



HUMA 12400 1 - Human Being and Citizen II - Instructor(s): David Martinez

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

Number Enrolled: **17**

Number of Responses: **9**

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
How to be a just person and good contribution to society. We only read three books but they were all really interesting and worth reading. A lot of the class focused on Christian ideology of who is considered good, but it didn't feel like a class on religion even though the texts were religious. Honestly it was a super interesting class and is for sure worth taking.
Various theorem regarding ethnics and human being
The most important things I've taken away from this course are different theories on how to go about living one's life and the values that should be regarded.
Aristotelian concepts, some writing improvements.
Nicomachean Ethics, Confessions, Inferno
I learned the historical background of Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics, St. Augustine's Confessions, and Dante's Inferno, and how the three texts related to each other.
We read Aristotle, St Augustine and Dante

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

Comments
Lectures are super helpful for the essays so I recommend trying to go to as many lectures as possible. Also, I would say to take the time to actually read the books. Some of them are pretty long, but they're not dense. They also aren't hard to read so even though you're reading roughly 40 pages an assignment, it doesn't consume your whole day.
The discussions in class benefits me profoundly regarding the understanding of materials
Office hours were the most helpful resource in this class.
The classes had interesting discussions that helped us understand and analyze the texts.
The discussions were very helpful. Professor Martinez gave a lot of historical background which was very helpful and necessary without going overboard and taking too much time away from discussion. The professor would ask questions that guided the discussion in interesting directions and highlighted the important and interesting parts.
Discussions were alright

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.38	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	62.50%	37.50%
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.	4.38	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	37.50%	50.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.13	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	37.50%	37.50%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	25.00%	62.50%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.25	5.00	0.00%	12.50%	12.50%	12.50%	62.50%
I felt respected in this class.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.25	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	50.00%	37.50%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
It's a really good class and prof. Martinez is such a cutie!!!!
Two of the three texts we discussed in this course were Catholic texts, and as someone who is not Christian I felt like this class pushed Catholicism at us a bit. It also seemed as if we were expected to know Catholic theology to some extent, as the professor sometimes discussed Catholic theology without explaining what he was talking about. It would be helpful if the professors could give more background on the theology the book discusses and focus more on other themes in the texts, instead of mostly religion.

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	0.00%	100.00%
Anyone interested in the topic	12.50%	87.50%

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

Comments
He facilitated class conversations well.
Prof. Martinez's lectures were always funny and easy to participate in. He's a really nice guy so that makes contributing to discussions easy and he'll try to lighten the mood too by making a ton of jokes. His office hours are also really useful because he helps with your essays and will talk about anything that you bring up.
His profound knowledge on the topics and patience for students
The most helpful part of lectures were getting to ask the professor clarifying questions about confusing ideas from the texts.
Professor Martinez facilitated interesting discussions which gave me new perspectives on the texts.
Professor Martinez's historical background and knowledge of Greek society at the time of our first text, and Christianity in the periods of our second two texts really helped to contextualize the books and answer any questions we had about historical influences. His questions also helped me think more deeply about the texts and discover the interesting and complicated aspects of them.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Nothing!
nothing really
It could be helpful to have more time to review feedback on past essays.
He could move through the texts a little quicker. We didn't discuss the end of the texts much because we ran out of time for them.
Sometimes I wish he would say if an idea wasn't quite right because it felt like he considered that everything was right when sometimes certain analyses didn't make sense. I think it would help us grow as literary analysts more to challenge our ideas a little bit more. It also would have been helpful to have a Canvas page so that I didn't have to dig through my email for the syllabus every time I needed it, although our writing specialist Marshall consolidated this material for us onto his Canvas page about halfway through the course.
I think he focused too much on unnecessary background/relationships to other texts – hence not enough time for actually peer discussion and we also got quite behind on the readings

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	25.00%	62.50%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	25.00%	62.50%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.38	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	37.50%	50.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	25.00%	62.50%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.38	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	37.50%	50.00%	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.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.38	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	37.50%	50.00%	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
Marshall Cunningham
Marshall Cunningham. He's great.
Marshall was very helpful in the writing seminars and gave productive feedback on our writing.
Marshall Cunningham. The writing seminars and videos were helpful, and I think the topics were all super helpful and were things that I struggled with so they were mostly very useful. The peer editing as well as Marshall's input in these seminars helped me become a better writer.
Marshall Cunningham

