SOSC 13200 7 - Social Science Inquiry II - Instructor(s): Richard Cooley

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

Number Enrolled: **19**
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: **Thursday, March 28, 2024**

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

Comments
How to use r to summarize and analyze results from studies in the social sciences
social science inquiry
How to read scientific reports.
I learned how to code in R, analyze linear regressions and relationships between variables, read experimental literature, and express my ideas effectively.
Analysing linear models and learning how to code in R.
How to code in R and the basics of linear regression. I had no experience with R going in and came out feeling like I could do basic data analysis so I definitely learned a lot.

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

Comments
Lectures and assignments were most helpful for learning r
Lecture and homeworks.
The lectures, readings, and homework assignments all contributed to my learning as they allowed me to work on topics that I might have been confused about before.
Class is always very interesting w Professor Cooley!
Lectures were good for synthesizing core concepts and explaining some of the code. Homework assignments were very helpful for getting used to R and the final assignment was fun because we got to choose our own datasets to analyze. The readings were disconnected from the material sometimes but were still interesting, and the supplementary readings on stats/R were helpful.

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%	25.00%	50.00%	25.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
I felt respected in this class.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Cooley is fantastic
Prof Cooley is absolutely one of the best professors I've had at UChicago, and he has made this course a wonderful, low–stress experience. He is a great guy and created such a comfortable learning environment. I hope he knows how appreciated he is, even if our class didn't always show it. Grading–wise—he is very generous, and gives us the answer keys for each assignment before its due, so there really isn't a reason to do poorly on the assignments.
Amazing professor!
In the end I feel like the R portion of this course was mostly self–taught with some guidance, though this is to be expected because everyone is at a different level and it's difficult to cover more than the basics in lectures. Prof. Cooley was still really helpful with questions and helping on the homework assignments, and this is definitely manageable even if you have 0 programming experience.

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
Lectures and feedback on errors in coding assignments
He is very good at leading discussion.
The instructor is knowledgeable and engaging. I enjoy the lectures a lot as he explains the topics very well, which helps me with the readings and the homework problem sets.
Break out discussions.
Demonstrating concepts with examples in R and engaging the class to make sure we understood the concepts.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Not much!
Not much, the course homepage was a little bit difficult to read when finding the readings sometimes though so a formatted PDF/Word document would be nice

The Instructor . . .

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Organized the course clearly.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	0.00%

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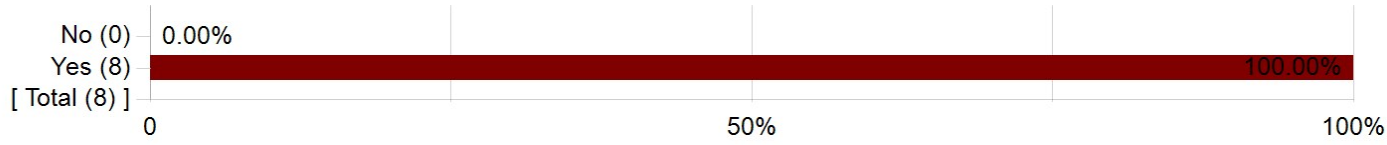

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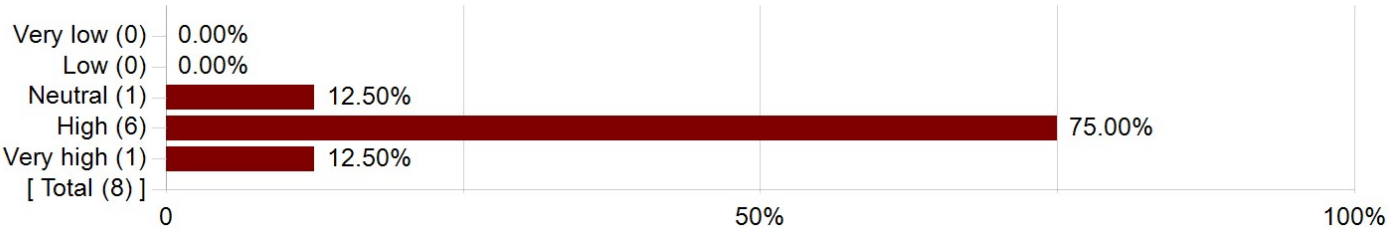

