HUMA 16000 9 - Media Aesthetics: Image, Text, Sound I - Instructor(s): Katherine Buse

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

Number Enrolled: **19**
Number of Responses: **16**

Report Comments

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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
how to analyze images. How to critically analyze and interpret the significance of images and demonstrate their relationship with society.
language to talk abt art
I learned a little bit more about writing and video games.
Importance of media
How to write in more detail.
One of the coolest skills I learned is my ability to really dissect images/text now. The skills I learned have changed my view on many movies/images that I come across now.
How to deeply analyze images, and it's something that was extremely useful in comprehending and coming up with arguments.
How to perform close reading on various forms of media. Be able to connect them with secondary text and formulate complex claims.
I gained a solid understanding of the foundational skills required to pose a nuanced argument and explain it in an illuminating way.
Close reading images, videos, games; writing and revising; interpreting visual arguments/messages
I learned about different perspectives on the impact of different forms of media, such as photography and video games. I gained the skill of learning how to close read.
I think I learned how to closely read texts as well as analyze images. This was something that I came into the course struggling with but I feel now that it is easier for me to learn information just from closely looking at an image or film.
The relationship between different mediums and how we can relate them to social, racial, and political issues in our world.
I learned how to analyze different forms of media as well as relate them to each other. This classs broadend my understanding of how different forms of media relate to each other and how their purposes have changed throughout history. I also improved in my skills of textual analysis and close reading as well as my essay writing ability.
In this course, I learned how to do the close reading of images, regardless of whether it is a painting, a photograph, a scene from a film, or even a still image from a video game. Through this close reading skill gained, I was able to analyze the images in more depth in my essays and have a better understanding of what kind of message that the image is trying to convey. Moreover, I was also able to link the images to any of the textual materials I read throughout this quarter.
I improved my analytical writing

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

Comments
Papers and lectures were engaging, and provided me with ample opportunity to learn and explore ideas.
seminar based and short readings
I don't think this course really contributed to my learning that much. The lectures were kind of bad, discussions were really bad, and the assignments half the time I didn't even know we had anything to do. The assignment were basically just all reading which I wasn't a fan of. The video game assignment was kind of ridiculous. The amount of time we had to complete a certain amount of the game was crazy short.
Lectures and videos and the slides helped.
The course was formatted in discussions that were informative and engaging.
They challenged me to go deeper past what I already knew, and then even deeper than what I thought was good enough, which I really enjoyed. The discussions were also pretty helpful too.
Managed to learn how to write stronger reasonings due to the close reading and analysis of media. However, sometimes I find the class boring, and rarely do I find it interesting. Other than that, it’s a pretty good class.
The discussions were helpful as the professor lead discussions and inspired meaningful conversations.
I loved watching movies and documentaries. Both writing about them and watching them was fun, and something I've never done in english before.
discussions were a large part of class that helped us develop ideas and arguments about readings, movies, photos we looked at. There was also a significant amount of group work discussion activities that was helpful for learning how to interpret photos, videos, etc.
In the lectures, we talked about the reading or assignments that we had for homework, which were usually about pieces of art. The writing seminars were not very helpful because they were always the week after we submitted our essays and were about the past essay, which isn't really helpful after having turned it in.
I think the video game unit helped my learning because it was challenging intellectually and helped me look closer at the mechanics of games.
Lectures were super helpful and the homework readings were interesting. The load is relatively light compared to other classes, which makes it easier to focus on the ideas and not be overwhelmed by the sheer content.
The writing seminars helped me learn how to properly make and support close reading arguments in my papers. I think the discussions were useful in helping me understand the material as well as in developing my own interpretations.
The lecture slides that the professor prepares each class and the discussion sections always helped my learning as they really encouraged me to think deeper into each topic that the lecture dealt with. The discussions in particular was my favorite because I could feel that the discussion prompts were really carefully chosen, and I liked how I was able to listen to other's opinions and learn from their ideas.
The writing seminars helped the most with my writing. The class itself did not.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	3.88	4.00	6.25%	12.50%	6.25%	37.50%	37.50%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	3.63	4.00	12.50%	0.00%	18.75%	50.00%	18.75%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	3.69	4.00	6.25%	0.00%	37.50%	31.25%	25.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	3.38	4.00	12.50%	12.50%	18.75%	37.50%	18.75%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	3.81	4.00	6.25%	6.25%	18.75%	37.50%	31.25%
My work was evaluated fairly.	3.69	4.00	6.25%	6.25%	25.00%	37.50%	25.00%
I felt respected in this class.	4.06	4.00	6.25%	6.25%	6.25%	37.50%	43.75%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	3.63	4.00	12.50%	6.25%	6.25%	56.25%	18.75%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Amazing course, amazing instructor
interesting
You get to gain new perspectives on forms of media in daily life that you didn’t notice before which was really cool.
I enjoyed the video game we played as the last unit
nothing:)
NA

