



HUMA 12300 16 - Human Being and Citizen I - Instructor(s): Benjamin Jeffery

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

Number Enrolled: **19**

Number of Responses: **12**

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
How to pick out the main points of the assigned readings to talk about in class effectively.
How to think on the spot
Argument structure
I gained valuable philosophical references from all the book we went over in class, and I learned how to write papers at a college level.
How to make good points in class. Putting thoughts into words.
Analyzing important texts in human history
Analyzing texts to properly attribute to discussion and writing prompts.
How to think about what I am reading to a larger concept/idea
Na
N/A

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

Comments
Class discussions and listening to other student's perspectives helped a lot with essay ideas.
The in-class discussions forced you to think on the spot
Discussions were nice to learn about different perspectives on the same text.
Discussion was very helpful when thinking about what I wanted to write about for the midterm, final, etc.
The reading assignments were essential to succeed in this class. The discussions were great, though I sometimes found it difficult to contribute since I'm still learning how to formulate an analytical response to some a specific line or section from the text. Overall, great course and even better reading material!
I thought the assigned reading was very interesting and I enjoyed the class discussions about the text.
Lectures helped w material
N/A

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	33.33%	58.33%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	50.00%	25.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	3.58	4.00	0.00%	25.00%	8.33%	50.00%	16.67%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	3.64	4.00	0.00%	18.18%	27.27%	27.27%	27.27%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.25	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	41.67%	41.67%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	8.33%	16.67%	41.67%	33.33%
I felt respected in this class.	4.42	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	41.67%	50.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.08	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	58.33%	25.00%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
I liked the choices of books we had for this course.
Na

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
Facilitating our discussions by asking questions
In class discussions
Breaking down each text
The fact that he sit back and let US discuss in class while still providing relevant detail was huge.
Ben is very good in discussion because he will help you understand your thoughts better. When you make a point, he might rephrase or ask a follow up or something like that and that really deepens your understanding of your own point.
Our professor moderated the discussion, which I enjoyed. If he didn't I'm sure we would've sat in silence during the entire class. He was good at sparking the conversation, though at points I wish he would've let us lead the discussions without his input.
The questions he asked us about the text. I think I learned the most from hearing other students opinions on the text.
Na
N/A

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Maybe having a mini introduction to new books before we start reading them
Spend more time discussing the whole literature rather than being heavily focused on specific parts
write more items on the board so we could follow collectively
I really didn't understand how to write a successful paper at any time during the quarter. You're thrown in the deep end.
If the students led the conversations a little more. See what we would've come up with collectively as a class, but steer us back on course if we start getting off topic.
Spend more time on how to write or at least how to do better on papers
N/A

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.58	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	25.00%	66.67%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.29	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	8.33%	33.33%	41.67%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.58	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	25.00%	66.67%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	33.33%	58.33%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.33	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	16.67%	58.33%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.45	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	36.36%	54.55%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.36	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	25.00%	50.00%	8.33%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.27	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	16.67%	50.00%	8.33%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.55	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	25.00%	58.33%	8.33%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.33	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	33.33%	50.00%	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
Tom Sawyer
Thomas Sawyer. Tom is very nice and very inquisitive. He is also a very harsh grader and you won't agree with him on a lot of things.
Tom Sawyer was our writing specialist.

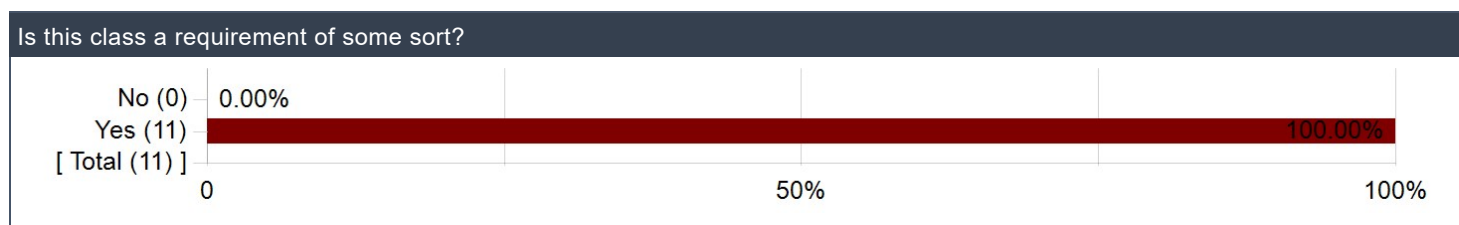
The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	0.00%	33.33%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	3.67	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	3.67	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	3.50	3.50	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	0.00%	33.33%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	3.33	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	33.33%	0.00%	0.00%

