



RDIN 24003 2, ANTH 24003 2, SOSC 24003 2, HIST 18303 2, SALC 20702 2, CRES 24003 2 - Colonizations III: Decolonization, Revolution, Freedom - Instructor(s): Zoya Sameen

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

Number Enrolled: **20**

Number of Responses: **9**

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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
I learned a lot about specific instances of colonization along with general themes about colonization
Gained perspective on the lasting effects of colonization
Thoughts and processes of decolonization. Even though there are dedicated sessions to focus on Kenya, Algeria, and India, other materials are still very relevant
How to analyze critically primary sources, how to process uncomfortable information and confront our own role in colonialism
The afterlives of colonization, how it continues to affect the present in so many (potentially unexpected) ways. Also the brutality and violence of colonialism, and the persistent efforts to downplay the violence—the justifications of colonialism past and present. The promises and realities of statehood and national independence.
The discussion
I learned about the development of ideas of nationalism, self-determination, and anticolonialism; the history of the violence that the act of decolonization entailed especially in Kenya and Algeria; and the ways the effects of colonialism continue to shape present-day.
Processes of decolonization and how what is put to the public may not always hold the value that it seems.

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

Comments
The discussions were quite instructive. I thought Dr. Sameen did a great job in facilitating/guiding them; she has a very skilled command of the classroom
Discussions were very interesting and readings were manageable
Introduction lecture at the start of discussion is very helpful to understand the background and authors
Professor Sameen does an amazing job of integrating lecture and discussion, and making class engaging but also deeply informative. I am extremely grateful to have had her as a professor!
Lectures and discussions were always great and engaging, allowing us to dive deeper into the texts.
Readings and in class discussion
The readings were generally interesting and manageable. Class time was largely spent on discussions of the readings which were generally helpful to better understand the ideas and different students' perspectives on them.
Discussions were insightful.

## 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.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	11.11%	77.78%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%
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.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%

## Additional comments about the course:

Comments
I was very impressed with the course overall; Dr. Sameen is a great instructor
Great course

## 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
Dr. Sameen's ability to guide conversation while also allowing students to speak their mind was very impressive. It made the discussions feel organic and useful
She is very accommodating and good at driving the discussion
Prof. Sameen asked thought-provoking questions and provided insightful comments. Using smaller group discussions also help participation in class
Professor Sameen is a great professor and clearly very passionate and knowledgeable about what she teaches, and she really fostered a great environment for discussion with her engaging questions about the texts. Having her in class to guide us through the readings and implications of the texts and encourage inquiry was invaluable.
Including their thoughts and understanding about the topic at hand through their facilitation of the class discussions.

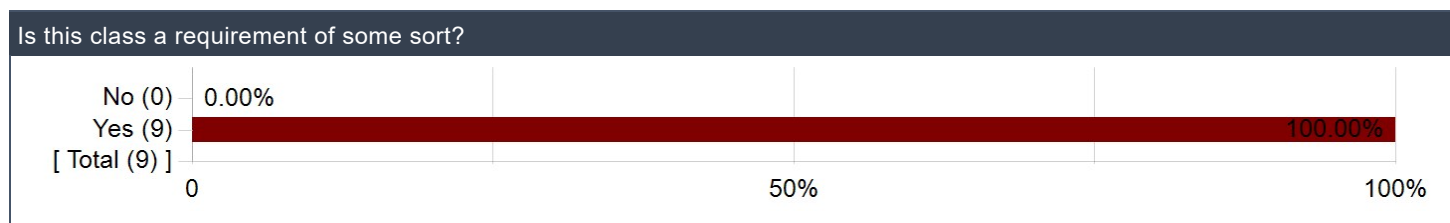
## What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Nothing really. I loved the course
none
Not Much

