



HUMA 12050 2 - Greece and Rome: Texts, Traditions, Transformations I - Instructor(s): Robert Marineau

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

Number Enrolled: **14**

Number of Responses: **7**

Report Comments

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

Creation Date: **Friday, February 2, 2024**

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

Comments
How to read and talk about texts that may not make clear sense sometimes.
Iliad, Aeneid, Omeros
I learned the importance of rereading passages several times to find hidden meanings, symbolism, and the different ways just one sentence can be interpreted. Additionally, I learned ways to improve the structure of my essays, particularly writing in a claim-based format.
This course helped me learn to analyze texts more critically and draw connections between literary techniques and traditions across multiple texts and time periods. Additionally, I saw improvement with my writing skills throughout the course.
How to read analytically
I learned a lot about close reading and how background knowledge can influence how much you understand. I also learned how much information you can get from one passage when you focus and direct your attention to the meaning behind the words.
I learned how to closely analyze a text and draw connections between texts.

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

Comments
The discussions can help to improve understanding of specific parts of the texts that are particularly difficult.
Discussions and writing seminars were nice. I thought the faculty lecture was fine
The discussions held contributed to my understanding of each text we read, as we were able to pass around and pick apart ideas regarding what the text could mean, what the author wanted us to gain from it, and potential themes throughout each piece of writing.
The course was discussion based which contributed greatly to my learning because it allowed for the sharing of ideas and disagreement.
Discussions
The class discussions allowed for the class to hear different points of view and decide for yourself what the meaning behind the words represent.
I felt enriched by the class discussions we had as I got to hear the interpretations of my classmates.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.14	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	57.14%	28.57%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.43	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	57.14%	42.86%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	14.29%	14.29%	28.57%	42.86%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.29	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	42.86%	42.86%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%
I felt respected in this class.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.43	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	57.14%	42.86%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Although there was some discussion about Greek mythology, we focused more on the language of the text than the background of actual Greek mythology.

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
He was very open to all interpretations, and he never shut down anyone's ideas on the basis of being incorrect.
Discussion
The way he pushed us to think differently about each topic. For example he would ask us first what was happening in the text in the literal sense, and would then move on to ask what this meant to us, the author, and to the world.
It was helpful to hear my instructor's thoughts on a topic or question in addition to what other students had to say. It was helpful to have examples of how he analyzed texts, what questions to consider, and how to approach connecting ideas.
I enjoyed how there was not a lot of conversation from the instructor because it gave a chance to share our first impressions and listen to what others had to say.
I enjoyed hearing about how the topics we discussed connected to current events and topics.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
We could have covered a wider variety of ideas in class during discussions.
Maybe grade faster
At times it felt hard to truly grasp an understanding of each of the epic poems and novels due to the amount of time we had to read, so he could maybe remove one book so that the student may be given more time for each text.
N/A. I felt that I learned quite well with the current structure in place.
It would be beneficial to dedicate some time to discussing how the instructor would like the essay to be written in case there is any confusion. We did this for the last class and I got answers to questions I never thought about.
There could be more guidance on our essays and the specific things we were required to incorporate.

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.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	33.33%	16.67%	33.33%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	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.	4.33	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	33.33%	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.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	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.

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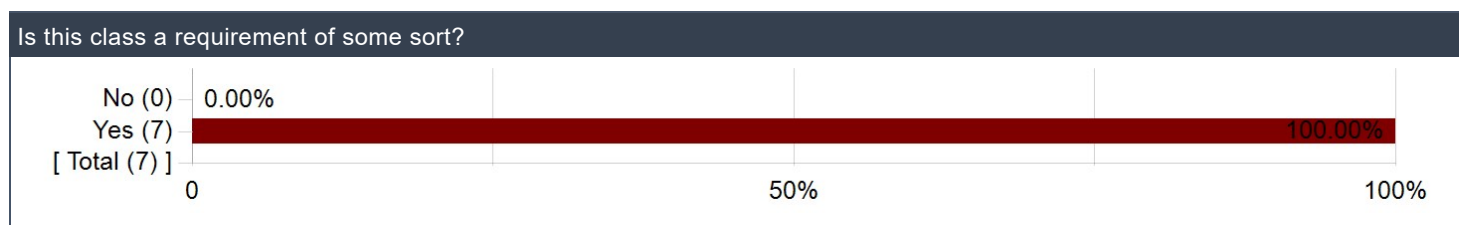
The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	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 class.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%

