



SOSC 14100 13 - Mind I - Instructor(s): Chi Dat Lam

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

Number Enrolled: **19**

Number of Responses: **13**

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
This course was very interesting and applicable, learned a lot about different aspects of the mind and how we construct and perceive reality.
Constructing preferences, reality, how the mind interacts with the environment etc
how to read sociology papers
A lot about mind and how it functions
I felt that the structure of our weekly discussion essays as well as being able to articulate our ideas proved very valuable.
Understanding how the mind constructs reality through cognitive and psychological processes and phenomena.
How the mind constructs its own version of reality
Comprehension and analysis (critical thinking) of scientific text and overall ways that the mind constructs reality

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

Comments
Lectures were sometimes a little long and confusing, but discussion sections and readings allowed for greater understanding.
discussions, and writing discussion papers
The lectures were interesting and the discussions were helpful in dissecting the lectures and papers for hw
Discussions and readings
The lectures and discussions were very insightful and helpful in learning the material
Lectures were very interesting and helpful for learning about psychology-related content which I had not learned about before in such a way. The discussions were helpful to understand the papers we read as well as developed our skills of being able to critique them appropriately, and understand how certain methods or conclusions could be skewed.
Lectures were great, I liked only having to participate in a small discussion once per week. I love the structure of Mind
The lectures were very engaging from each of the professors. I was very motivated to attend that portion just due to the passion each presenter had for their respective topic as well as the interactive elements they all introduced. It made the information fun to learn.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.08	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	58.33%	25.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.33	4.50	0.00%	8.33%	0.00%	41.67%	50.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.33	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	33.33%	50.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.42	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	41.67%	50.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%
I felt respected in this class.	4.58	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	41.67%	58.33%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	16.67%	66.67%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
I dislike the course structure – there is little continuity between lectures, which means that we aren't learning basic concepts of how we perceive the world so much as we are learning about a professor's area of expertise on a given day. Furthermore, homework assignments are less about clarifying the concepts learned in the lecture and more about finding flaws in the assigned papers. This would make sense if the course solely existed for the purpose of teaching people to read academic writing, but it also means that the course focuses little time to actually building a base of knowledge in the study of the mind.
Daniel is great. Looked to have a chill class discussion, made sure everyone got to participate, the work wasn't too much, the assignments were relatively straightforward, he's very nice and willing to help outside of class

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	0.00%	100.00%
Anyone interested in the topic	18.18%	81.82%

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

Comments
Daniel was great at facilitating discussions and making sure everyone participated
He was really patient and approachable
the discussions
The instructor was very engaging and thoughtful when leading our discussions. He fostered a great environment of fruitful thought and was considerate to everyone.
Daniel was one of the absolute best instructors I've had at my time here, and definitely the kindest and most understand. Not only was he very knowledgeable about the lecture content and the content from the papers, but he ensured that everyone in our discussion section was able to participate each week, and did not impose strict, unmanageable deadlines or requirements to come to class like most professors do. He was very flexible with class attendance, assignment deadlines, and grading (although even with attendance being optional, almost everyone showed up to discussion anyway because he is an excellent instructor facilitating discussion about interesting material).
His low-key demeanor
Daniel was a very good moderator in our lectures. You could clearly tell he spent the time to read our responses to the readings and structure the discussion accordingly, and he had great insights into the structure and intention of our writing.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Sometimes grades and feedback for discussion posts were not very clear
Facilitate the in class discussions better perhaps, they felt excessively structured
make the homework more about grasping broader concepts from the paper (such as asking us to design an experiment to further the conclusions of the paper) than finding issues with the paper
N/A
Nothing – he's the best! I wish I could have him for the next two quarters too but alas.
It was kinda tough that the weekly assignments were only out of 5 points, because a slight error would bring the grade down significantly, but there were enough over the course of the quarter that it would all balance out.
I think that his style of calling on each person in class to talk about their research is a great way to organize it, but it also left not a lot of room for meaningful discussion between classmates. I think emphasizing discussion a bit more could make the class feel less like a presentation

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.45	5.00	0.00%	9.09%	0.00%	27.27%	63.64%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	27.27%	54.55%	9.09%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	36.36%	63.64%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.45	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	18.18%	63.64%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	36.36%	63.64%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.55	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	27.27%	63.64%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	18.18%	72.73%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	36.36%	63.64%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	36.36%	63.64%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.45	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	18.18%	63.64%	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
Daniel Lam was our Discussion leader who was basically a TA. Mind is weird in that the instructor is really just a different lecturer each week and then we meet with our Discussion Section Leader, in this case Daniel Lam, and talk about our papers which we wrote based on some weekly reading and the lecture. I found Daniel to be very lenient with grading and helpful for learning how to read research papers, but our discussions weren't the best. I think he'll get better over time since it was his first year.

