



SOSC 11500 16 - Power, Identity, Resistance II - Instructor(s): Ryan Allen

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

Number Enrolled: **8**

Number of Responses: **4**

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
We read Smith, Marx, Durkheim, and Mauss – focusing basically on capitalism and its critics
How political economy functions and its effects
Theories from the readings we were assigned and trained to write concisely.
Capitalism and Marxism. How to write essays.

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

Comments
Class discussions were great! The weekly reflection requirement also forced me to do the readings carefully, which probably contributed to my learning and allowed me to truly distill the information lol
Discussions illuminated things I didn't see in readings
Professor Allen's thoughts he delivers to us in discussions help us fill in parts of the thoughts in our reading that we could not understand.
Lectures were amazing. The discussions we have in class were so informative and really clarify the reading we are doing. He directs us and encourages participation, you feel so safe when you participate.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
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.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
I cannot recommend PIR enough – it is honestly the signature uchicago core experience and if you choose to take it, pls take it with Ryan Allen you will learn and grow so much
He is one of my favourite professors at this school easily.

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
Ryan Allen is a great listener in class and truly tries to understand the points made by his students. He also gives super detailed feedback on every single piece of written work, which shows how much he cares about us and has been really helpful for guiding my improvement. He is also very helpful and wise during office hours/outside meetings, and he seems personally interested in the topics that we want to write about for our papers
Good discussions and availability to meet outside of class to discuss and help further understand certain topics and help with writing
Supplement thoughts on our contributions to discussion (there always would be something we may miss in our discussion).
So directive in discussions to ensure we are grasping key material

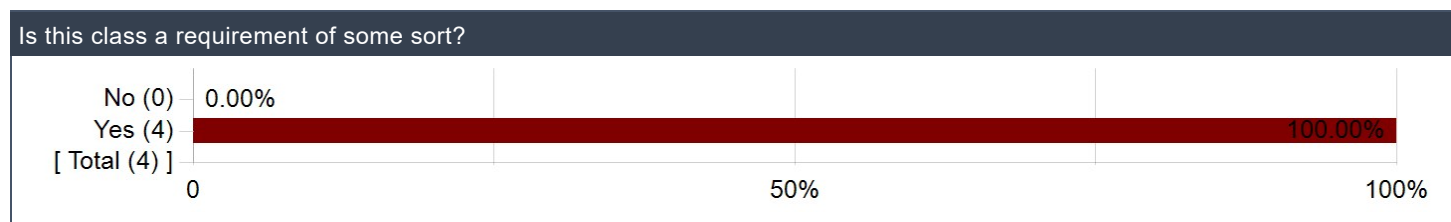
What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Asking more poignant/interesting questions in class will help direct class discussion in the way that he wants it go
Sometimes the distribution of readings can be unequal (especially comparing the reading length between books, some such as Wealth of Nations and Capital have terribly long readings).

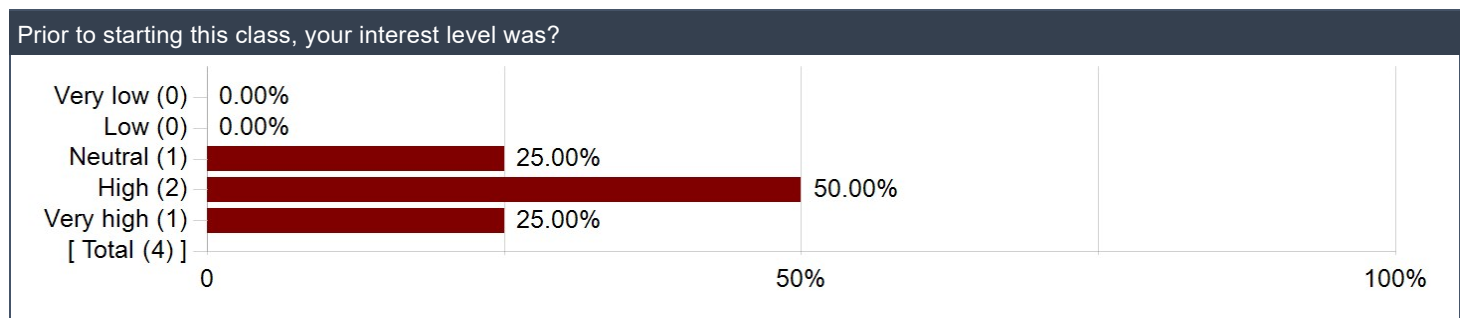
The Instructor . . .

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Organized the course clearly.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	50.00%	25.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	0.00%	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.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	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.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%

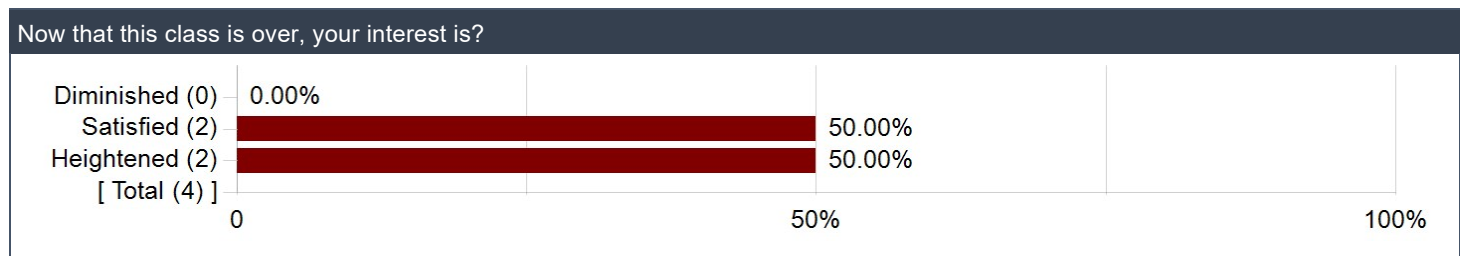
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



