



HUMA 12400 12 - Human Being and Citizen II - Instructor(s): Jennifer Mondal

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

Number Enrolled: **18**

Number of Responses: **10**

Report Comments

Opinions expressed in these evaluations are those of students enrolled in the specific course and do not represent the University.

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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
Critical writing, various philosophical and religious concepts, and how to think about texts.
The main outcome of this class for me was strengthening my skills in writing. We got to write papers in formats I have not necessarily worked with yet. This allowed me to grow as a writer and learn valuable skills which I am able to use in other writings as well.
Learned about classic literature and philosophy in the context of society and citizenship
The most important thing I learned in this course are the different ways that people thought about good. The texts in this class discussed human good and salvation, religious or not, and it helped shape a good definition of what a human being is, and their citizenship in the world.
This course reinforced writing and analytical skills
I learned about different religions and how they interact, as well as how to interact with people who hold different strong religious beliefs
I learned about important texts relating to philosophy and religion through an analytical lens. We focused on the type of writing style (i.e. poetic), and noted the symbolism throughout.
nicomachean ethics, dante's inferno, augustin's confessions
How to analyze a text and use evidence to back my argument

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

Comments
I enjoyed both the writing assignments and discussions which helped me think about my life in the context of the texts we read.
Discussions were the key aspect of my time in this class. I think the discussions allowed me to understand the texts a lot better, and be in touch with the rest of the class on the topics that we could've otherwise interpreted completely differently. Discussions allow me not to get too far away from the actual material.
The class meetings were mostly discussions, and allowed us to share our thoughts with each other and check in on how we understood and progressed through the readings.
Lectures were great, and largely student lead which was awesome
The way our seminars were set up made it very easy for the class to reach the main point of the text. We had a very active class, and everyone was very respectful and engaged.
Class discussion allowed me to hear analysis, critique, and ideas overall from my classmates which enhanced my own perspective on the texts we viewed. The writing assignments enabled me to share my own.
discussions were very engaging, prof. mondal asked very thoughtful questions and our class was lively
discussions were sometimes useful, other times they were just confusing

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	20.00%	70.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.40	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	60.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	30.00%	70.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.10	4.00	0.00%	10.00%	10.00%	40.00%	40.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	30.00%	70.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%
I felt respected in this class.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	10.00%	0.00%	20.00%	70.00%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Tommy, the writing advisor, is a super interesting guy, always gave super inciteful comments on my essays

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	0.00%	100.00%
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
Prof. Mondal facilitated discussions well and helped us become better writers.
The instructor was very open to discussing all questions and concerns pretty much any time. This allowed me to be confident in the fact that I can get answers to any questions if I get lost.
Lectures and thought provoking conversations helped generate paper ideas
Being able to mediate and connect isolated thoughts of students, and form coherent narratives that bridge our different takeaways. Asking questions to the students that push us to more critical thinking.
Professor Mondal's approach to discussions was great—she allowed it to be mostly student lead and would contribute strategically to lead the discussions when appropriate. Her feedback on our writing was very fair, and contributed greatly to my improvement as a writer. It was a privilege to be a student in Professor Mondal's class.
She came into class with a list of objectives that kept us on track and led us to the biggest parts of the text.
Professor Mondal was helpful with moderating the class discussions, but also shared her own insight which enhanced the students' own understanding of the material. Giving us space to share was very beneficial, as well.
discussions
When the professor would go in a little deeper on our readings

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Not much, I enjoyed the class.
Perhaps having the class discussions in a more organized way, where the class discussions are more diverse, can allow the classes to run more smoothly for everyone, instead of it being very enjoyable for some, and quite stressful for others.
More activity based learning rather than just discussion.
Nothing. I had no expectations coming into this class but really enjoyed it. Professor Mondal is an excellent instructor, I am fortunate to have been a student in her class.
Because we had such an active class, sometimes her specific objectives were not needed, and actually slowed the conversation.
N/A – she provided a space to share feedback midway and throughout the course, listening to and applying all of it!
honestly not much– this quarter we had "commonplace books" where we had to write 300 words about the reading twice a week. maybe this could have been improved with more guidance/framing before we wrote them but other than that really solid overall
Honestly, in this class, it was always the same students talking. They had conversations that at times only they understood each other, it would have been more helpful if the professor created a prompt or question where we could all contribute.

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	10.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.17	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	10.00%	30.00%	40.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	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 course.	4.30	5.00	0.00%	10.00%	10.00%	20.00%	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.	4.40	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	0.00%	80.00%	10.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	10.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	30.00%	60.00%	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
Dr. Tommy, great guy, writing seminars were always pretty interesting, was very understanding
Thomas Pfannkoch facilitated several workshops that allowed us to learn new styles of writing as well as steps in the writing process. We shared our work with classmates, receiving feedback from all.

