



SOSC 12400 30 - Self, Culture, and Society I - Instructor(s) - Connor Strobel

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

Number Enrolled: **17**

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.

Creation Date: **Friday, January 31, 2025**

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

Comments
We learnt about various thinkers (khaldun, smith, marx, weber) and their theories on society.
We read Khaldun, Smith, Weber, Marx, plus some assorted other people (some more modern)
Readings about society
theories and phenomena of civilization
Great course
I learned how to read difficult texts and how to formulate thoughts on and using such texts. I learned how to project my thoughts through discussions and essays.
We learned to analyze dense texts, the history of capitalism, and communism and studied theories about the world around us. I am able to think more critically about the world around me and understand or at least theorize how we ended up as a society now.

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

Comments
Discussions were valuable in clarifying certain concepts and explaining them more thoroughly
The discussions were very good, and Strobel's explanations of the readings were really engaging and helped me understand the reading a lot better. The 2 papers we wrote (there were 3, he grades the highest 2) were fairly straightforward and either asked us to summarize a point an author made or apply it to either a different concept or something in our own lives.
Discussions were helpful but felt very specific and not general
lectures are helpful!! prof actually takes into account what students want more clarity on.
The discussions were exceptionally helpful for gaining a better understanding of some very dense and hard to understand readings, definitely helped bring some more clarity to the subjects.
I liked the office hours a lot.
This course was a combination of lectures and discussions. He actively led the discussion by asking questions, which was very helpful for our understanding, especially considering the difficulty of the texts we were discussing.
The lectures were helpful since students could bring questions about parts of the text you didn't understand the instructor usually did a good job walking through the reading and helping students understand the content presented in the class.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.82	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	81.82%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.73	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	27.27%	72.73%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.27	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	54.55%	36.36%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.73	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	9.09%	81.82%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.82	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	81.82%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	18.18%	72.73%
I felt respected in this class.	4.91	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	90.91%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.73	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	9.09%	81.82%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Professor Strobel is fantastic, cannot recommend him enough, super clear and helpful in office hours and offers great writing feedback
Great instructor, very funny
We all love Mr.Strobel

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
Professor Strobel clearly knows a lot about the works we were studying, so his explanations made the ideas a lot more clear.
His mini-lectures sometimes at the beginning of discussions or halfway through explaining a concept were really helpful. It was also very easy to contribute without being worried about being wrong.
prof's patience with us and the material, also he's funny
Willingness to offer fun and interesting analogies and segues between topics to ease the flow of discussion, also being always prepared to pick up a discussion when things grow quiet
Discussions in class
His active involvement in class discussions and his willingness to hear from and talk to the students was very helpful. It created a welcoming environment for everyone to talk, and the discussions guided by him brought us to fair level of understanding for every text we discussed.
the instructors humor, breaking down of concepts, and metaphors as well as real life examples make it really to understand the concepts presented in the book.

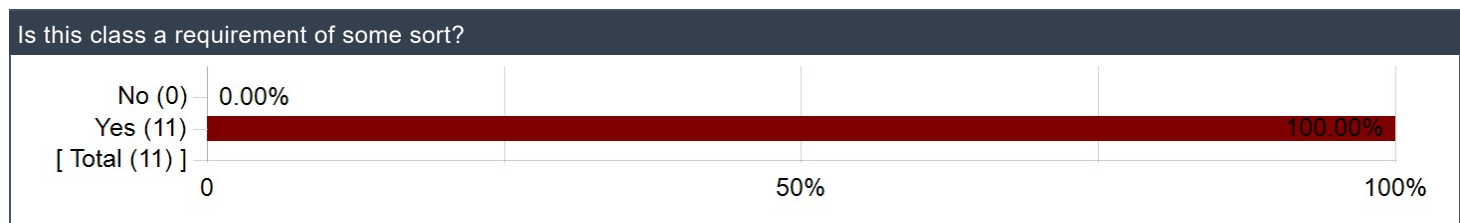
What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Sometimes the discussion did feel a bit dry – like there wasn't a lot of disagreement or enriching discussion
not sure
nada
More in class discussions between students only
Maybe it might be better if we had more classes per book?
Honestly nothing, I cannot think of anything.

