



NEHC 20005 1 - Ancient Near Eastern Thought & Literature II: Anatolian Lit - Instructor(s) - Petra Goedegebuure

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

Number Enrolled: **16**

Number of Responses: **5**

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, July 11, 2024**

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

Comments
The most important things I learned in this course include Ancient Hittite culture, laws, myths, and history. We learned about close reading in ancient texts and how different interpretations can vastly change the meaning and story of an artifact.
The core values of the Hittite culture and how to read/interpret Hittite texts

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

Comments
The primary source readings were very useful for learning more about Hittite culture, and the secondary sources helped us further understand the context behind the primary sources. The lectures gave important historical analyses of the civilization as a whole. The class discussions were also interesting and made me think deeply about the readings and lectures.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.20	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	80.00%	20.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	3.60	4.00	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	40.00%	20.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.40	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	40.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.25	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	75.00%	25.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.40	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	40.00%
I felt respected in this class.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.40	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	40.00%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
I love this course! It was really fun learning about the Hittites.

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	20.00%	80.00%
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
Professor Petra was very enthusiastic about the subject matter, and that made me excited to learn about the Hittites every day of class. I also think the structure of the class is very good for our learning.
Petra brought so much knowledge and insight into this class. As someone who isn't in the field, it was really cool to get to learn from someone who is so passionate and involved with her work. Despite having an academic background in science, I found this course very accessible and felt invited and challenged to think deeply about the texts we read and the Hittites in general.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
I don't think there is much the instructor can modify because the biggest drawback is that the artifacts are very fragmentary and so the texts are very hard to understand. But that is no one's fault! The fact that the class is so good even with fragmentary artifacts is very impressive!
Though I enjoyed the course formatting, I wish it was a bit more organized. We had a couple of surprise assignments through the quarter which were very manageable (only a paragraph or two) but it would have been nice to know beforehand. We also never got feedback from our midterm paper, so it was impossible to tell how we were doing in the class.
The setup of the Canvas site was a bit difficult to navigate at the beginning of the quarter, but I did get used to it by the end.

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	3.80	4.00	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	60.00%	20.00%	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.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	60.00%	20.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	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
Naomi Harris was a great TA, and she contributed a lot to our understanding of close reading for the texts. She also helped facilitate our discussions and gave a lot of useful background information for the text we were using for our final.
Naomi. She is so nice and always available! Her research topic is also very cool. Highly recommend going to her office hours.
Naomi was a very important part of this class. I really appreciated her contributions, especially bringing in things like close reading of texts. I met with her for my final project and her insights were invaluable.

The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	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 class.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%

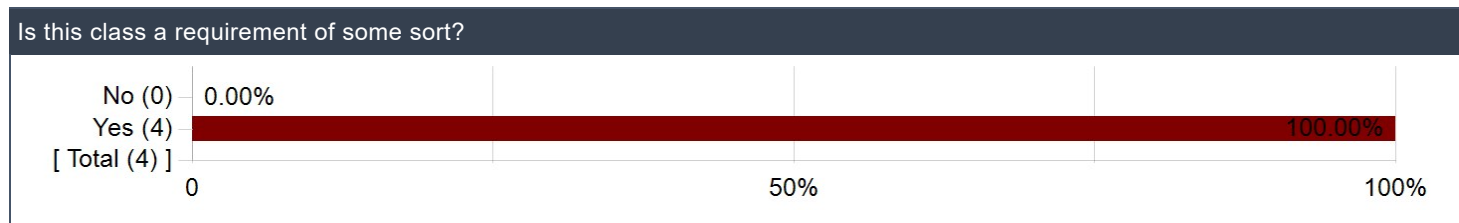
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	Mean	Median	No Gain	A Little Gain	Moderate Gain	Good Gain	Great Gain	N/A
Laboratory Experience	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Field Trips	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
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	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%

