Report Comments

Opinions expressed in these evaluations are those of students enrolled in the specific course and do not represent the University.

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

Comments
Elements of epics. How to write effective papers.
I improved my skills at close reading, annotation, and creating claims based on the text in essays.
I learned a lot about the epics of ancient cultures. And learned to discuss with my class
I learned how to read epics from different time periods and cultures, as well as how to write convincing literary analysis.

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

Comments
I liked when we had students–led discussions and Professor Cox would add his two cents after each group presented out.
The in–class discussions helped me gain a better understanding of the reading material and introduce ideas and topics that I should follow throughout the readings.
I liked the lectures and discussions, as well as the books that we read.
Discussions were interesting and helpful, I loved the readings

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.25	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%	50.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%
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.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%

Additional comments about the course:

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I love that we covered the Mahabharata! Especially with Professor Cox who has so much knowledge about it!
My favorite part about taking this course was that my professor was visibly passionate about the readings and topics within the class.

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
Professor Cox knows a lot and shared a lot of tidbits that helped my understanding of the readings.
He was incredibly passionate about his class and had a deep understanding of the readings that helped steer conversations and points of focus. As a result, there were days that never felt like nothing was getting done. His teaching and speaking style is clear, concise, and well–paced which allowed me to take lots of notes without feeling rushed or like I outright missed ideas.
He was extremely knowledgable about the subject matter and made discussions very interesting.
Professor Cox knew a lot about the context of our readings, especially The Mahabharata, which was useful to my overall understanding of the text. He also picked out good passages for close analysis. I especially enjoyed when he would bring speakers to class, as it integrated the readings into a real–world context, without necessarily drifting too far away from the text. He is also very approachable and always welcomes any questions.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Professor Cox talked for almost the entire time period most of the time. I think this was partly because of our small class size, but I think he should focus more on a small group discussion format to at least get some ideas out first. We also never really covered how to write a paper in class, but Karen was really good about helping us through that process.
Sometimes, I wish there were assignments other than essays. But I also don't want reading quizzes.
N/A
I think if there could be more student–led discussion during class time, as Professor Cox sometimes tended to go on long tangents, which weren't uninteresting but not always the best use of class time. Also, perhaps less readings assigned for The Mahabharata as it was a very dense text and sometimes getting through 100 pages of it didn't allow enough room to really read and understand the text.

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	0.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	50.00%	25.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	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 |
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| Karen Xu. She was amazing!!!! I met her before all of my papers were due and she really helped me make sure that my arguments were strong and cohesive. Our writing seminars together were also very helpful. I do think that the writing seminars could have been more time effective, but that's more of a preference. |
| Karen Xu – Karen is the best, she is very approachable and kind, but also gave critical and helpful feedback on papers. She structured writing seminars well and was available outside of class. Overall, I'm very happy she was my writing TA! |

The TA/CA or Intern. . .

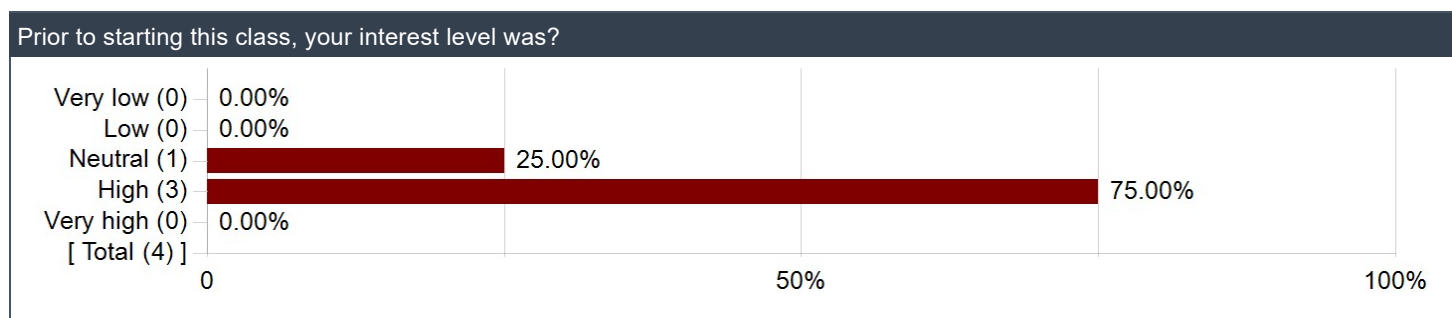|	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%

