



HIST 13002 3 - History of European Civilization II - Instructor(s) - Michael Williams

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

Number Enrolled: **18**

Number of Responses: **6**

Report Comments

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

Creation Date: **Thursday, July 11, 2024**

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

Comments
The class taught about philosophies that guided major movements in Europe.
So so much!
Major historical events involving Europe from the French Revolution to the present, and the primary ideas and philosophies that influenced the course of European civilization in that time period
Dr. Williams is amazing. This class represents why I came to UChicago. Simply incredible.
philosophical ideas and general trends in european history from the french revolution/enlightenment to modern day
European civilization from the Enlightenment onwards. Crash course on the most important philosophical ideas of the era

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

Comments
The briefings on Canvas gave an overall view and the class discussions expanded this view and clarified the major concepts in the readings.
The Q/A format was helpful and pushed me to actually do the readings. I used to look forward to discussions but felt frequently intimidated because I didn't have background in Euro history like most, if not all, students in the class. Prof. Williams truly cares about the content and puts a LOT of effort into each class discussion!
Lots of important and captivating readings
Super engaging, structured discussions as well as briefings on European history provided by the teacher were both really helpful

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
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.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
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
Dr. William's is an excellent professor!!! His ability to guide discussions was extremely helpful in understanding the material.
I really appreciated Prof. Williams' teaching style. He put a lot of work into preparing for each discussion, so each minute of class was very productive and engaging. The briefings he wrote up were also helpful in gaining some context/background into what we were going to read that week.

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. William's ability to guide lectures and discussions was extremely helpful in understanding the material.
Q/A in class discussion. Very pointed questions, so unlike most discussion classes, there was basically no bs/fluff and you were encouraged to do the readings.
Dr. Williams did an excellent job at facilitating classroom discussions. He often asked questions about our opinions on the readings or the ideas in them, which always sparked interesting conversations in the classroom. Very funny jokes too! I'm sad that he's leaving UChicago because I would've liked to take more classes with him.
Professor is likable and a good speaker
Williams helped clarify the deep and often challenging texts, like Hegel, Marx, etc. He also did a great job stimulating intriguing discussion on even the most difficult authors

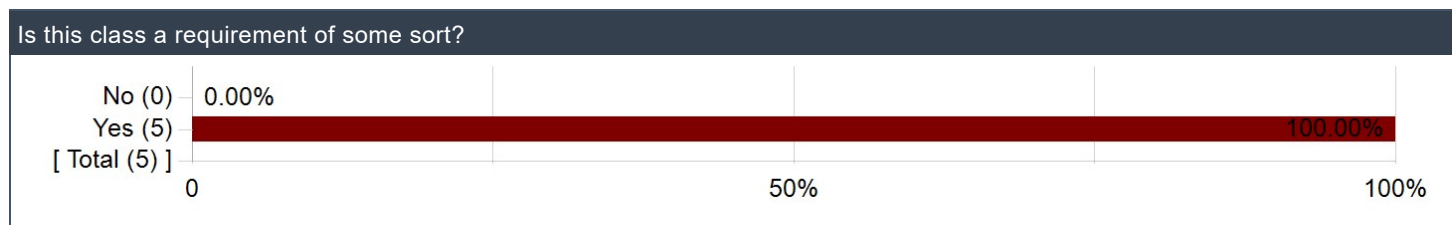
What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Nothing at all. Amazing class!
More transparency with grading and more leniency with deadlines
Nothing

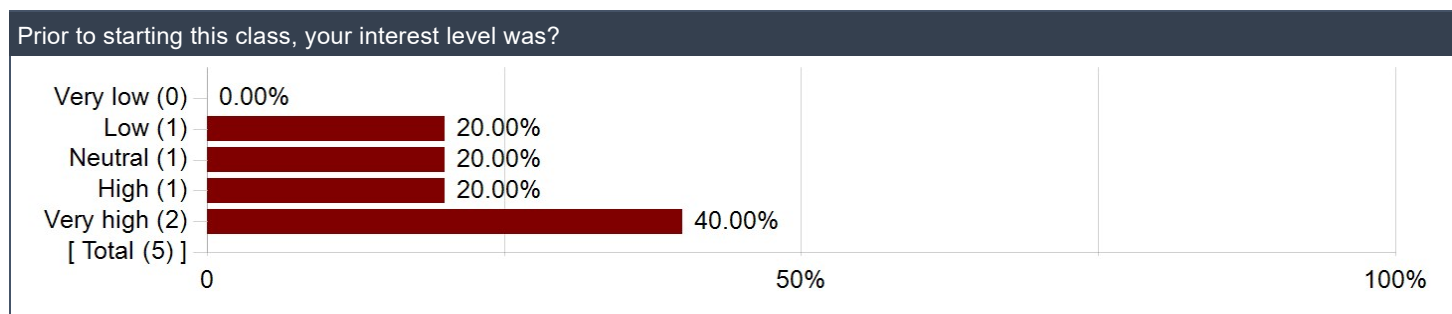
The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	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%

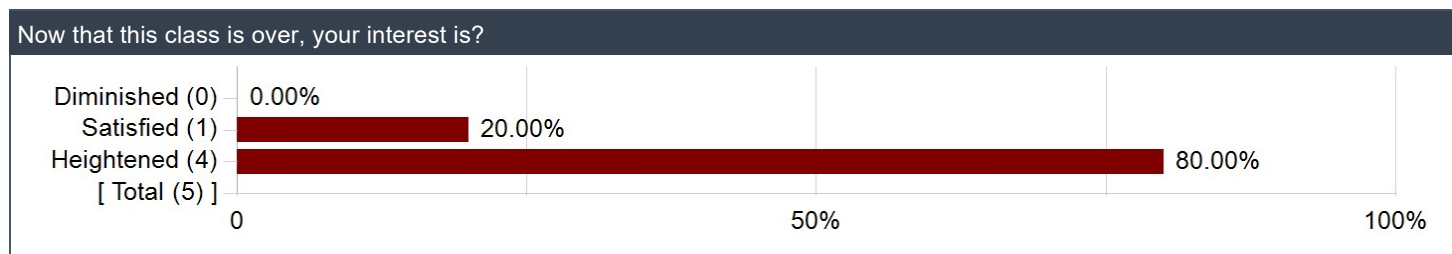
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



