



SOSC 11500 12 - Power, Identity, Resistance II - Instructor(s): Isaac Hand

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

Number Enrolled: **14**

Number of Responses: **9**

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 to read dense and complex texts – Smith: Wealth of Nations, Marx: Capital Volume 1, and Durkheim: Division of Labour in Society
I learned so much about economics and great thinkers like Marx.
Prof Hand really helps instill in students the importance of synthesis and going beyond a mere comparative essay. In the moment it was difficult but in the long run I think my writing has improved.
Conflicting ideas about the role of government and humanity, I learned how to better close read and draw comparisons from texts
How to synthesize and reconstruct arguments regarding political economy. The course helped me better understand authors and write papers reconstructing and evaluating complex arguments.
One of the best courses I have ever taken Learnt about Marx and Durkheim in a completely different way One of my favourite professors
I think that the most important thing I learned was how to write about various political thinkers. I think my writing improved a lot over the course of this quarter. I also learned a lot about how to read political thinkers and of course I formulated my own opinions on the ideas presented in the texts.
We read Smith, Marx, Durkheim, and a few other authors. This quarter, we learned a lot of economic theory and developed our writing skills through essays.

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

Comments
Discussion really helped clarify my understanding of the text.
Our discussions really kept me engaged and finding new ways of thinking about our readings.
Class discussions were always interesting, and I appreciate that Isaac would always give us some background information and historical context for each of the texts, which I think is really important for understanding what you're reading.
Fascinating lectures and class discussions with projects and papers with helpful feedback
Discussions were pretty helpful and Professor did a great job of facilitating student participation.
Discussion – feel we could also meet outside of class longer to discuss more
The discussions contributed a lot to my understanding of the texts. Everyone read the texts and discussed well and the discussions were well-lead by Professor Hand. The essays were also handled well and I felt like the prompts led me to think more about the texts.
Discussions were helpful for clarifying concepts in texts.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.44	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	55.56%	44.44%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	33.33%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%
I felt respected in this class.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	11.11%	77.78%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Very fun and interesting class, although a lot of reading!
I feel like this is commonly known for power but in case you're wondering: there's a lot of reading! Discussions and your essays will go better if you do all of said reading, so even though it might be tempting (or sometimes necessary) to skip, please do as much as you can it'll make the class so much better.
Great course, very interesting. Professor Hand is awesome in my opinion.
I want to take a chance to say how Mr. Lessing who was in this sequence before was someone I would ADVISE AGAINST taking at all costs. Always 15 minutes late, no organisation and seemed very unenthusiastic with the class. This class showed me how good a SOSC class could be. Again avoid Mr. Benjamin Lessing unless you have nothing else

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	0.00%	100.00%
Anyone interested in the topic	22.22%	77.78%

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

Comments
Professor Hand was really good at provoking us to consider the nuances and alternative interpretations of the text – looking at the authors in a way that is divergent from the conventional lens.
Isaac is great at facilitating discussions in class and helping you understand the text, plus he's very knowledgeable in the subject area and approaches each of the texts on an equal footing, being open to criticising all of them, which I appreciated.
The instructor's historical context given before we delve into texts really helped place the text into perspective.
The way they provided a historical background to the authors we were reading and put the authors into comparison with one another allowed for a firm grasp on their differences and similarities
When Professor Hand would interject to clear something up or provide detailed historical context which made it easier to synthesize these historical arguments.
Really thought through lesson plans and really caring about the subject
I think Professor Hand's style of discussion was good and kept the class on-target and led us to understand the texts well. I also liked his explanations and elaborations and felt like they were helpful to my understanding.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Maybe bring in the discussion posts more into class.
MORE OFFICE HOURS – maybe 2 a week and maybe we could also have more discussion groups to discuss the books outside of class

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.44	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	33.33%	55.56%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.43	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	44.44%	33.33%	22.22%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.33	5.00	11.11%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	66.67%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.56	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	44.44%	55.56%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.44	5.00	0.00%	11.11%	0.00%	22.22%	66.67%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%	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
Mia is great and they are super helpful for looking at your specific writing and helping you improve. I also appreciate that during workshops they weren't pushing one approach to writing an just kind of worked with what we were already bringing to the table rather than assuming we didn't know what we were doing. The workshop requirements were also pretty minimal while actually being helpful, which was great.
Mia Thacker was an amazing writing advisor. They were always very friendly and helpful and would always leave meaningful comments and critique on drafts.
Amazing – learnt a lot
Mia was really helpful throughout the essay writing and revising process.