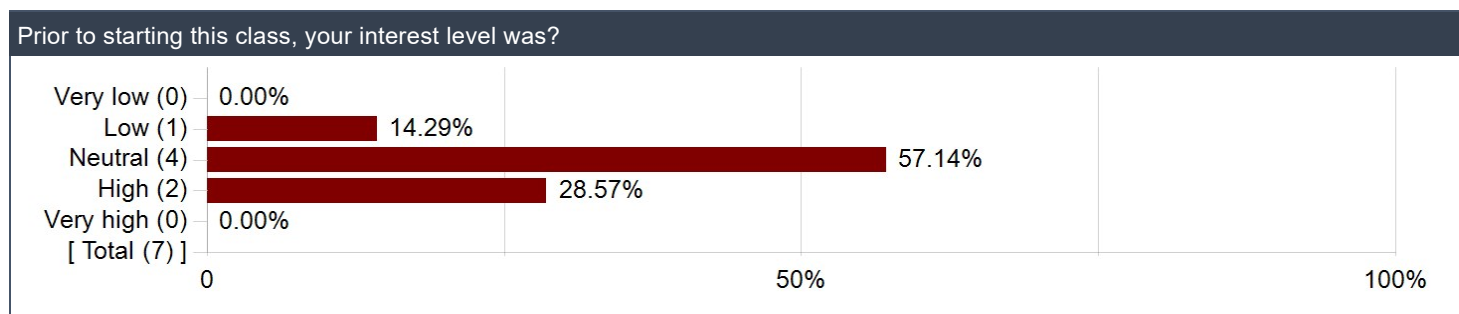
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%

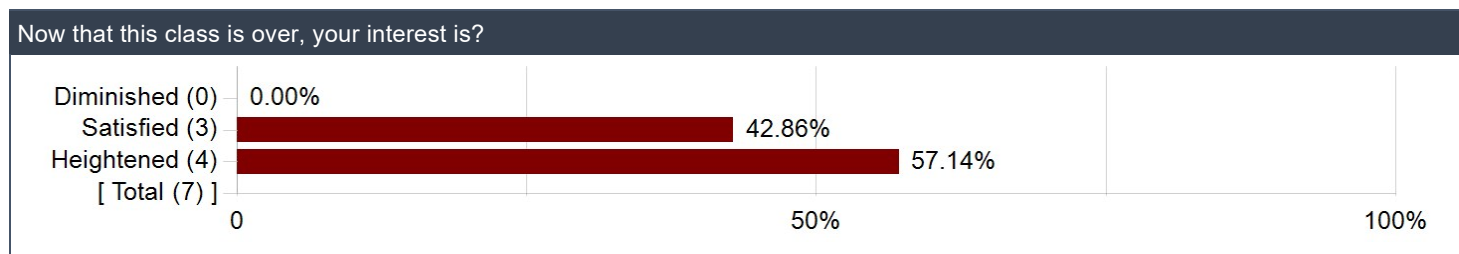
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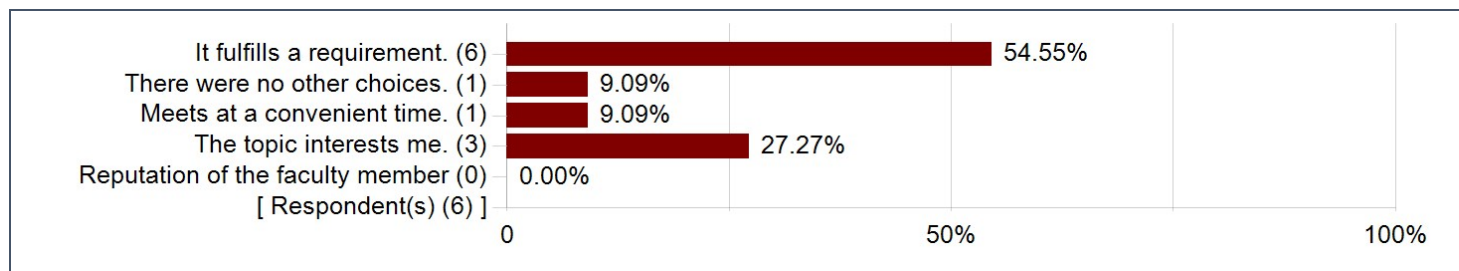
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



