



GNSE 15003 5 - Gender and Sexuality in World Civilizations II - Instructor(s): Hoda El Shakry

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

Number Enrolled: **20**

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.

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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
We discussed critical texts about gender performativity, monstrous femininity, and reproductive futurity, among other topics.
SO MUCH! Every day I leave class thinking about society and gender and power and capitalism and so many other things – I learned to connect concepts across regions and time and how much of society is actually structured to privilege certain groups of people and it's insane how it all works together in a way that is only really obvious if you examine it critically as we did
I learned important aspects of queer theory and how critical historical texts are relevant to modern day issues.
This course provided a great intro to theoretical concepts in gender & sexuality studies as well as opportunities to apply those concepts to aesthetic objects.
How to analyze creative writing and manifestos through the lens of gender and sexuality.
biopower and how it's reflected in society

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

Comments
I love Prof El Shakry! One of the best profs I have had for any core class! She explains really well and super supportive!
Discussions were Top Tier honestly best discussion class I've ever been in– Prof. El Shakry ROCKS!!
The course material (texts and media alike) was curated such that we had enough time to time to make it through as many texts as we could while having enough time to truly digest the material and discuss the key ideas and implications.
The seminars were very engaging and helpful. Professor El Shakry did a great job at facilitating them.
Class discussions contributed the most to my learning. Professor Hayek is great at facilitating them.
the introductions to the authors/works before class discussion were very helpful

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.56	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	22.22%	66.67%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	12.50%	75.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%
I felt respected in this class.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Professor El Shakry is a lovely human please take a class with her if you can!
I really enjoyed reading Dawn by Octavia Butler during Week 9. I thought it was an excellent way to finish the quarter.
great civ sequence, excellent instructor

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
Great discussions and background context on many of our texts; it was easier than in other classes to contribute during discussion
Prof. El Shakry is knowledgeable, patient, and all around an amazing instructor. She is willing to talk about anything and is great at providing extra resources to help us understand particularly difficult concepts or readings.
Prof. El Shakry facilitated discussions very well. She is also very understanding of students' needs and took our feedback seriously.
I appreciated how she defined terms from the readings at the beginning of class and how she encouraged students to bring their own experiences/interests into the class discussion in a meaningful way. This class had students with varying experiences with theory and it never felt like she was "dumbing it down" or overcomplicating anything.
Professor El Shakry was an excellent professor. She always had prepared the material such that she knew the concepts and vocabulary we would need to go over, and efficiently facilitated discussion on the assigned material. Additionally, she taught our class a lot about a range of topics, from phenomenology, to psychoanalysis, to Marxism, to queer theory. Her grasp on the course material AND how to deliver it masterfully was so impressive and very appreciated, as this made the course enjoyable AND very educational.
Professor El Shakry did a great job at doing mini lectures when appropriate as well as guiding discussion of each reading to touch on the most important arguments and topics.
Professor Hayek's ability to clearly facilitate discussion while also leaving room for students to move the discussion in the direction we wanted was super helpful.
the class discussions were well-led, Prof. El Shakry also provided relevant resources that helped with my understanding of the readings

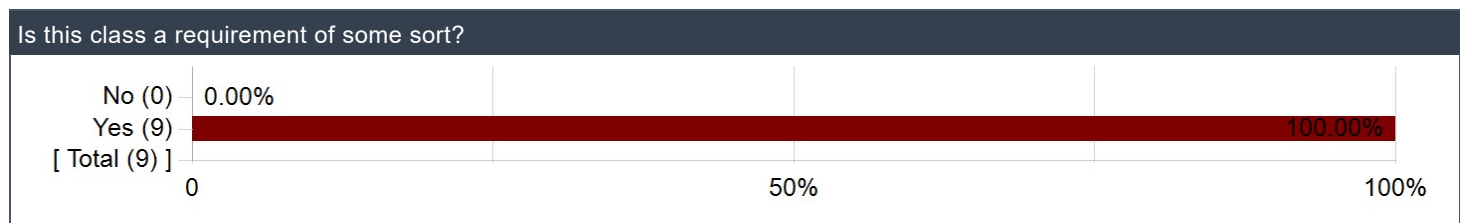
What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Nothing this course slaps
I think it would be nice to get some feedback throughout the quarter. Most of the assignments are due finals week, and we don't know where we stand grade-wise.
I can't think of anything, she truly is an excellent instructor.
I think some of the harder readings could have had a bit more introduction.
Nothing!