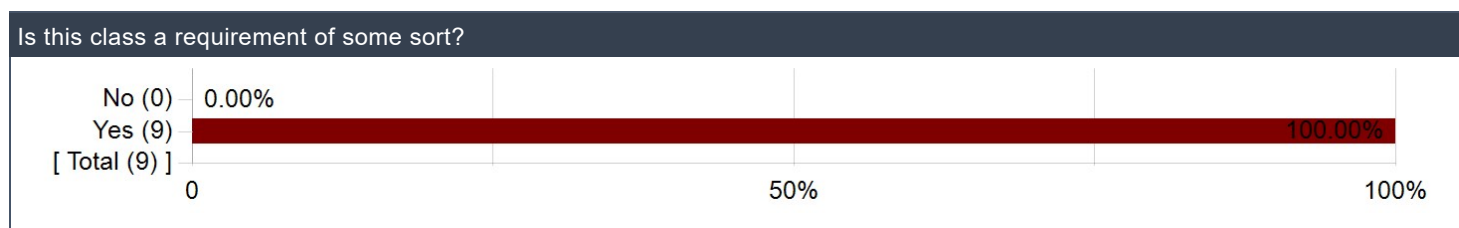
The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	60.00%	20.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	80.00%	20.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	60.00%	20.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.25	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	40.00%	20.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	60.00%	20.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	60.00%	20.00%

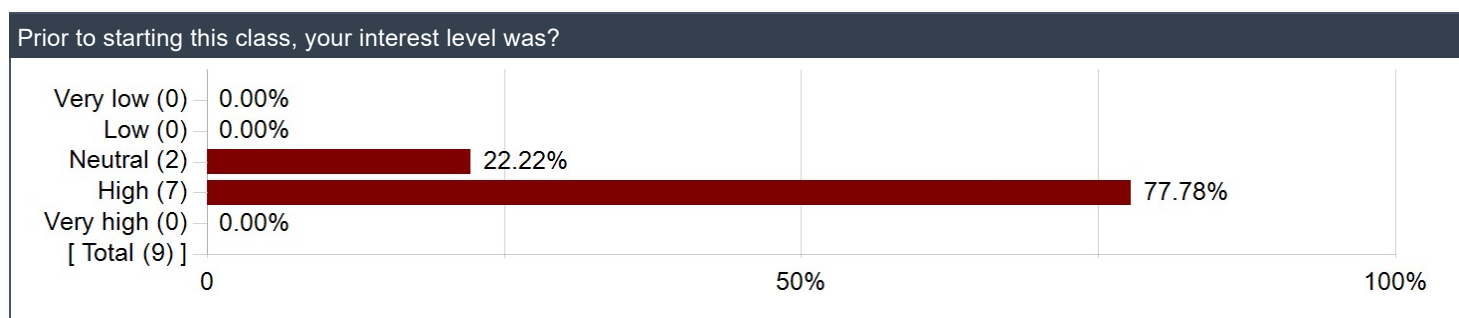
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	3.00	3.00	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%	0.00%	0.00%

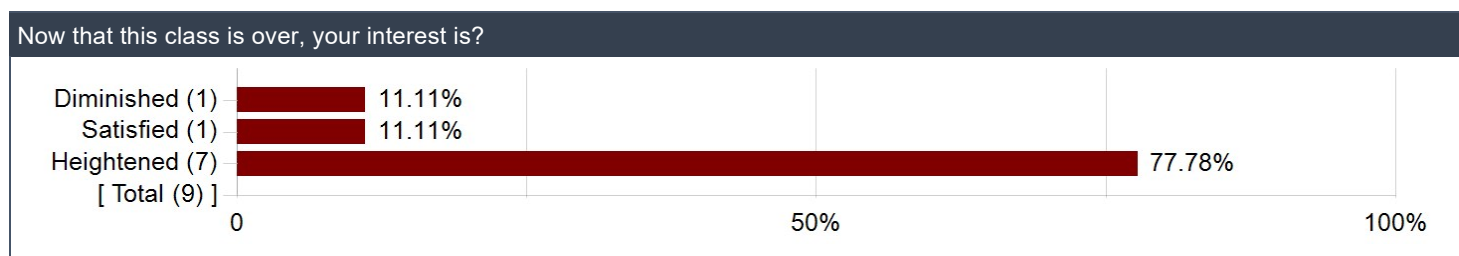
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



