Report Comments

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

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

Comments
I found the discussions on aggression and aggressive behavior particularly interesting.
The theme of the quarter was "how the mind constructs reality" and we read about the different ways it does that from a psychology perspective.
N/a
We learned about how the mind constructs reality. Most of the actual skills revolved around synthesizing long scientific papers, so it gave me a lot of practice in reading these.
How the mind constructs reality
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Describe how aspects of this course (lectures, discussions, labs, assignments, etc.) contributed to your learning.

Comments
Everything seemed to synthesize well, though I sometimes felt discussion posts didn't end up relating heavily to discussion.
The lectures helped me best understand the material discussed in this class.
n/a
The discussions were helpful in understanding the material.
the discussions were helpful

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	71.43%	14.29%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	3.14	3.00	14.29%	0.00%	42.86%	42.86%	0.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	2.71	3.00	14.29%	14.29%	57.14%	14.29%	0.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	2.71	3.00	14.29%	28.57%	28.57%	28.57%	0.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	3.14	3.00	14.29%	0.00%	42.86%	42.86%	0.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	3.29	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	71.43%	28.57%	0.00%
I felt respected in this class.	3.86	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	57.14%	14.29%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	3.29	3.00	0.00%	14.29%	42.86%	42.86%	0.00%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Grading has been incredibly unclear. There are not clear standards for success on assignments, and our scores seem to be random. Our questions also sometimes seem too in depth for the content and the time frame, as we are given the question Tuesday evening and expected to have a firm grasp on the lecture and readings by Wednesday at 5 PM. This deadline is also very awkward – considering our class is in the late afternoon, I wish posts were due Wednesday at midnight and comments simply due by class time.
A lot of scientific articles and the lengths vary by weeks. There are usually 2 per week. Some concepts are easier to understand than others.

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	14.29%	85.71%
Anyone interested in the topic	28.57%	71.43%

Thinking about your time in the class, what aspect of the instructor's teaching contributed most to your learning?

Comments
Discussion section definitely helped me understand each weeks content.
My professor goes over the material for the week and often recaps the readings which is helpful for understanding the material.
discussions

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Be clear about expectations and grading policies. I feel like I don't know what the goal of the discussion posts are and the feedback is usually specific and not necessarily helpful in succeeding with future posts. Overall course grading policies are unclear.
Wish discussion posts were due at midnight instead of 5 PM – this is an awkward time, and at least for me, only shortly after I wrap up my Wednesday classes, making it difficult for me to devote ample time to the assignment.
Ask more questions to facilitate discussion. It would also be nice to tie examples to real world situations to make discussion more lively.
I think the homework could have been released earlier since there was hardly any time to actually complete it, given that it was released a day it was due.
more instructions and clearer expectations

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	2.86	3.00	14.29%	14.29%	42.86%	28.57%	0.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	3.00	3.00	0.00%	28.57%	28.57%	28.57%	0.00%	14.29%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	3.14	3.00	0.00%	14.29%	57.14%	28.57%	0.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	3.29	3.00	0.00%	14.29%	42.86%	42.86%	0.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	3.43	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	57.14%	42.86%	0.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	3.14	3.00	0.00%	28.57%	28.57%	42.86%	0.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	3.17	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	71.43%	14.29%	0.00%	14.29%
Motivated you to think independently.	3.43	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	57.14%	42.86%	0.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	3.57	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	57.14%	0.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	3.29	3.00	0.00%	14.29%	42.86%	42.86%	0.00%	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.

Comments
Avi Waldman. She led the writing workshops during the quarter and they helped understand the expectations with the discussion papers.
Avi Waldman

The TA/CA or Intern. . .

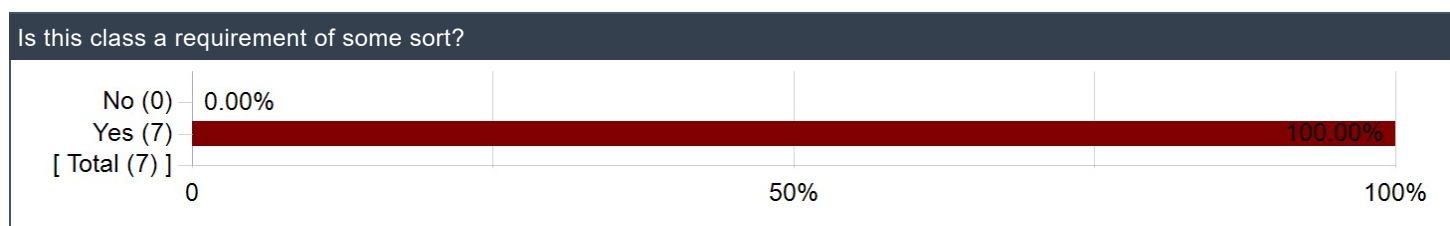|	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	3.00	3.00	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%	0.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	3.67	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	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%	66.67%	0.00%	33.33%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	3.67	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%	0.00%

