



# HIST 13900 2, REES 26011 2, SOSC 24000 2 - Introduction to Russian Civilization I - Instructor(s): Alina Shokareva

Project Title: **College Course Feedback - Autumn 2023**

Number Enrolled: **18**

Number of Responses: **7**

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## 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
early Russian history
Some degree of Russian history. The exact amount of degree is open to interpretation.
I learned about early Russian history
The foundations to Russian Civilization and culture
I learned about Russian history and how it affects modern Russia.

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

Comments
lectures were very interesting and we had wonderful selection of hw readings
The readings.
The lectures were very informative
Class was helpful with meaningful presentations
The class used both lectures and readings to assist in our learning of the material.

**Please respond to the following:**

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	3.57	4.00	0.00%	28.57%	14.29%	28.57%	28.57%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.14	5.00	0.00%	28.57%	0.00%	0.00%	71.43%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.29	5.00	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	28.57%	57.14%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	3.86	4.00	0.00%	14.29%	28.57%	14.29%	42.86%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.14	5.00	0.00%	14.29%	14.29%	14.29%	57.14%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.43	5.00	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	14.29%	71.43%
I felt respected in this class.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	0.00%	85.71%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.14	5.00	0.00%	14.29%	14.29%	14.29%	57.14%

**Additional comments about the course:**

Comments
The course was organized sub-optimally. The degree of suboptimality is open to interpretation.
MORE IMPORTANTLY. There are a few assignments that I don't really understand the purpose of. Such as a "final quiz" where 130 questions are given in the form of "raise hand first to answer" trivia. If you get 10 questions right you get an A, 8-9 A-, so on and so forth. However, THERE ARE 17 STUDENTS IN THE CLASS. If (and there was) some students who wanted to answer for more than 10 questions (making this class an excellent field example of applicable game theory), your chances to get an A is greatly challenged, if not blocked completely. I feel like this form of "final quiz" promotes unhealthy competition among peers and contribute minimally toward learning.
Apart from the "final quiz", there is a final take-home essay, and a final in-class essay. Though I wouldn't say this is the core course with most amount of work I have taken @ UChicago, they do become a non-marginal annoyance during finals week. And I really don't see the point of having two essays. Maybe give one out earlier in the quarter? (But mind you, there is also a midterm take home essay, so....)
I found the lectures to be, at times, rather overwhelming. I was bombarded with an incredible amount of historical data; I had trouble making sense of it all.

## I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	28.57%	71.43%
Anyone interested in the topic	14.29%	85.71%

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

Comments
Alina has great material and fun class activities that keep the class interactive
N/A
I knew nothing about Russian before taking this class so I learned a lot
She was incredibly kind and understanding.

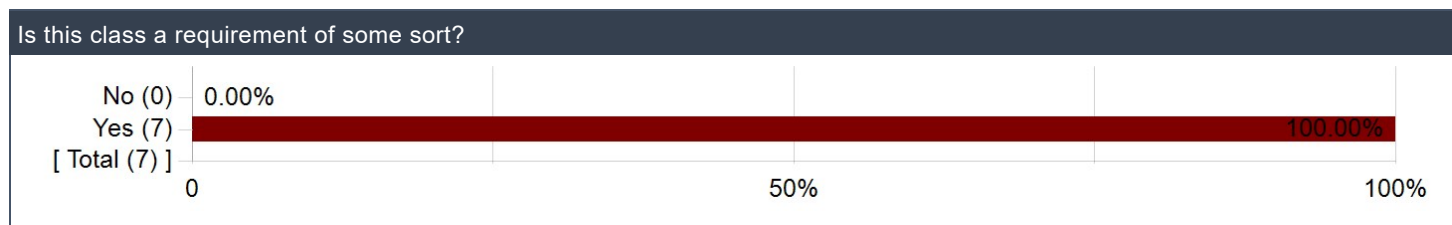
## What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
nothing except forcing more people to read for class
N/A
More text on lecture slides to make them easier to review
I would have liked to have more information on the slides, or perhaps a study guide, with all of the information we'd learned throughout.

