



# HUMA 16100 10 - Media Aesthetics: Image, Text, Sound II - Instructor(s): Gabriel Ellis

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

Number Enrolled: **19**

Number of Responses: **10**

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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
How to articulate what to say. Prof. Ellis makes it a very low–stress environment that encourages everyone to speak. I personally loved discussing movies.
I learned about many great books
Super interesting points about art, and how we perceive and interpret it. Taught me essay writing structure and enhanced critical thinking.
linguistic signification system, arguments around interpretation, power dynamics shown through text, performativity and identity
I learned how to think about the media I consume in my day–to–day life. Like last quarter, much of our focus was on truth, slightly more with interpretation this time. This was an excellent course, and it challenged me to approach intuitive concepts in a critical way
A general background on philosophy, and exposure to different forms of media and their function/purpose in life.
I learned how to analyze a variety of texts through several different lenses. My writing was also much improved.
The role of different creative choices in determining truth and perspective in text, speech, poetry and art.

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

Comments
Discussions.
Mainly based on the seminars
Discussions are relaxed, informal, and collaborative. Class was always enjoyable and highly informative.
the lectures were always inspiring and discussions were great. assignments and office hours were great to inspire new thoughts, readings were not too long but dense and informational
Gabriel facilitated good and engaging discussions, constantly asking for and valuing our feedback
The class discussions and assignments worked excellently to educate me on this topic, and Gabriel Ellis did an amazing job at ensuring every student learned.
Class seminars were incredibly interesting and useful.
In class discussions and the readings were very interesting

## Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	30.00%	70.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	30.00%	70.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	10.00%	70.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	20.00%	70.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	20.00%	70.00%
I felt respected in this class.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%

### Additional comments about the course:

Comments
The course is what you make of it. You can choose to not be challenged and score well, or challenge yourself intellectually and score well.
great prof
Gabriel is wonderfully interesting and passionate about what he does. He is quirky in his own right, but aren't we all.
Gabriel is great.
Professor Ellis was great! Super passionate about the subject and overall perfect for the course
One of my favorite courses thus far.
Take this course– you will become interested in topics you wouldv'e never considered.

### I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	0.00%	100.00%
Anyone interested in the topic	10.00%	90.00%

### Thinking about your time in the class, what aspect of the instructor's teaching contributed most to your learning?

Comments
Prof. Ellis has been an excellent professor. He understands the problems his students face. He grades very fairly. He is approachable and very quick (and nice) when replying to emails.
His kind attitude towards teaching
Super friendly and supportive vibe to him. He always reasoned with my points and helped me make sense of them even when I had no idea what I was actually saying.
facilitating discussions using small–group discussions where there were silence
Class discussions and his efforts to relate to us. My opinion felt valued throughout, and I felt like more of a respected peer to Gabriel than a student
Facilitated very interesting discussions that I found beneficial to understanding the texts and material
His passion and background knowledge on the topic allowed for me to enjoy and be interested in this class. He did a fantastic job at spreading his passion on media and pushing students to stretch their minds.
He leads discussions incredibly well and is very well–prepared for every topic. He is able to answer every question and pushes students to think more deeply.
Dr Ellis might be the best HUM teacher on campus. He's constantly making sure we're responding well to his teaching methods and never hesitates to adapt accordingly if we commented on the clarity or difficulty of something. His reading list and guiding in–class dicussions where necessary were definitely the most helpful. You can tell he's actually interested in hearing our feedback on which readings/assignments we found constructive or interesting and which we didn't so much.

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

Comments
N/A
could help more with papers
Spend longer periods on one reading assignment before moving to the next so quickly.
nothing
Nothing
Nothing he's great

## The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	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
Seminar instructor, great idea but not as usefult towards writing papers, very theoretical stuff
Ted Alexander. he was helpful in educating students on college-level writing skills.

## The TA/CA or Intern. . .

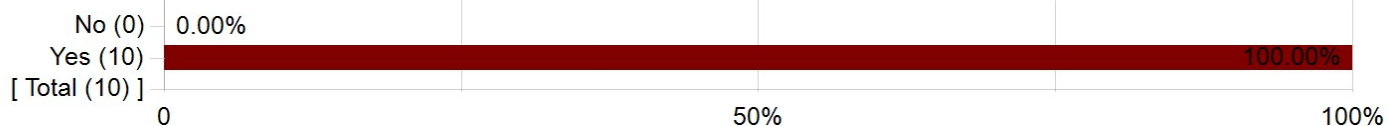
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Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	3.50	3.50	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	3.00	3.00	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	3.00	3.00	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	50.00%	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	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	60.00%
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	3.83	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	50.00%	16.67%	0.00%

