THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

HUMA 12300 8 - Human Being and Citizen I - Instructor(s): John Marc Sianghio, Jr.

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

Number Enrolled: **18**
Number of Responses: **9**

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
College level writing
How to synthesize an understanding of the themes in a larger work of text by analyzing small sections carefully in context.
Ability to discuss complex course themes with other students– religion, law, morality
I learned more about academic writing.
What it means to be a human and a citizen. I really enjoyed the reading material, especially reading the Iliad, Antigone, and Crito. However, I wouldn't say a learned that much aside from what the texts tried to say, very little connection to real life.
I learned how to better transfer my thoughts and interpretations of the text onto paper. This helped me learn how to carry out my claims in a clear, specific way in my writing assignments.
The most important things I learned was being able to interpret a text in whatever way makes sense to you and the ability to make such explanations out of a piece of text.
How to analyze a text and read carefully and construct new arguments.

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

Comments
Readings and discussions were very interesting, assignments were not very useful.
The discussions were fluid, and I was exposed to many ideas which I would not have come up with otherwise. Dr. Sianghio allowed us to both bring up new ideas and also challenge thoroughly the ideas of others, which contributed to the distinct lack of dogma about the texts being discussed.
The class discussions provided me with perspectives that I had never thought of before.
Participation in class and reading outside of the class contributed heavily to my learning
Discussions were very helpful
Other students' contributions to our discussions is what made this course interesting, engaging, and significant to real life.
The discussions were interesting and never dull! I enjoyed taking part in the discussions and listening to my peers' different interpretations of the assigned text. Listening to what my peers had to say during discussions allowed me to gain a different perspective on the text that I had not considered before.
The discussion contributed to my learning by academically challenging me in the way I think compared to others.
100% the discussions.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.22	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	55.56%	33.33%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	44.44%	44.44%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	11.11%	11.11%	44.44%	33.33%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	44.44%	44.44%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.22	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	55.56%	33.33%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.22	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	33.33%	44.44%
I felt respected in this class.	4.56	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	44.44%	55.56%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	44.44%	44.44%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
enjoyable reads.
I loved this course!
N/A

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
Dr. S was very passionate about the class and made everyone feel heard and respected. He directed discussions in interesting ways and always provided insightful comments.
The fact that he didn't teach very much outside of giving us the context for each work. His hands–off approach to the class created some fascinating discussions, many of which brought up ideas he himself admitted to not considering before.
He facilitated the discussions well, drawing attention to small ideas that my classmates said during discussions and digging deeper into it.
he led discussions well and he kept it entertaining
professor is pretty open to unorthodox discussions and understandings of the text, and lets the conversation flow according to the students' interests. he always discussed the context of the texts, which was helpful. He also sometimes used modern day examples to bring his points across.
Dr. Sianghio valued our contributions to the discussions. I really liked how the discussions were set up. He would start off by debriefing the assigned text and asking us questions to consider. During the remainder of class time, the class would contribute their perspectives and interpretations of the text. Throughout class, he guided the discussion through different topics and gave everyone the opportunity to contribute to the discussion.
The instructor allowing everyone to state their thoughts contributed the most to my learning because I learned the most from my peers and the way they thought about things.
The way that he was able to relate the ideas of this course to the outside world. He also asked a lot of the important questions that would make us think more and come up with deeper ideas.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Nothing. He is great.
Slightly more guidance on how to write our papers would have been nice.
It would have been helpful to know how he graded the writing assignments, but it was okay because he was lenient with the grades.
The professor should explain expectations for the assignments in the announcements, or give out more detailed instructions and a detailed rubric to understand expectations. Also, maybe less mentions of the military experience.
Nothing, his class was great!
The instructor did a great job leading the discussion.
Maybe touch on how the assignments should look or what he's looking for.

