



HUMA 18000 5 - Poetry and the Human I - Instructor(s): Anna Elena Torres

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
I learned a lot about different poets in different timelines
I learned how to better write an essay and analyze a piece of text.
How to write an argumentative essay. How to analyze a text.
I learned how to actually analyze poetry
I learned how to close read poetry and expand upon poetry and come up with my own interpretation. I learned a lot more about how I can make my own argument about my own interpretation of poetry.
How to write well
Before taking the class, I was very disinterested in the topic of writing and english classes. I had found them somewhat mundane and boring in high school. However, from being in a very good learning environment, I was able to learn about many different books and also learn so many different writing styles as well.
how to analyze poetry, make arguments, and think about genealogies of texts
How to close read a poem

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

Comments
lectures felt very long and not very useful as people are just trying to get participation points. The professor's discussions were indeed helpful and interesting. I enjoyed the assignments and discussion posts.
I enjoyed the class discussions and readings. I felt that the at home work contributed most to my learning.
Seminar was most helpful
everything, especially discussions during class
The discussions were helpful in having a further dive into what poetry is and what we can gain from it.
The discussion posts were very helpful as well as the in-class discussions
The lectures were very open and discussion based which allowed for many great ideas and takeaways to be had. The writing seminar aspect of it helped as well. The writing instructor was very helpful and introduced interesting ways of writing and exploring/expressing ideas in the mode.
class discussions were interesting, professor torres showed us a lot of material that added to the texts we were reading
Discussions were decently interesting but not amazing

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.18	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	45.45%	36.36%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.09	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	54.55%	27.27%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	3.64	4.00	0.00%	27.27%	0.00%	54.55%	18.18%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	3.64	4.00	0.00%	18.18%	18.18%	45.45%	18.18%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.27	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	54.55%	36.36%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.18	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	27.27%	27.27%	45.45%
I felt respected in this class.	4.36	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	63.64%	36.36%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.27	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	36.36%	45.45%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
The grading rubric on the essays are not very clear and oftentimes you feel as if the comments on the essay are positive but still don't receive a grade that is up to standards.
Very good class environment and the instructors facilitated very subtly, but well. In addition, the grading was very fair as well.
Torres is great and workload is not too bad but it's not that interesting of a 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
Her lectures about each poem were definitely helpful in understanding the concept of the poems
I think the feedback on essays and assignments was the most important.
whenever she would speak about her knowledge.
How it's centered around us and our thoughts on a particular reading
Facilitation of discussions and being available outside of class was helpful.
The discussion posts were very helpful as well as the in-class discussions
I think the openness of the class and the ability for the students to mostly lead conversation was what I found most beneficial and helpful for this class. I had never really experienced this type of learning before but I thought it was not just helpful for discussing course material, but also investigating other perspectives.
professor Torres provided great insight into the texts that allowed us to think about it in different ways; she also showed us extra material that helped with our understanding of the text
Facilitating conversation

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Making seminars more useful and office hours with more convenient times closer to the essays due date
Being slightly more clear about what we are expected to be learning.
Hold back on longwinded questions.
Have a bit more direction in discussions. Sometimes, we students are not able to understand what the poem is saying and have difficulty coming up with the answers to the questions she has from time to time. I hope she is able to juts oftentimes lead us to the answer instead of hoping we would magically come up with it.
Have more interesting discussions
Maybe one thing would be to possibly add other elements to compliment the discussion aspects of class such as more writing activities or side lessons.
be more clear as to what is expected from the essays
Respond to emails better when I ask for help

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.45	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	54.55%	45.45%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	3.82	4.00	0.00%	9.09%	27.27%	36.36%	27.27%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	3.91	4.00	9.09%	0.00%	18.18%	36.36%	36.36%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.18	4.00	0.00%	9.09%	9.09%	36.36%	45.45%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.45	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	36.36%	54.55%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.27	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	36.36%	45.45%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	3.91	4.00	0.00%	18.18%	18.18%	18.18%	45.45%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.27	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	54.55%	36.36%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.00	4.00	9.09%	0.00%	9.09%	45.45%	36.36%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.18	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	27.27%	27.27%	45.45%	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
Ted Alexander– his seminars contributed to most learning for the essays. I don't believe they were helpful at all. Very vague against the topic of the essay. Gave false reassurance for the way our essays were going.
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Ted Alexander was very helpful in teaching new styles of expressing language and ideas throughout the quarter. He was very helpful outside of class as well for feedback and review. Very good communication as well (quick responses).
Ted Alexander

