



SOSC 12500 5 - Self, Culture, and Society II - Instructor(s): Andrea Ray

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

Number Enrolled: **16**

Number of Responses: **7**

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
Writing essays and understanding the main ideas from Durkheim, Freud, Beauvoir, and Fanon.
social theory, psychoanalysis
The important themes and arguments from Durkheim's "Elementary Forms of Religious Life", Beauvoir's "The Second Sex", Freud's "Civilization and its Discontents" and Fanon's "Black Skin, White Masks".

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

Comments
The lectures clarified the reading a lot. I often misinterpreted the text and would be corrected in class.
discussions
Classes were discussion-based, and were very helpful in understanding the texts as just reading them yourself, you miss many important details.
Lectures were insightful, took good notes

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.17	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	50.00%	33.33%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	3.83	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	50.00%	16.67%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.17	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	50.00%	33.33%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	3.50	3.50	0.00%	16.67%	33.33%	33.33%	16.67%
My work was evaluated fairly.	3.50	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	16.67%	16.67%
I felt respected in this class.	4.17	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	83.33%	16.67%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	3.83	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	50.00%	16.67%

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	0.00%	100.00%
Anyone interested in the topic	20.00%	80.00%

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

Comments
The summary of the previous night's reading.
Dr.Ray is good at explaining the material and asking intellectually challenging questions that makes me wake up from drowsiness in every 8am class. One thing I really like about Dr.Ray is that she teaches us to analyze the argumentative structure and criticize the author/philosopher's argument. This is very helpful in practicing critical thinking skills and will be super effective as a training for essay writing (if you are a humanities/social sciences major). The essay questions also go beyond than factual level understanding; they require certain level of thinking such as comparison and evaluation. I really appreciate that because you can see her efforts to the class.
has a final about all the texts in the course – if you don't want to deal with that don't take this section
The way she led discussion during class. She is really good at analyzing and picking out details from the text that we as students don't see or make connections to when we read on our own, so class was very helpful in giving us deeper insight into the texts. She is definitely very knowledgeable.
Class discussions were always very rich and interesting. She provides a very unique and thoughtful perspective.

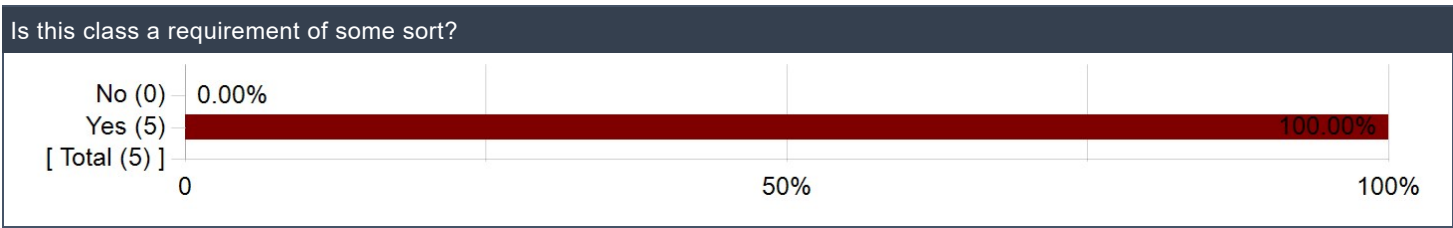
What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
N/A
more lenient with grading essay; if possible, it would be better we can discuss the essay questions before writing it
I wish she was clearer about the grading, since all we've received this quarter so far is our first essay grade. Last quarter, I thought I would get an A since I got an A on the first essay, and A-/A on the second essay, and was told that my final went really well. I ended up getting an A- and I didn't know why. It would be nice if our grades (ex. for our essays and for leading class discussion) were uploaded to Canvas.
Providing actual feedback on papers and assignments that is longer than a couple words here and there. I felt that she was able to clearly portray criticisms on my papers, but never suggested how to actually improve. Final exam was kind of pointless and just added more stress to a long finals week, and many of the other sections had significantly shorter readings. At times the amount of readings that we had was extremely overwhelming.

