



SOSC 12500 11 - Self, Culture, and Society II - Instructor(s): Andrea Ray

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

Number Enrolled: **19**

Number of Responses: **11**

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 discussions in class were extremely helpful in gaining contextual knowledge of the texts.
How social context affects the way we think of ourselves and our psychology.
The most important things I learned about this course is how to interpret the subtextual arguments in our readings and identify tensions within them
I feel that through this course I have learned better time management skills as well as gained a wider range of knowledge on society and societal issues through the years and from the perspective of people from all over the world.
However different aspects such as gender and race can influence an individual and how they interact with society
the many ways, beneficial and harmful, that society can influence your perception of yourself.
In this course, I learned about the evolution of the fields of sociology and psychoanalysis through the writings of Durkheim, Fried, Beauvoir, Fanon, and more. I also learned more about the contexts that inspired the authors to write as they did as well as how their times compare to contemporary society.

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

Comments
Discussions were a lot of fun, even when the readings were confusing or overwhelming. Professor Ray has a very to-the-point and methodical way of explaining everything, which I enjoy. We really cover a lot of ground in discussion.
Andrea's discussion of the texts were very helpful in gleaning what was essential to understand about them
We only had lectures and discussions in this class, so they were essential to learning. I like that every student leads the class discussion at one point as it allowed me to pose any questions I had about the readings to my peers as well as see people who normally may not have spoken become an integral part of the class, at least for a day. Andrea was also very passionate and knowledgeable about the topics we were covering, making lectures enjoyable.
The discussion were structured well to let all students share their thoughts and gave people a chance to lead discussion in class.
class discussions were wonderful. often essay prompts asked us to consider multiple author's perspectives on the same topic, which was super interesting and helpful.
The discussions were sometimes helpful to improve my understanding of the authors and what they are writing about, but I wish the discussions were more subjective (perhaps by talking about the applications of their writings, especially in a modern context, or how the authors relate to one another) instead of being more of a glorified book report.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.09	4.00	0.00%	9.09%	9.09%	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%	9.09%	18.18%	27.27%	45.45%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	3.91	4.00	0.00%	9.09%	27.27%	27.27%	36.36%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.09	4.00	0.00%	9.09%	18.18%	27.27%	45.45%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	3.82	4.00	0.00%	9.09%	36.36%	18.18%	36.36%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.27	5.00	0.00%	9.09%	9.09%	27.27%	54.55%
I felt respected in this class.	4.36	5.00	0.00%	9.09%	9.09%	18.18%	63.64%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	3.91	4.00	9.09%	0.00%	27.27%	18.18%	45.45%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Professor Ray is great!
Everyone runs a discussion for 15 minutes during a day you sign up for. Also there is a final for this class during finals week.
this class is great and professor ray is excellent.

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	9.09%	90.91%
Anyone interested in the topic	27.27%	72.73%

Thinking about your time in the class, what aspect of the instructor's teaching contributed most to your learning?

Comments
The instructor's knowledge on the texts and their authors gave great context to the discussions.
Discussion
Her discussions and questions contributed the most
Andrea was patient and did not dominate discussions. I think her taking a step back and doing a lot less lecturing than conversation was extremely useful.
The professor knew the content well and did a great job at leading the discussion without taking too much control and allowing students to speak and ask questions.
She is super knowledgeable, and could always offer insights on the historical context/biographical background of the texts and authors we were reading. She was also very good at leading discussion, letting us discuss on our own while guiding us to certain insights that she wanted to draw out from the text.
I appreciated how the instructor highlighted the most important aspects of the author's arguments in a cohesive way.

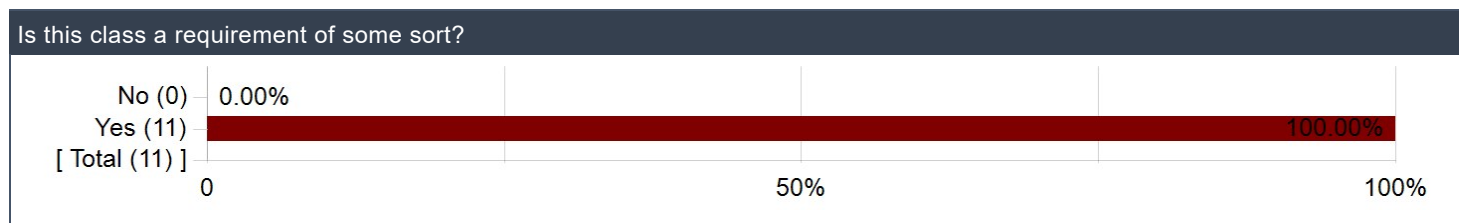
What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
She could talk about essay writing strategies more
I can't think of anything Andrea could have modified.
Essentially nothing, she was great. Maybe asking a few more of the open-ended questions we sometimes got at the end (what do you think about [author]? overall impressions on the chapter?)
The student discussions are interesting, but often times the instructor's discussions go back over the same topics, so they feel kind of useless. I am not sure how they could be improved, but they should probably be different.