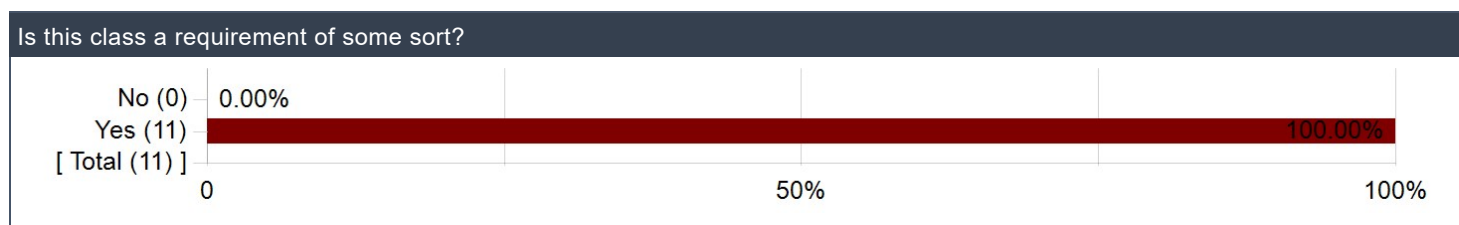
The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	3.80	4.00	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	40.00%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	4.20	5.00	20.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.20	5.00	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	20.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.40	5.00	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	0.00%	80.00%	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%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	80.00%	0.00%

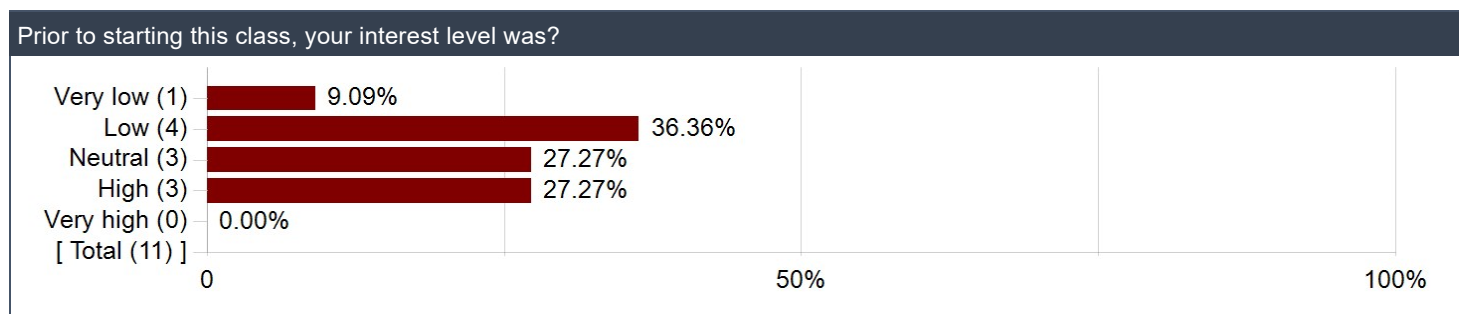
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	3.22	3.00	11.11%	0.00%	44.44%	44.44%	0.00%	0.00%
Library Sessions	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	12.50%	12.50%	62.50%
Review Sessions	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Writing Seminars	3.40	4.00	10.00%	20.00%	10.00%	40.00%	20.00%	0.00%

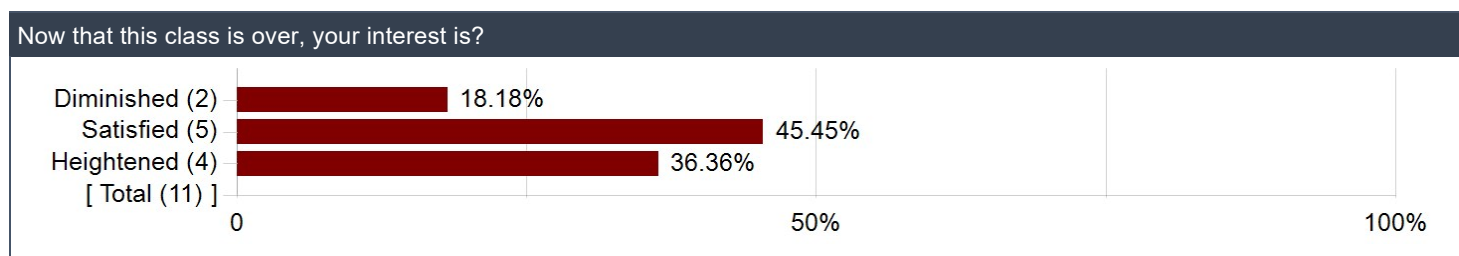
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