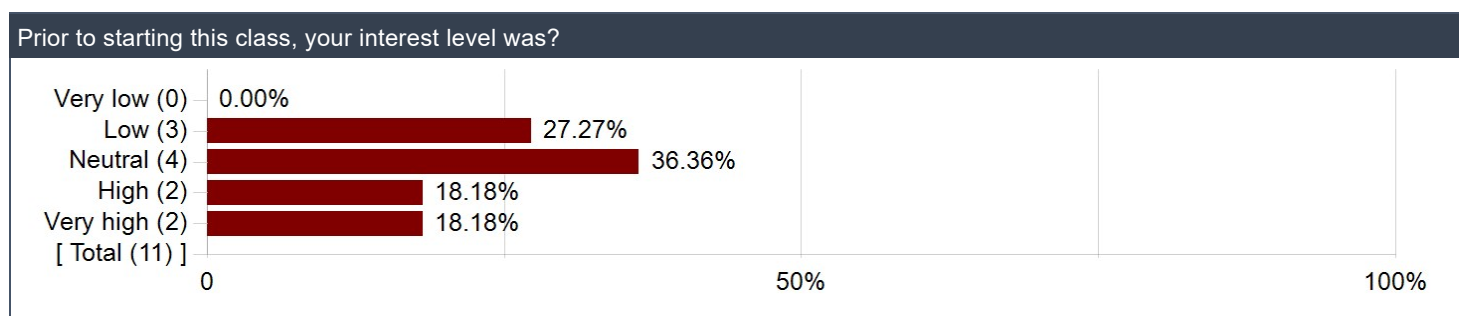
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	3.89	4.00	0.00%	11.11%	11.11%	55.56%	22.22%	0.00%

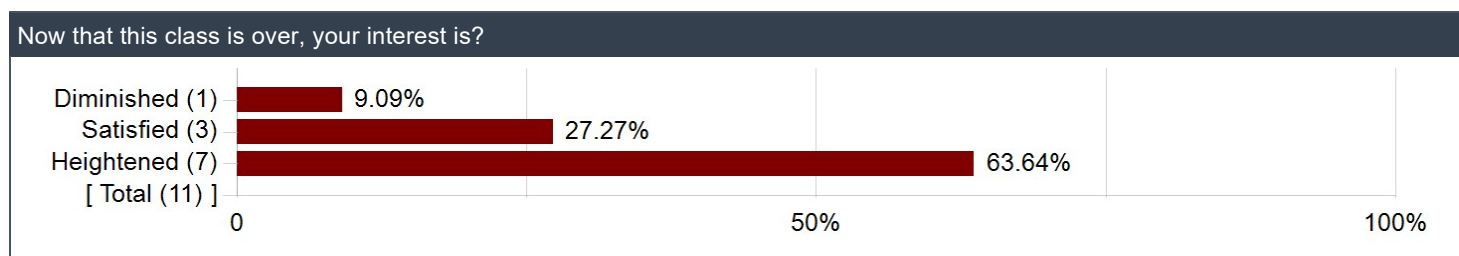
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



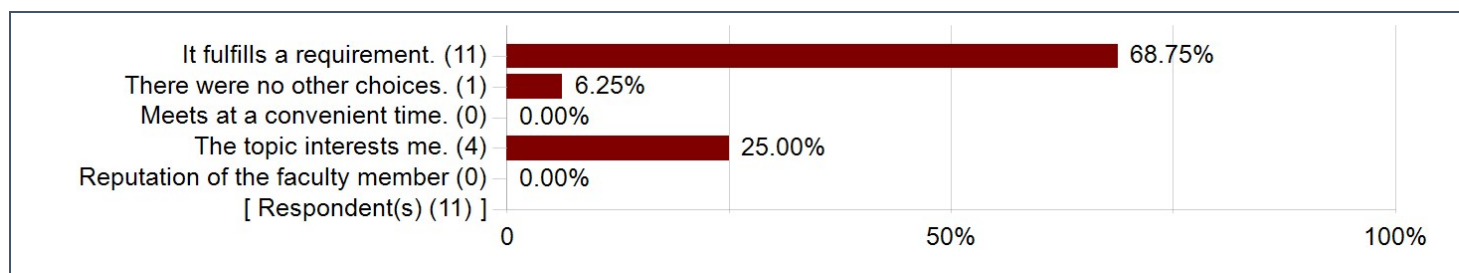
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