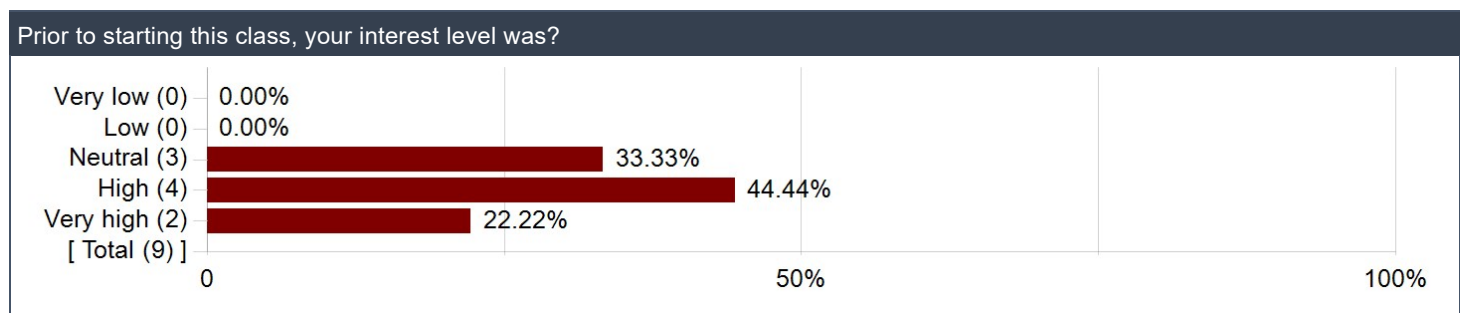
The Instructor . . .

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Organized the course clearly.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	88.89%	11.11%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	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 course.	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 gain significant learning from the course content.	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%	88.89%	11.11%
Motivated you to think independently.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%

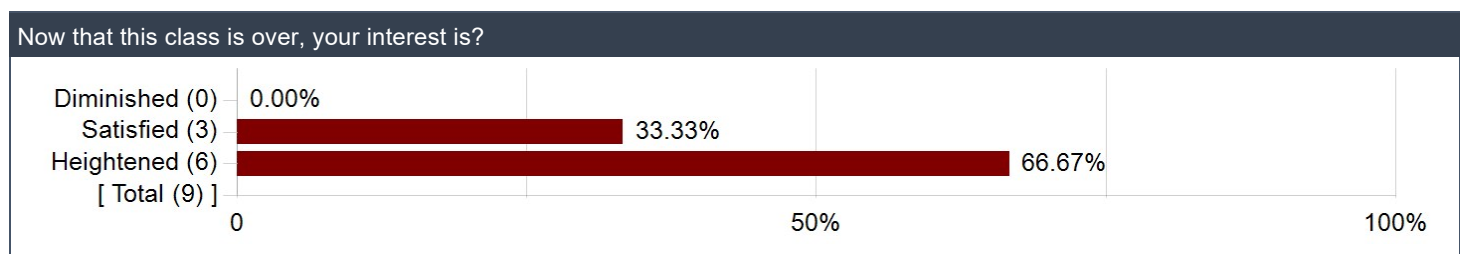
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



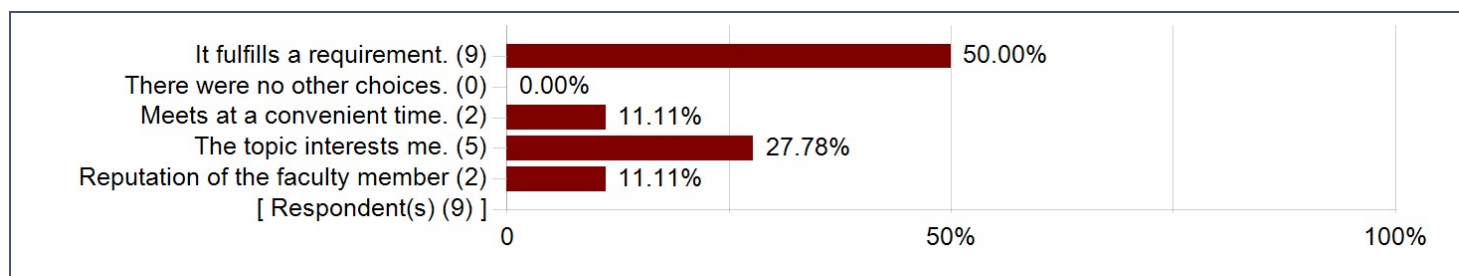
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



