



# HUMA 11000 1 - Readings in World Literature I - Instructor(s): Malyne Sternstein

Project Title: **College Course Feedback - Autumn 2023**

Number Enrolled: **18**

Number of Responses: **8**

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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
Probably how to better write essays. I now know how to better construct a problem for my essay.
I learned how to write college level essays, which was a lot more different than what I was taught in high school. I thought I knew how to write a good college essay and I was wrong. This class really pushed me to advance my writing skills in a way that is applicable to other majors.
I learned how to effectively argue and communicate my thoughts coherently in literature analysis.
How to write a quality paper.
Analyzing ancient texts
How to form arguments based off of analyzing texts including The Odyssey, The Mahabharata, and The Epic of Gilgamesh.
close reading, how to construct an academic argument, and context about different cultures

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

Comments
The lectures helped in understand multiple views and perspectives to what was going on in our readings.
I like how Malynne's lectures bring up concepts I might not have thought of previously and that she lets the students discuss and expand on her comments as we go. I liked the variety of texts and how they all had more similarities than I initially thought. I am not a humanities major, but this class made me a better student when it comes to reading and analyzing texts.
Towards the end of the class, we did a seminar-style graded discussion and it made me really love the course and the material even more.
Group discussions
our class discussions were always engaging
The way that seminars were conducted encouraged everyone to share their perspectives on the texts. Other peoples' views helped me to see things about these texts that I wouldn't have noticed before.
Malynne is great about blending lectures into discussions, so class in general is very helpful and insightful

## Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.13	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	62.50%	25.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.25	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	50.00%	37.50%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	50.00%	25.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.38	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	37.50%	50.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.38	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	37.50%	50.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.38	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	37.50%	50.00%
I felt respected in this class.	4.38	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	37.50%	50.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.14	4.00	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	42.86%	42.86%

### Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Unfortunately, we had to go online at times because of things out of Malynne's control. It was a significant amount cancelled or online, but I think I still got a lot out of the course despite this.
It felt at times that Karen and Malynne were grading essays by different standards; however, I felt that feedback was useful. Participation (no matter how great or small) is very important.

### 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
Probably her own interest in the topic spreading to the students and making the readings feel more interesting.
discussions where she added her own points in the discussion
Our class discussions were how I learned the most in this class.
Group discussions.
Sense of humor
Professor Sternstein encouraged us to speak up and make our opinions known, so that further conversation could be sparked, and more perspectives shown.
The discussions and lectures

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

Comments
I dont know honestly.
I think the teacher could let the students discuss more amongst ourselves or do small groups rather than taking the reigns all the time. The class felt a bit large at times.
I think more regularly scheduled classes because many of the classes were on Zoom.
Go over how much she expects students to participate.
good structure
Nothing
n/a :)

## The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	50.00%	25.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.43	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	57.14%	42.86%	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.	4.38	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	37.50%	50.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.25	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.38	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	37.50%	50.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	3.86	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	50.00%	12.50%	12.50%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.38	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	37.50%	50.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.25	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.38	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	37.50%	50.00%	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
Karen Xu
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Karen Xu – writing specialist
Karen Xu. The writing seminars helped me get a better understanding of what my professor expects within a paper.
Karen was very helpful in teaching how to write and develop an academic argument

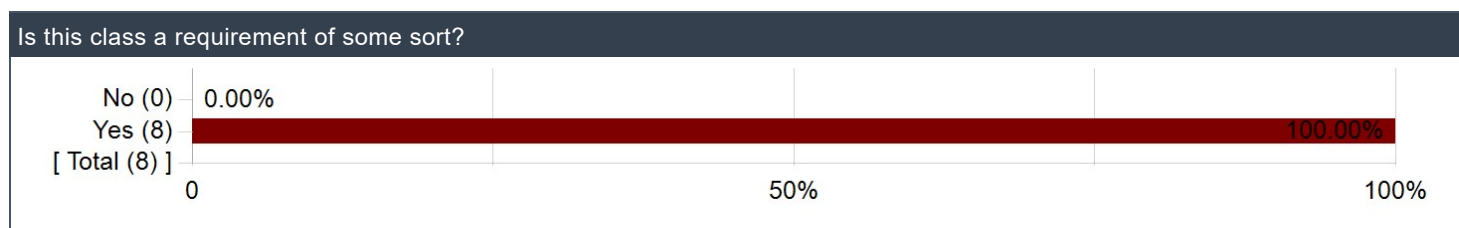
## The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	3.60	4.00	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	80.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	4.20	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	80.00%	20.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	3.40	4.00	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	60.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	3.80	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.40	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	40.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	60.00%	20.00%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.20	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	80.00%	20.00%	0.00%

