SOSC 12500 15 - Self, Culture, and Society II - Instructor(s): Elizabeth Beal

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

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: **Thursday, March 28, 2024**

What are the most important things that you learned in this course? Please reflect on the knowledge and skills you gained.

Comments
Different views on society and its impacts on the individual, how prominent psychoanalysis was in social theory, generally increased my understanding of how the world works
I learned the key to writing a strong, concise paper and to get to the true claim of the text.
Various social theorem regarding societal impact on individuals
I learned how to properly use evidence and interpret the works to find claims.
read about durkheim, freud, fanon, beauvoir and few other smaller pieces
Freud, Beauvoir and Fanon's thoughts on psychoanalysis and the Other
This Quarter was a lot about Society (Durkheim) and how different groups are in conflict with society. Fanon and Beauvoir talked about the negatives of colonialism and women's struggle. Also more specifically favored to this professor was Freud and his beautifully dark twisted fantasy of is lectures and etc.
Learned a lot about psychoanalysis (Freud) and about social structures like race and gender (Durkheim, Beauvoir, Fanon). I liked the readings a lot for this quarter

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

Comments
Whenever we started a new big author, Professor Beal would provide some background on the author, which really helped contextualize their writings. The presentations were a fun way to engage with the material and show how it was still relevant. The response papers helped me reflect on the readings more and practice analysis, and the major essays helped dive more in depth into the readings. Discussions helped explore different areas of the reading, which Professor Beal was good at facilitating even when we were kind of bad at participating.
Lectures/discussions were very helpful in this class, we discussed the readings so you could get by with not reading though you would probably not be able to contribute to discussion if you didn't. Professor Beal did a really good job leading discussions and guiding us through the text so I never walked away confused about how to interpret the text.
The discussions on class benefit me profoundly regarding the understanding of the materials
The lectures contributed to my learning greatly because it offered an additional explanation and interpretation to the reading
4 short responses, a midterm, a final essay, and a presentation lectures were helpful
The discussions were useful for better understanding the content
Discussion of the Course. Was the best way to do this.
Class discussions were probably the most helpful for understanding the material. I really enjoyed the presentations we did because it was a fun way to see a modern application of the topics we were discussing

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.40	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	40.00%	50.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%
I felt respected in this class.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
The following is really my only big issue with this course, everything else I think is going well. This may be a broader issue with SOSC and not specific to this professor, but I felt like for the writing assignments she sometimes used weird jargon–y terms (the big one is "argument reconstruction") that confused me, which made figuring out the course expectations take longer than I would have liked. I think if she just said "please be able to explain what you think a text is saying to someone smart but unfamiliar with the work" that would have helped a lot.
Professor Beal is amazing I HIGHLY recommend her!!
Winter Quarter was very enjoyable the readings were very interesting
This Quarter, we had to do presentations for class which I think was a positive addition in getting discussion and learning more about the topic in a more contemporary way.

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
Her discussion leading was well done and helped open up new ways to understand the text more.
Professor Beal is the sweetest woman ever. She is more than happy to meet with you outside of class... which I highly recommend that you do as she is very helpful when you do. She leads us through the readings in a very clear way I always walked away with a deep understanding of the text even if I wasn't able to do the reading for that class.
Her kindness and enthusiasm in helping students with their questions
She is very understanding and approachable, willing to work with you if you need help, and be empathetic.
The explanations given during class and the background knowledge for each time period or author also aided in the understanding
lectures at the beginning of classes
The way she guides the discussions by prompting the correct questions
Beale is one of teh best Professors on this campus! Her expertise knowledge on the readings is coupled by her care for us to succeed in this class.
Professor Beal leads asks great questions and leads really productive discussions. She is super knowledgeable about all of the authors we read, especially Freud

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
I can't really think of anything.
N/A
nothing really
probably a clearer rubric to what good essays are
N/A
I think overall this was an improvement from the previous quarter. The presentation was a great addition to the course. Also I think the readings overall were more toleratable than the previous quarter. There was a more even of highs in comparison to the previous (Marx is still on top tho).

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.91	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	90.91%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.91	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	90.91%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.91	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	90.91%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.91	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	90.91%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.91	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	90.91%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.82	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	0.00%	90.91%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.91	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	90.91%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.91	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	90.91%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.91	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	90.91%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.91	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	90.91%	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 Catania
Annemarie Catania. She is so helpful when it comes to papers for this course!