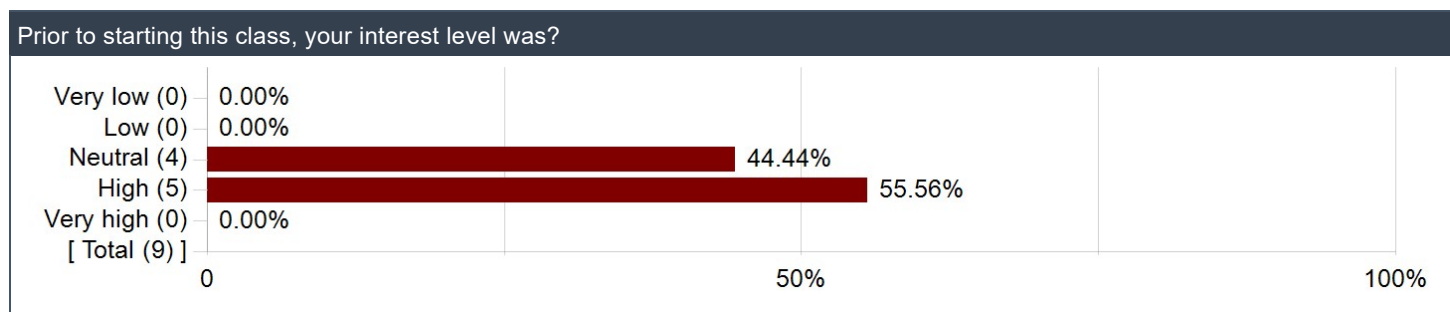
## The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	0.00%	88.89%	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.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%	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.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%	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%

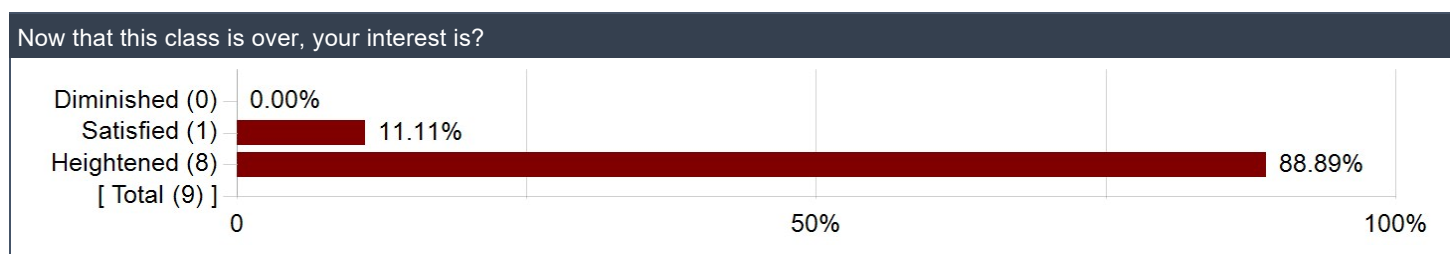
### Is this class a requirement of some sort?



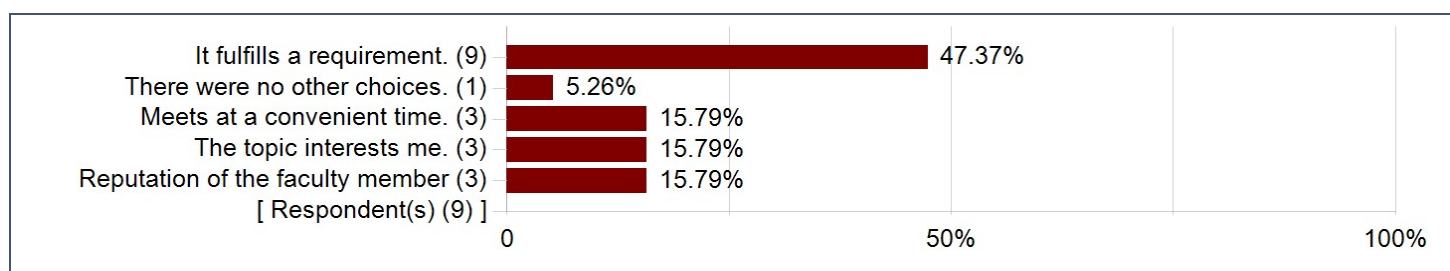
### Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



