HIST 16900 2, CLCV 20900 2, MDVL 16900 2 - Ancient Mediterranean World III: Late Antiquity - Instructor(s) - Richard Payne

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

Number Enrolled: **23**
Number of Responses: **7**

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
Life in the Mediterranean during Late Antiquity. Focused a lot on religion.
The fall(?) of the Roman Empire in the east vs. the west, the development and spread of Christianity, political and economic underpinnings of social class, urban life, institutions (imperial bureaucracy and Church)
An overview of the Mediterranean world between approximately the 4th and 7th centuries CE
learning to read and understand ancient text from the 3–6th century. Learned about the Christianity from the roman perspective.

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

Comments
Two classes per week with the first being a lecture and the second being open discussion on the assigned reading.
Tuesday lectures were highly engaging and stimulated my interest in the course materials (primary and secondary source readings). Thursdays were more oriented towards large group discussion of the secondary source materials.
Tuesday lectures would mainly be about providing relevant context for the world at the time, while Thursday lectures would be focused on discussions of the weekly readings
Lecture was 10/10. Professor Payne really helped understand the text with his lectures.
Very engaging lectures. Enjoyable class

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
I felt respected in this class.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
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
Graded heavily on participation; only had to write two essays.
I didn't come into the course with much interest in the subject area (even though I had already taken the previous two quarters in the sequence), but Prof. Payne is a really fantastic lecturer. This was a very engaging and enjoyable class with a reasonable workload.
Professor Payne is awesome, really chill and understanding professor!
Two essays for the quarter and great class. One lecture and one lecture/discussion. Really manageable reading too

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?

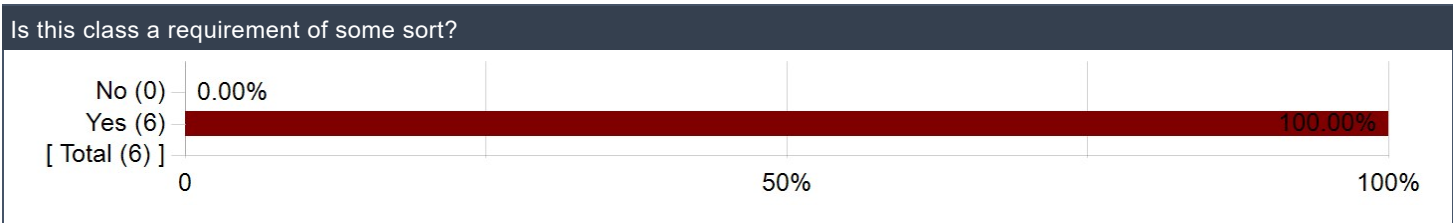| Comments |
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| Richard was an enthusiastic lecturer. Very easy to talk to. |
| Lectures: Prof. Payne is very knowledgeable about fields of study both directly related to and adjacent to the course content and provided really helpful overviews of each topic/time period. He makes compelling arguments for the historical narratives that he believes to be the most accurate, but also acknowledges areas of ongoing debate among historians of late antiquity. |
| I honestly think the overall course structure was very conducive to knowledge retention and maintaining interest in the material at hand |
| Professor Payne was very intelligent, engaging, and great to listen to and partake in discussion with. He's very kind and respectful of all voices. |
| Lectures |

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?
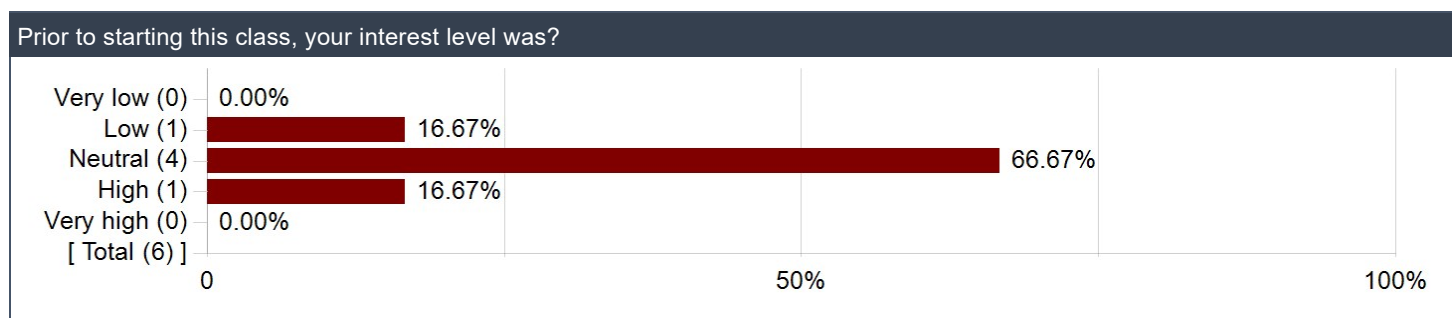
Comments
Nothing!