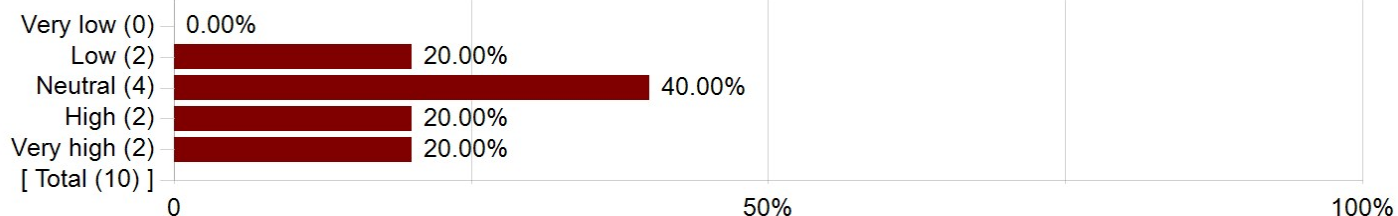
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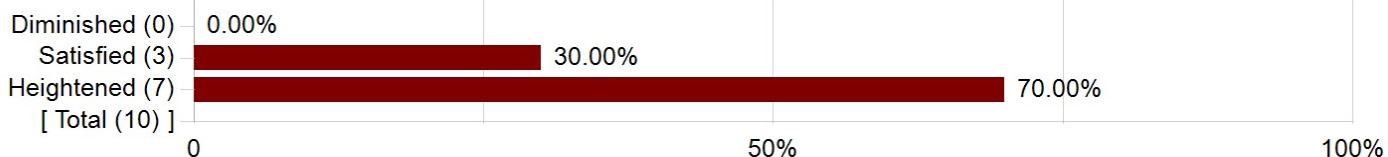
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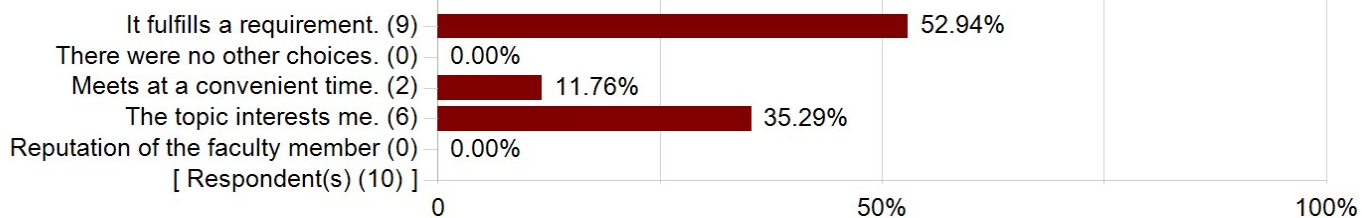


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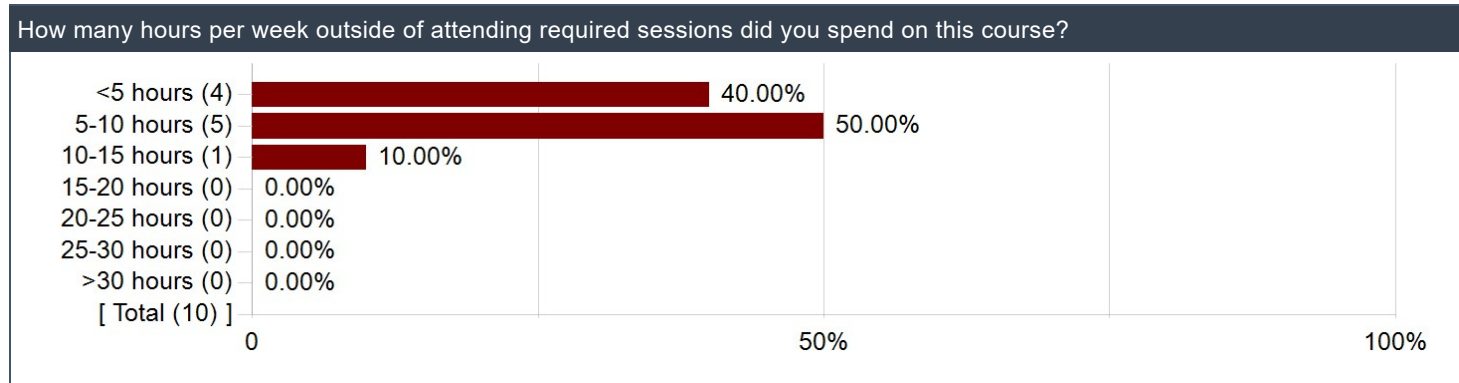
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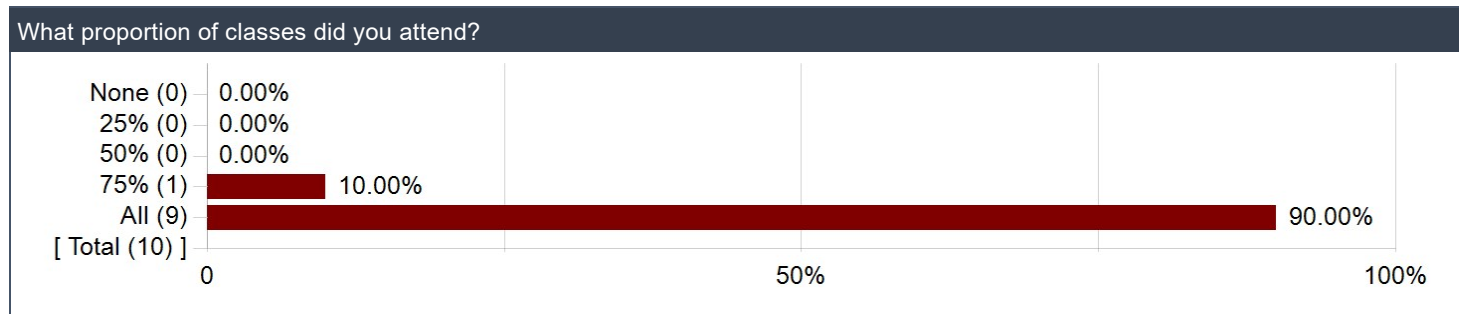
## Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



## 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
Fairly easy
2nd quarter grades harder
I am quite interested in the arts, so the first quarter was especially intuitive. The second quarter, however, focussed on text, towards which I feel less inclined. Overall the readings were thought-provoking but straightforward—though semiotics was especially challenging. I do recommend this course, and Gabriel tremendously.
not difficult
not difficult. this field was relatively new for everyone, no one seemed to have studied media in this way before.
Not difficult, but engaging and challenged my thought processes.
As long as you do the readings and are willing to learn, you'll do well.
Not that difficult if you enjoy writing