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	12.50%	87.50%
Anyone interested in the topic	6.25%	93.75%

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

Comments
Her insight and expertise.
class discussions were very helpful
Slides and discussions
Feedback on papers were most helpful
Her enthusiasm to the course and making sure everyone understood what we're talking about
Professor Buse is a very nice professor, and I could expect to receive help from her any time.
The questions that promoted class discussions were the most helpful.
I enjoyed the enthusiastic energy and interest that our instructor brought to every class.
Slides/"lectures", discussions
Group discussions of our interpretations on artwork contributed most to my learning.
Her presentations and clarification of key vocabulary words helped me better understand the content of the course.
She always prepared questions to help guide us through the discussion and she always shares her opinions after hearing our ideas.
I think she had good discussion topics and I think the small group discussions we had before coming back to the big group were very helpful.
The professor's lecture slides and the discussion prompts what she organizes all helped my learning and really challenged me to think deeper. Her feedbacks on my work also enabled me to enhance my performance on subsequent assignments.
The writing seminars

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
No critiques, everything was great.
wish we got papers back faster
I think if my instructor used canvas in a better manner than I would be able to learn more. The assignments were never posted as "assignments" so they were only found hidden in the modules. Also, the instructor could have done a better job moderating the discussion during class time and making the class time more engaging.
N/A
Provide a rubric for essays to see where exactly I was losing points. The grades felt like they were approximated.
Possibly guiding the discussions a bit more.
Offering slides and learning materials outside of class, so that students could look back on what they've learned.
Clarify on questions and give more context. I think people are very willing to participate in the class it's just sometimes we don't understand the question completely.
Getting grades back a little faster would have been helpful.
Posing more specific questions for class discussion instead of more general ones
I would like to have talked about more pieces of art rather than literature because the discussions about literature were not very simulating at times.
I think more in class activities other than discussion would be helpful.
I feel like her lectures are already very helpful.
Talk about writing in class

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	3.56	4.00	6.25%	6.25%	18.75%	62.50%	6.25%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	3.69	4.00	6.25%	6.25%	18.75%	50.00%	18.75%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	3.81	4.00	6.25%	6.25%	6.25%	62.50%	18.75%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	3.63	4.00	6.25%	12.50%	18.75%	37.50%	25.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	3.94	4.00	6.25%	0.00%	6.25%	68.75%	18.75%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	3.69	4.00	6.25%	6.25%	25.00%	37.50%	25.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.06	4.00	6.25%	0.00%	6.25%	56.25%	31.25%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.13	4.00	6.25%	0.00%	12.50%	37.50%	43.75%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.06	4.00	6.25%	6.25%	6.25%	37.50%	43.75%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	3.69	4.00	6.25%	6.25%	25.00%	37.50%	25.00%	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
Rebecca was great but wish we had our writings seminars at better times. Having our first one two days after our first paper was due was kinda pointless
Rebecca (don't know their last name). Writing intern/tutor. I liked Rebecca. I feel like the writing seminars were kind of a waste of time but they made the most of it and I learned the most in those writing seminars.
Rebecca Himelstein
Made me go deeper past what I already knew.
Rebecca, the writing specialist, played a crucial role in my success. Especially with the helpful writing seminars and feedback that she provides. If only her office hours had more slots, things would've been so much better.
Rebecca Himelstein The comments on papers really helped me write better papers. I do think the seminars would be more useful if they happened before papers were due.
Rebecca: I learned a lot from Rebecca and our writing seminars and enjoyed them. My only suggestion is to have the writing seminars before the essays are due so that the feedback we get can actually be implemented.
Rebbeca Hilstein – They lead writing seminars, which were not very helpful because they were always done right after we submitted our essays, if they were done before we submitted them then the feedback would be more useful.
Rebecca Himelstein did a good job of facilitating the writing seminars.