The Instructor . . .

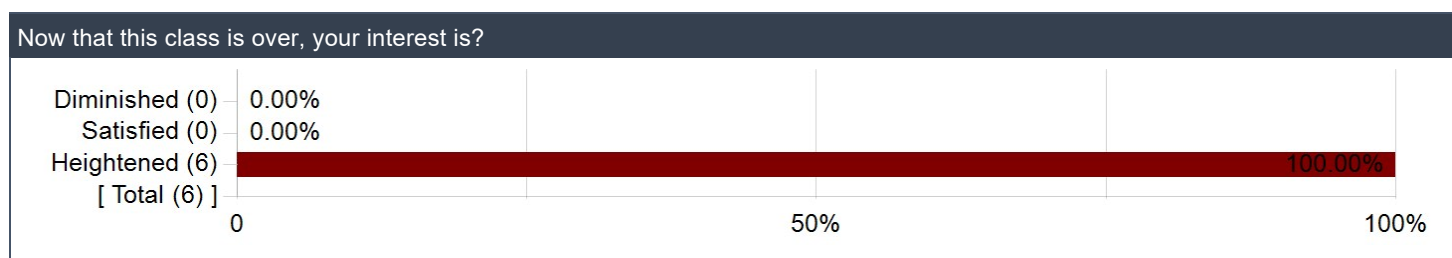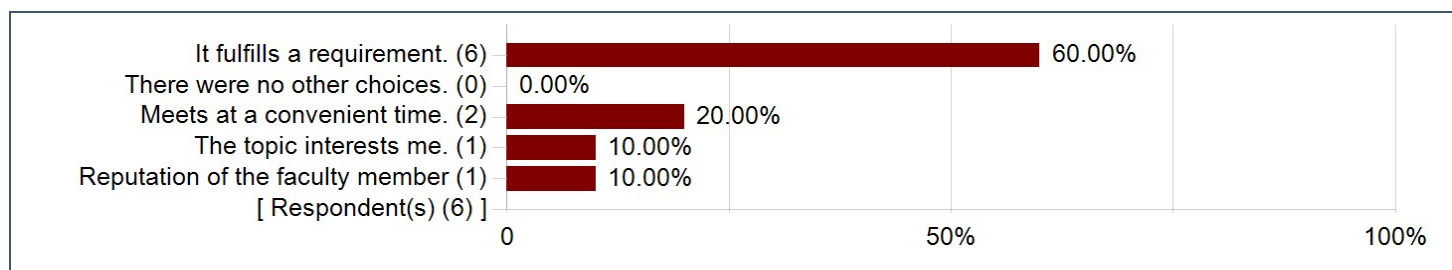|	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	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%	83.33%	16.67%
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?

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No (0) — 0.00%
Yes (6) — 100.00%
[Total (6)]
0   50%   100%

Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?

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Very low (0)	0.00%
Low (1)	16.67%
Neutral (4)	66.67%
High (1)	16.67%
Very high (0)	0.00%
[Total (6)]	

Now that this class is over, your interest is?

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Diminished (0)	0.00%
Satisfied (0)	0.00%
Heightened (6)	100.00%
[Total (6)]	

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

It fulfills a requirement. (6)	60.00%
There were no other choices. (0)	0.00%
Meets at a convenient time. (2)	20.00%
The topic interests me. (1)	10.00%
Reputation of the faculty member (1)	10.00%
[Respondent(s) (6)]	

How many hours per week outside of attending required sessions did you spend on this course?