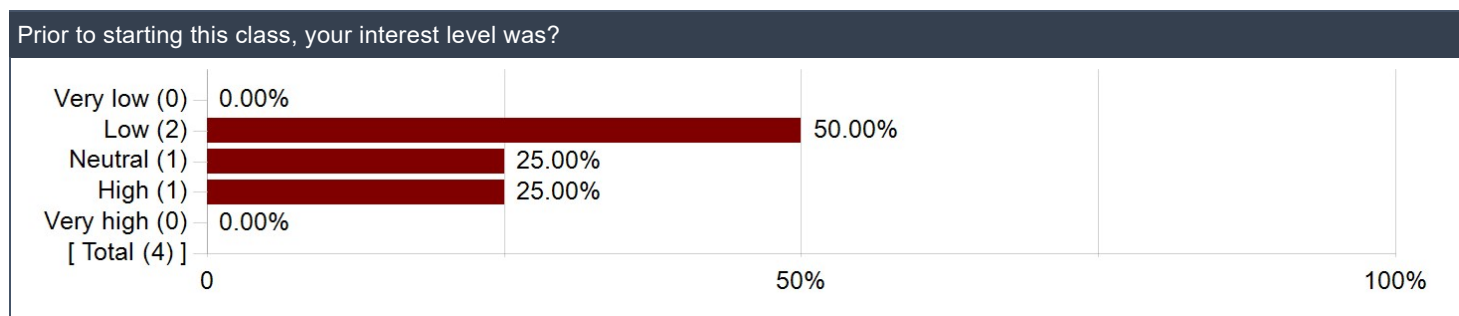
Other course elements not mentioned above:

Comments
We went to the ISAC museum for one of our sessions, which was super interesting. We had been looking at pictures all quarter, but it was great to see and discuss some Hittite objects in person.

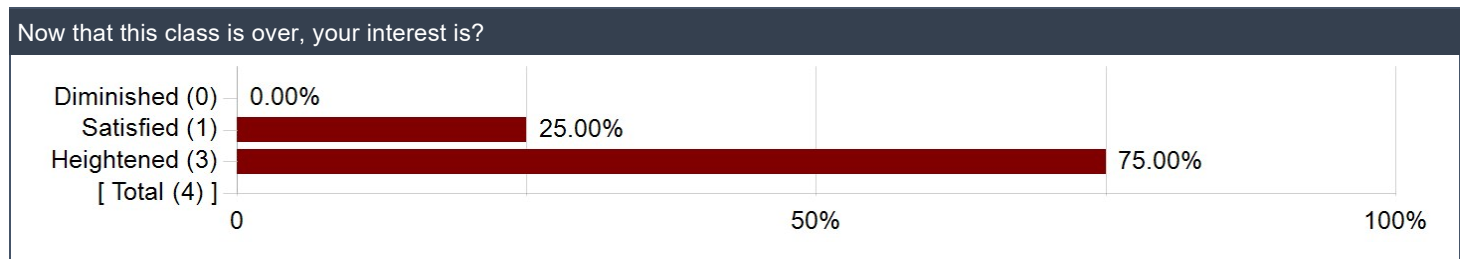
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



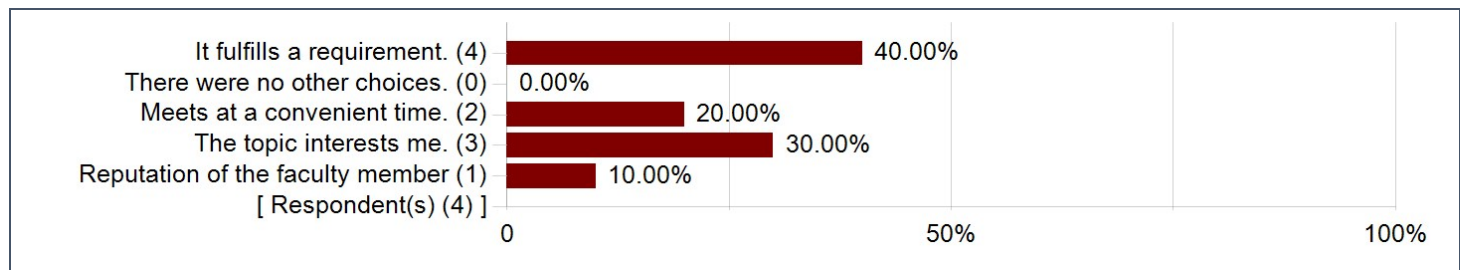
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