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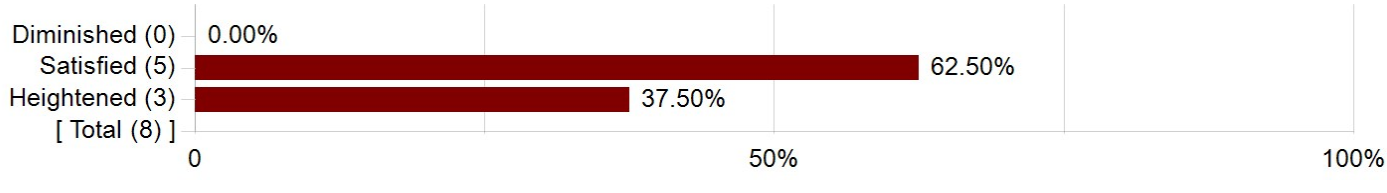
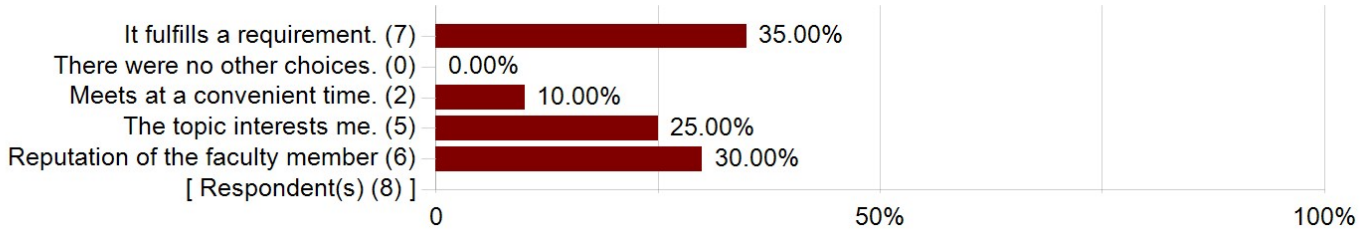


Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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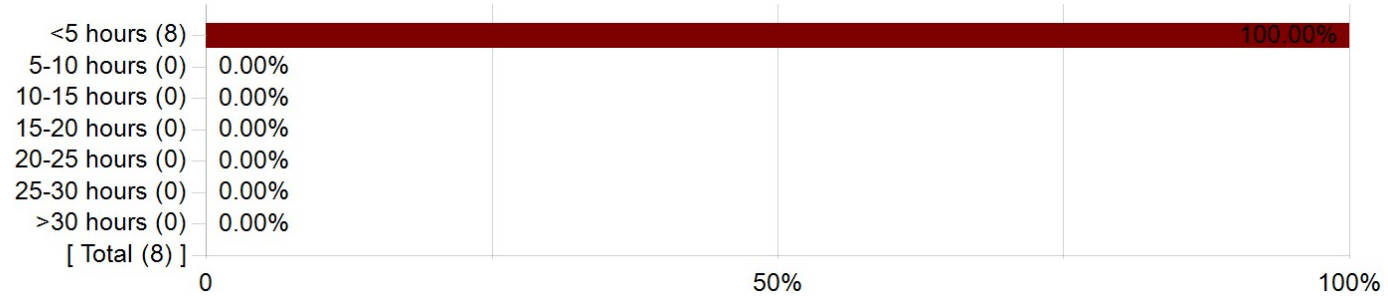

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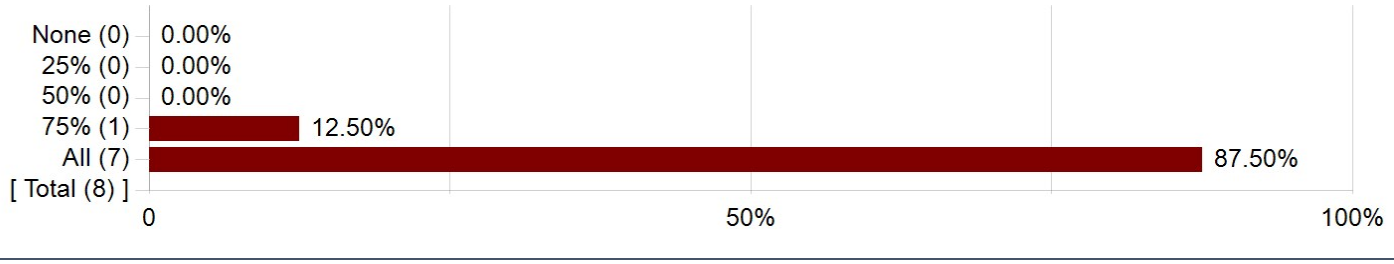

Please comment on the level of difficulty of the course relative to your background and experience.

Comments
Helpful to have some background in stats and r, but the course layout assumes no prior experience so it's definitely approachable for anyone
not too bad
Not very difficult but very interesting
Not difficult at all. He walks you through all of the coding you need to know, and you're allowed to use ChatGPT for when you get stuck. Very low–stress, but still fruitful class
Easy class! He helps you with every assignment!
Had no programming experience coming in except 1 semester of Python that I forgot most of, definitely manageable for people starting from scratch if you're willing to put in a little bit of effort to get off the ground at the very beginning