The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	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 succeed in the class.	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%	50.00%	50.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%

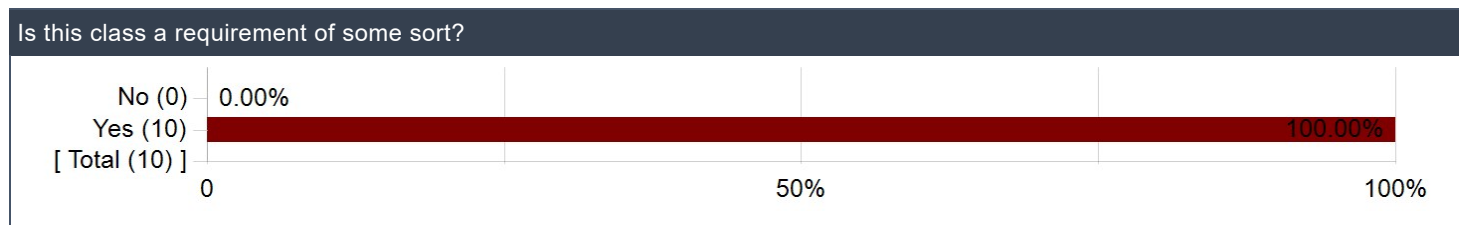
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	0.00%	90.00%
Library Sessions	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	0.00%	90.00%
Review Sessions	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Writing Seminars	3.20	3.00	10.00%	10.00%	40.00%	30.00%	10.00%	0.00%

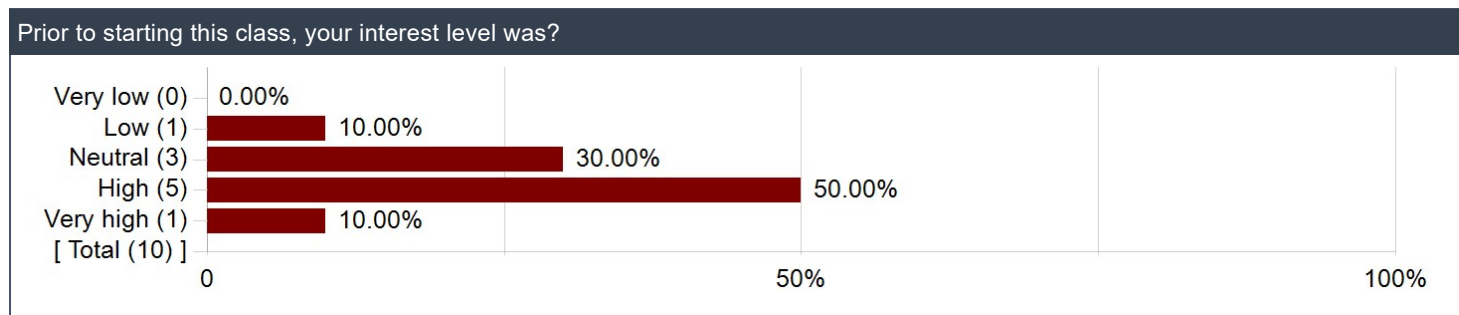
Other course elements not mentioned above:

Comments
Watched a theatre performance
Did not find the writing seminar to be beneficial.
Cultural event (watching a play)

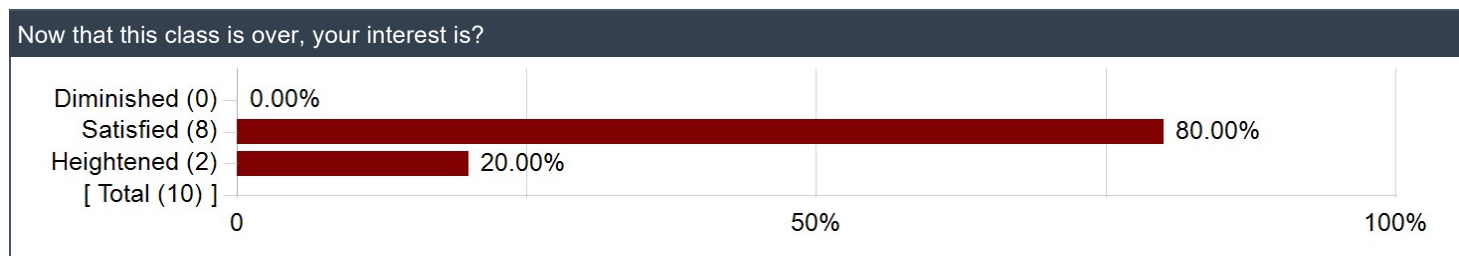
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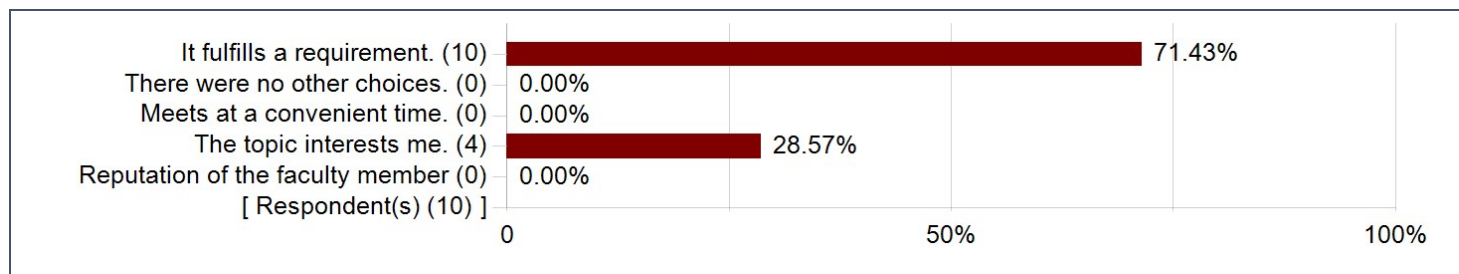
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