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

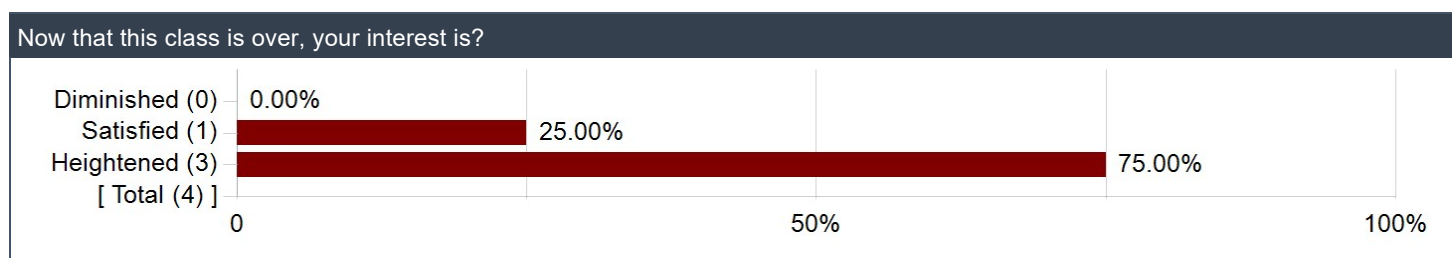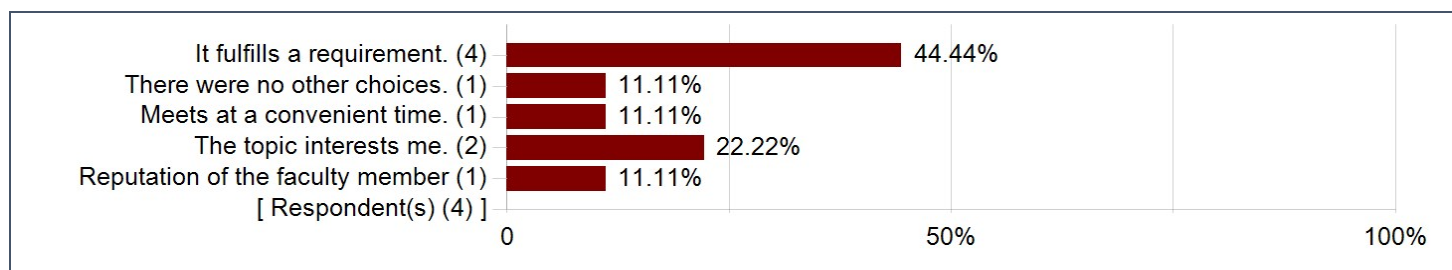|	Mean	Median	No Gain	A Little Gain	Moderate Gain	Good Gain	Great Gain	N/A
Laboratory Experience	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Field Trips	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Library Sessions	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Review Sessions	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Writing Seminars	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%

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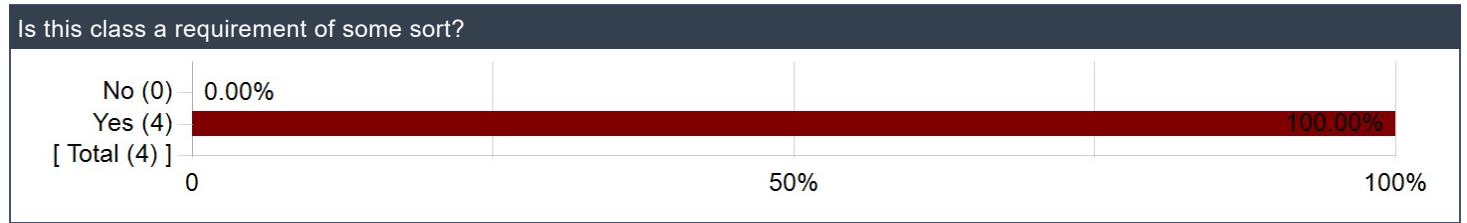
Is this class a requirement of some sort?

No (0)	0.00%
Yes (4)	100.00%
[Total (4)]	

0 — 50% — 100%

Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?

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Very low (0)	0.00%
Low (0)	0.00%
Neutral (1)	25.00%
High (3)	75.00%
Very high (0)	0.00%
[Total (4)]	

Now that this class is over, your interest is?

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Diminished (0)	0.00%
Satisfied (1)	25.00%
Heightened (3)	75.00%
[Total (4)]	

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

It fulfills a requirement. (4)	44.44%
There were no other choices. (1)	11.11%
Meets at a convenient time. (1)	11.11%
The topic interests me. (2)	22.22%
Reputation of the faculty member (1)	11.11%
[Respondent(s) (4)]	

How many hours per week outside of attending required sessions did you spend on this course?

