



SOSC 12400 19 - Self, Culture, and Society I - Instructor(s) - Winston Berg

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

Number Enrolled: **16**

Number of Responses: **10**

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, January 31, 2025**

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

Comments
lot of discussion on the foundation of economic rational through different authors—marx, weber, smith,khaldun
fun critical theory / soc sci texts, marx, adam smith, deleuze and guatarri, then later on fun post marxists like mark fisher
Gained a good foundation in understanding of Smith & Marx — talked about economic systems and their relation to human nature and society.
marx, smith, khaldun!
How each thinkers respond to others; Marx!

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

Comments
Every class revolved around doing readings and participating through discussion. Professor Berg incentivized the students to connect the class material to personal experiences, when typically professors try to maintain the ideas of the readings stay encapsulated within the world the text was published.
Class participation and class structure was great– mostly based off of in class work and the essays prof is very feedback oriented on.
classes consist mostly of guided discussion. winston is great at leading discussions and you will really enjoy that. there was a short and long essay both of which are great for getting you to understand the material overall, highly recommend
I loved this class! Classes were seminar–style and incredibly engaging.
The class discussions really helped in expanding and clarifying my understanding of the papers.
Readings and discussions

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%
I felt respected in this class.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Prof is really great, open and natural to converse with and genuinely just wants you to participate. I know this probably comes up in other reviews but legitimately if you do your one essay and presentation on time and it's pretty good, and you participate in class you will get an A.
Despite not typically liking hum/sosc classes, I absolutely loved this class because of Winston. I 100% recommend you take his class if you are hoping to take a good sosc that is interesting and engaging! So long as you put forth obvious effort (contribute often in class, act on essay feedback) then you do not need to worry about getting a bad grade. I left this quarter with a good understanding of basic social/economic theory. There is a lot of writing involved, but Winston allows resubmissions of drafts such that you can get feedback from him, edit your essay, and get it regraded if you're unhappy with your grade

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 aware of how his students are doing with their workloads outside his class, but he also pushes them to create their best written works in a reasonable amount of time.
wanted you to learn, was helpful and open about what they wanted from you
winston is goated , he knows so much about the different topics covered in the class and the classes are so fun to show up to, its really informal and you learn so much.
Winston is funny, approachable, & very knowledgeable about the texts. He's very enthusiastic about the readings — makes them much more palatable to work through in class! He cares more about you having a fleshed-out understanding of the readings, no matter how many tries it takes for you to get there, which reflects in his very kind grading style.
Winston has been incredibly helpful in class discussions in clarifying the reading and effectively integrating our ideas with the readings ! He was also really helpful during office hours in assisting us with thinking through our papers! Best instructor ever!
Discussion

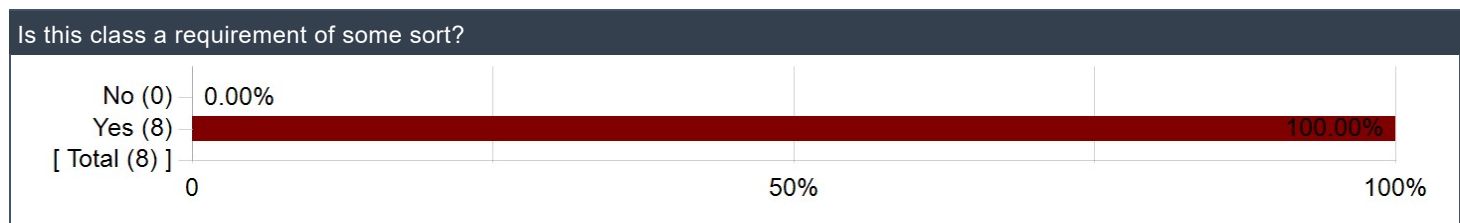
What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
I wish there was more of an incentive to write my paper.
Honestly nothing, I thought it was a great class
Nothing!
Perhaps like a short, 5 minutes lecture especially for reading that's confusing.

