



SALC 20200 1, ANTH 24102 1, HIST 10900 1, SOSOC 23100 1 - Introduction to the Civilizations of South Asia II - Instructor(s) - Rochona Majumdar

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

Number Enrolled: **35**

Number of Responses: **15**

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
south asian culture mainly around independence era
I learned a lot about the different partitions of India. I also learned how to think critically about different texts and the way politicians/activists present their arguments. I really liked the use of fictional pieces to contextualize important historical moments.
We learned about South Asian history following the decline of the Mughal Empire. We discussed British rule, Hindu–Muslim tensions, the multiple partitions, the caste system, the place of females and gender in society, and the meaning of civilization and what it means to be a citizen.
The history of South Asia beginning with British colonial rule.
How to analyze proper South Asian texts. The material had been seen before, but I think getting the needed information out of it was only possible through this class. There were a lot of times where many words were spoken, but they could be understood briefly through the aid of the professor and TAs. Very great to dilute texts down to more manageable terms.
ideas of important leaders of nations of south asia
Partition – I learned how to productively discuss the readings and write effectively
colonial India + post–colonial India

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

Comments
the required presentations for students were really enjoyable and helpful to learn. TAs were great as well.
I thought class time presentations helped solidify the readings for class. I especially enjoyed class discussions after the presentations because the professor and TAs provided a lot of helpful commentary/contextualization that made the pieces we read more meaningful.
Lectures were incredibly helpful to add to the reading. Professor Majumdar is very passionate and articulate, which came through in lecture. Student presentations highlighted nuances of the reading which we did not originally pick up. Professor Majumdar proceeded to lead the class through fascinating conversation and debate regarding issues that still affect India today. We also read a variety of sources, not just autobiographies and nonfiction, but also movies and short stories, which provided a greater more well–rounded understanding.
Lectures were very stimulating, class presentations were very good to help keep us engaged. Short and sweet papers had to be concise, couldn't waste words. Very helpful, all needed! Participation was mandatory so it felt required to pay attention.
The professor led the discussions well and was very informative. Discussions were definitely better than last quarter, where it felt like us students were supposed to do most of the heavy lifting. But, at times they felt a little convoluted and hard to follow.
I thought that when the TA Daniel led the discussions, he did it well.
in–class lectures by Professor Majumdar clarified the readings the most
Discussion and daily presentations
Discussions were good although a little bit long.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.40	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	40.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.40	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	40.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.20	4.50	0.00%	10.00%	10.00%	30.00%	50.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.40	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	40.00%	50.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.40	5.00	0.00%	10.00%	0.00%	30.00%	60.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.30	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	50.00%	40.00%
I felt respected in this class.	4.30	4.50	0.00%	10.00%	0.00%	40.00%	50.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.40	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	40.00%	50.00%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Grading could be clearer
I really enjoyed this course. Professor Majumdar is an incredible professor and really made this class incredible.
Very great course!
I loved this class-- if you can take it please do!!!!

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 after the presentations were great.
She did a great job tying readings to the context of both the time period and present day. I felt her questions and direction for class was always thought provoking.
Professor Majumdar is an awesome teacher and really passionate about this area. She welcomes all student's ideas and encourages us to step out of our comfort zone to ask questions. She leads fascinating discussions in class regarding humanity, civilization, and what it means to be part of South Asia. She highlights a few themes in the history and makes sure to remind us of them as they remain relevant.
The presentations were very helpful in making sure we were understanding the readings and thinking through them
Lectures were extremely helpful, but more specifically, the tangents that brought the texts to a bigger scope to help us understand the world.
professor majumdar is so knowledgeable and speaks with high clarity, she is invested in helping us learn
Her input and answers to our questions
I really loved how Professor Majumdar tied in elements from a variety of different sources and made the discussions really insightful.
Professor Majumdar is just absolutely fantastic. One of the best lecturers I've come across in this university and I could literally listen to her talk for hours because it's so intellectually stimulating. I also really appreciate how she always seemed to ask just the right questions to facilitate class discussions. And it worked because the quality of discourse in our class was quite high!

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Explaining to us what she was looking for on the essays and presentations would have been nice to have.
I would have appreciated more feedback on my work.
I think we could spend longer in the last week talking about India today and some of the relevant political issues, but also understand that there are only 9 weeks and a lot of content to cover
Maybe some more group conversational work? We did it a few times throughout the quarter and it was extremely helpful to keep us engaged.
tell groups when they're going overtime in presenting
More small group discussions
Literally nothing.