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<5 hours (0)	0.00%
5-10 hours (2)	50.00%
10-15 hours (2)	50.00%
15-20 hours (0)	0.00%
20-25 hours (0)	0.00%
25-30 hours (0)	0.00%
>30 hours (0)	0.00%
[Total (4)]	

What proportion of classes did you attend?

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None (0)	0.00%
25% (0)	0.00%
50% (0)	0.00%
75% (0)	0.00%
All (4)	100.00%
[Total (4)]	
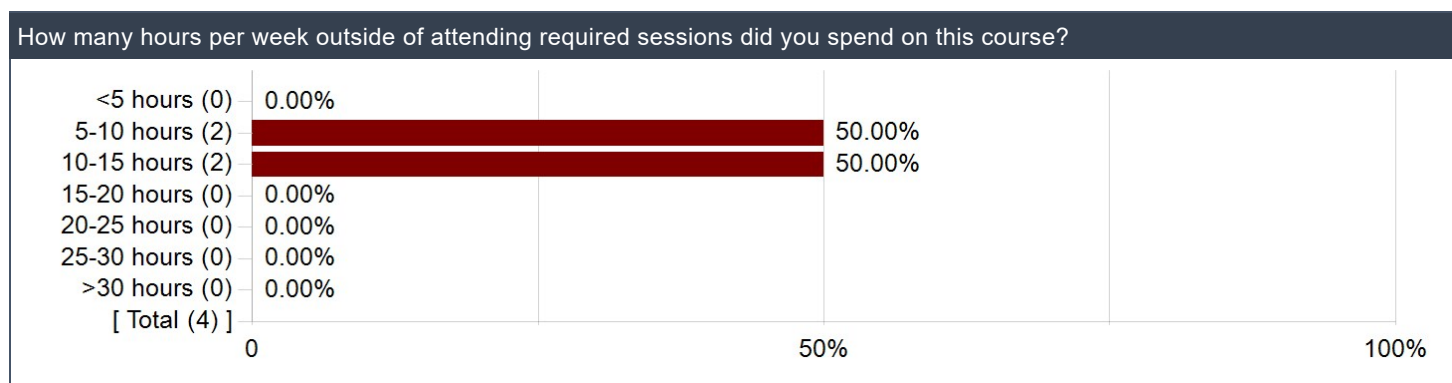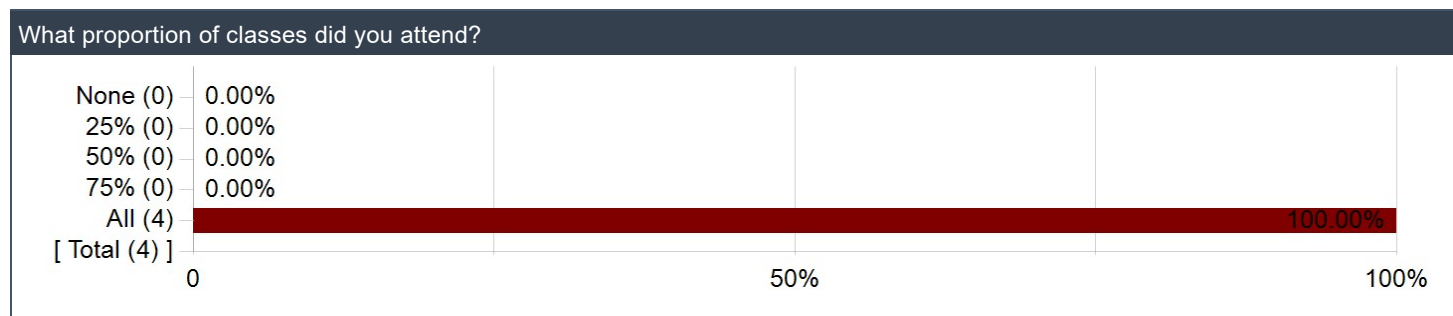
Please comment on the level of difficulty of the course relative to your background and experience.

Comments
I am very thankful for my high school teachers for being so harsh on my writing because they were pretty critical in grading our papers.
Sometimes the readings were very long and dense but with the class and schedule structure it is difficult to make this easier.
In terms of difficulty, I definitely think this was a relatively manageable HUM course. As a 1st year international student, I didn't find the texts or discussions unapproachable, except The Mahabharata, which could be quite challenging, in terms of the huge amounts of reading we had to do before class when we were learning about it. Otherwise, very good HUM course, definitely would recommend, especially to people who enjoyed high school English Lit classes.