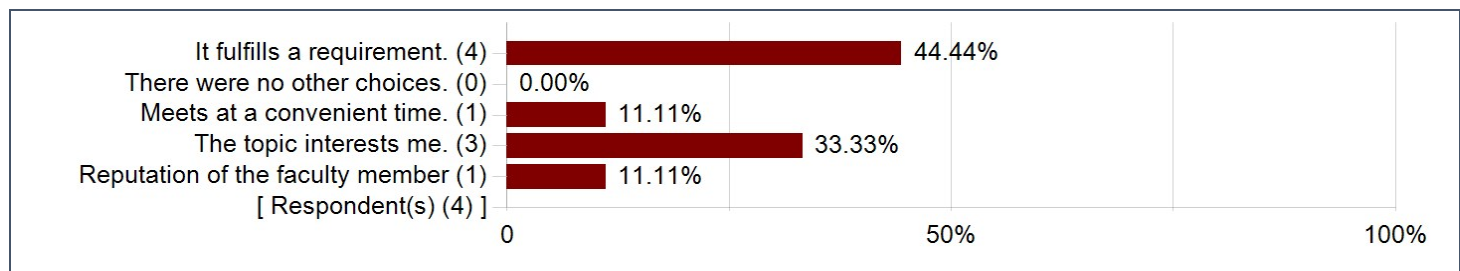
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



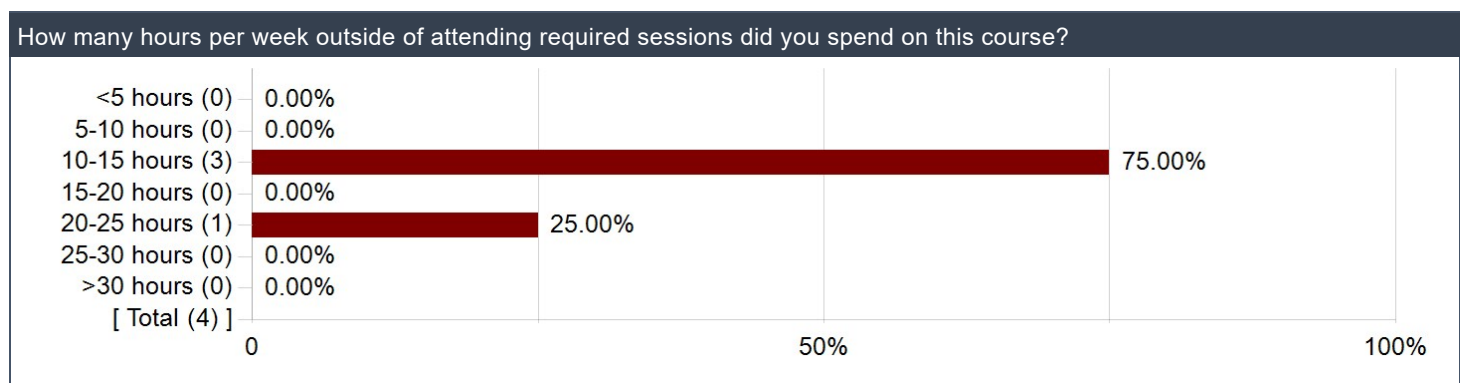
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



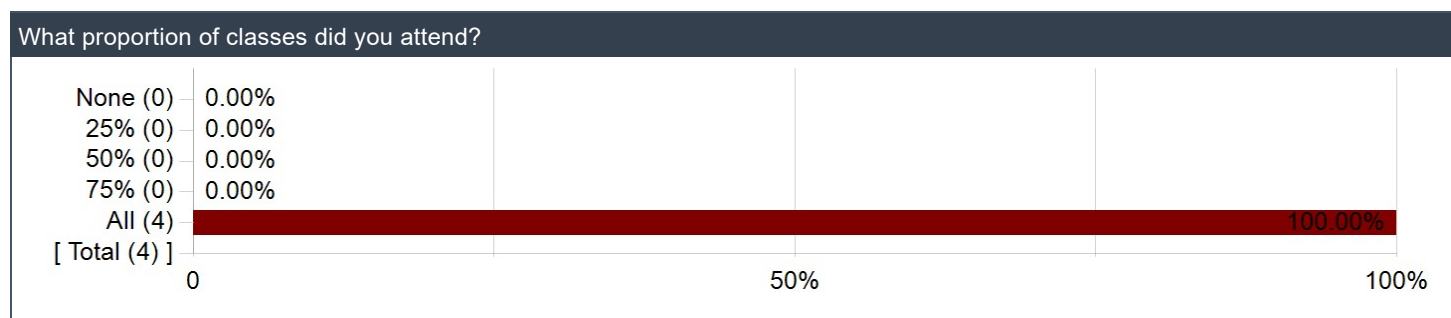
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
PIR is a lot of work, but so worth it. I think I improved a lot as a writer and a thinker throughout this quarter
If you have taken the previous course, you should know what to expect this quarter (the readings may be longer than before). If you had not taken this course before, it would consist of lots of reading and theological discussions. Those who have experienced reading and writing of theological social science books should find this course easier than others, but by no means they would find it easy.
The reading is LONG, takes a lot of time and the work load is heavy. However, it is so rewarding. Professor Allen truly wants you to succeed; he is very supportive if you go to office hours and talk through problems you are having or brainstorming ideas for papers.