The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	55.56%	22.22%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	11.11%	11.11%	44.44%	33.33%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	55.56%	22.22%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	55.56%	22.22%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.22	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	55.56%	33.33%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	11.11%	11.11%	44.44%	33.33%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	3.89	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	44.44%	22.22%	0.00%

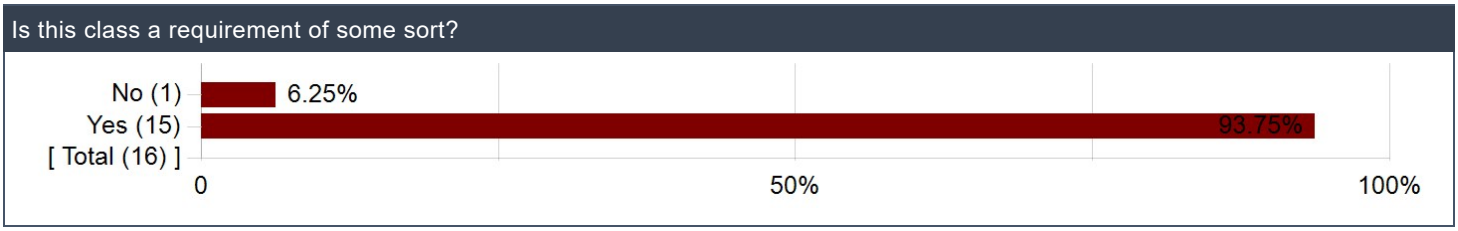
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	Mean	Median	No Gain	A Little Gain	Moderate Gain	Good Gain	Great Gain	N/A
Laboratory Experience	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	91.67%
Field Trips	3.40	3.50	0.00%	25.00%	16.67%	25.00%	16.67%	16.67%
Library Sessions	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Review Sessions	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	0.00%	8.33%	83.33%
Writing Seminars	3.93	4.00	6.67%	0.00%	20.00%	40.00%	33.33%	0.00%

Other course elements not mentioned above:

Comments
NA
NA

Is this class a requirement of some sort?



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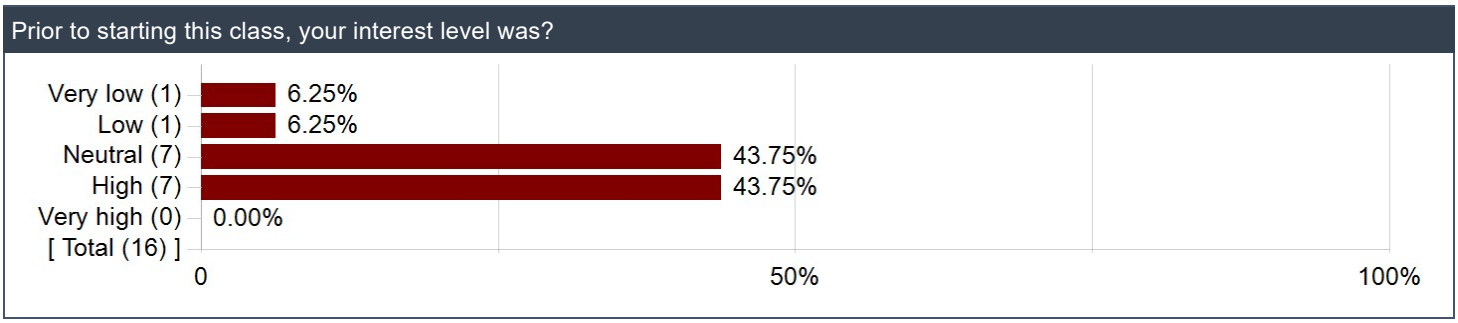
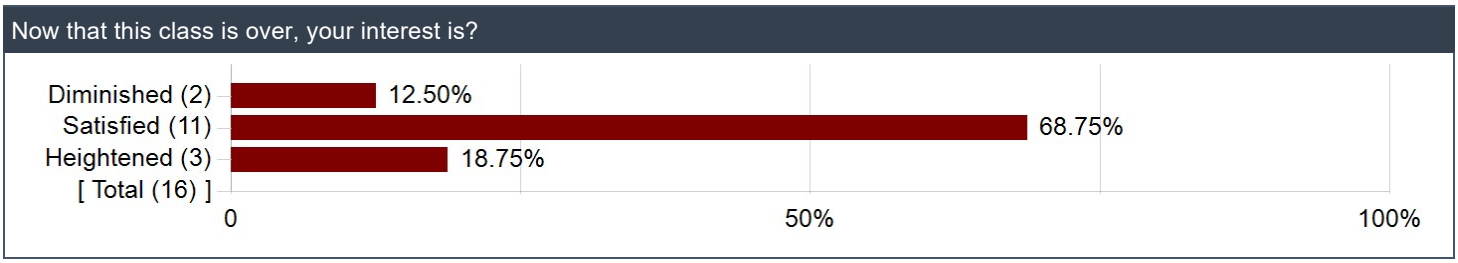
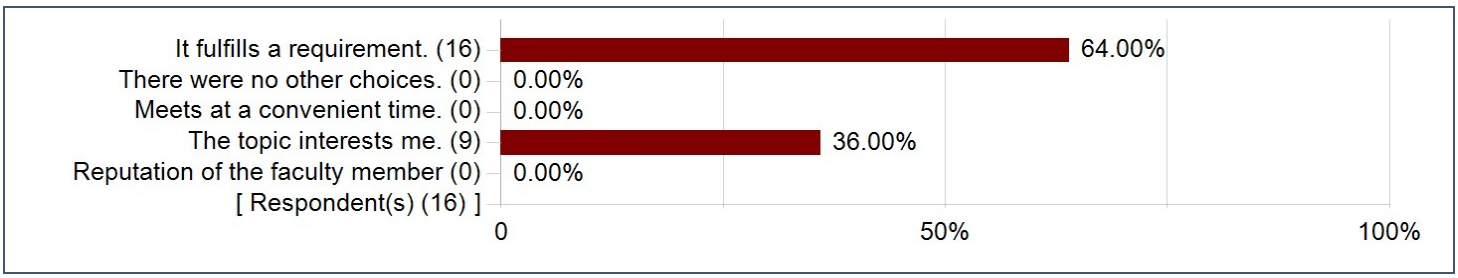