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

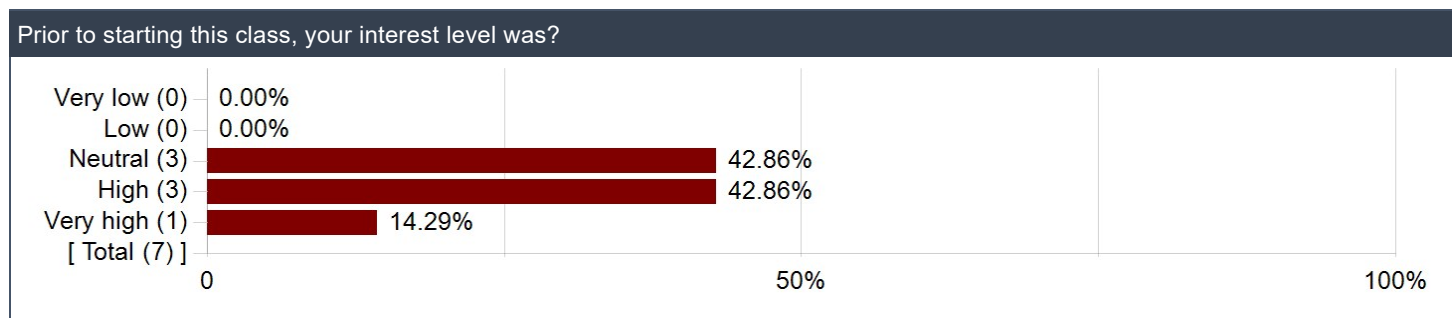|	Mean	Median	No Gain	A Little Gain	Moderate Gain	Good Gain	Great Gain	N/A
Laboratory Experience	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Field Trips	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Library Sessions	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Review Sessions	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Writing Seminars	2.67	2.50	16.67%	33.33%	16.67%	33.33%	0.00%	0.00%

Other course elements not mentioned above:

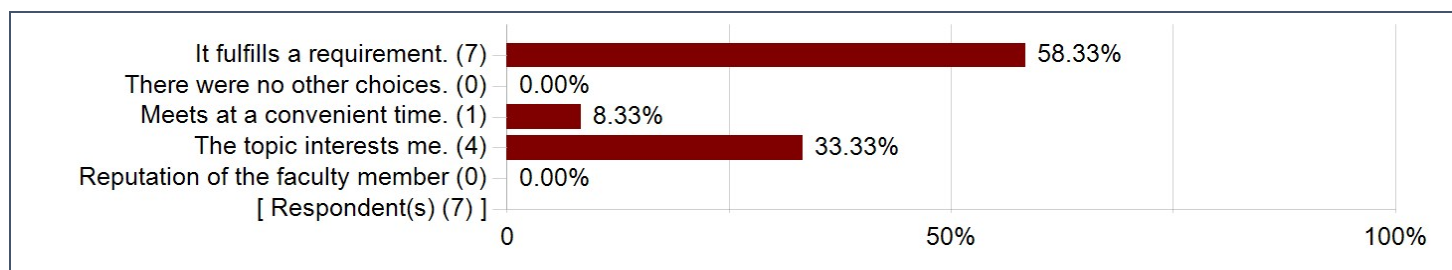| Comments |
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| Writing Seminars were not very helpful. |

Is this class a requirement of some sort?

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No (0) — 0.00%
Yes (7) — 100.00%
[Total (7)]

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 (3) — 42.86%
High (3) — 42.86%
Very high (1) — 14.29%
[Total (7)]

0   50%   100%

Now that this class is over, your interest is?

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Diminished (2) — 28.57%
Satisfied (4) — 57.14%
Heightened (1) — 14.29%
[Total (7)]

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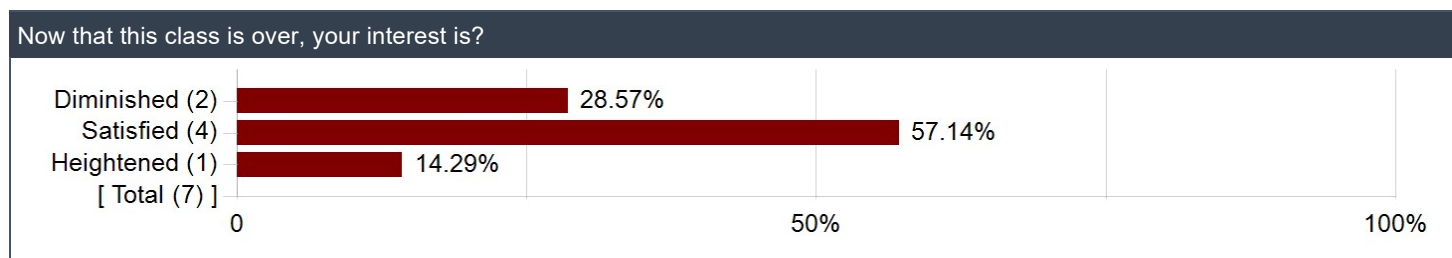
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)

It fulfills a requirement. (7) — 58.33%
There were no other choices. (0) — 0.00%
Meets at a convenient time. (1) — 8.33%
The topic interests me. (4) — 33.33%
Reputation of the faculty member (0) — 0.00%
[Respondent(s) (7)]

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 (3) — 42.86%
5-10 hours (4) — 57.14%
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 (7)]

0   50%   100%

What proportion of classes did you attend?