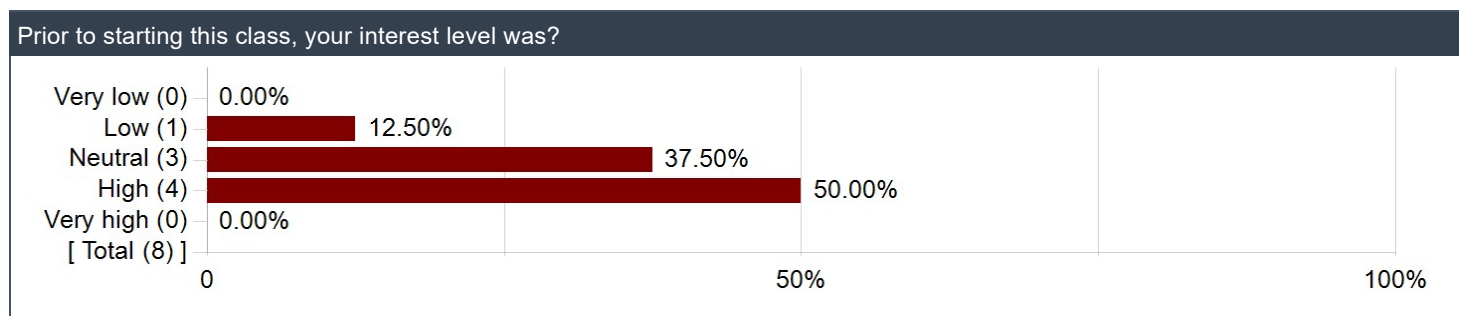
## How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	57.14%	0.00%

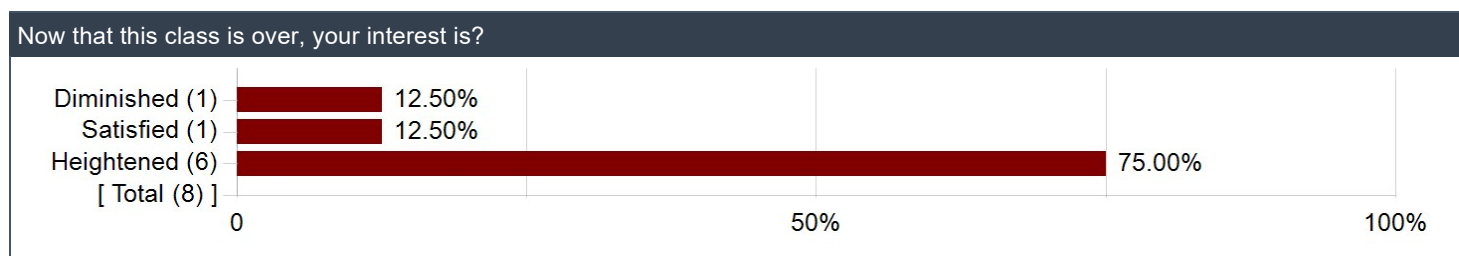
## Is this class a requirement of some sort?



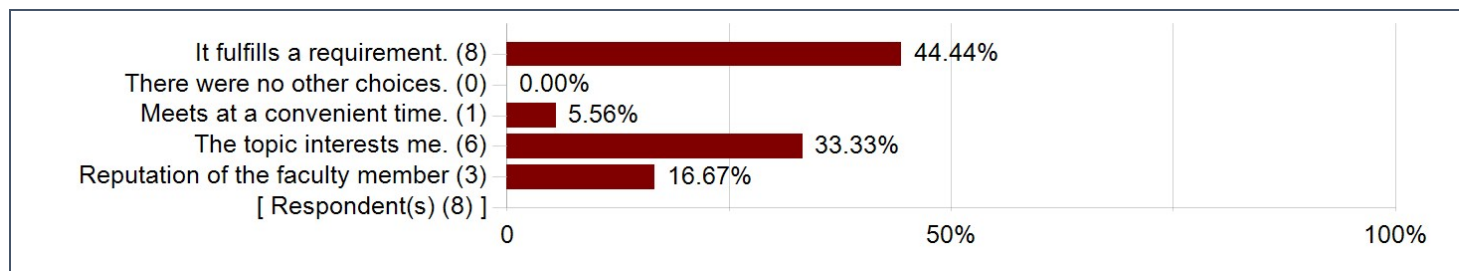
## Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