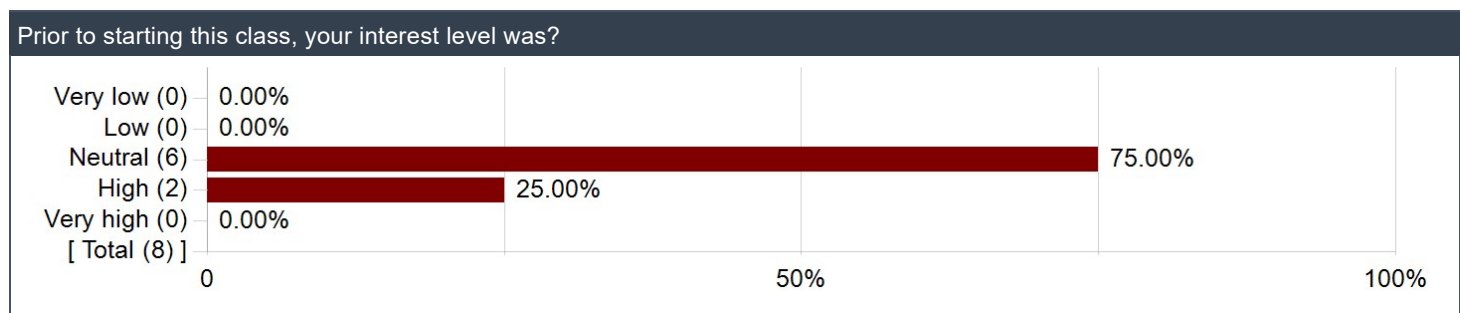
The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%	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.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%	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.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%	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%

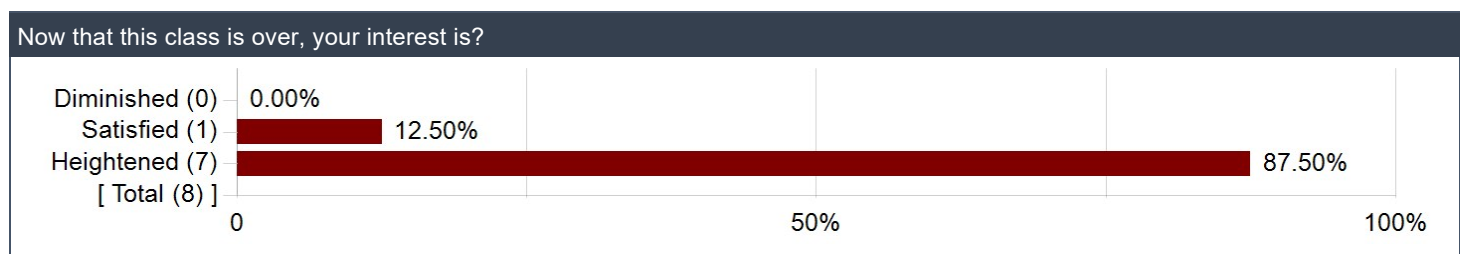
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



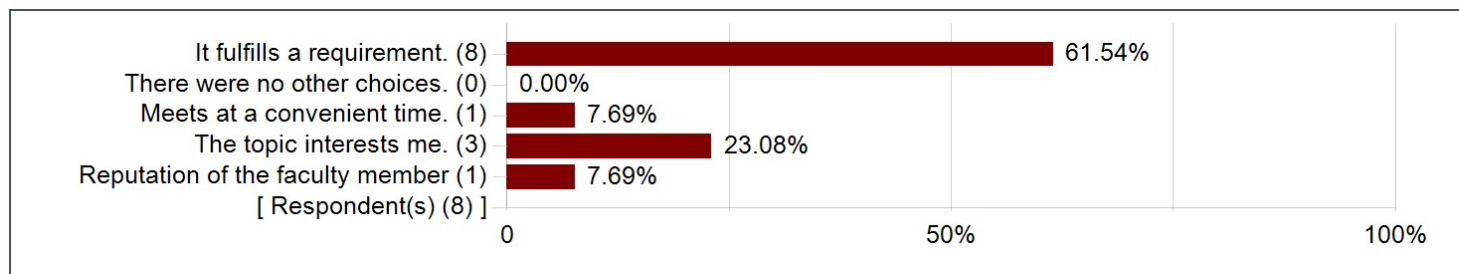
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



