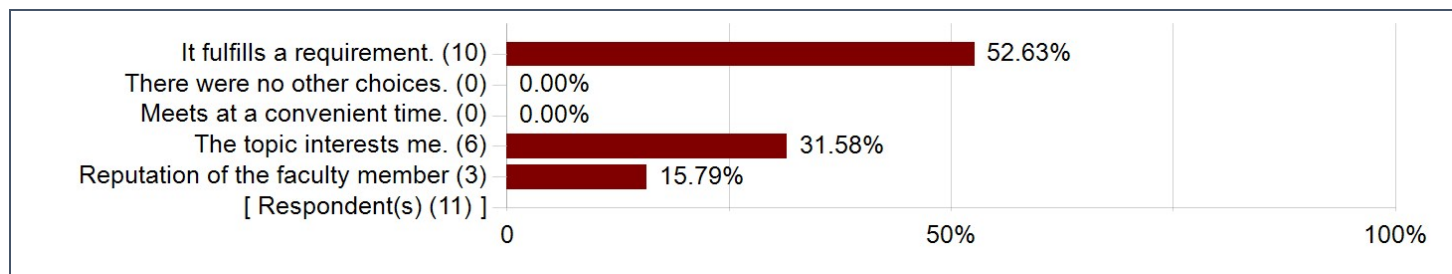
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



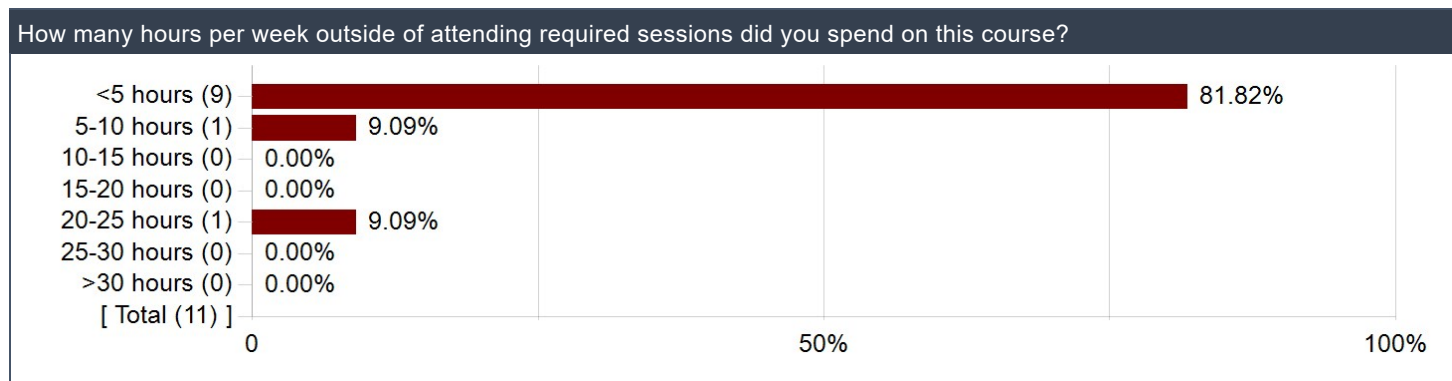
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



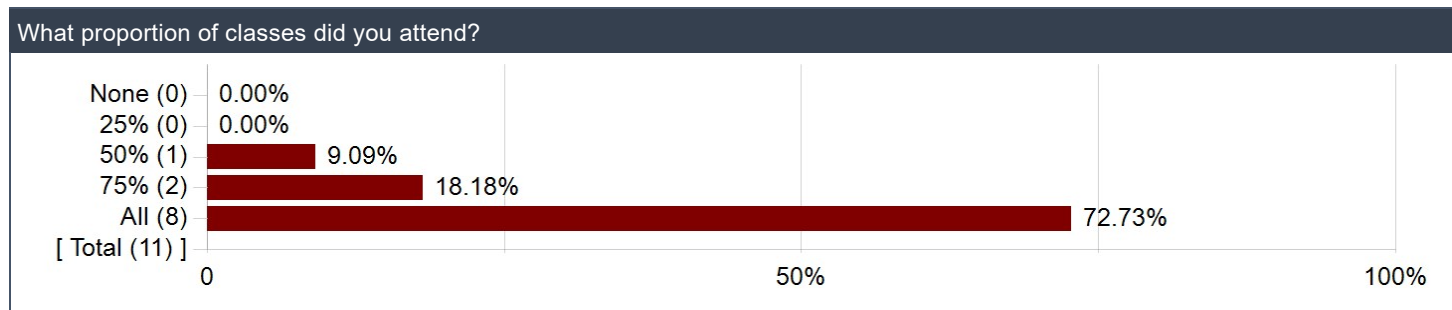
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
Not hard
Very fair
It's challenging, but if you put in the time, you should be fine.
Very easy, especially in contrast to other professors in previous quarters
As someone who had taken a developmental psychology course, I did not find the course too difficult.
Not necessarily hard (saying this before my final grade comes back), just have a good understanding and start your final paper early.
I didn't find it extremely difficult, the writing assignments provided a good challenge.
Final paper was more intense than the last two, but generally similar difficulty to other quarters.