



SOSC 12600 19 - Self, Culture, and Society III - Instructor(s) - Thomas James Newbold

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

Number Enrolled: **15**

Number of Responses: **4**

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
He does a good job framing these readings within a larger context of social theory and it feels like this quarter we finally cultivated the 'self' sequence – really digging into the fundamental ideas of the sequence with the context of all three quarters of reading; this quarter focuses on philosophy of science, knowledge, and post-colonialism. We spent most of our time on Kuhn and Foucault.
Analyzing texts from Kaselleck, Kuhn, Popper, Hacking, and more, discussions, writing papers

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

Comments
He had one of lecture-focused class and one day of discussion-focused class; I like both of these and thought they did a good job facilitating learning in different ways. My only critique would be to start the 'recap' of our small group discussions we would do at the end of class a little earlier so that we have more time to dig into it together and for the prof to critique our ideas (he always has very enlightening thoughts)
I appreciated the split between full-class and small group discussions. I think the professor could have pushed people a bit more in group discussions but it is hard to gauge from a student's perspective.
Lectures and discussions were very useful to understanding the material, discussion questions as well

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	3.00	4.00	33.33%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	0.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
I felt respected in this class.	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	33.33%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	3.67	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
I think the standards for grading are pretty harsh; for a core class, I don't see the need in giving a lot of students Cs on their first papers especially since there's only two essays the whole quarter, makes the pressure very high

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
His willingness to help you understand and enthusiasm for the subject

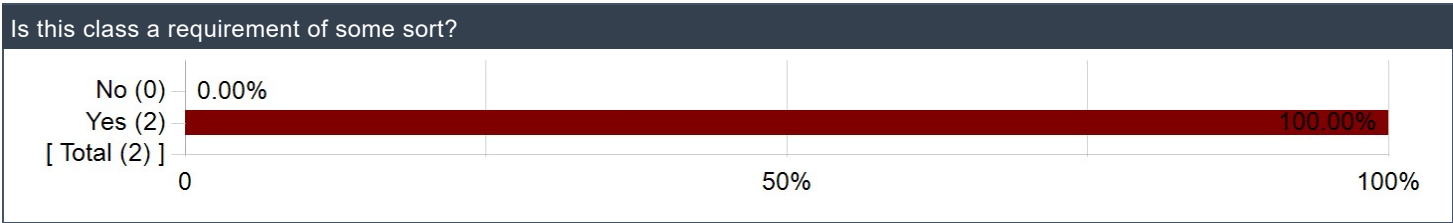
What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
I would like the midterm essay to be assigned earlier, more near halfway through the quarter than in week 7
Could explain the threshold for assignments more; there were no rubrics posted for essays/no clear structure outlined for essays, so a lot of times you were not in the know; plus, grading was pretty harsh and not many opportunities to bring your grade up

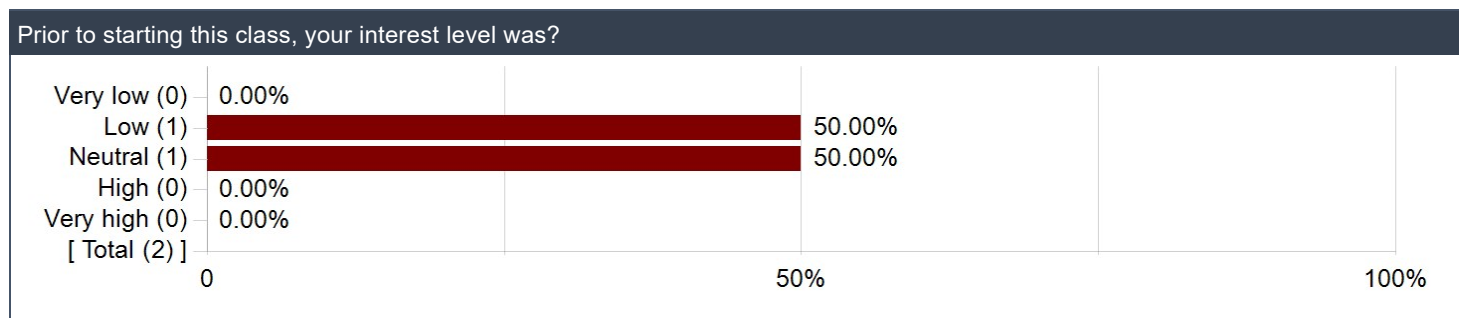
The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	3.50	3.50	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%

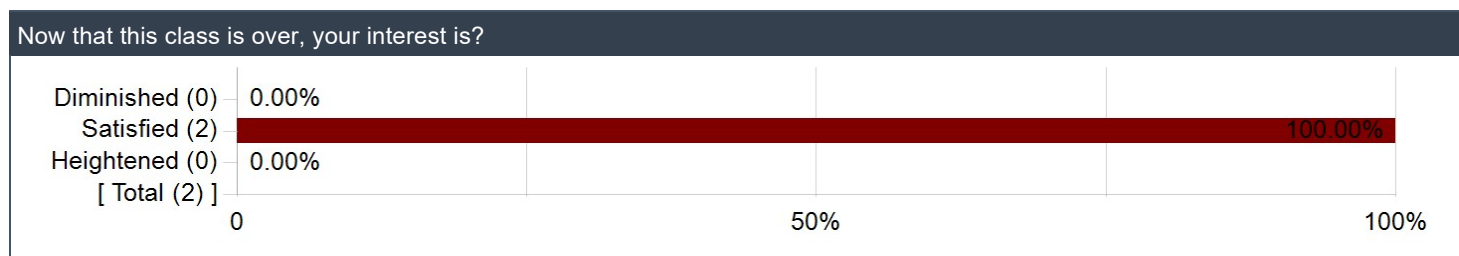
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



