



SOSC 14100 2 - Mind I - Instructor(s): Katherine O'doherty

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
Learnt how the mind goes beyond information to actively construct reality.
Learned about how the mind constructs reality differently from others
How the mind goes beyond what it is given to construct our reality. The mind can be inaccurate in what it represents which is why psychologists investigate phenomena like the "Theory of Mind," "Change Blindness," "Overimitation," etc.
Constructing others' minds, constructing preferences and constructing social reality were some of the most interesting and important lectures. Learning about overimitation, subjective value and self-fulfilling prophecies are important because of their strong real-world application.
How the mind constructs reality
How different psychological framework explain perceptions.
How the mind reacts with the environment around it to create a picture of reality.

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

Comments
Weekly lectures are useful (sometimes some lectures might not explain really clearly); Discussions led by Professor O'Doherty are really good and helpful; Weekly response paper exercised our writing skills
assignments were most helpful for learning
Discussion was most helpful. I felt like I could speak freely without judgement and Prof OD was always nice about it when someone was wrong. She wouldn't give us the answer but rather motivate us to reach the right answer.
The weekly lectures from each professor of the MIND section were super helpful and extremely interesting!! Prof OD's discussions were engaging and thought-provoking!! Prof. OD is one of the best professors at UChicago!!
The lecture were the most helpful
the discussion is fun because it breaks down the content in the lecture and required reading which is difficult without any sort of background
Discussions and lecture were equally helpful in learning the material and understanding its implications.
I really enjoyed having weekly lectures from different professors! I also liked the discussions held in our smaller groups!

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.36	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	27.27%	54.55%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.45	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	18.18%	63.64%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.36	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	27.27%	54.55%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	36.36%	63.64%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.45	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	36.36%	54.55%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.45	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	18.18%	63.64%
I felt respected in this class.	4.55	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	27.27%	63.64%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.73	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	27.27%	72.73%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Pretty good SOSC class to take
Mind is already an amazing course and Prof OD is the cherry on top! She made the class very inclusive, welcoming and engaging. Her teaching style made even the shy and introvert students feel comfortable and confident participating in class.

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
Professor O'Doherty has excellent explaining skills and she is really passionate about the topic. Her feedback on the assignments are clear and helpful for improving our writing skills. Excellent professor to have!
Assignments and meeting with teacher
Friendliness and availability. I felt like Prof OD didn't just see us as students but also as real people with real interests. I remember we once held a conversation about sign language and ballet. Most professors would have just brushed me off. Prof OD was also open to office hours at any time. She'd inconvenience herself to help out her students.
Prof OD's office hours were the most useful! She was always available for more than 2 hours every Friday! And, added more office hours slots during our essay time. She provided specific and detailed feedback on our weekly responses and essay. She wants the best for her students :)
Her slides and guided readings helped us understand the text more
Breaking down each concept in the lecture is helpful and inspirational, leading me to think of same material again.
She was very open to taking the conversation anywhere and explore what the topics meant to the students in the discussion group.
Professor O'Doherty has clear expectations for the weekly response assignments! I appreciate the feedback she gave for these assignments and also for the advice on my final paper! I enjoyed the weekly discussions and I appreciate how Professor O'Doherty helps set up a question or viewpoint for us to answer or add on. There is a good balance between instructional insight and insight from my peers. Overall, I enjoy coming to class and Professor O'Doherty is a very kind and thoughtful lecturer to have!

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
n/a
nothing
Probably be more clear on the rubric/expectations for response papers
Nothing!! Prof OD is an amazing professor :)
N/a
I think it will be more helpful if there is some preview of the lecture because lecture is sort of hard to follow without any knowledge.
Nothing

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.82	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	81.82%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	0.00%	81.82%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.82	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	81.82%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.73	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	9.09%	81.82%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	0.00%	81.82%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.73	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	9.09%	81.82%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.73	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	9.09%	81.82%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.82	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	81.82%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.82	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	81.82%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.73	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	9.09%	81.82%	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
Annemarie – she is available during office hours and provides clear and constructive feedback on our essay. She is super kind and very welcoming! Her workshops help to improve our weekly responses and prepare for our essay.
Annemarie Catania was the writing advisor for this quarter. I appreciate how she helped me understand the final exam prompt – this meeting helped me set up a good thesis!

