



SOSC 11600 3 - Power, Identity, Resistance III - Instructor(s) - Daniel Burnfin

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

Number Enrolled: **10**

Number of Responses: **5**

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, July 11, 2024**

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

Comments
Discussions were great
I learned how to apply different philosophies to my reading.
Recognition, master/slave morality, animal ethics, resentment, and other leading theories from philosophers who also interact with "power" in some capacity. Perhaps more than anything, I gained an ability to read philosophy more carefully and without bias, even though this was a SOSC class.
Critical analysis of arguments – stepping into the authors shoes and examining the validity of their argument based on the premises the author makes.
How to interpret but also read philosophical texts to form an informed opinion that can then be communicated

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

Comments
Discussions were great
Lectures and readings really contributed.
Lectures by Professor Burnfin were exceptional. I felt that doing the reading was imperative to be able to participate. I didn't have previous knowledge of most of the writers read/discussed, so doing the readings were crucial.
Lectures in class were very helpful. I also really enjoyed the quote hand outs – they were great at consolidating the key points of the readings.
Discussions/Lectures ratio was amazing

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.20	5.00	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	20.00%	60.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%
I felt respected in this class.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
NA
Professor Burnfin is great, his lectures aid in understanding the underlying concepts of the readings.

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 discussions
Lectures
Professor Burnfin is extremely knowledgeable on German philosophy, and many of the writers we read are either directly or indirectly related to his research. His level of knowledge was made clear with lectures that were a perfect balance of discussion from the class and writing on the board. His writing would be able to succinctly clarify philosophical theories in a more concrete sense. He is also an entertaining orator and has a way of playing the devil's advocate so well that every possible perspective on the readings is analyzed to completion. I also appreciated the handouts he would make for readings we only had PDFs for—they made it substantially easier to have a paper to read off of in class rather than having to use a computer.
Lectures were very helpful. I found it really helpful when the instructor gave a brief summary and highlighted key points at the beginning of class. He was also enthusiastic about the content, which made his teaching engaging.
Discussions and willingness to engage

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
NA
N/A
There isn't much that I would change. Perhaps he could be more cheerful in class sometimes;.
I personally like small groups activities a lot. We did this sometimes, but I would have preferred to have this more often.
Maybe reducing discussion posts to once per week would also be helpful, with half the class assigned to one class day and another assigned to the other class day. Although the discussion posts were helpful for my learning, the workload was sometimes a bit heavy especially with the longer readings.

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	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.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	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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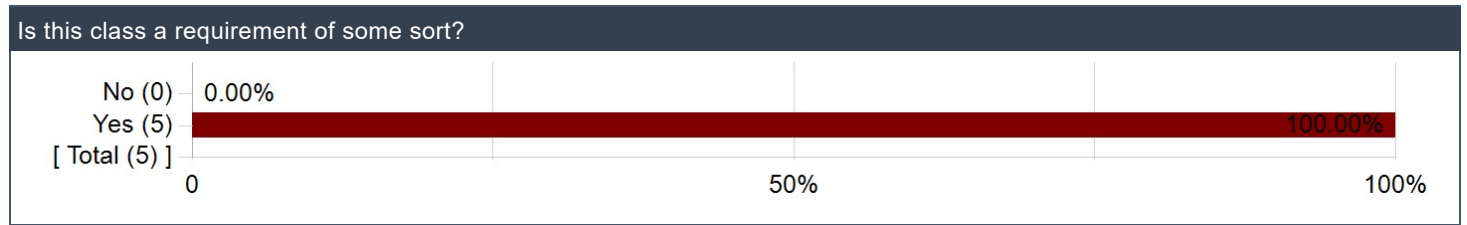
The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	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.	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.	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.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	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.	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