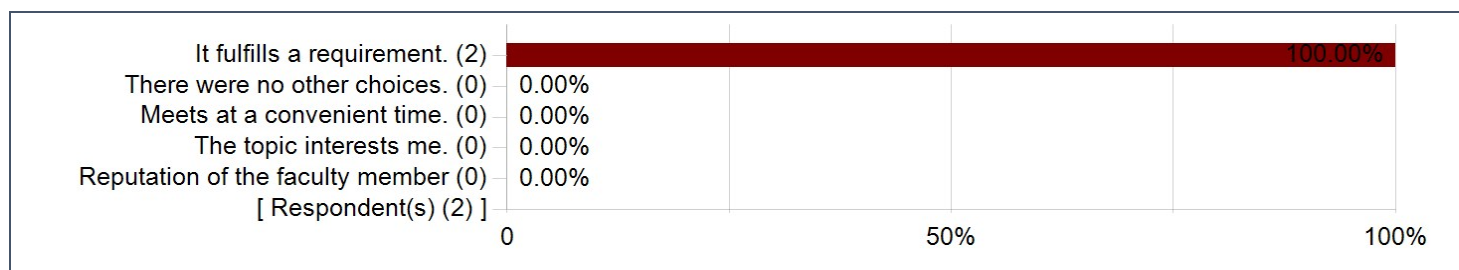
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



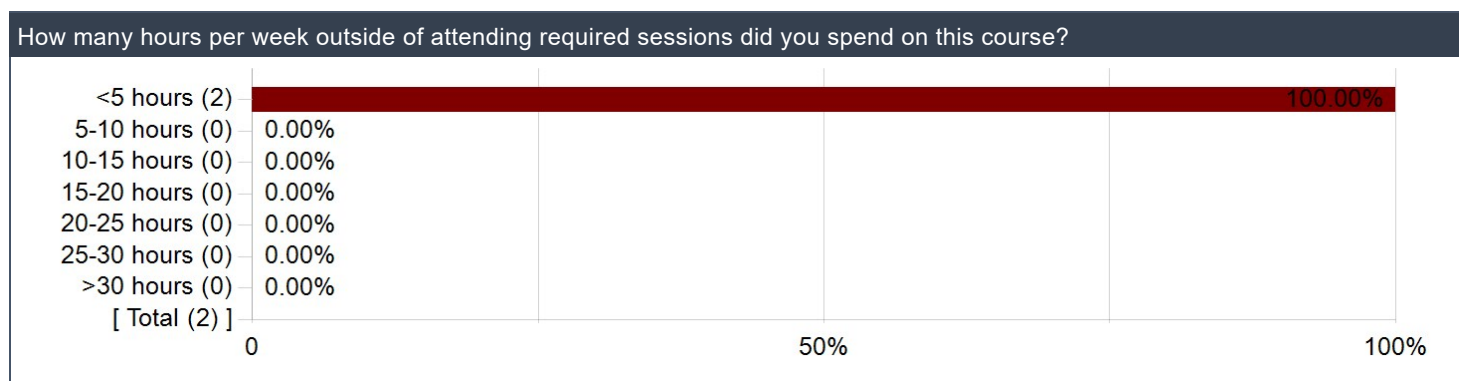
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



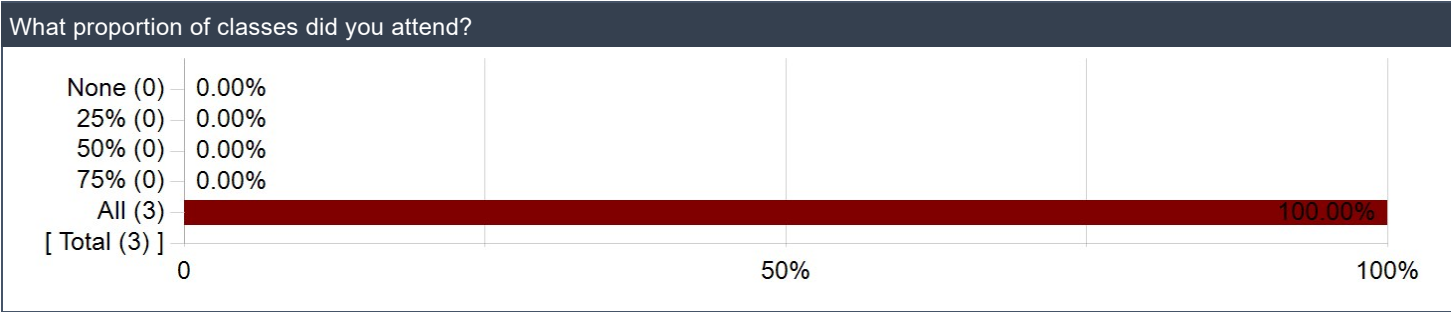
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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

Depends heavily on your writing experience due to the rigor of grading Professor Newbold has