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.44	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	55.56%	44.44%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.56	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	44.44%	55.56%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.56	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	44.44%	55.56%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.56	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	44.44%	55.56%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.56	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	44.44%	55.56%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.56	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	44.44%	55.56%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	44.44%	44.44%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.56	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	44.44%	55.56%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.56	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	44.44%	55.56%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.44	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	55.56%	44.44%	0.00%

The TA/CA or Intern. . .

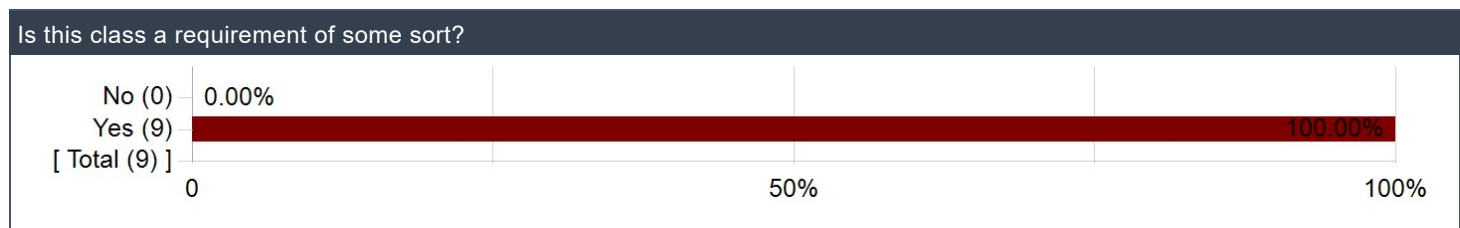|	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	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 succeed in the class.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	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	1.00	1.00	16.67%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	83.33%
Field Trips	1.00	1.00	16.67%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	83.33%
Library Sessions	1.00	1.00	16.67%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	83.33%
Review Sessions	1.00	1.00	16.67%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	83.33%
Writing Seminars	4.00	4.00	0.00%	14.29%	14.29%	28.57%	42.86%	0.00%

Other course elements not mentioned above:

Comments
N/A

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- No (0) — 0.00%
- Yes (9) — 100.00%
- [Total (9)]

Scale: 0 — 50% — 100%

Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?

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- Very low (0) — 0.00%
- Low (0) — 0.00%
- Neutral (2) — 22.22%
- High (6) — 66.67%
- Very high (1) — 11.11%
- [Total (9)]

Scale: 0 — 50% — 100%

Now that this class is over, your interest is?

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- Diminished (0) — 0.00%
- Satisfied (5) — 55.56%
- Heightened (4) — 44.44%
- [Total (9)]