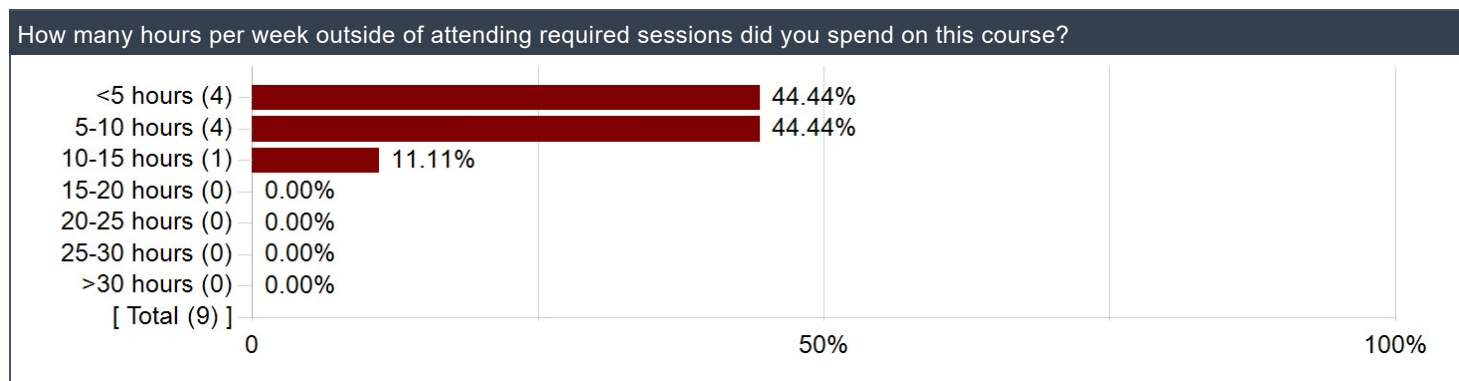
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



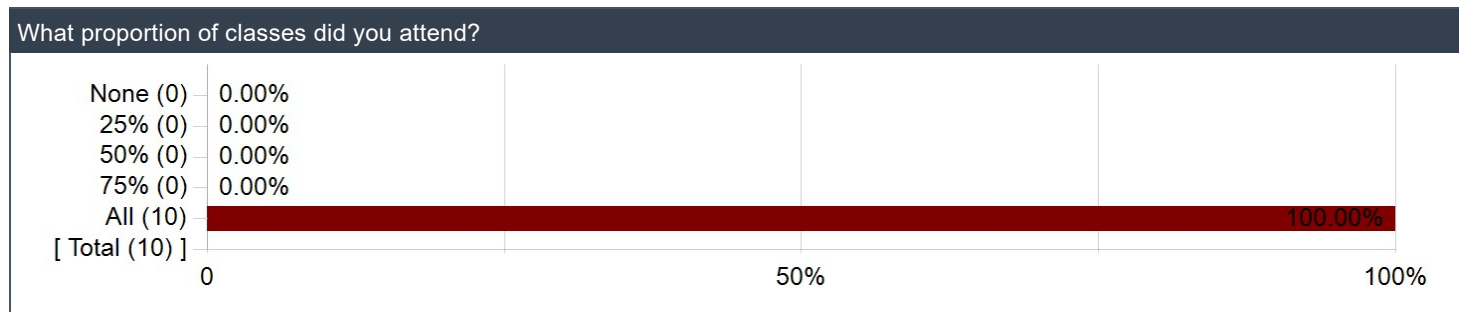
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
Very similar level of difficulty to the first quarter of hum. It is very much dependent on how much work you want to put into the class—but the benefit you get from it varies as a result.
This class had a lot of philosophy and antiquated texts, so it was hard to understand some of it, as I had no prior experience besides the previous class in the sequence. However, once its understood, the discussions are easy to navigate and a lot of class is also one's one personal philosophy in relation to the reading.
Very manageable.
I had a little bit of knowledge and had already read some of the texts, and it was very manageable.
Not difficult.