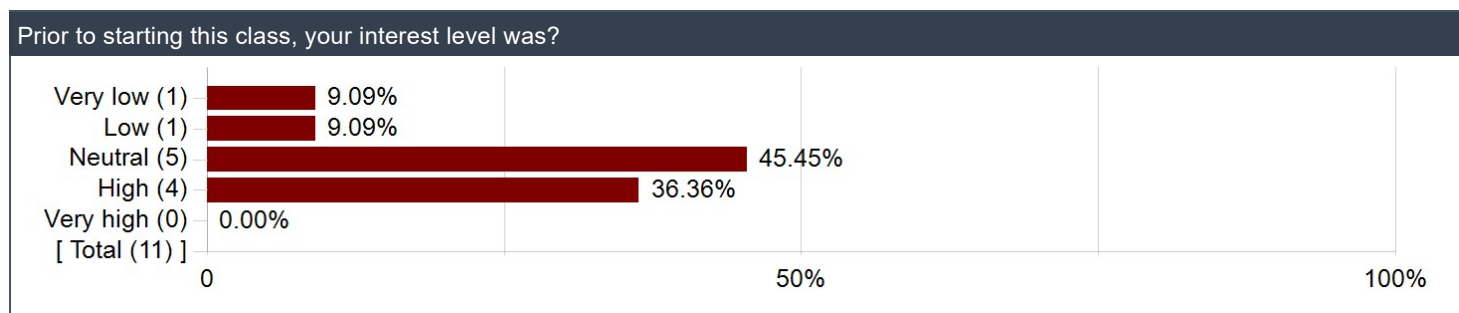
The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.30	5.00	0.00%	10.00%	10.00%	20.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	10.00%	10.00%	30.00%	30.00%	20.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.10	5.00	10.00%	0.00%	20.00%	10.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	3.90	4.50	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	20.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.10	5.00	10.00%	0.00%	20.00%	10.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.10	4.50	10.00%	0.00%	10.00%	30.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.20	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	30.00%	20.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	3.90	4.50	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	10.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.11	5.00	11.11%	0.00%	11.11%	22.22%	55.56%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.00	4.50	10.00%	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	50.00%	0.00%

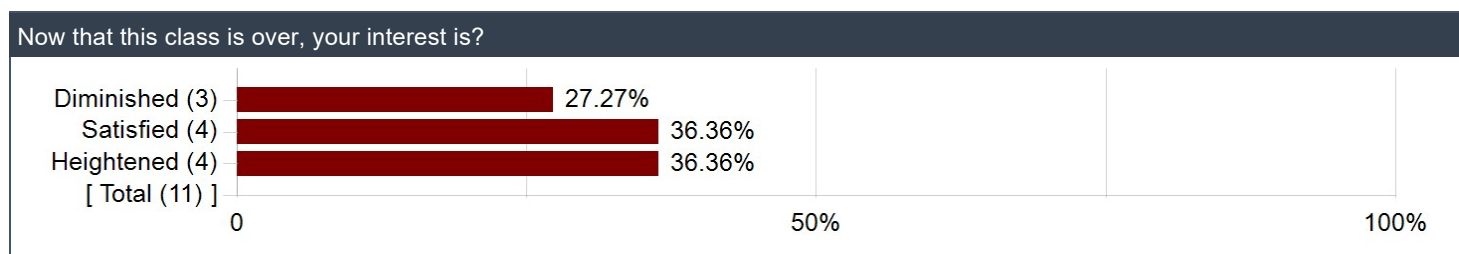
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