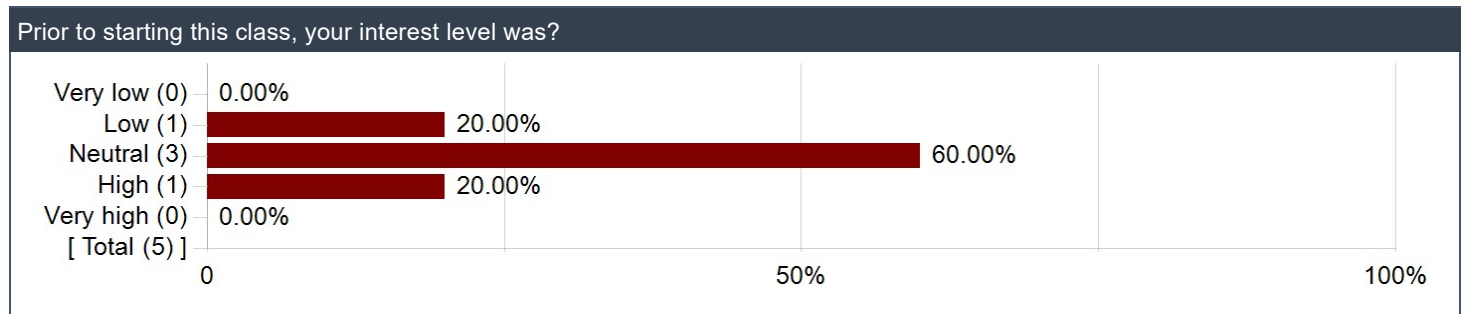
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	3.00	3.00	33.33%	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%

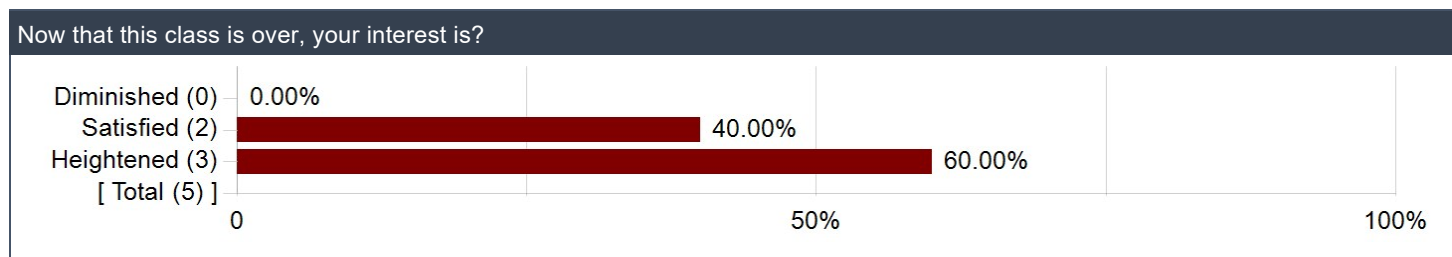
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



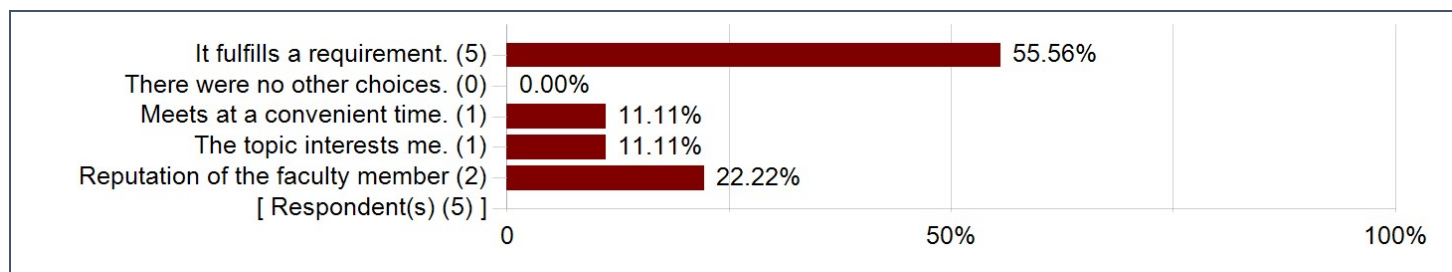
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