The TA/CA or Intern. . .

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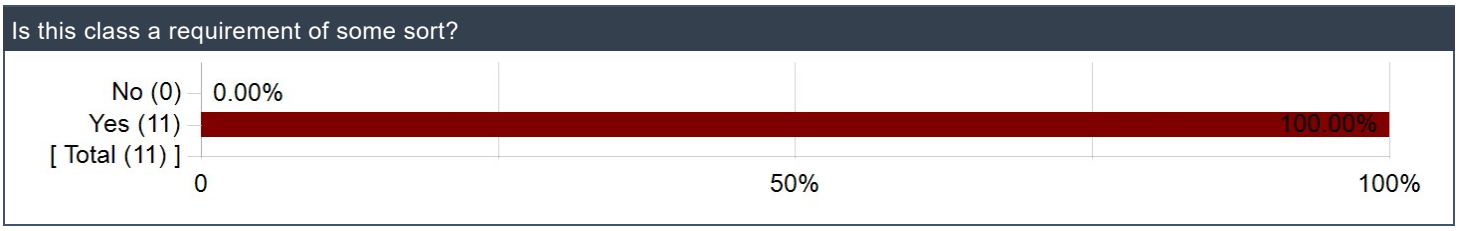
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%
Challenged you to learn.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	33.33%	0.00%

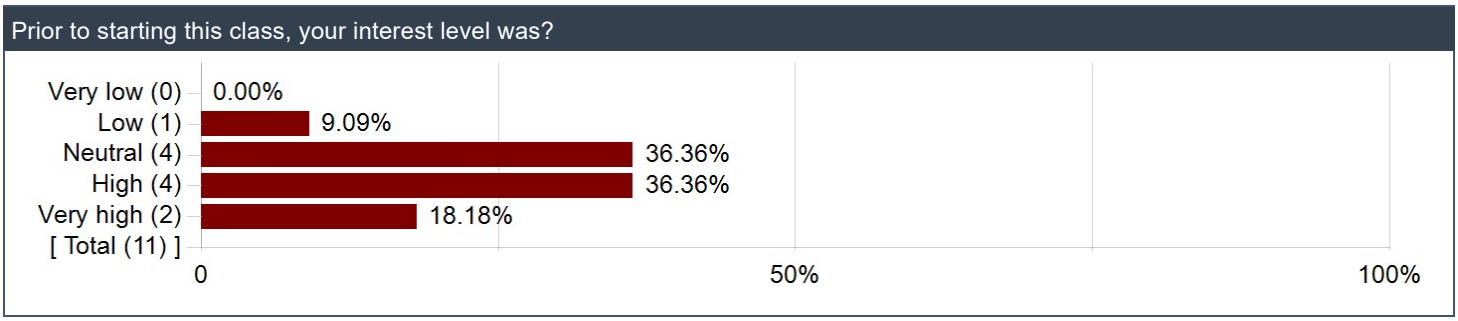
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	3.00	3.00	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	0.00%	30.00%	10.00%

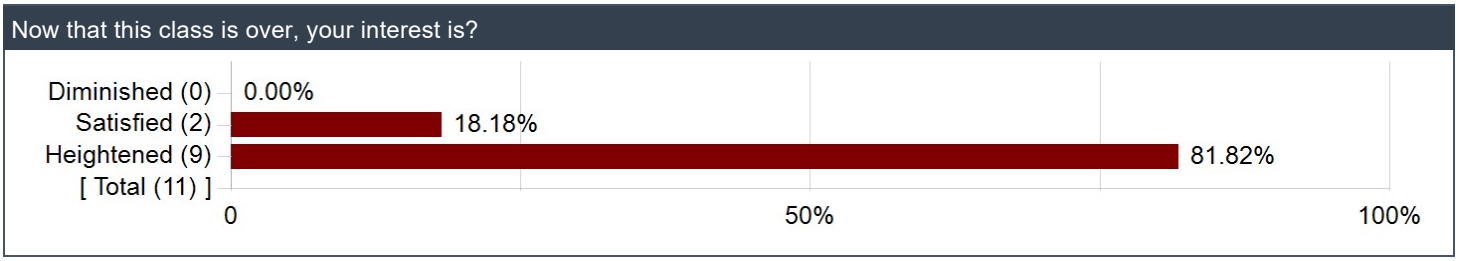
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