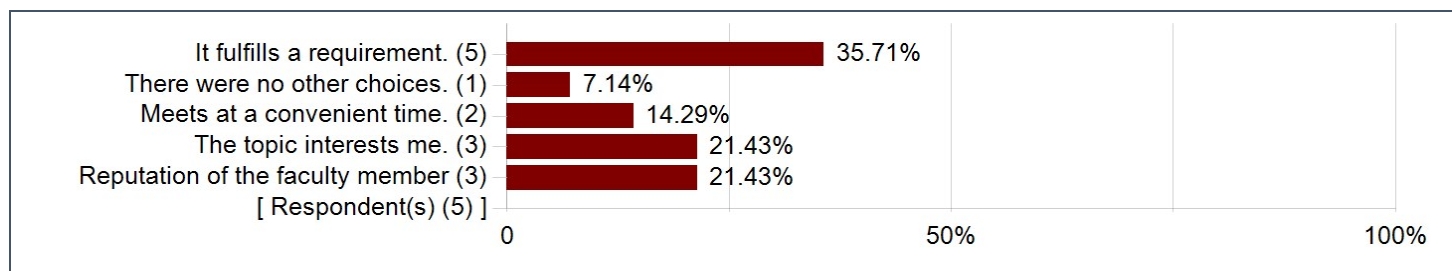
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



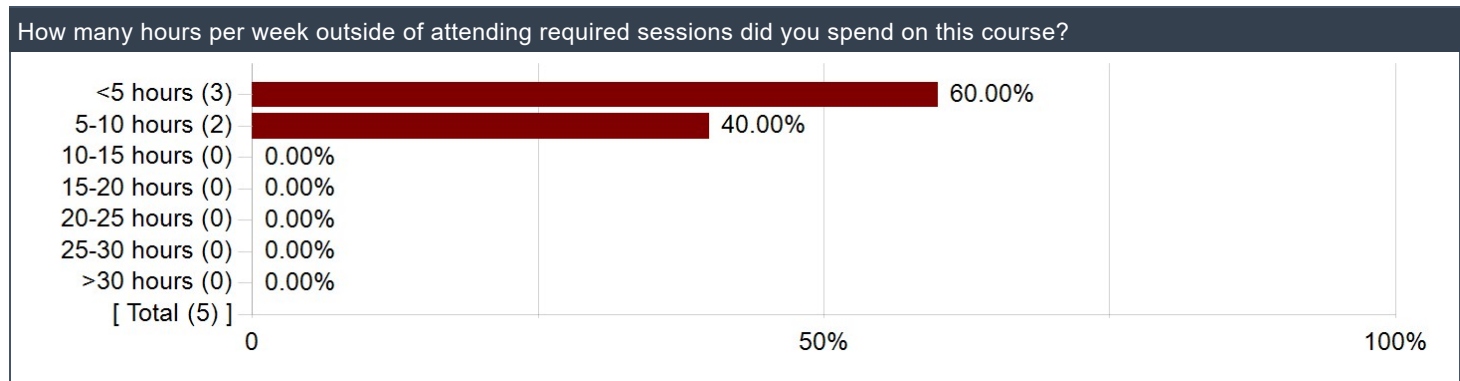
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



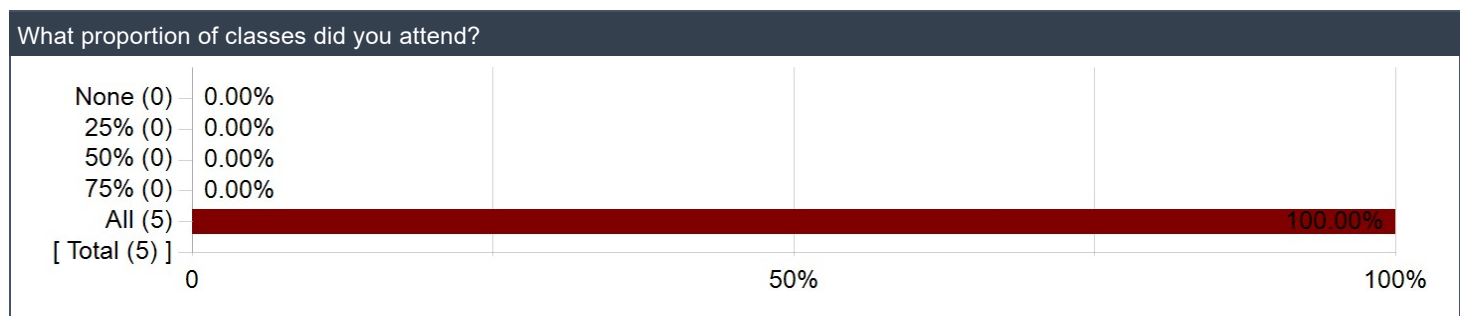
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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 difficult at all as long as you're willing to engage in class discussions after finishing the assigned readings.
As someone with zero background in European history, it was very difficult. Lots of reading, and decently difficult texts.
not too difficult
Decently hard civ with somewhat long readings and a final exam on top of 2 essays. You can get by without doing some readings though, and the essays are graded fairly