



GNSE 15003 10 - Gender and Sexuality in World Civilizations II - Instructor(s): Rhiannon Auriemma

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

Number Enrolled: **15**

Number of Responses: **8**

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
Gender and queer theory, sexuality and philosophy in different cultural contexts
various ways gender presents itself, how gender ties in with race/politics
learned about gender through different civilizations
We learned a lot about more recent theoretical explorations of gender studies, discussing how each of these theories compliment or go against each other.
I learned about Foucault's biopower, the meaning of queerness, gender performativity in regards to Judith Butler, the ethics of sex work in a patriarchal, neoliberal world vis-à-vis Catherine MacKinnon and Heather Berg, the queer debate over public sex, and much more.
I learned a lot about gender and sexuality theory and politics and how various political, cultural, social, economic, etc factors influence and are influenced by gender and sexuality. This course exposed me to a wide range of sources about what sexuality is, how it is and should be expressed, and so on. I also gained more practice in writing, particularly in this quarter with integrating personal opinions/details into my analysis.

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

Comments
The reading responses were helpful in thinking deeply about a specific reading and preparing for the final paper.
discussions were helpful, but reading the assignments was most important for writing the papers
the readings and the class discussions
Discussions were always extremely useful and very well planned! I appreciated when we were told what to expect before next class for each reading as it helped me know what to focus on, and if we ever had trouble understanding a certain concept or it was a generally dense text, Professor Auriemma was ready to help us in understanding what these authors were trying to deliver, opening it up for questions or comments from our part.
The discussions were helpful for breaking down what were often rather complex readings, especially Foucault and Butler. We also wrote four two-page response papers in which we discussed our thoughts on one or more of the readings. These assignments were fairly open-ended and provided a fun opportunity to explore the texts' ideas. The final paper was also nice for this, but it wasn't particular distinct from the final paper in any socs or civ class.
The discussions contributed to my learning by exposing me to my peers' opinions on our readings, contributing to my own interpretations. The small lectures on the historical contexts of the readings and supplementary sources really helped me understand the motivations that the authors had and helped me grasp their arguments more. The assignments gave me good practice with writing and helped me get some of my thoughts in order.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%
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.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%
I felt respected in this class.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Considering how great Professor Auriemma was in leading our class discussions and encouraging us to engage with the text, I would highly recommend anyone interested in either Gender Civ or the GNSE major to take any class with her!
I enjoyed this quarter of Gender and Sexuality! Though it was more theory heavy than the last, it still felt relevant, and the mix of kinds of media/sources we used helped keep me engaged.

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
Giving background about some of the harder readings and showing videos were helpful in understanding the context of the readings and understanding where the authors stood. Also the support in asking important questions during discussion.
her willingness to answer our questions and guiding the discussions was very helpful
her lectures within discussion time were super helpful
Definitely how prepared our professor was in leading each discussion. She always seemed ready to answer any questions, and I think that's one aspect I appreciate the most. It does not matter what question or comment you may have, but Professor Auriemma created such a safe environemnt were everyone knew that no matter what comment they make, she would respond sincerely and help in either answer a question a person may have or respond with further questions to dig deeper into our understanding.
Professor Auriemma was great at asking guiding questions for class discussions and clarifying confusing points in the text.
Professor Auriemma's commitment to our understanding contributed most to my learning. She was able to determine when we needed more information about the context of a reading, and she led some discussions that really helped me dive deeper into the texts.

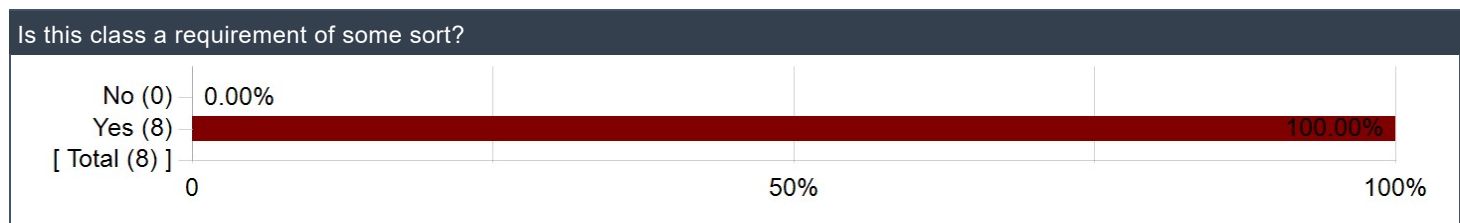
What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Less lecturing and more discussion based.
not much
n/a
Nothing really! Class was structured wonderfully.
Nothing, they were great!
I can't think of anything! I really like the way this class was run.