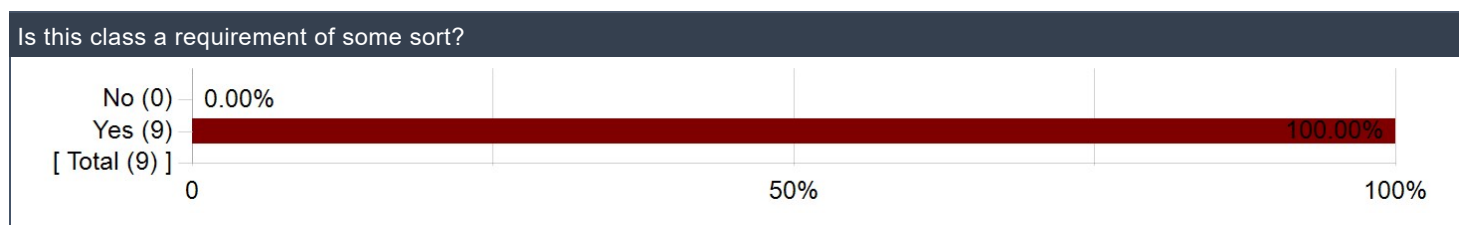
The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.40	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	40.00%	0.00%

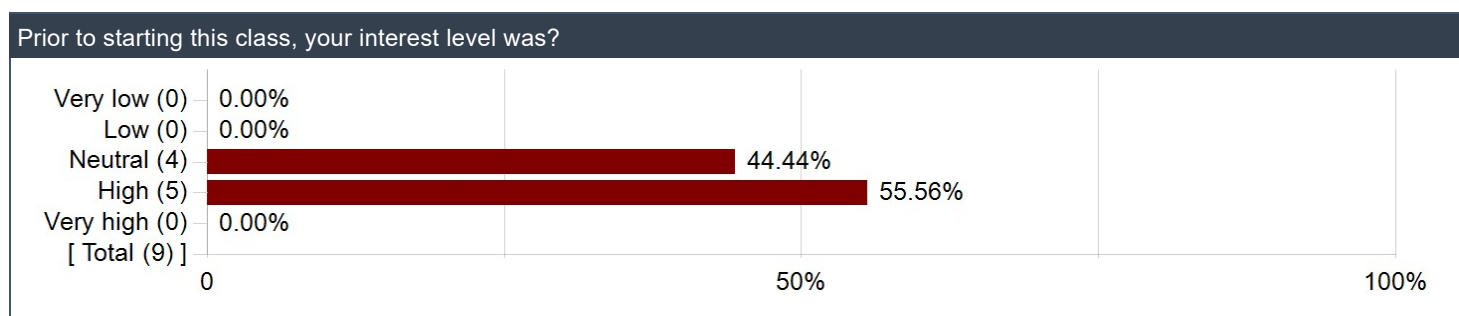
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	1.50	1.50	14.29%	14.29%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	71.43%
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	3.78	4.00	0.00%	11.11%	33.33%	22.22%	33.33%	0.00%

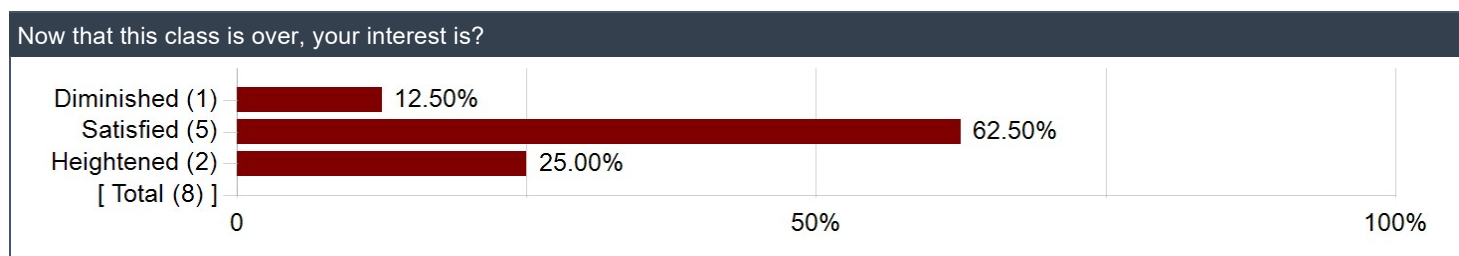
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