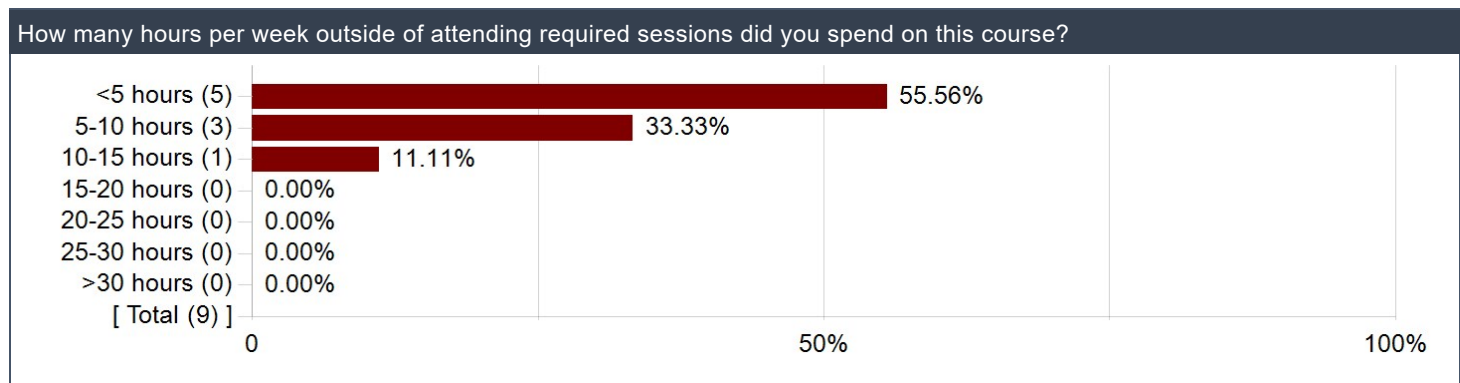
### Now that this class is over, your interest is?



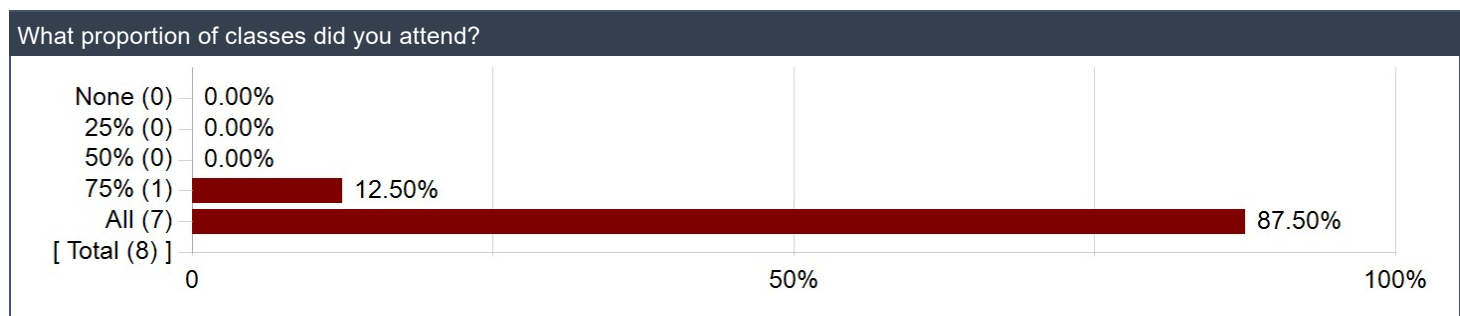
### Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



## 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
The difficulty was quite reasonable
Not too difficult
Having taken Colonizations II, the workload and readings are much more manageable
Professor Sameen is amazing!! Take this class
A manageable course after having the experience and preparation of the SOSC and HUM classes