Scale: 0 — 50% — 100%
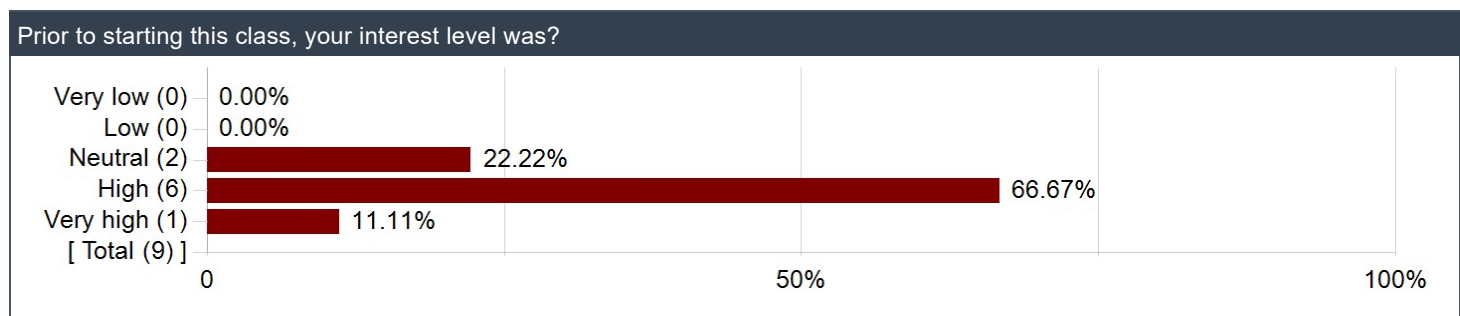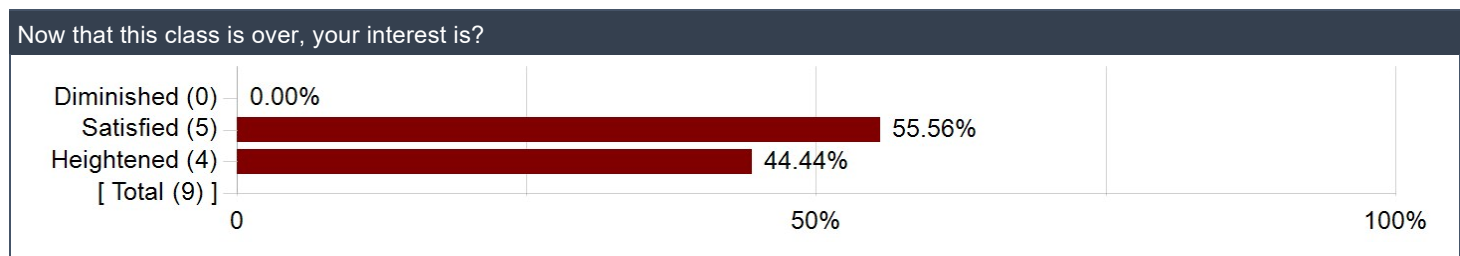
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)
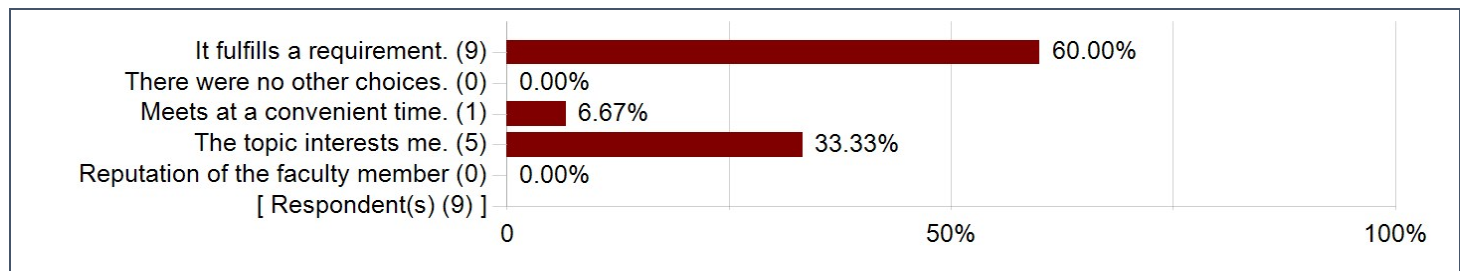
- It fulfills a requirement. (9) — 60.00%
- There were no other choices. (0) — 0.00%
- Meets at a convenient time. (1) — 6.67%
- The topic interests me. (5) — 33.33%
- Reputation of the faculty member (0) — 0.00%
- [Respondent(s) (9)]

Scale: 0 — 50% — 100%

How many hours per week outside of attending required sessions did you spend on this course?

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<5 hours (5)	55.56%
5-10 hours (4)	44.44%
10-15 hours (0)	0.00%
15-20 hours (0)	0.00%
20-25 hours (0)	0.00%
25-30 hours (0)	0.00%
>30 hours (0)	0.00%
[Total (9)]	

What proportion of classes did you attend?