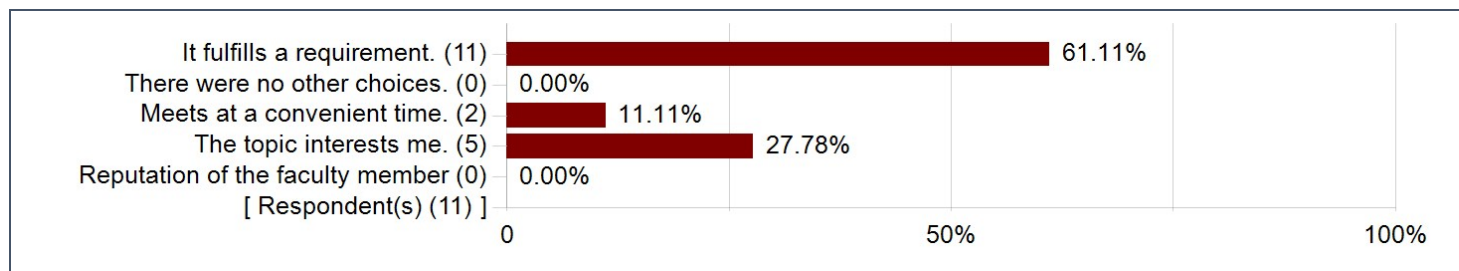
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



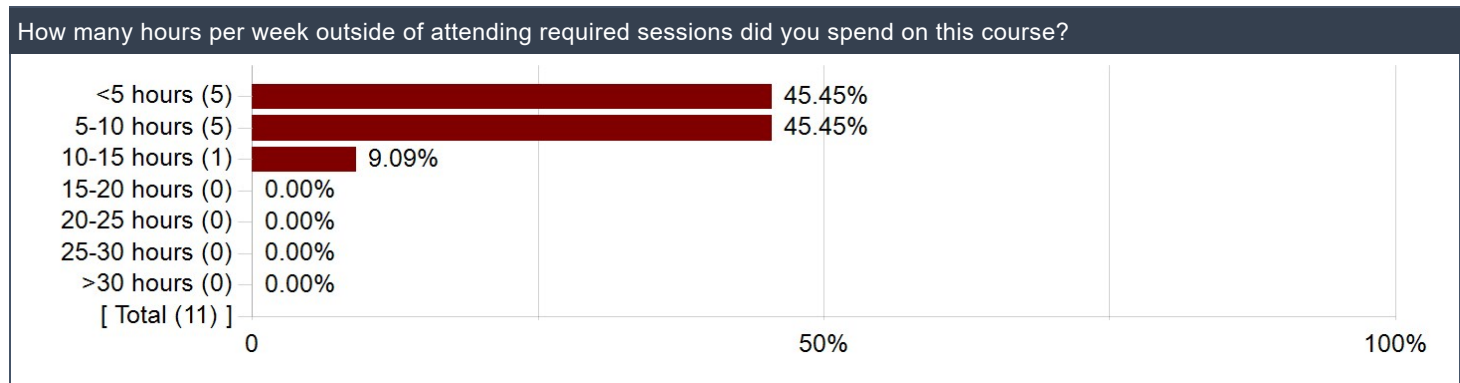
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



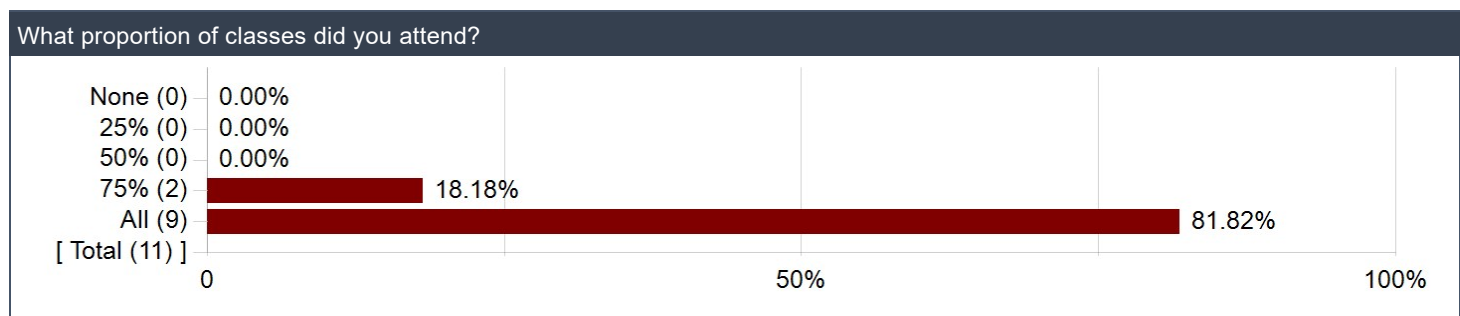
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
Not difficult in terms of needing experience.
It was about a perfect level of difficulty.
Decently hard
If you are genuinely interested in poetry it is fun and interesting. If you have even the slightest interest it's alright. If you hate poetry or don't like it, it's extremely hard to do the assignments.
The course was definitely challenging intellectually during essay writing phases. However, it was not too hard and was mostly manageable. The teacher was also very understanding about conflicts and easy going about extensions.
the course itself was not very difficult; essays were a bit more challenging
Not difficult if you know how to write