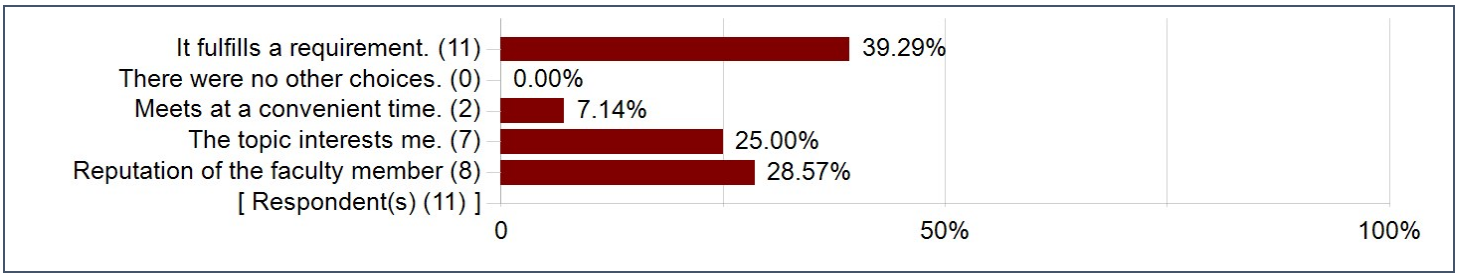
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



Now that this class is over, your interest is?



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



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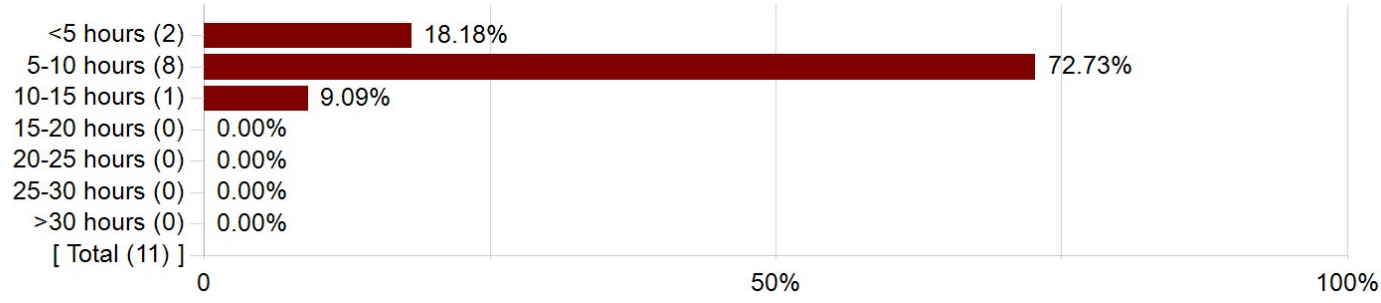

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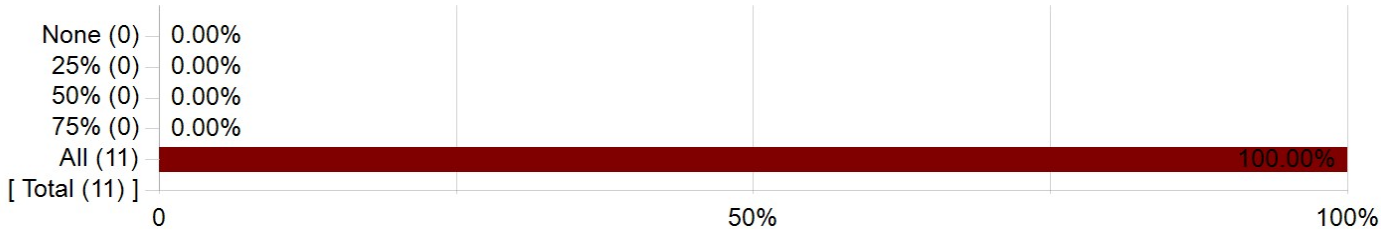

Please comment on the level of difficulty of the course relative to your background and experience.

Comments
I had a good writing background from high school, and I found this course challenging but definitely manageable.
This was a very manageable course with Professor Beal specifically as you know exactly what you need to do well, meet with her outside of class if you are struggling!
Come to Class and Read! That's really it
Not very difficult, some of the texts were harder to read, but I found them more interesting than the first quarter of Self