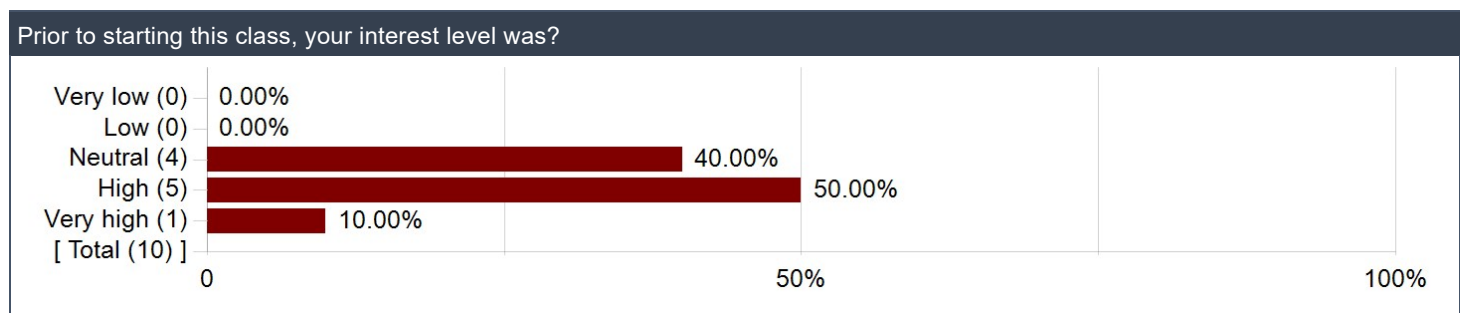
The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	30.00%	70.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	30.00%	70.00%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	30.00%	70.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%	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.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%

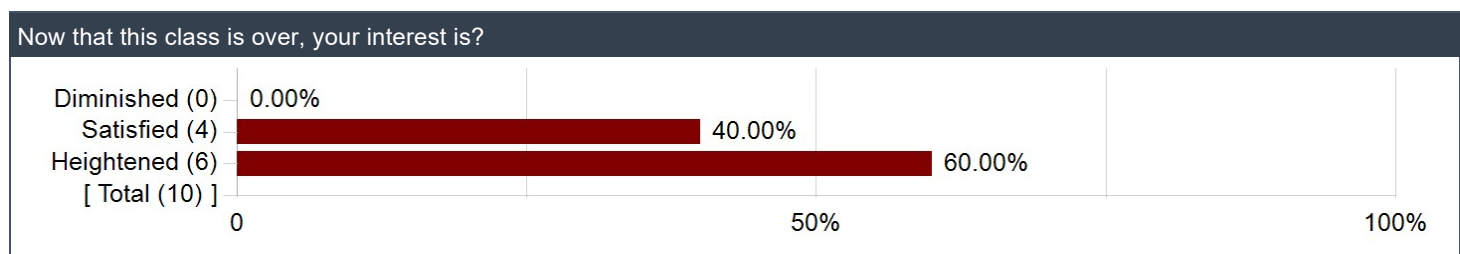
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



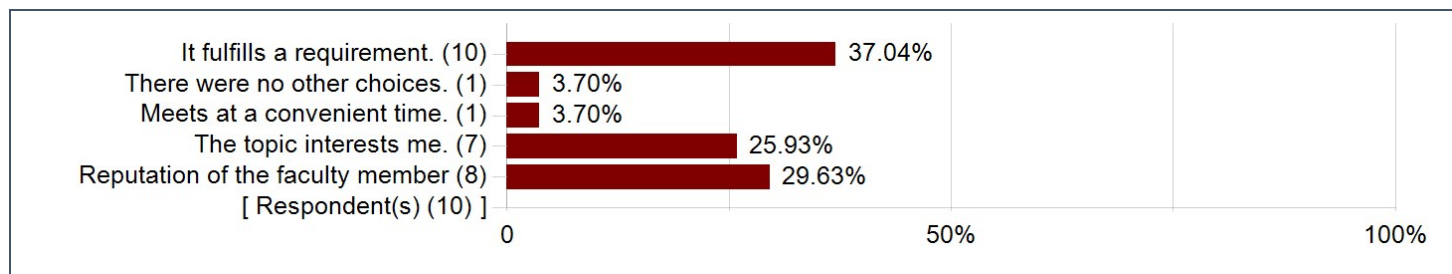
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