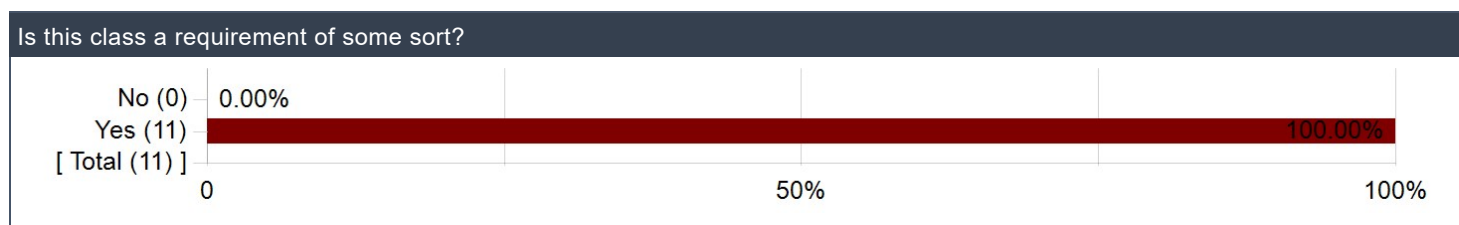
The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	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%	100.00%	0.00%
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%

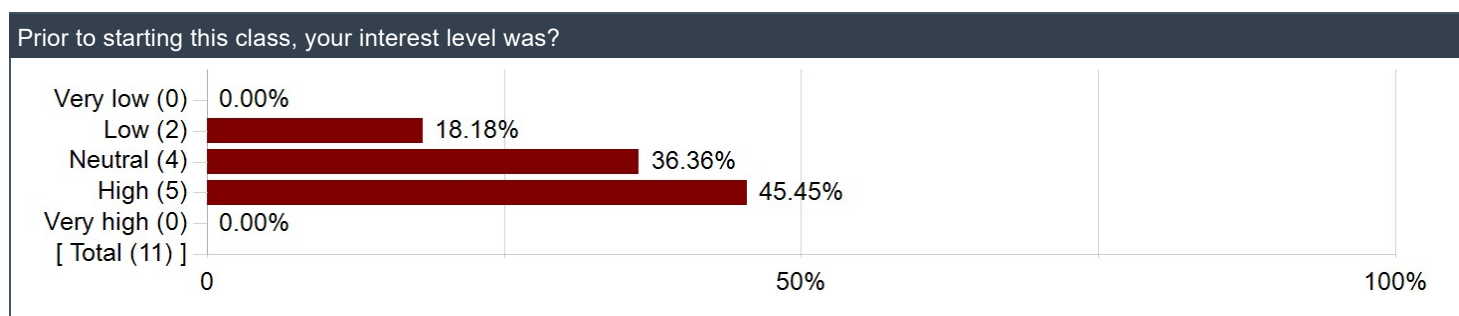
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Library Sessions	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Review Sessions	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%
Writing Seminars	3.38	3.00	0.00%	25.00%	37.50%	12.50%	25.00%	0.00%

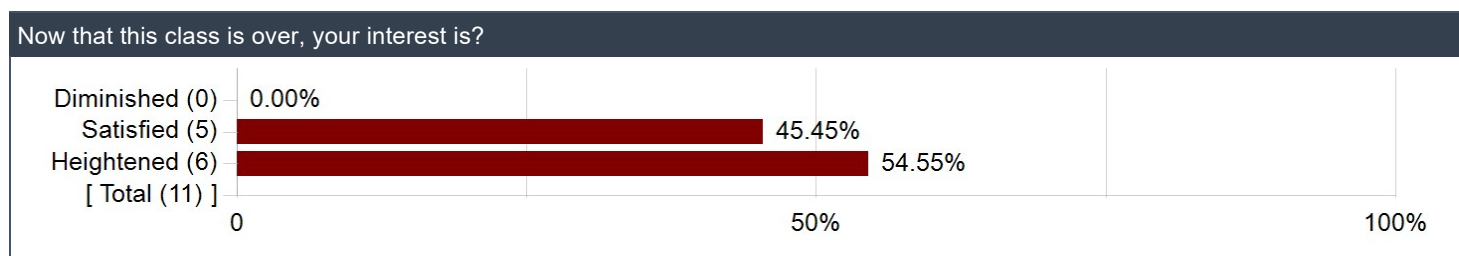
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



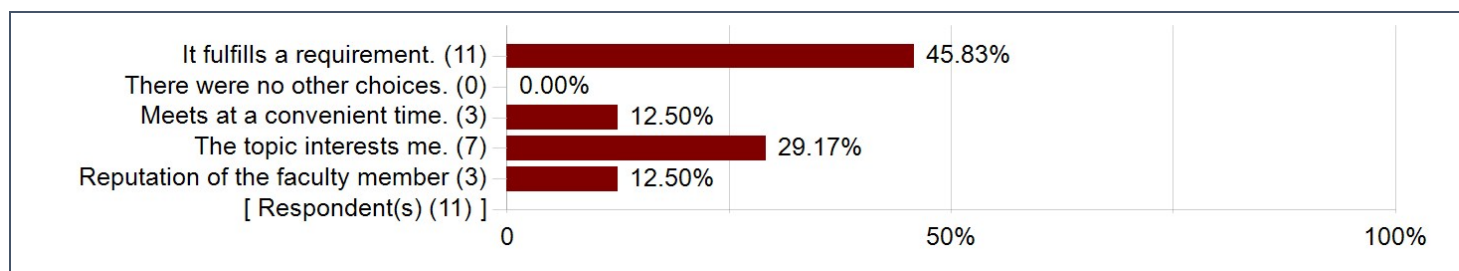
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