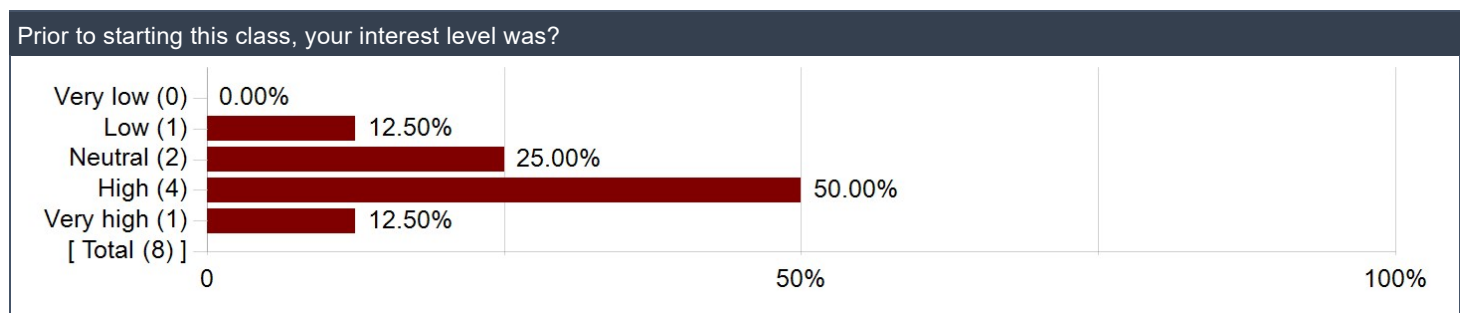
The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%	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.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	62.50%	12.50%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%

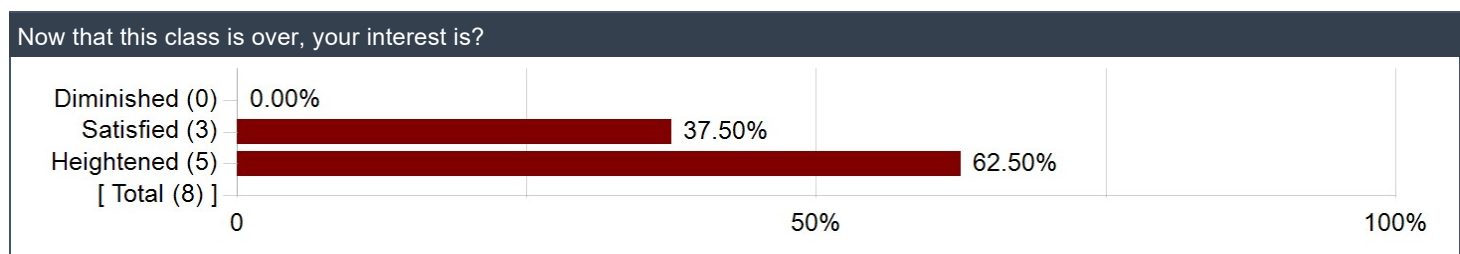
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



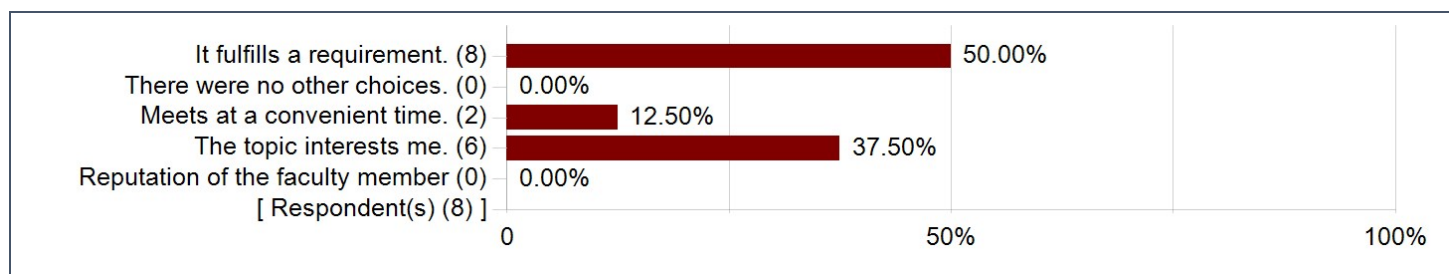
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