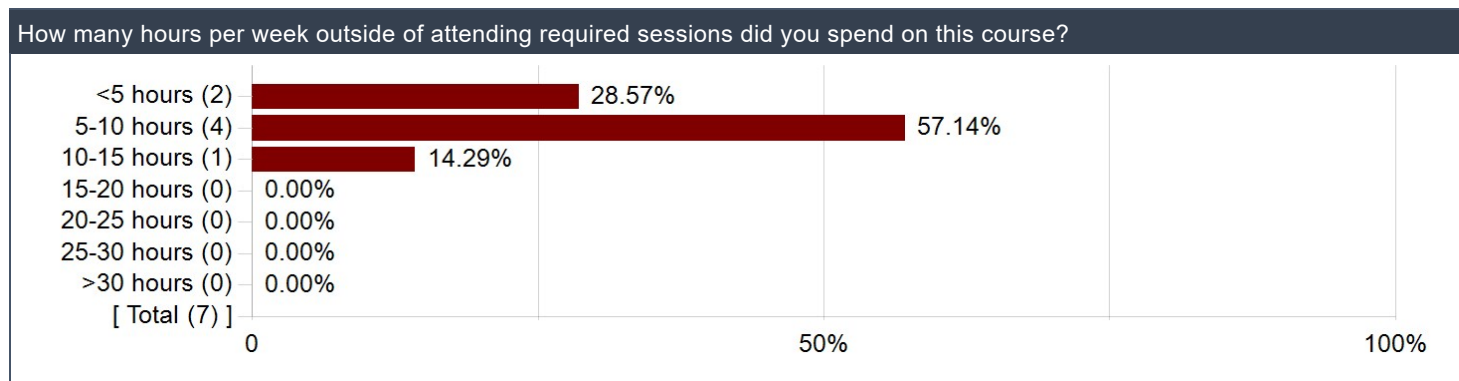
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



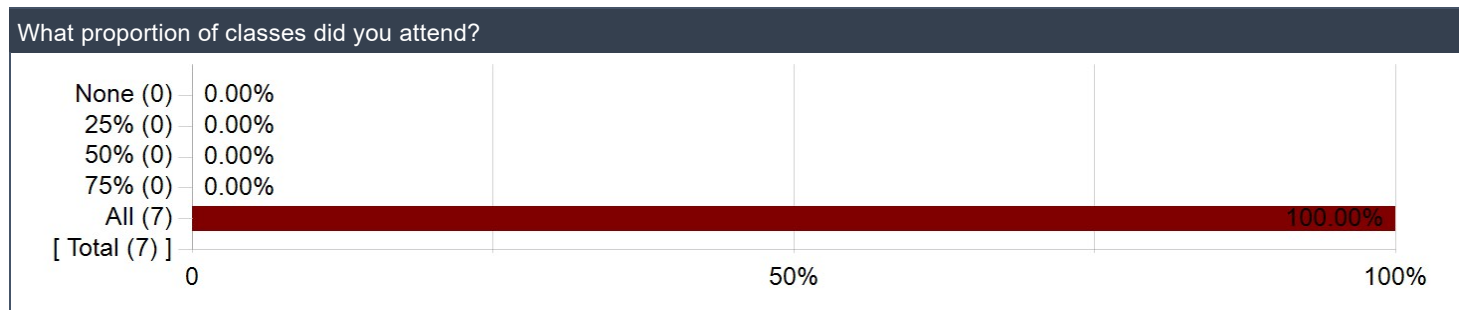
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
relatively easy from what I've heard about other self classes
Although the subject material is difficult to work through (Marx particularly), Winston makes it very manageable — I have no prior experience reading these authors but I thought it wasn't too difficult with his help. So long as you put forth serious and obvious effort, the course will be far from difficult.
It is easy if you listen and pay attention in class. Winston has done a great job in explaining the ideas!
I was a bit worried prior to taking the class as I am a first year, but it really went well.