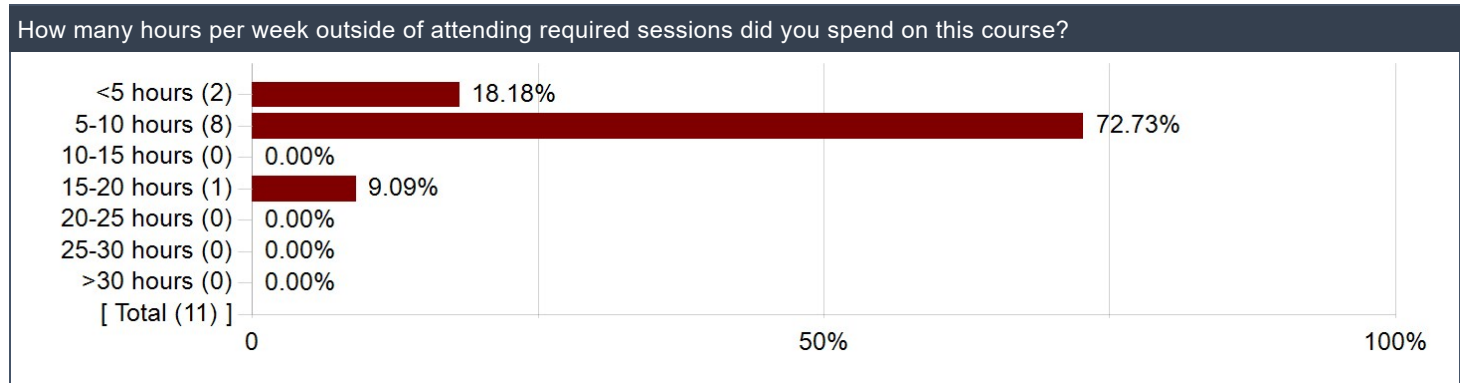
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



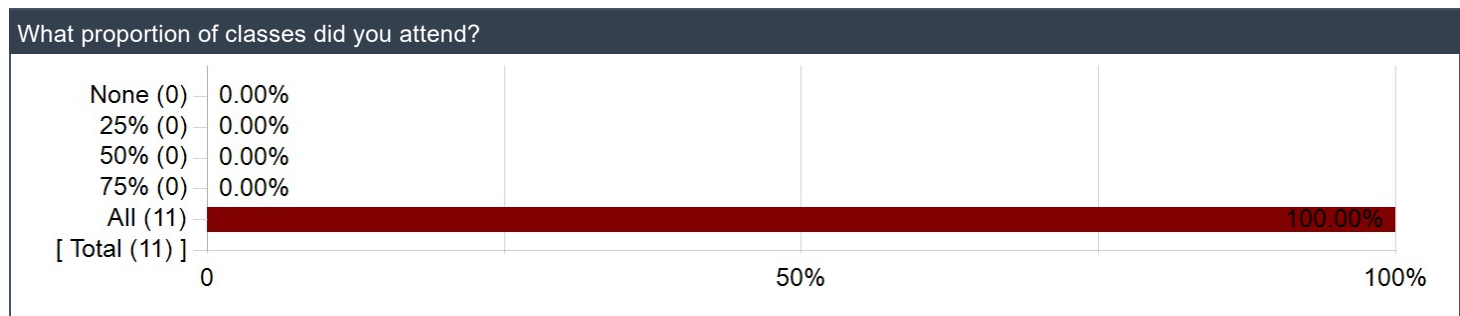
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
Not super hard. As long as you can read and write, you should be fine!
moderate
I had no experience whatsoever in psychology. I never took it in high school, nor had any previous exposure to it. I still found the lectures and readings very digestible and any questions I had, Prof OD was always there to clear things up.
Not difficult, super manageable and interesting!! Highly recommend for Psychology majors!!
Not terribly hard
I really enjoyed this first quarter of Mind! The readings given are a good length to where I can annotate and highlight sections over the weekend to then discuss in class. I highly recommend this sequence and Professor O'Doherty's class.