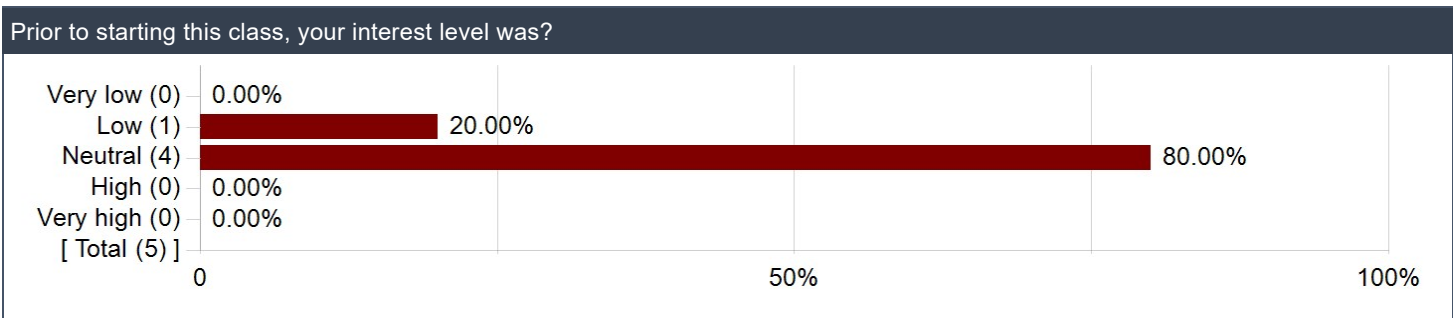
The Instructor . . .

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Organized the course clearly.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	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.	4.40	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.20	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	40.00%	40.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.40	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.40	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	40.00%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.20	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	0.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.40	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	60.00%	0.00%

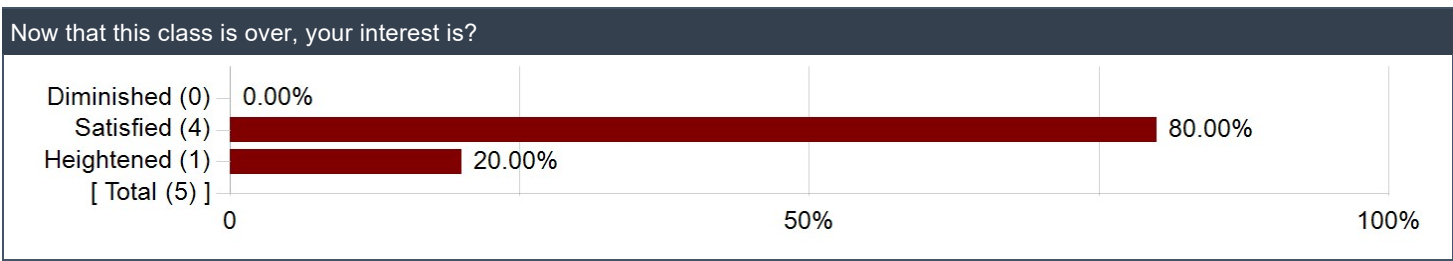
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



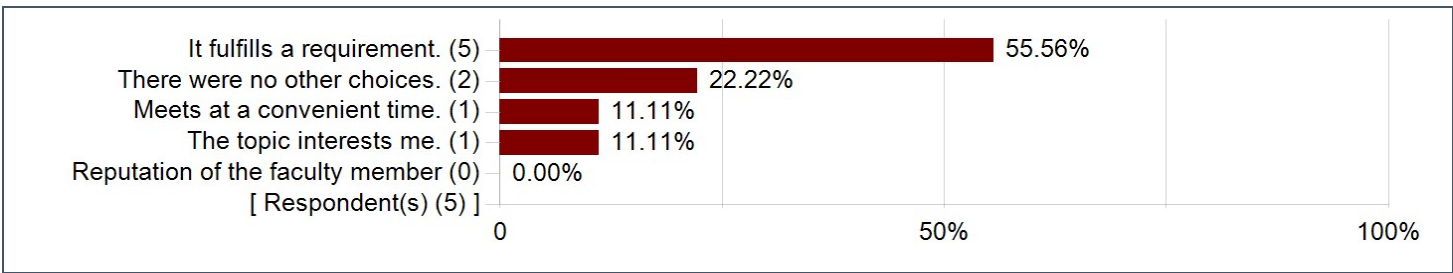
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



