



HIST 13001 2 - History of European Civilization I - Instructor(s): James Vaughn

Project Title: **College Course Feedback - Autumn 2023**

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: **Friday, February 2, 2024**

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

Comments
Understanding the formation and transformation of the core structures of European Civilization, and the forces that shaped it and remain with us until today
Primary literature can provide us with a great deal of understanding of how people used to live back then.
The Development of Commercial and Capital Society in Western Europe by 18th century. The spread of christianity throughout Europe from the Roman Empire to 18th century. From this, we analyzed how and why these great shifts cam to be in Europe.
Learned about the progression of Western civilisation largely with regards to Christianity
Covered over a millenium of history, from the Roman Empire to the Enlightenment
The trajectory and cornerstones of European institutions how Christianity has transformed throughout the first 18 centuries after Christ highlighted in important moments – Reformation, Renaissance and Enlightenment.
History of Europe from the Romans to the enlightenment.

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

Comments
The discussions about the readings were very helpful to grasp the main ideas about the primary sources we read, and then relate it to the greater historical context. Professor Vaughn is a great instructor; not only he leads discussion very well but also is very enthusiastic about the content we are learning, which made class much more engaging and interesting
Lectures
Professor Vaughn is very competent at making otherwise boring or "unrelatable to every day life" information captivating. He is very good at emphasizing shifts and changes throughout society rather than a summation of history. His ability to teach the "big picture" has massively contributed to my learning.
The class discussions were extremely helpful in discussing the content of readings and deepening my understanding of the material. Prof Vaughn would usually present on the historical context, which was extremely helpful.
Classes were great – professor starts with some context, one student per class gives context of readings and authors, then we discuss the readings – professor was always incredibly thorough and clear about ideas and questions that any of us had.
The lectures were absolutely amazing. The professor is great at explaining concepts and he is extremely passionate about this subject. Thank you so much! One of the best professors I have had at this school.
I found the professor's lectures and class discussion all to be quite engaging. Readings could sometimes be long, but civ readings are always long — you just have to learn how to skim and its totally manageable.
Class time was really good. Spent understanding text and context of readings.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.40	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	40.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.91	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	90.91%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.91	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	90.91%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.91	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	90.91%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.91	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	90.91%
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.	4.91	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	90.91%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
N/A
Amazing class, highly recommend for CIV requirement or anyone else interested
I really really enjoyed this class and the material / chosen sources.
Overall, great!

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	0.00%	100.00%
Anyone interested in the topic	9.09%	90.91%

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

Comments
Professor Vaughn's discussions about the reading and the synthesis provided to better understand the readings was great!
Professor Vaughn is one of the best teachers I had at UChicago! He should be an inspiration to many professors who want to teach history.
Has leading of discussion and ability to relate material (primary sources) to the bigger picture, while contextualizing each source in the culture and society of its time.
The in-class presentations on historical context were extremely helpful. The professor would also lead discussions that would tie many concepts that we learned together to show a progression through history
Professor Vaughn was great at putting events into context and explaining more complex sources from the reading
Professor was excellent knew when to push you further if he thought you could have more to say and knew when to move on to another person, knew and clearly enjoyed teaching the topic which I especially appreciated, answers and discussion were clear and well explained.
The lectures
I thought professor Vaughn facilitated strong class discussions, gave good lectures on background information and main takeaways, and was always willing to help in office hours. I feel like he really supported all of the students who wanted extra help.
Vaughn is insanely knowledgeable and willing to listen to students.

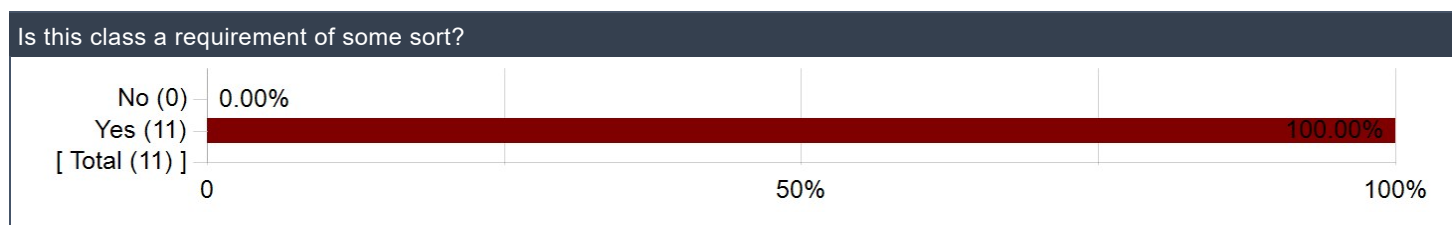
What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
N/A
He's a great teacher overall! Very kind and always clarifies any and every question.
Make your slideshows available to students by posting them on canvas
Honestly-- not much. I felt I learned so much in this course
Nothing more.
Nothing
Class often went over by ~5 minutes which could be a little frustrating. Not a big deal because he did say if you need to leave early you can but also just better to end class on time so that we could get to our next classes on time.
nothing really