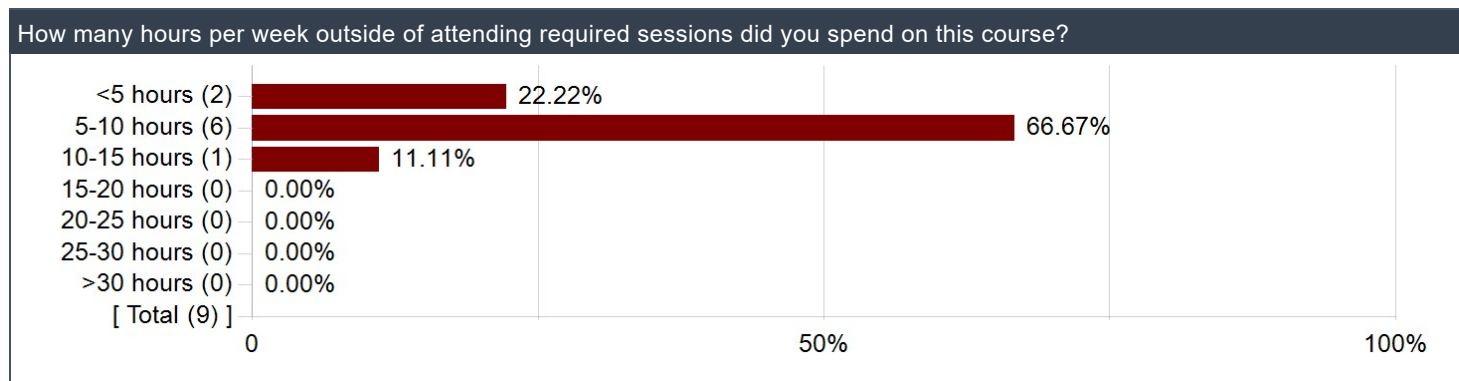
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



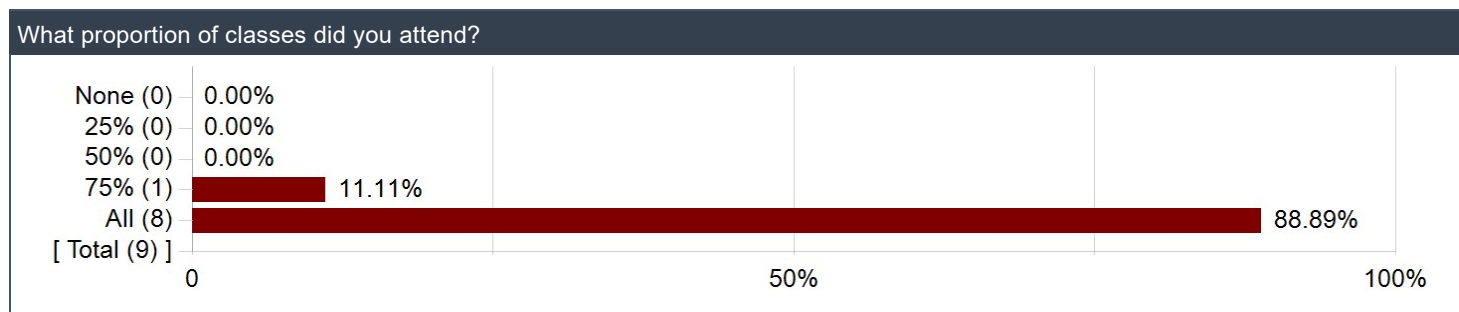
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
There was a lot of discussion of theories by folks like Foucault, Lacan, and other Big Thinkers, so if you're familiar with these types of theories you will be very well prepared, but the class is still very doable if you have less experience with this kind of material.
A lot of the content was theoretical and went a bit over my head, but if that's your thing this class is definitely not too difficult.
I'm a 3rd year majoring in a similar department. Compared to upper-level electives, this course was less intensive but still very intellectually engaging.
Manageable, but need to set aside time to truly comprehend some of the readings