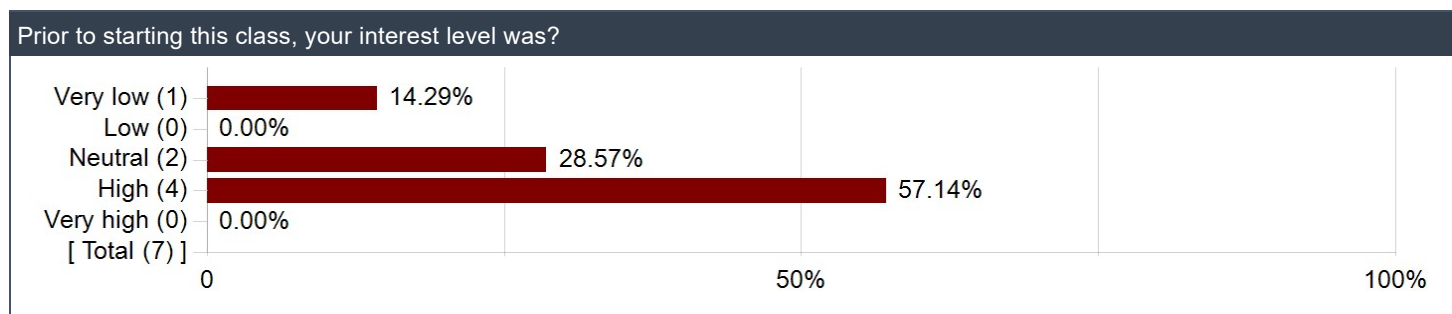
## The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.14	5.00	0.00%	14.29%	14.29%	14.29%	57.14%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.00	5.00	0.00%	28.57%	0.00%	14.29%	57.14%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	14.29%	14.29%	28.57%	42.86%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.29	5.00	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	28.57%	57.14%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.00	5.00	0.00%	28.57%	0.00%	14.29%	57.14%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.29	5.00	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	28.57%	57.14%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	14.29%	71.43%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.43	5.00	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	14.29%	71.43%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	85.71%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.14	5.00	0.00%	14.29%	14.29%	14.29%	57.14%	0.00%

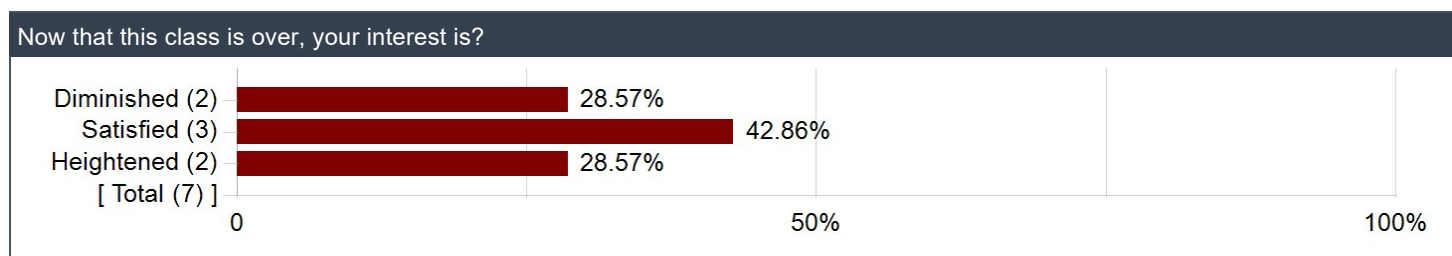
## Is this class a requirement of some sort?



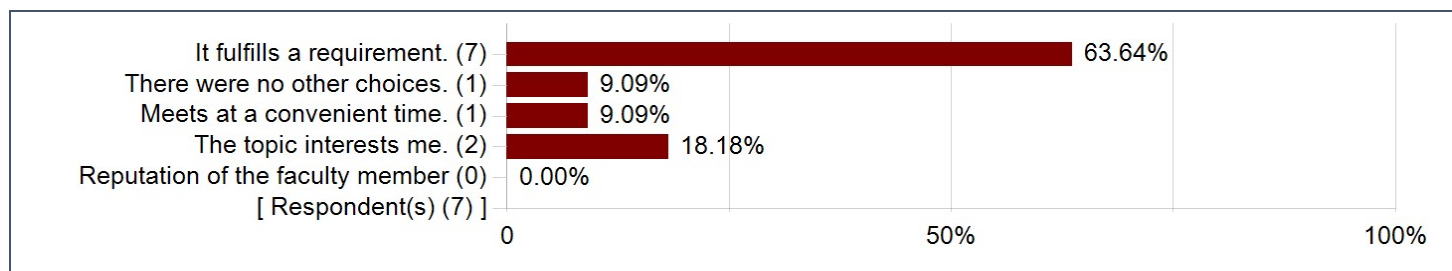
## Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