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	30.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.40	5.00	0.00%	10.00%	0.00%	30.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.40	5.00	0.00%	10.00%	0.00%	30.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	30.00%	70.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	30.00%	70.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	30.00%	70.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.22	4.00	0.00%	10.00%	0.00%	40.00%	40.00%	10.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	30.00%	70.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.40	5.00	0.00%	10.00%	0.00%	30.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	20.00%	70.00%	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
Titas Bose
Titas and Daniel
Titas Bose and Daniel Lapinski; both TAs were incredible and often hopped into Prof. Majumdar's discussion to add any extra details. Daniel was good about writing points on the board. Both TAs were very helpful and available both in and outside of class
Titas Bose
Daniel Lapinski
Titas Bose and Daniel Lapinski were fantastic TAs. They were able to coordinate the class in a proper direction when necessary, and even had time in the spotlight for their own lectures! Served as perfect complements to Professor Majumdar. Maybe they could join us in group settings? That would be great.
Titas Bose and Daniel Lapinski. I enjoyed their contributions to the class. I also loved how they helped facilitate class discussion.
Titas, Daniel
Titas Bose and Daniel Lapinski

The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	30.00%	70.00%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	20.00%	70.00%	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.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	30.00%	70.00%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	30.00%	70.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	20.00%	70.00%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%

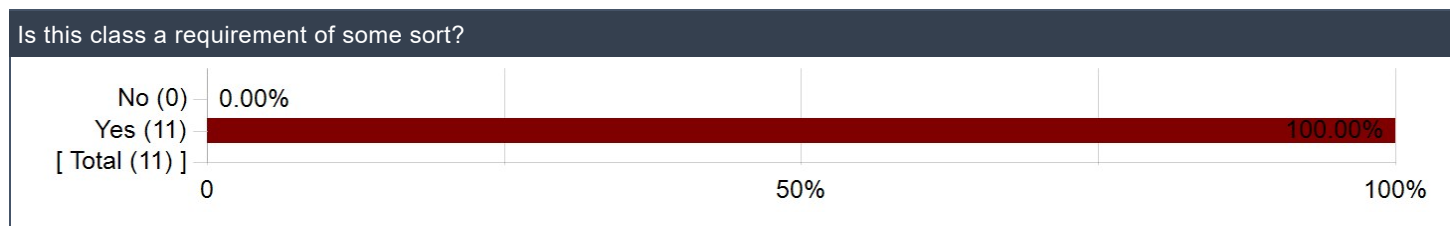
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%

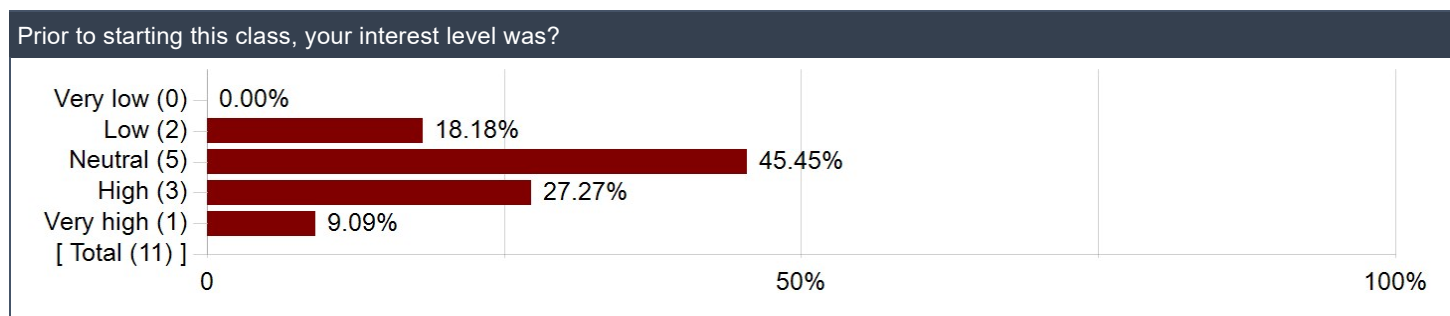
Other course elements not mentioned above:

Comments
Presentation by Stark

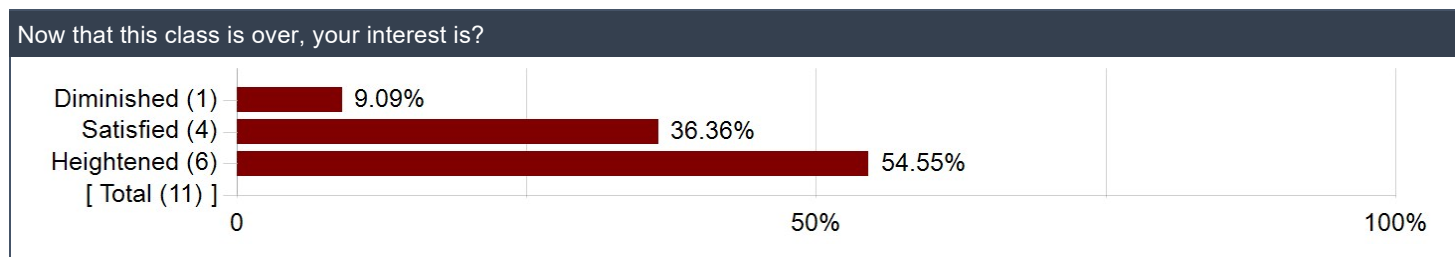
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