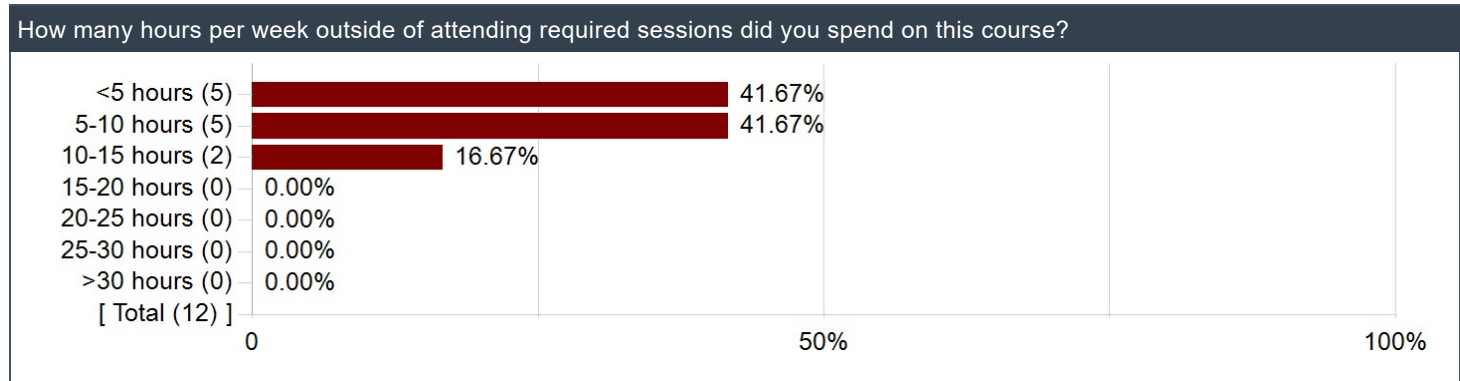
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



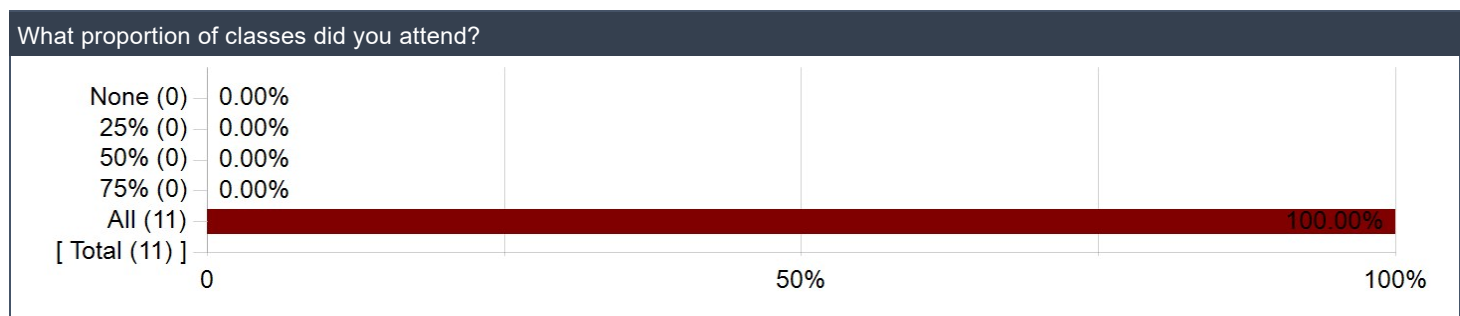
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
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It was difficult that our midterm was only a one chance shot, feel like a draft should been given the opportunity to be submitted and revised or given us the chance to improve for a higher grade.
It is a very challenging course and hard to do well. You think you're fine and then you write a paper and it gets completely dragged.
The texts are not difficult, but the writing assignment can be
This class isn't hard if you properly time manage your readings with your other classes. My advice is to get ahead in the readings from the start, so if you do need to focus heavily on one other class you can without falling behind in HUM. I've never read any other these texts before and found all of them really great. Remember that this class is meant to challenge you in ways that you may not be used to, and that is okay. The knowledge that I received from this course was incredible!
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