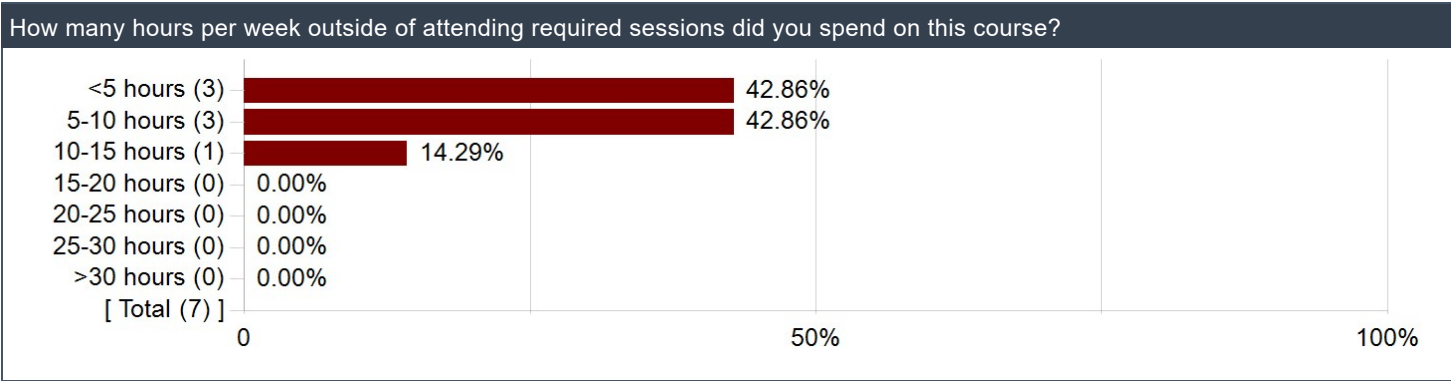
## Now that this class is over, your interest is?



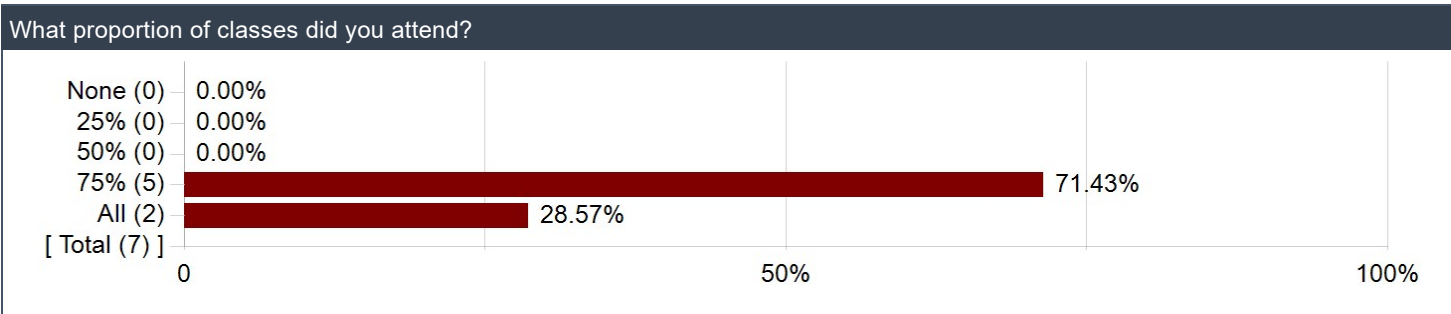
## Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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

It wasn't super hard learning the material, even with little background.