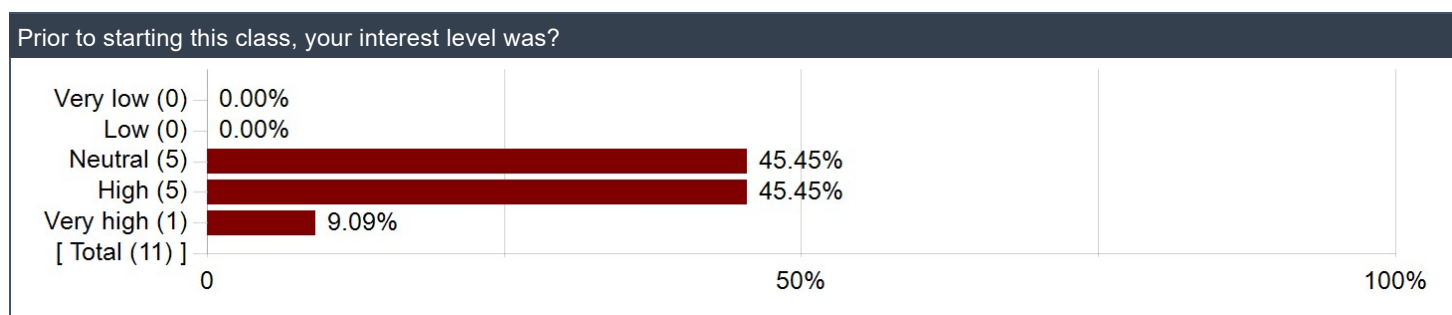
The Instructor . . .

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Organized the course clearly.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	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.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	0.00%	90.00%	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.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%	0.00%

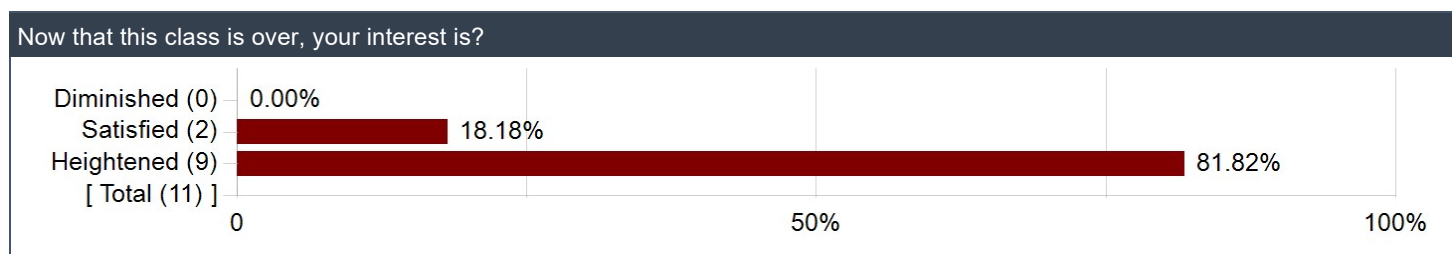
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



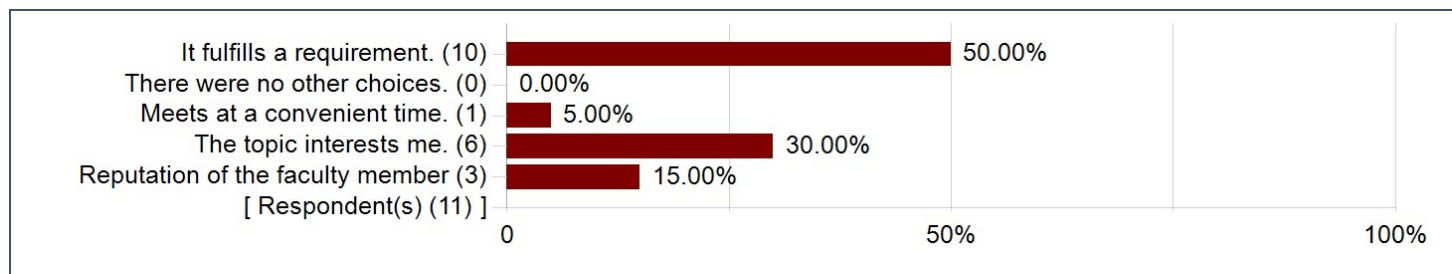
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