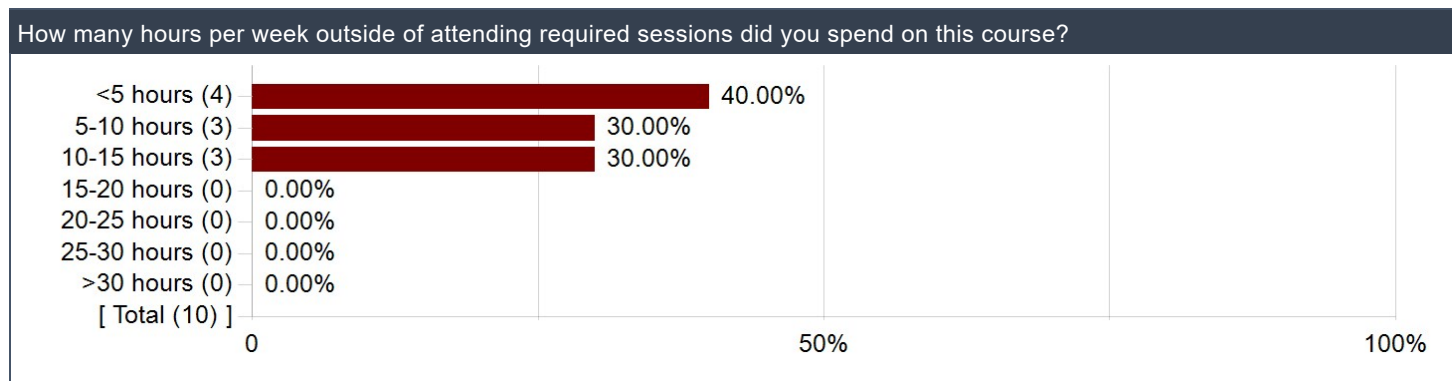
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



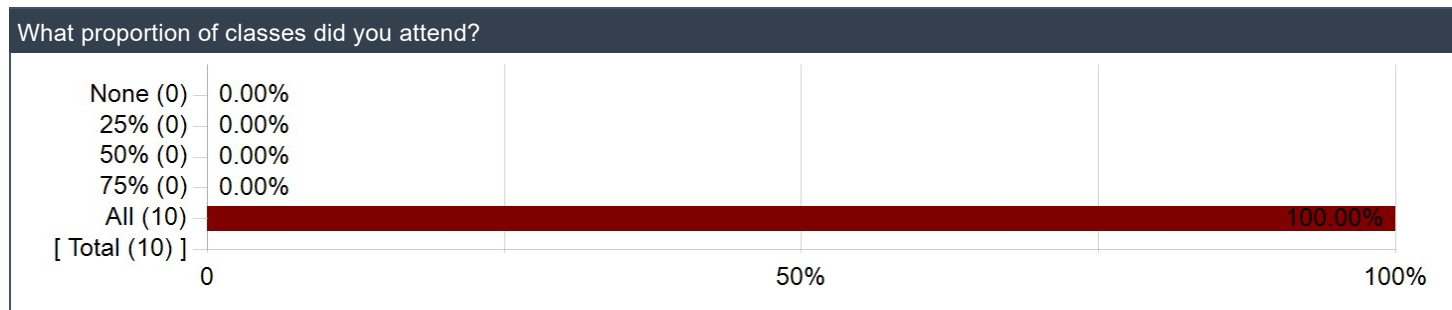
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
The readings can be a bit dense at times, but if you do the readings, ask questions, and try on the essays its very very doable
The readings can be a bit dense, but the discussions are really helpful for clearing them up. The writing assignments I think were graded fairly leniently.
Not easy but absolutely manageable and made more enjoyable with Prof Strobel
Moderate difficulty
It is a hard reading intensive course but the professor's lectures and discussion would help a lot for you to understand such hard texts.
Pretty hard