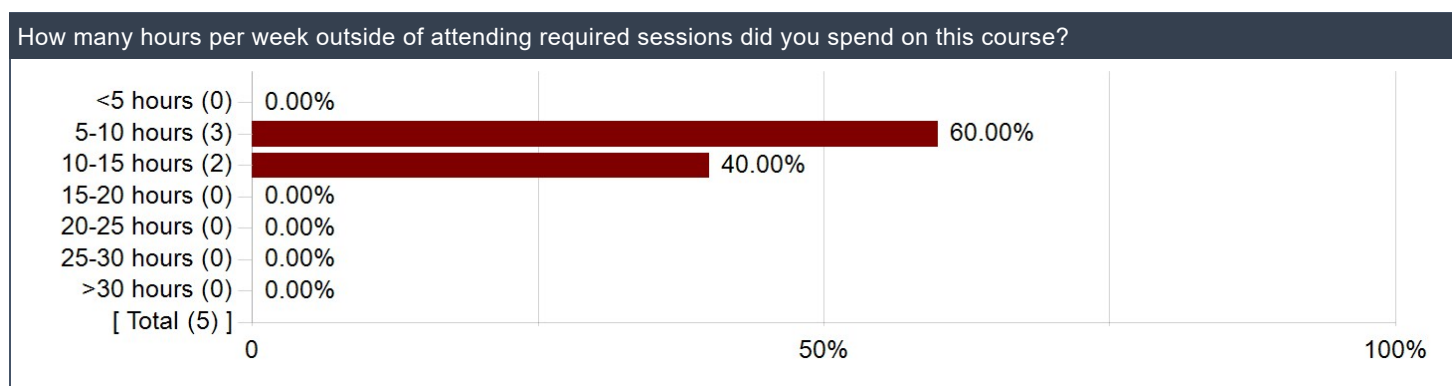
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



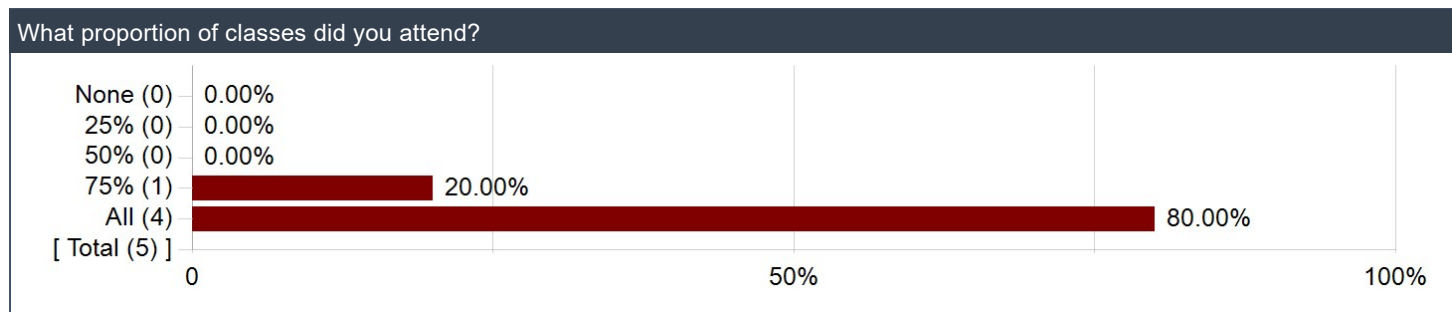
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
Lot of reading
The readings are dense and comprehensive.
Essays were fairly graded. One short paper and one long paper—a good mix I'd say. Not super difficult but requires time and effort to really get a lot out of the class.
Not too hard. Readings very interesting but heavy compared to other SOSC courses. If you enjoy the content, it's not a drag though.