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<5 hours (4)	80.00%
5-10 hours (1)	20.00%
10-15 hours (0)	0.00%
15-20 hours (0)	0.00%
20-25 hours (0)	0.00%
25-30 hours (0)	0.00%
>30 hours (0)	0.00%
[Total (5)]	

What proportion of classes did you attend?

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None (0)	0.00%
25% (0)	0.00%
50% (0)	0.00%
75% (0)	0.00%
All (6)	100.00%
[Total (6)]	

0   50%   100%
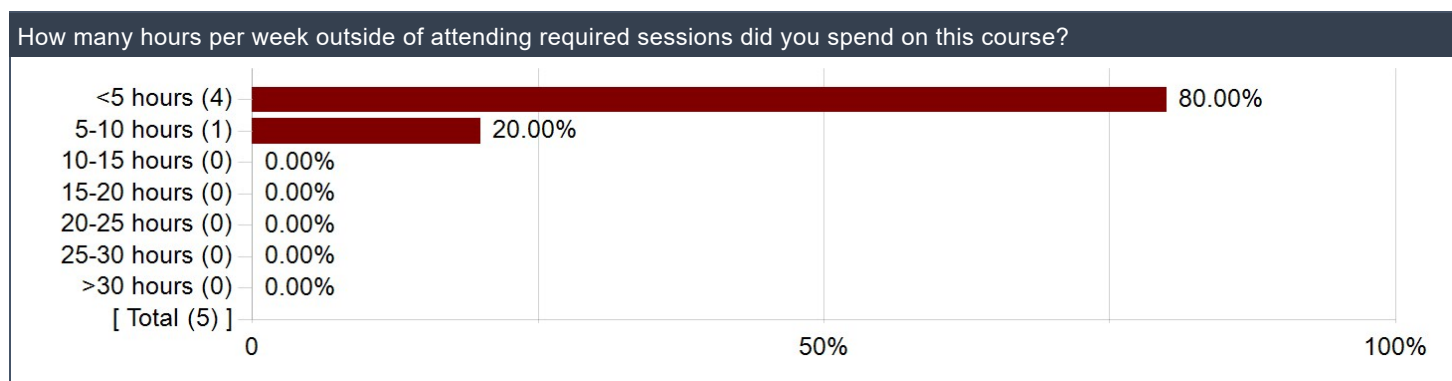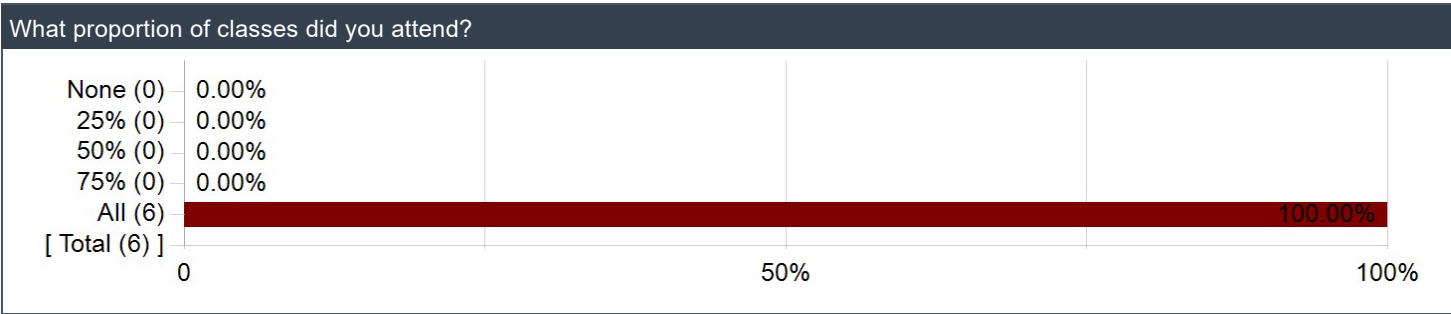
Please comment on the level of difficulty of the course relative to your background and experience.

Comments
The workload is not overwhelming at all. Participate is crucial to success in this course.
I thought the course was not too terribly difficult even given my relative lack of prior experience related to the time period at hand
Class is really chill just a midterm and final paper.