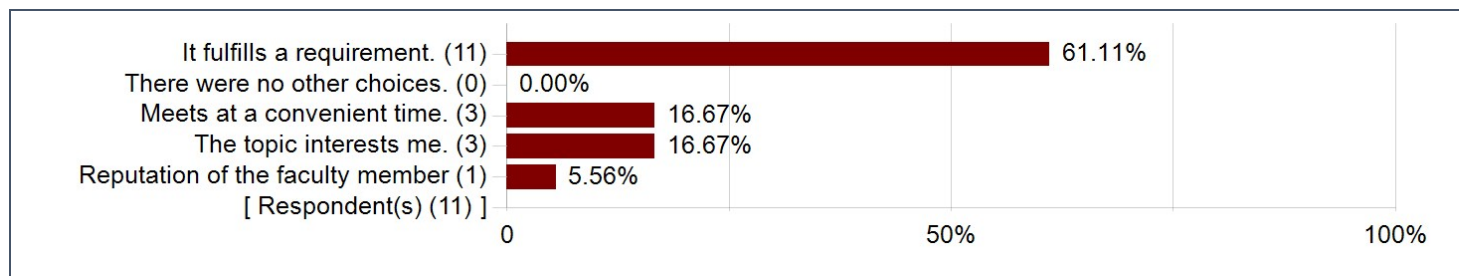
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



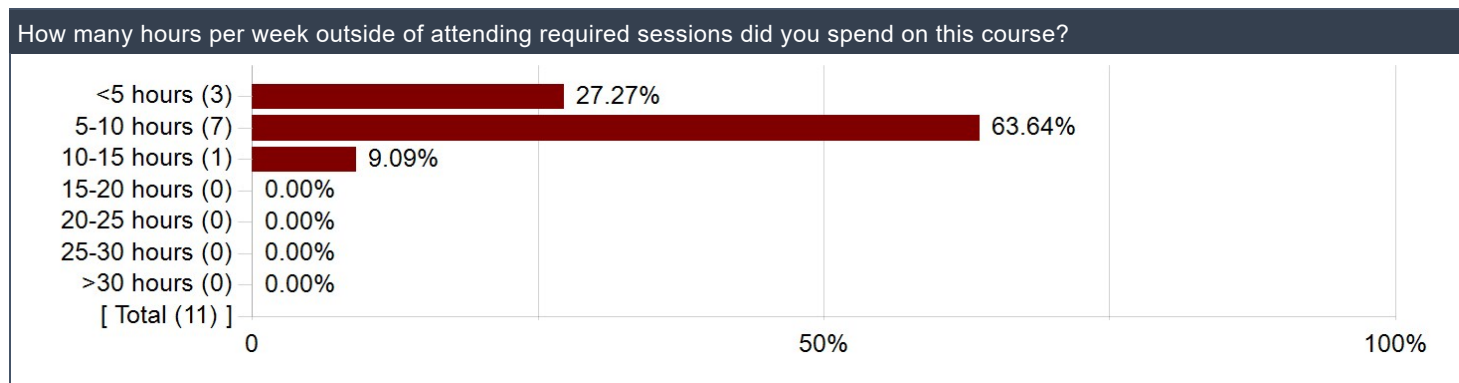
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



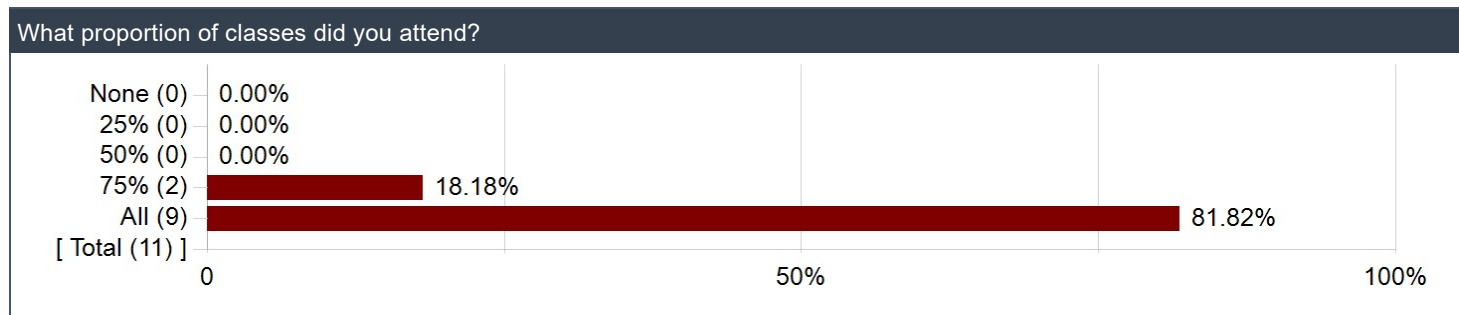
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
Adequately difficult. Not overly strenuous, but not easy.
It's not so hard if you do at least half of the readings
It was difficult because I have no background in sociology but I have learned so much so super worth it :)
This course was not difficult, especially after taking HUM. I struggled with deadlines, but that was through fault of my own. The class is structured and timed in a pretty manageable way.
harder than HUM but in a good way
I did not have much experience, but the course was slightly difficult.