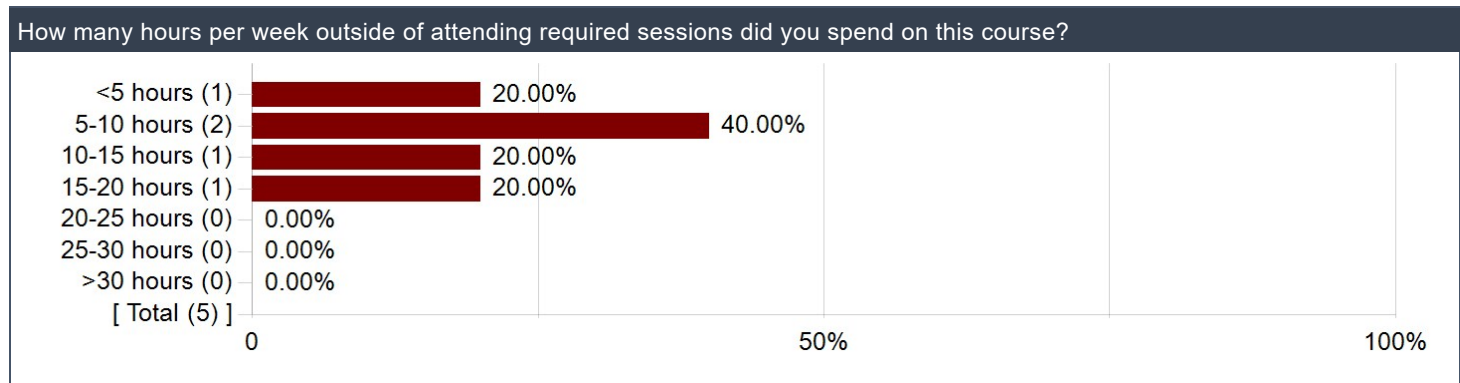
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



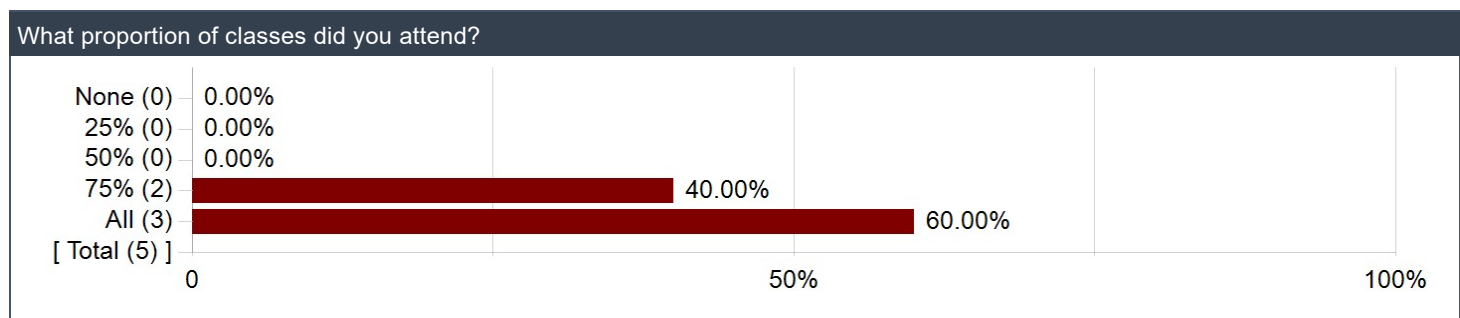
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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

This course is not difficult as long as you show up to class, participate, and stay on top of the readings. There is a final exam at the end, and it's not bad at all if you actually do most of the readings and listen in class since as long as you know the readings well you'll do perfectly fine (it just consists of describing 2 terms from the readings which she pulls out of a word bank she gives you to prepare, and then an essay using 2 authors).

Course is manageable as someone with moderate experience with challenging texts, the readings are definitely long and confusing at times.