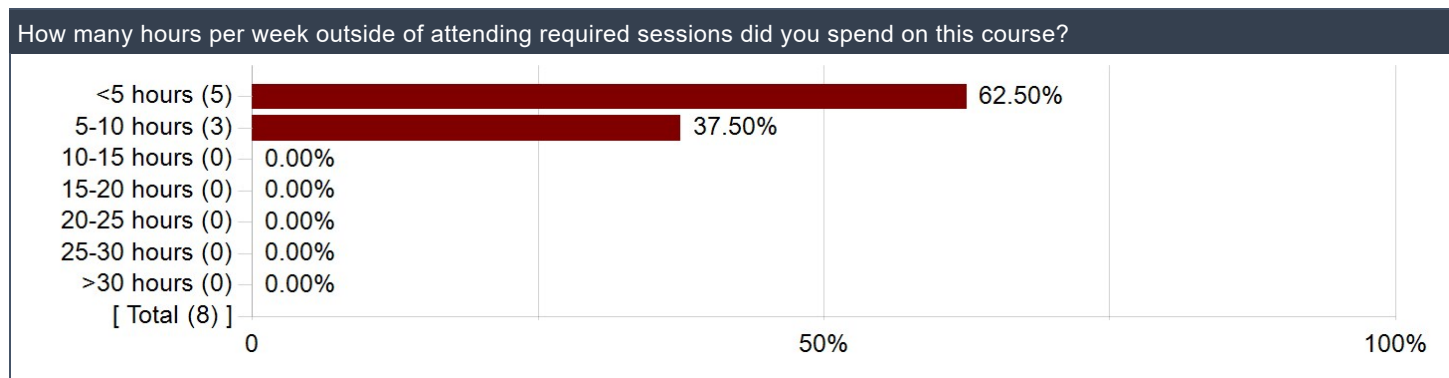
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



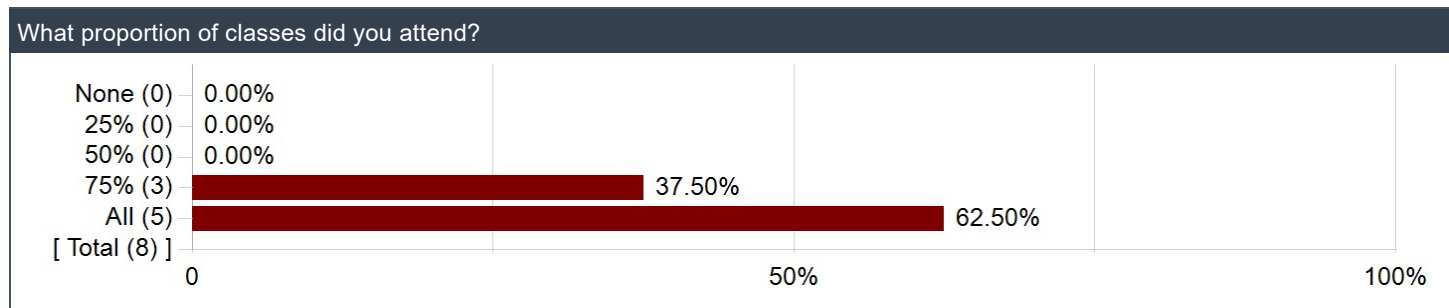
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
Very doable after taking the first part of the sequence, the theory in the second part is slightly more difficult.
not too difficult
not too difficult if you do the readings
This was a great transition from GNSE 1 as we focus into more theoretical work. The difficulty of this course should be the same as the first quarter of Civ., but depending on who was your instructor last quarter this answer may vary. Still, compared to other courses, I'd say the course load is normal and should be manageable if you dedicate the needed time and attention to each reading and come prepared to each discussion (4 small papers, 1 event participation paper, 1 final).
I took GNSE 15002 and this was about the same level of difficulty.
After doing Hum and SOSC and the first quarter of this sequence for Civ, this course was not too difficult. By now, I've had a lot of experience with this kind of workload and expectations. Some of the subjects challenged me because some texts were more dense than others, but overall I knew what to expect and didn't find the course too difficult.