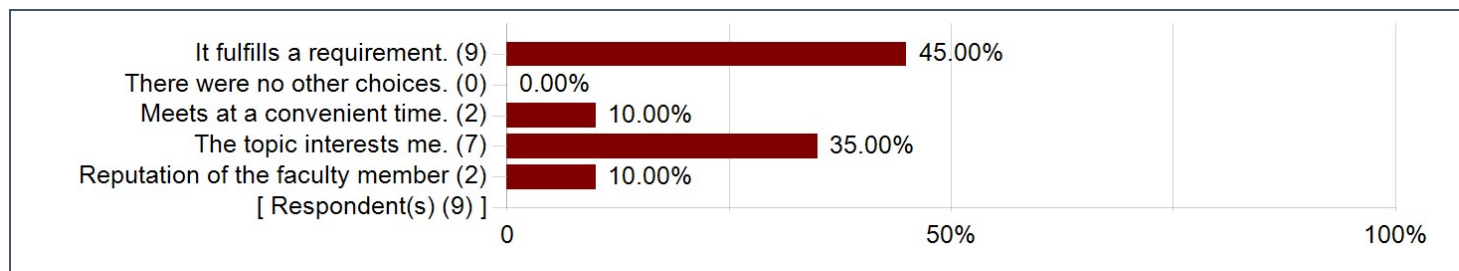
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



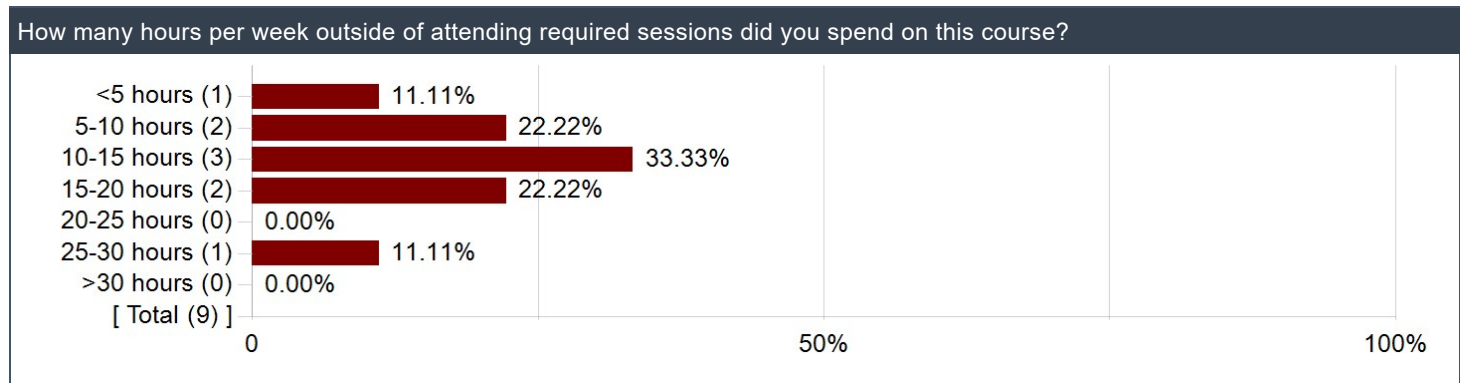
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



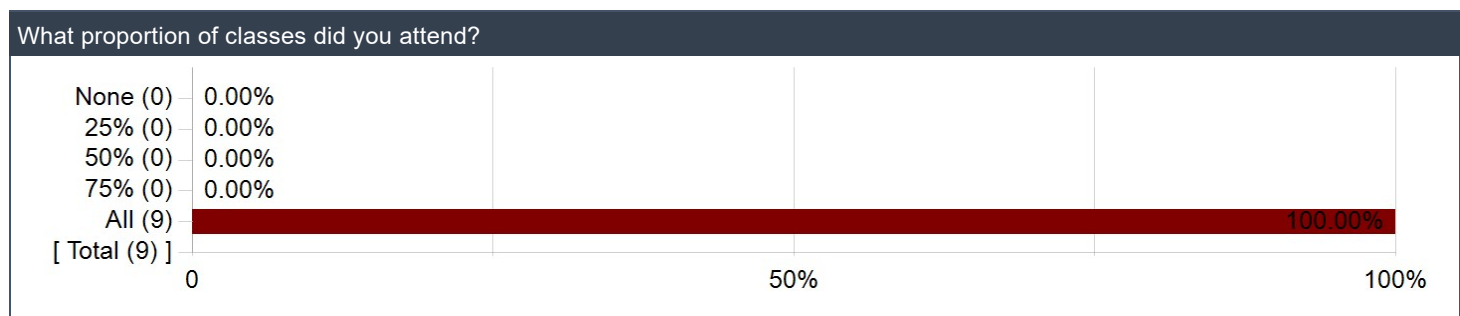
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
Quite difficult – a lot of reading and a lot of work. Some of the texts were fairly hard to understand and to interpret
This course was insanely difficult for me in the beginning, but as time went on, it got easier because I got used to what was expected of me.
hard to get a grade – really gave it everything and not sure where I am
I felt like the course was challenging, but well within my capabilities.