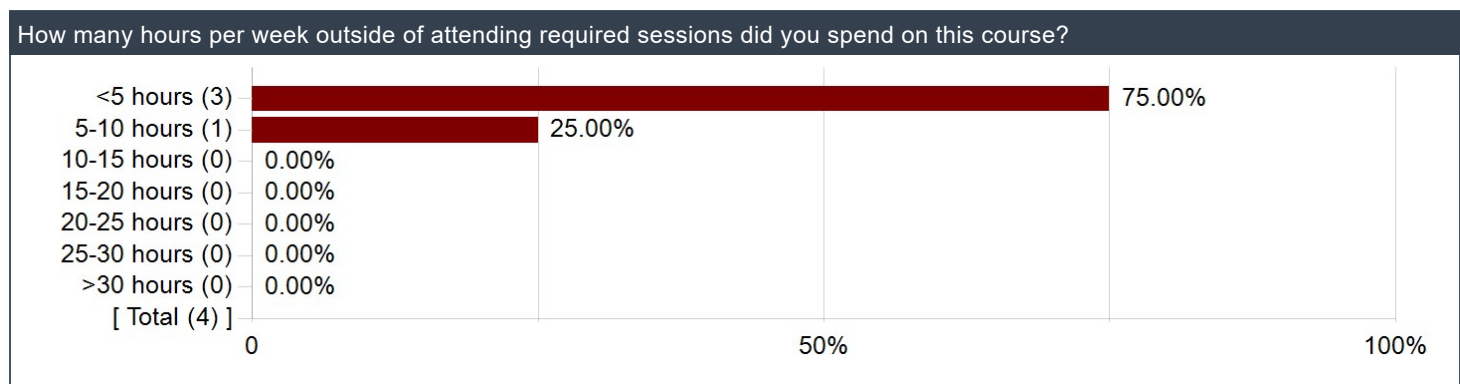
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



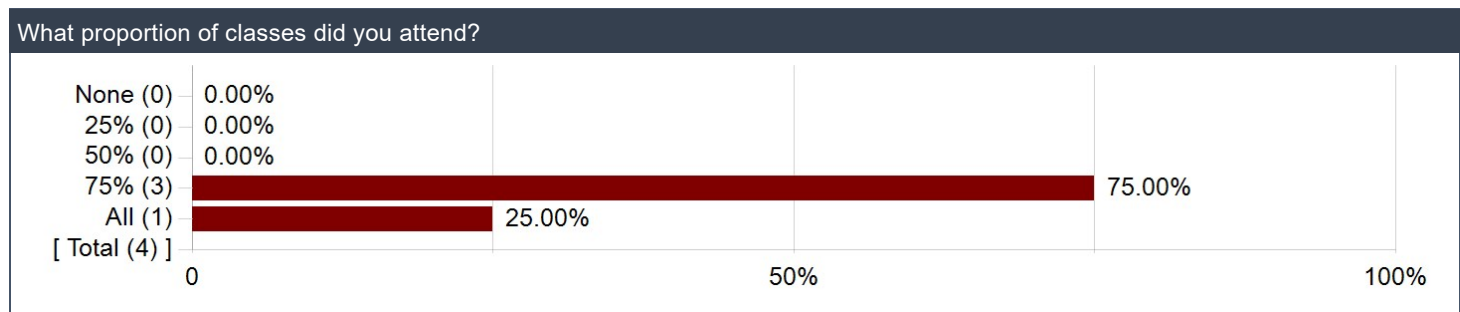
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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's not difficult at all!
The texts are a bit dense, but otherwise this class is very manageable
I'm taking this course as the second class in my Civ sequence, and outside of that I haven't really taken any history classes in college. I knew next to nothing about the Hittites coming into this class, and I was definitely nervous. But it ended up being very accessible and there was a mix of backgrounds and experience levels in the class. The presentations and discussions helped me understand the texts every class and I generally felt like I could keep up very well.