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None (0)	0.00%
25% (0)	0.00%
50% (0)	0.00%
75% (2)	22.22%
All (7)	77.78%
[Total (9)]	
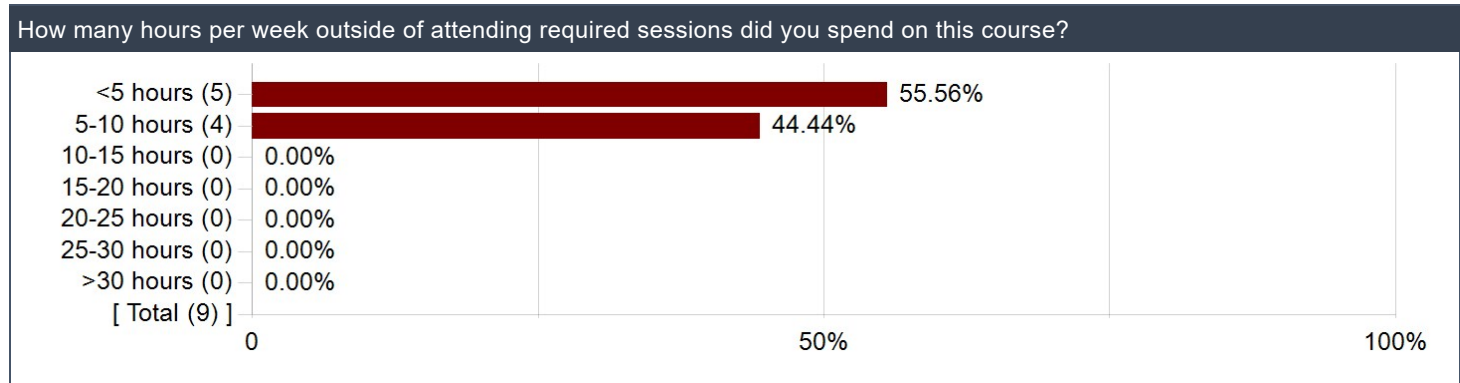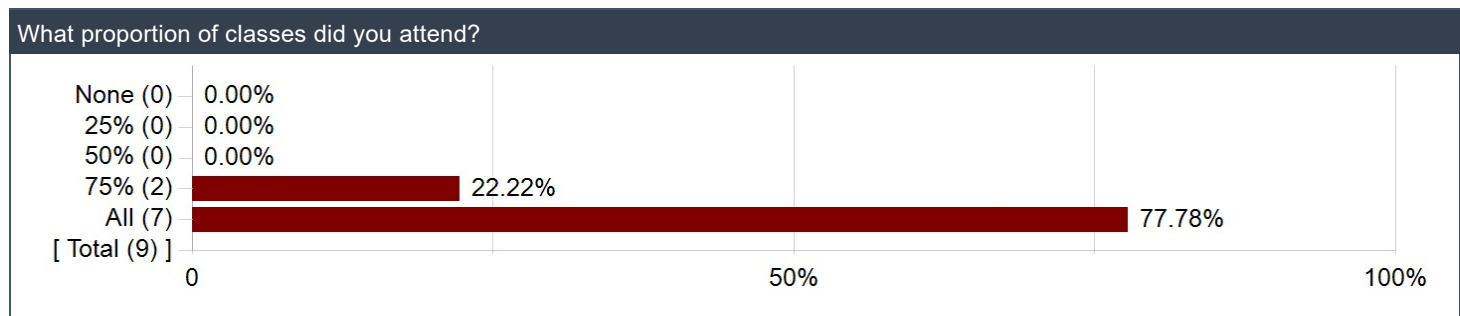
Please comment on the level of difficulty of the course relative to your background and experience.

Comments
Probably not the most difficult Humanities course, no need for any background whatsoever.
I am much more of a STEM person, but I found the assignments and discussions in this class to be very manageable.
very easy, better if there was actual expectations for assignments
I had some background on some of the topics and texts we were assigned, such as Greek mythology and Biblical texts. As a result, I did not find this course too difficult, but I found that it allowed me to look at these texts from a different perspective.
Some what difficult
it was not difficult really just sometimes hard to come up with new things to say.