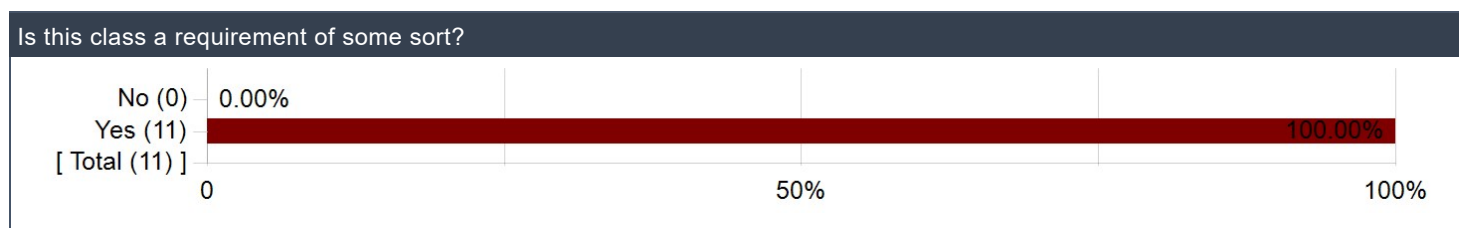
The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%

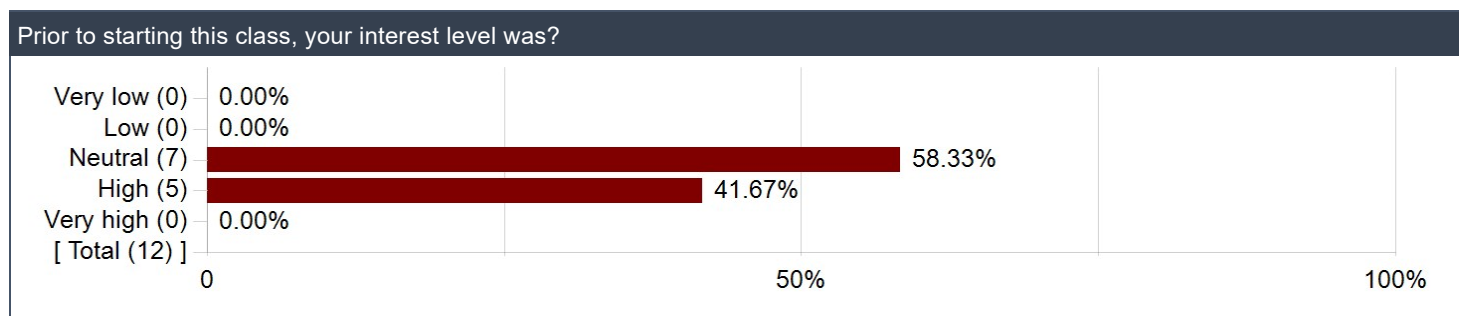
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Writing Seminars	3.50	3.50	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%

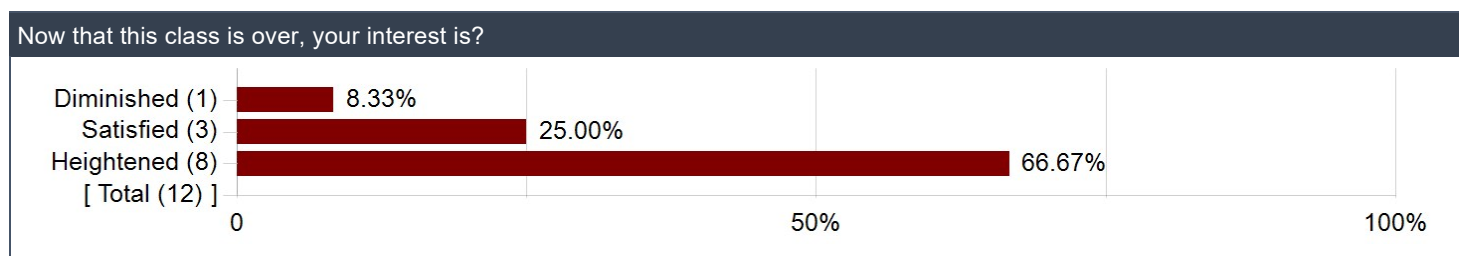
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