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None (0)	0.00%
25% (0)	0.00%
50% (0)	0.00%
75% (1)	14.29%
All (6)	85.71%
[Total (7)]	

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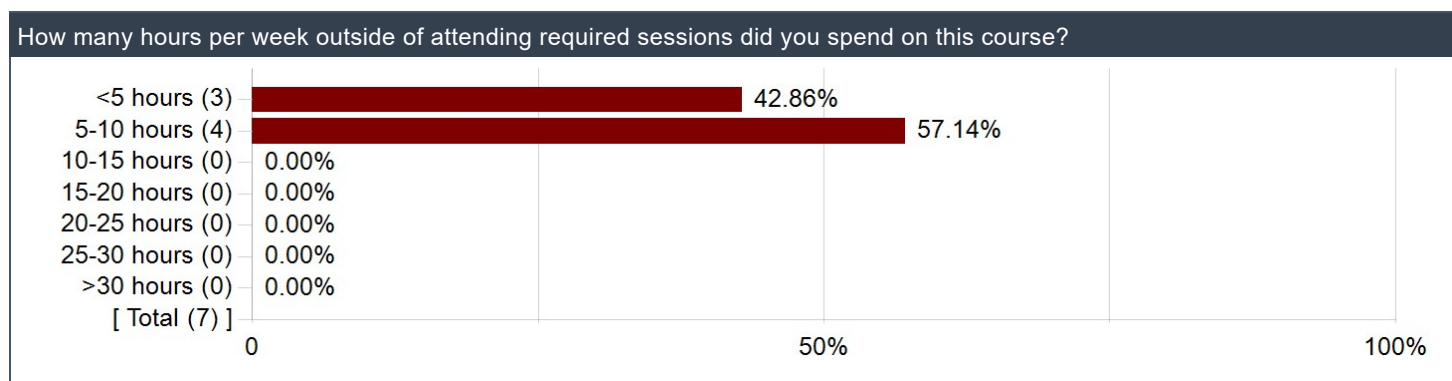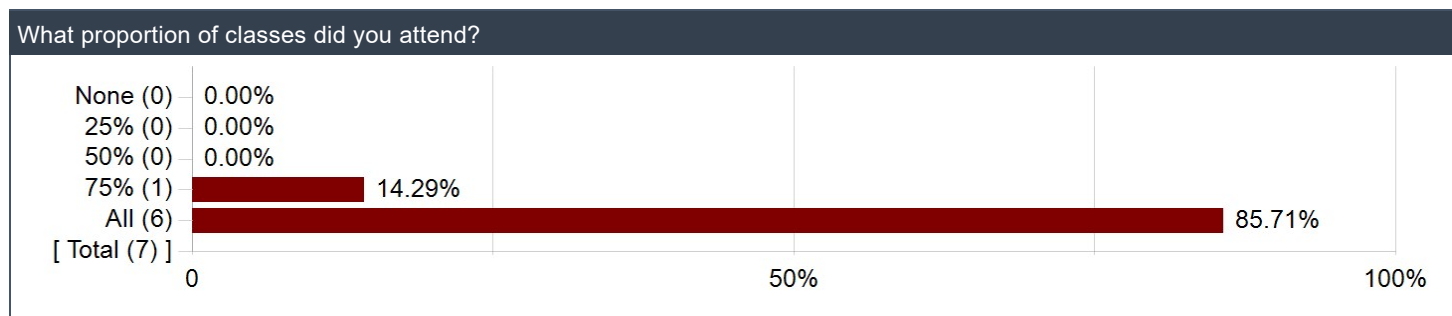
Please comment on the level of difficulty of the course relative to your background and experience.

Comments
Not very difficult content–wise, course policies were incredibly unclear when it comes to grading.
The concepts at times could be a little difficult but the lectures helped you understand the material. You begin to understand the expectations of discussions over time.
I don't think it was that hard, just a bit time consuming
Grades haven't come out yet so not sure, but seems to be reasonable so far
it was ok

Was this course successful in deepening your understanding about mental phenomena? Have your intuitive beliefs about the nature of the mind change as a result of taking this course?

Comments
Yes, I think this class has succeeded in that respect, and my thinking has definitely evolved throughout the quarter.
It was very helpful; I learned about a lot of interesting mental phenomena that helped me understand how we interact with the world around us. My beliefs have definitely changed as the main point of this theme seemed to be that we view others interpretations be their interpretations and treat ours as reality and there are many interesting ways our minds "go beyond the information given".
Yes
Yes, it was successful, I now know a lot more about the shortcomings of the mind
Yes, the readings were helpful to my learning