Now that this class is over, your interest is?



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



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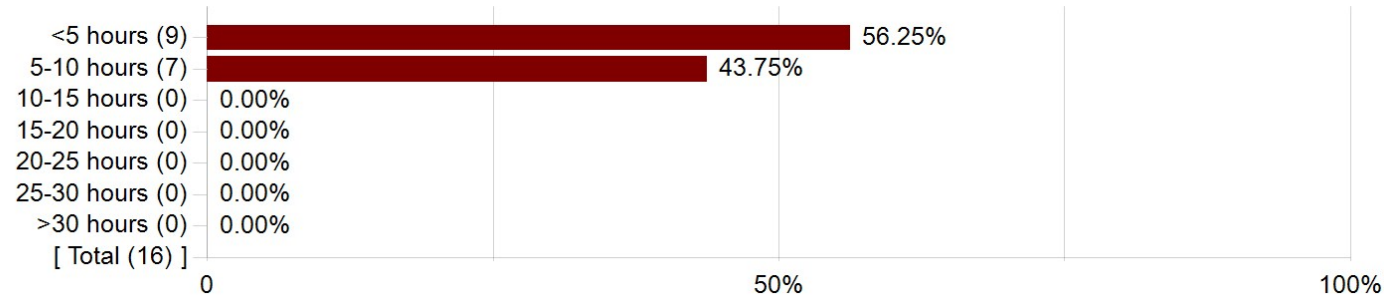

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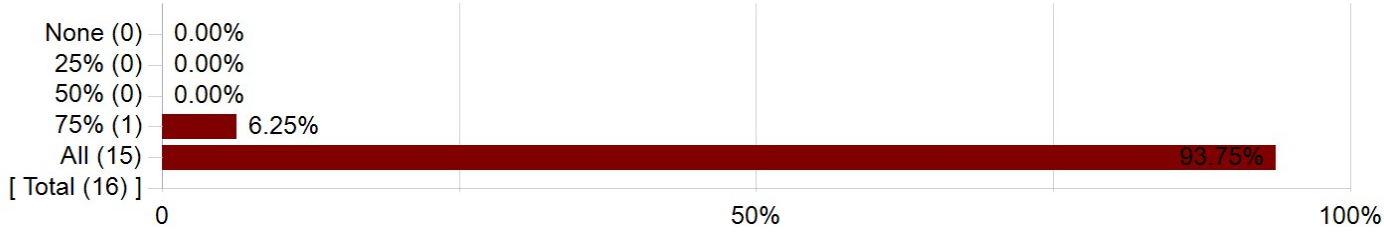

Please comment on the level of difficulty of the course relative to your background and experience.

Comments
I have background experienec from general high school english classes + art history course. A lot of humanities, independent study, and worldly experience helped me in this course.
More difficult than I was expecting
It was fairly easy but the concepts were very new
Moderately Difficuly
It’s a pretty easy course despite having no previous experience. All you need is to be able to analyze images.
It is moderately difficult but the work load when papers are due is high, so good time management is recommended.
This was equivalent to my english classes in high school. It felt like the next natural progression.
You don't really need to know anything about media, but you do need to know how to write and make good arguments
Not very difficult
I had great writing preparation in high school, so I thought that the writing assignments were not too difficult. However, this course required a lot of thinking and it took some time to get used to thinking that deeply and analytically.
I think the course was in line with my previous experience.
I feel like it was challenging enough to make me think on a deeper level.
This course had difficult material that I struggled to write about.