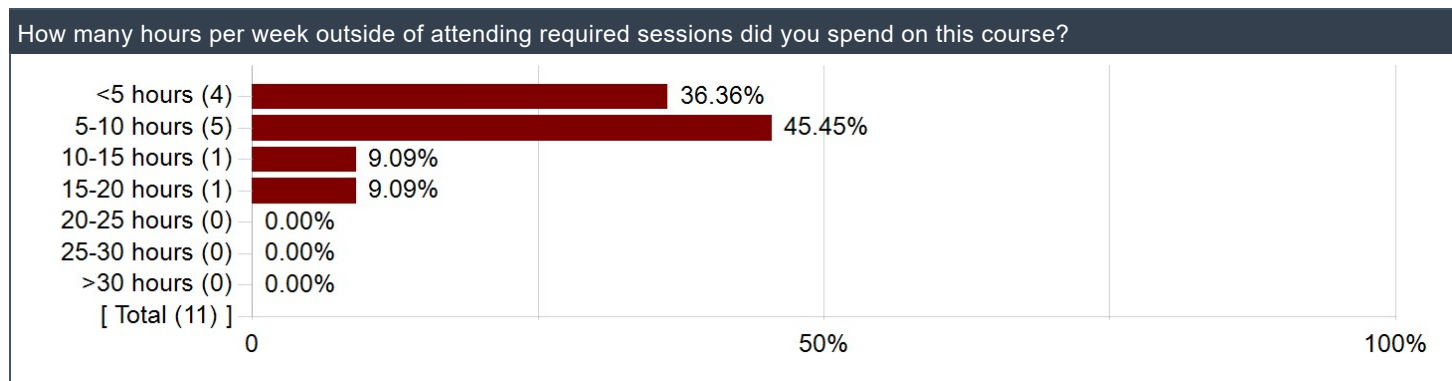
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



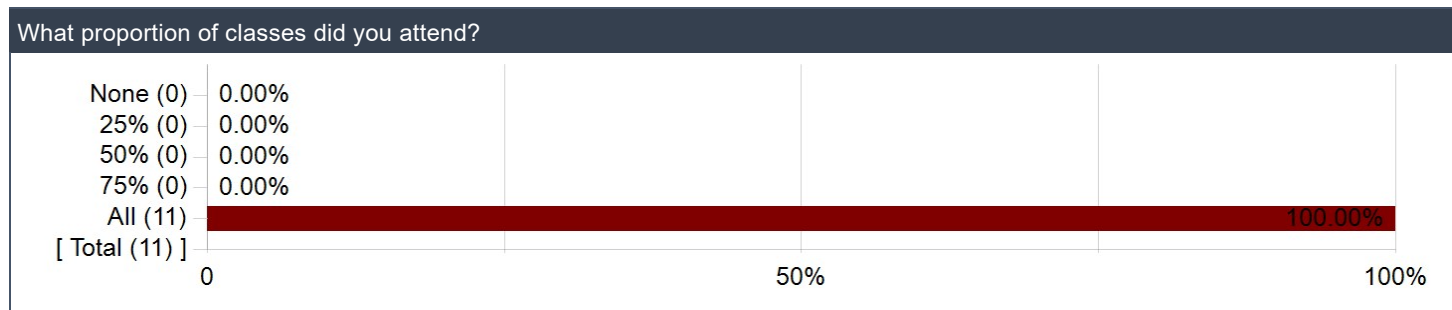
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
It is a fair course; the amount of work you put into it will reflect your performance.
The course is the first in a sequence so students do not require background or experience, that being said this course is extremely reasonable and fair. The readings can be on the longer side but overall there is not an unreasonable level of difficulty nor is it a class that will guaranty you a "desirable" grade. This class is fair and I recommend it.
It was quite easy while being very informative and interesting. Highly recommended!
Reading was for some classes lengthy although I didn't feel the content itself was the most challenging assuming you had read the assigned things.
I had limited experience on this topic and found it to be very manageable and interesting.
Not too hard, very interesting and stimulating and the professor has reasonable expectations of students. Really happy I picked this for CIV