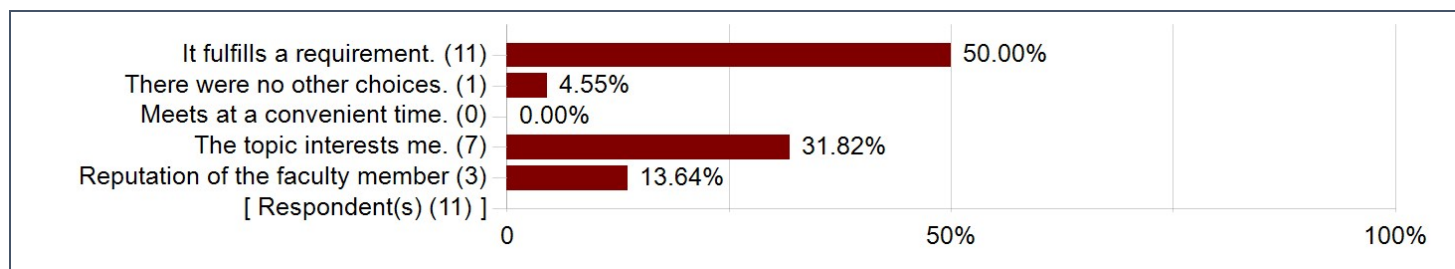
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



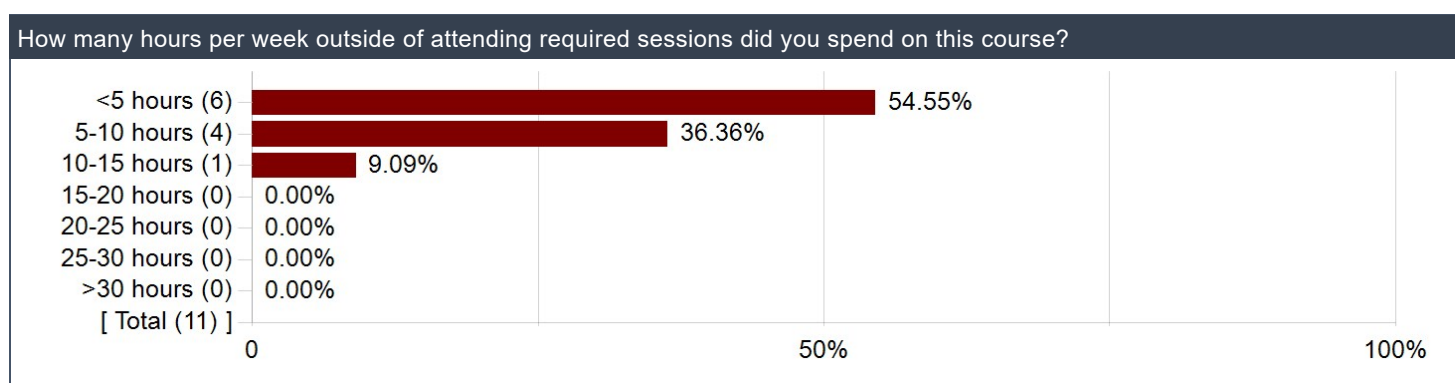
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



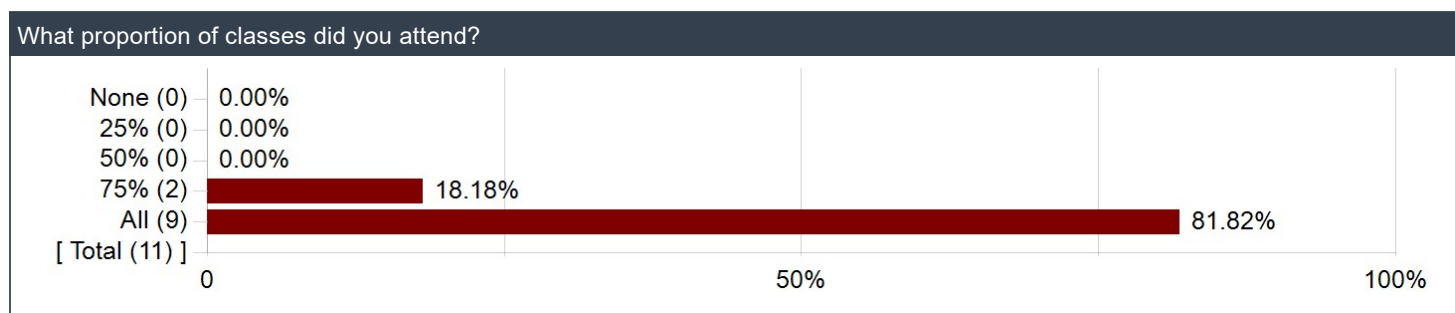
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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 hard – just listen and class and have fun.
Not that difficult at all; readings are very easy to handle and are quite interesting
As someone without a background in South Asian history, it was very interesting but the difficulty was reasonable if you make an effort to learn
Very manageable!
It was very manageable – I never felt overwhelmed and the pace was welcoming
Only experience was from SALC 20100. No prior knowledge. Learned a lot! Very interesting class
Very accessible for anyone interested in the history of South Asia. Under Professor Majumdar, you learn a LOT