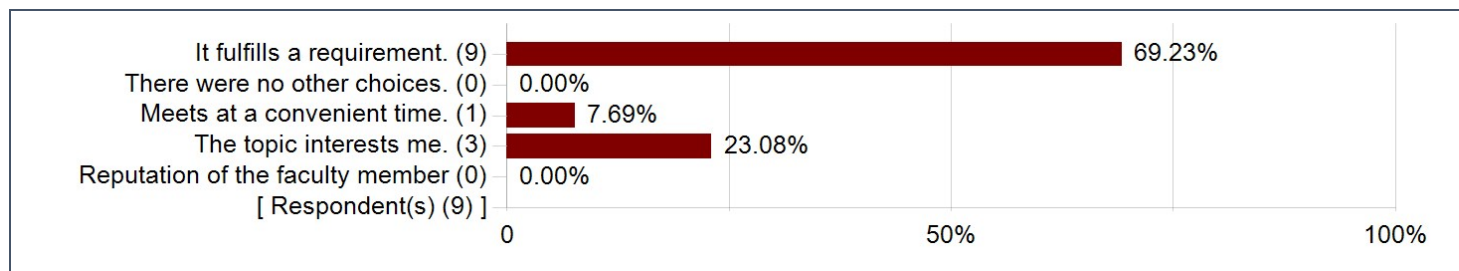
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



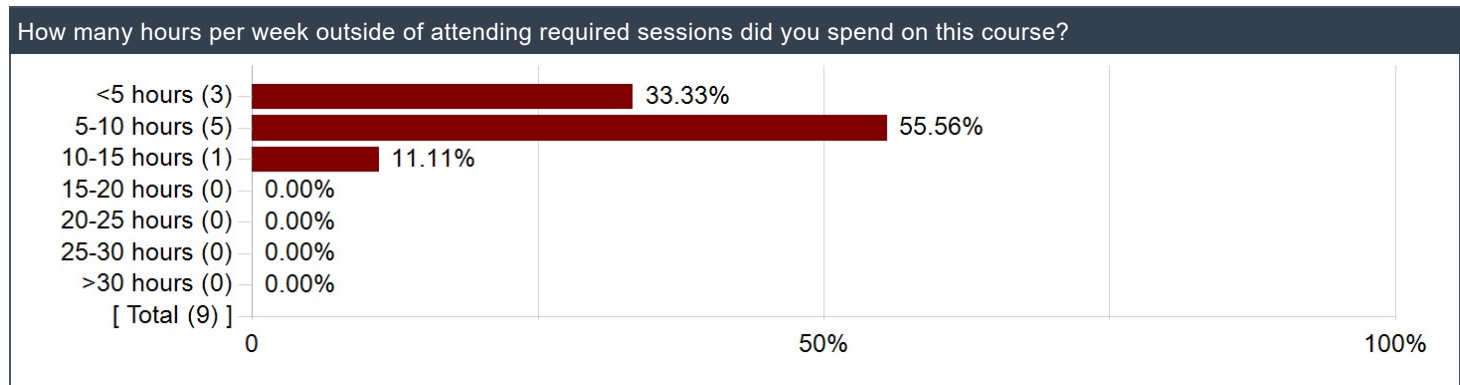
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



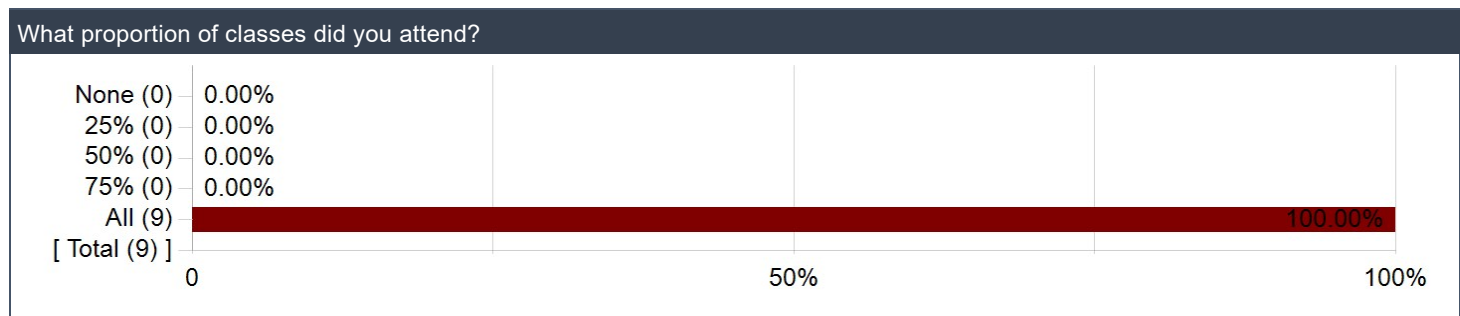
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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 is a really great course and you shouldn't stress about this class. Prof. Martinez is always there to help and tries to make your life easier so the class itself is not very hard. Just make sure to take notes during lecture and pick out a few good passages when your reading that stick out to you and you're set.
This class was harder than my previous english classes and discussion.
I struggle with writing which definitely made this class difficult for me, but the professor and writing specialist were very available to help and the assignments/grading/pacing are still very accessible.
Honestly this term was a lot more boring but I think that's because the texts we read were a lot less interesting