



RDIN 24001 2, SOSC 24001 2, ANTH 24001 2, CRES  
24001 2, HIST 18301 2 - Colonizations I: Colonialism,  
Enslavement and Resistance in the Atlantic World -  
Instructor(s): Katie Hickerson

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

Number Enrolled: **21**

Number of Responses: **7**

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### Report Comments

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

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

Comments
the formation of colonies and problems associated with it
I learned about the development of racial capitalism in the Atlantic world and the mythology that was adopted in its legacy to intellectualize its consequences.
Summarizing abundant reading materials. Knowledge of Colonization.
I learned about the Atlantic colonization – what it looked like in different territories, as well as the different themes that echo through the conquest and colonization.

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

Comments
lectures and discussions posts are great to complement each other
Class discussions constituted the majority of this course and were often filled with deeply engaging and insightful conversations. Professor Hickerson also encouraged us to attend RDIN events and outside University resources like the DuSable Museum with incentives. These opportunities really helped to enrich the course and direct self-interest with the material associated with the course. Moreover, Professor Hickerson was incredibly enthusiastic about drawing on that material for class discussions and assignments like papers. Overall, there was a large array of content that was involved with the course, but I am glad a lot of it was left as opportunities for individual students to pull into class as they saw fit.
discussion-based lecture. understanding of reading materials are essential.
Professor Hickerson was great in modifying points of the course material that may have been strenuous.
The readings were interesting but I felt like there was too much. We also had to write a lot of discussion posts, but because there was so much reading (and sometimes the reading was hard) it was hard to complete those. I enjoyed time in class, though – everyone was very smart and had a lot to say about the material, and I appreciated how Prof. Hickerson would bring in a lot of multimedia material to show us (such as movie trailers, articles, paintings).

## Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
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.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%
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.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
I felt respected in this class.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
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
great
Professor Hickerson is very supportive, definitely recommend her lecture!
The class discussion is amazing.

## 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 and leading the discussions
Professor Hickerson is an incredibly approachable and funny person. She really encouraged students to make use of office hours and to contact her for discussions about the course material. Overall, it was mostly the qualities of her personality and her openness to students that contributed most toward my learning, making the content more enjoyable and engaging to discuss.
Professor Hickerson is really supportive!
I really enjoy the additional course materials.
Prof. Hickerson made a classroom environment that was very approachable – I never felt like I would be judged for my comments and it felt safe to participate in discussions. Also, as mentioned before, I liked the multimedia material she brought into class. This helped a lot to break-up the discussions (which can sometimes get monotonous in any class) and also stimulate further learning. I also liked the extra-credit events that she mentioned, which were usually talks or even one movie. Finally, Prof. Hickerson is such a nice person in general!

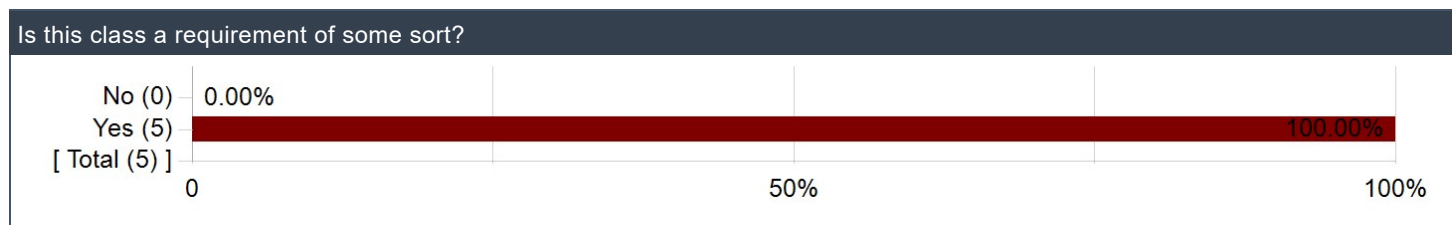
## What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
nothing
Nothing.
1) A lot less reading, 2) Less discussion post requirement, 3) More small-group discussion in class, 4) Getting midterm grades back sooner so we have a sense of how we're doing before the final.