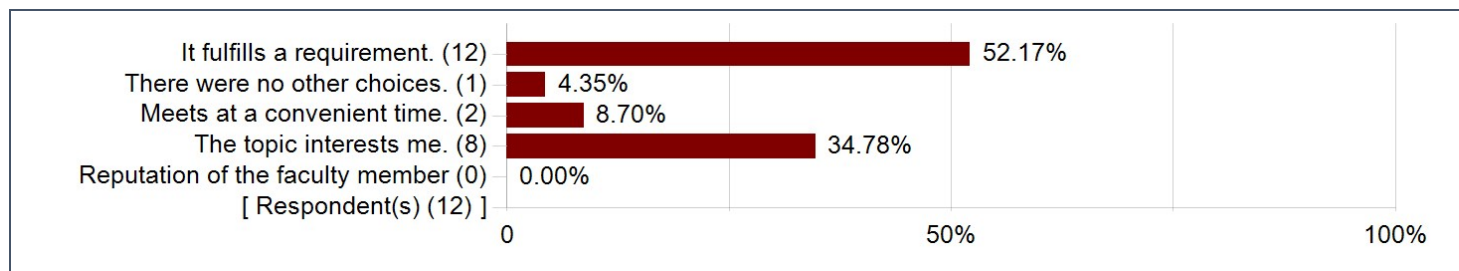
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



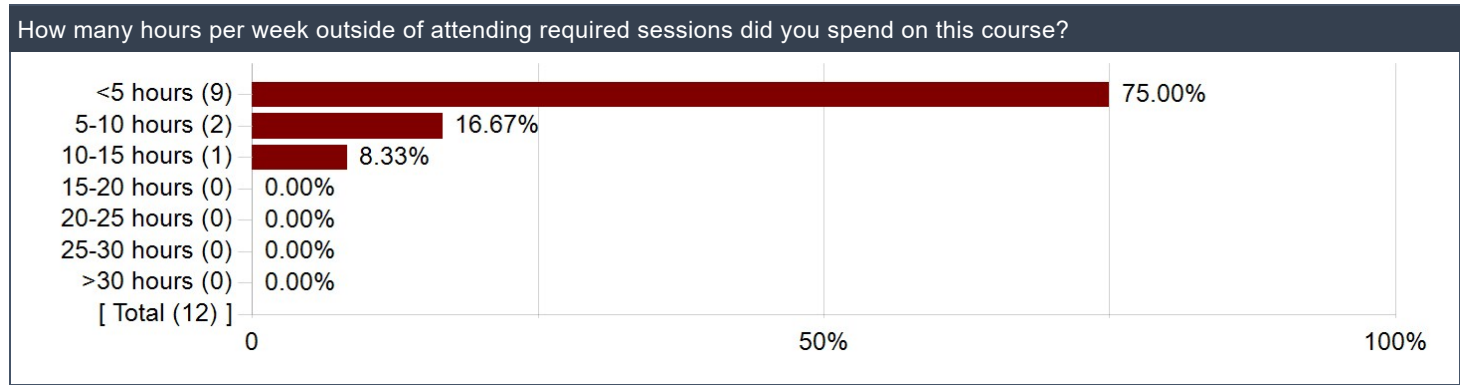
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



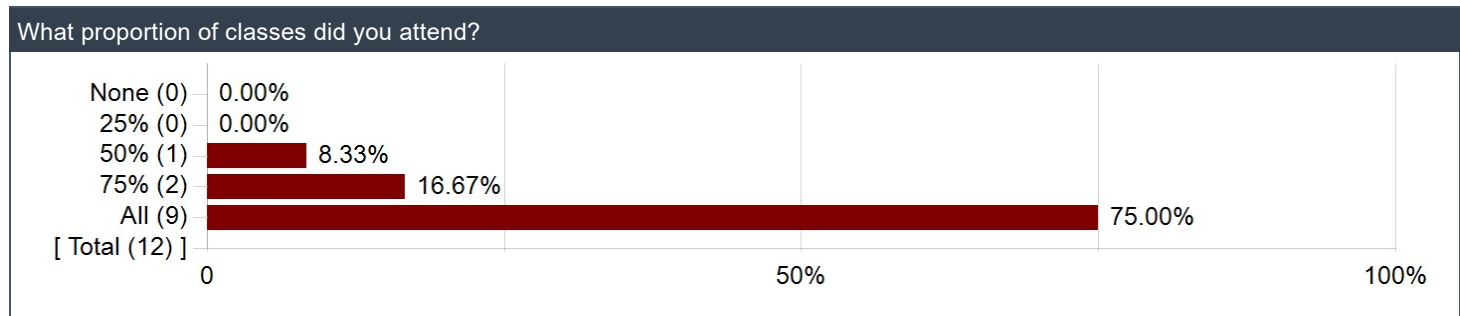
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
The course is not very difficult and I have done well with no background or experience in the topic.
manageable
Not hugely difficult but it can take time to find a good discussion point from the paper
Not difficult! Easy to understand, especially after discussion. Assignments were reasonable and definitely easier than most classes.
Not too bad at all, super manageable
Very good intro course, no scientific background required