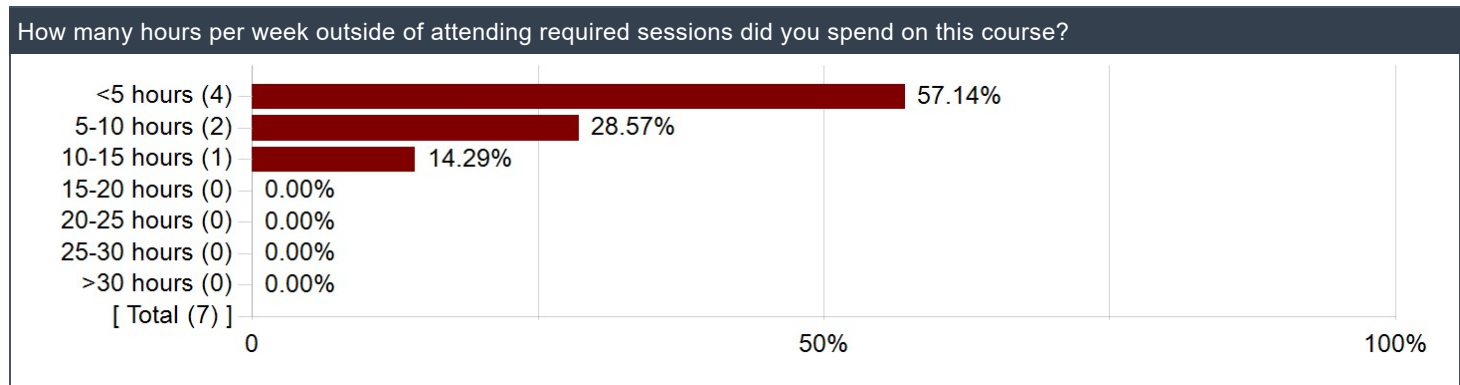
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



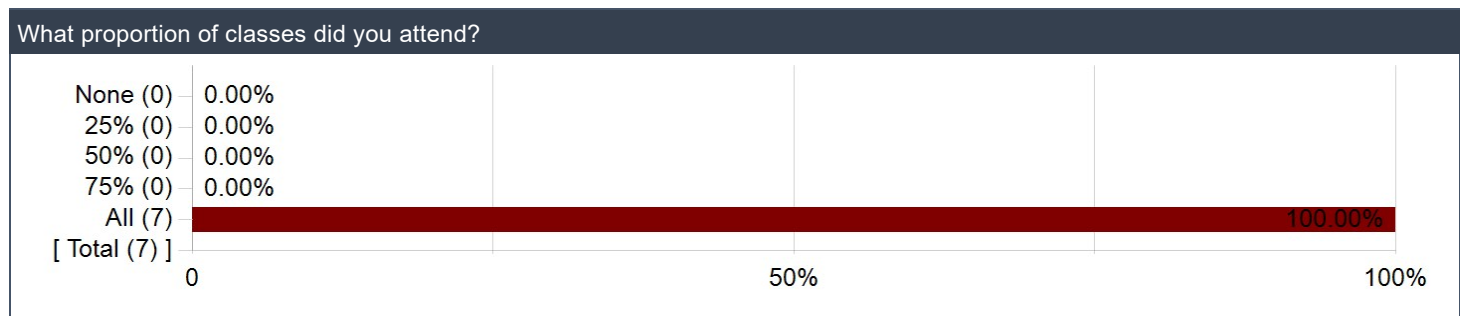
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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 very difficult.
The course was feasible as long as you were able to allocate time towards reading, writing discussion posts for class, and essays.
The most challenging part was getting through all of the assigned reading between Tuesday class and Thursday class but the course assignments were not particularly difficult.
As long as you did the readings, you should be successful in this class.