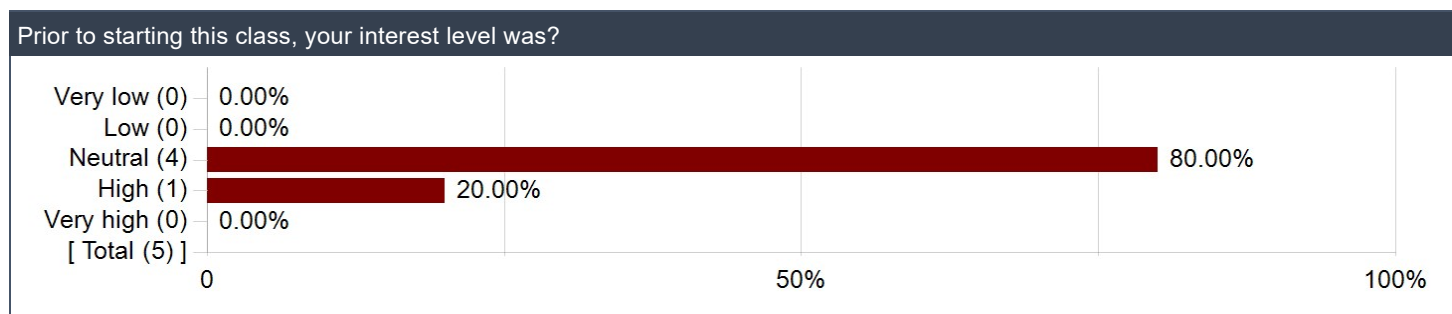
## The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	16.67%	66.67%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	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 course.	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 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.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
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.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%

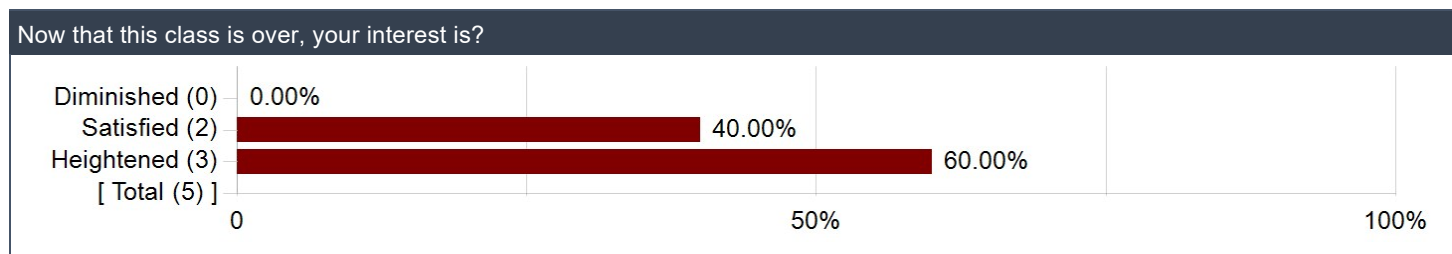
## Is this class a requirement of some sort?



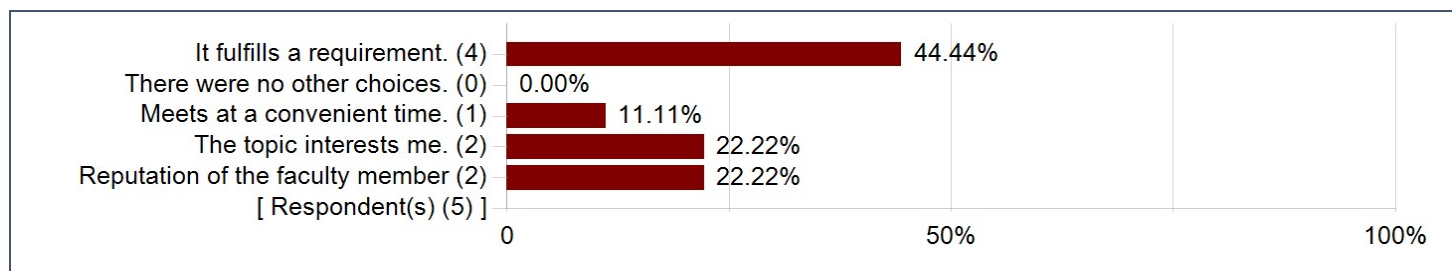
## Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