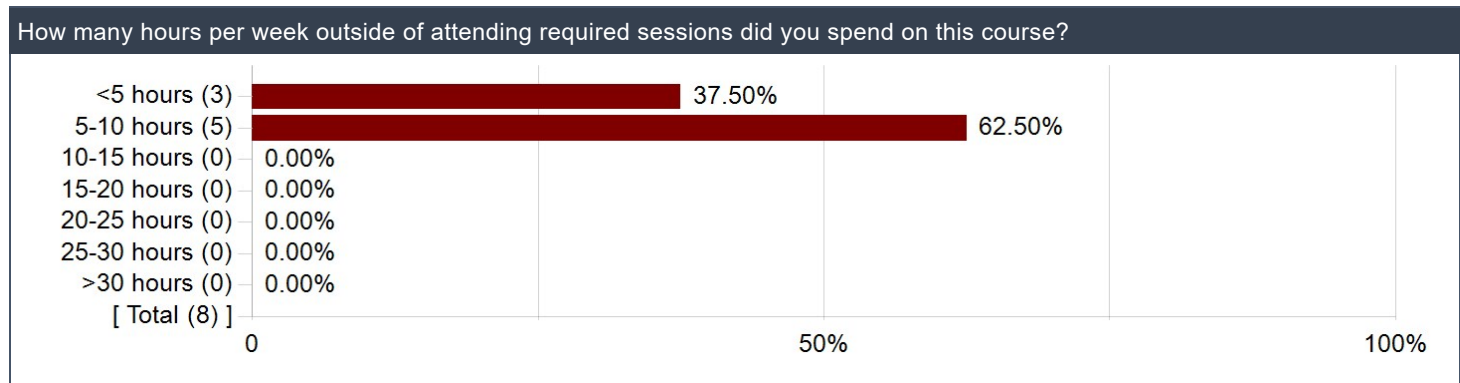
## Now that this class is over, your interest is?



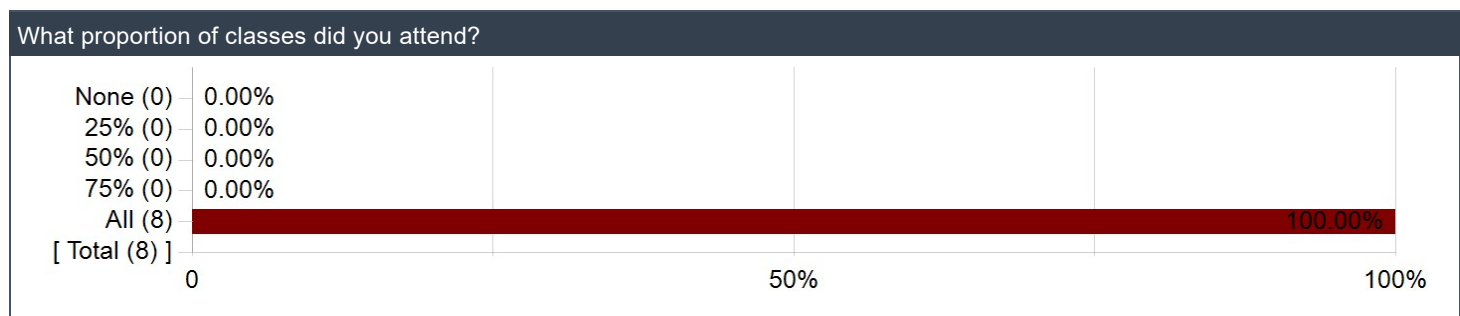
## Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



## 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
The course isn't too difficult if you're willing to keep up with the reading, which can get pretty heavy at times.
The standard of writing expected was much higher than what I had been used to, but Malynne and Karen made the transition to college writing much easier