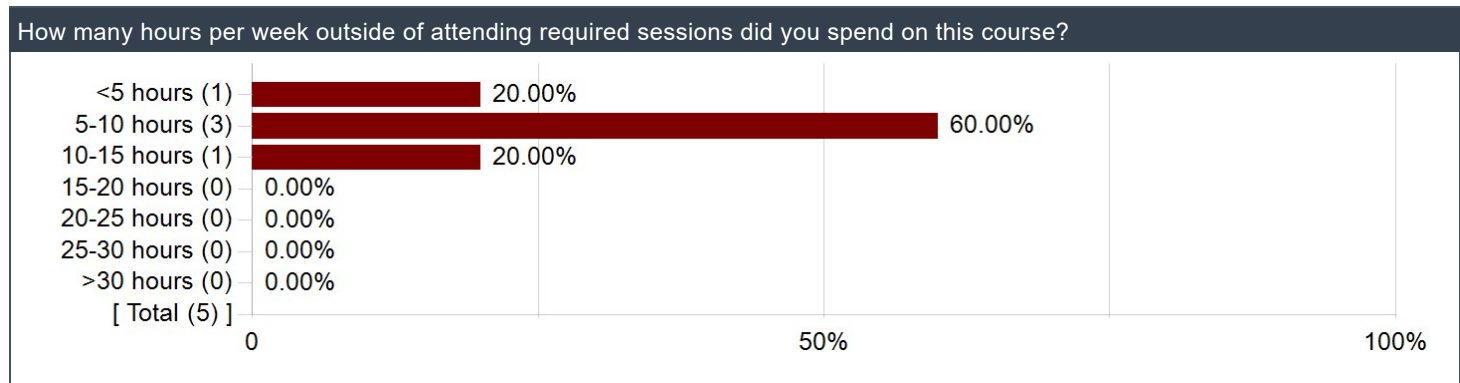
## Now that this class is over, your interest is?



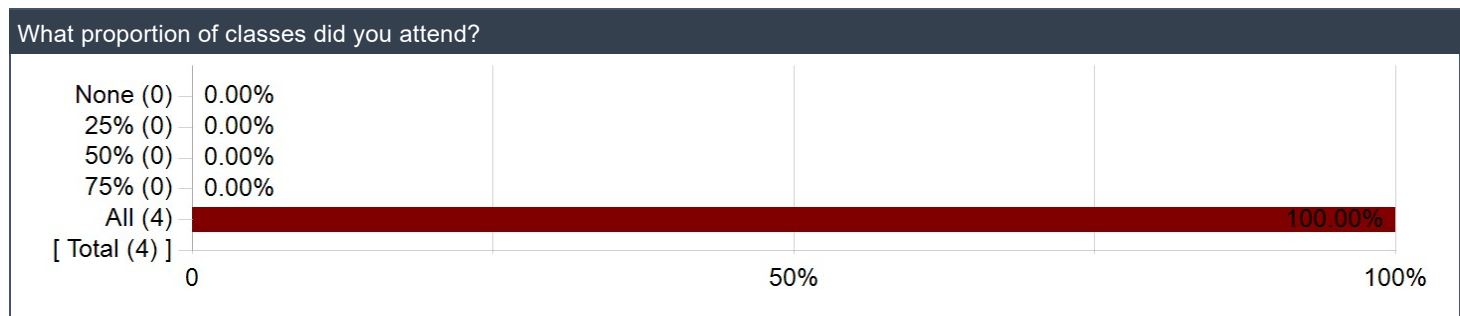
## Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



## 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 hard given taken colonizations 3 previously

I think the amount of reading was somewhat difficult to keep up with. Plus, some of the authors were tough to understand – they wrote in "academic-speak" and it was hard to highlight the text on the laptop PDF reader. I don't think my experience was any different that what I would've experienced in any Civ class, though.