



# HUMA 12500 8 - Human Being and Citizen III - Instructor(s) - Jason DeStefano

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

Number Enrolled: **17**

Number of Responses: **12**

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## 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
The most important things I learned in this course where critical thinking skills and the ability to dive deeper into texts and gain more knowledge out of them.
how to engage in conversation with others and always be generous with others. learned a lot about civil rights in America. We read Shakespeare's Tempest, Baldwin's No Name in the Street, Fredrick Douglass, Toni Morrison's Home, Arendt's We Refugees and Nation State an Democracy. And, unfortunately, Kant's groundwork.
Looking past the text, understanding it thoroughly
I learned how to critically analyze philosophical and historical texts, as well as formulate problem essays.
Learning how to read and analyze Kant and working on writing skills in the workshops
I really learned how to think more critically and analyze and interpret reading more in depth.
We learned much about more relevant books and also from not-white authors.
went over many different texts and just talked about them. focused on newer stuff this quarter

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

Comments
Discussions contributed to a major portion of my learning.
discussions were most fruitful. the professor's mini background lectures were great and wish we had more of them tbh.
discussions!
The discussions were engaging and fun to participate in. During the second half of the quarter, we had assigned discussion moderators, which gave everyone the opportunity to moderate a discussion, build on public speaking skills, and participate. It was also great to hear what everyone had to say about the texts we were reading in class.
The discussion were very helpful and were engaging
I really learned a lot from the discussions because of the input from my classmates, as well as the guiding questions that Jason asked.
Discussion in class were really helpful.
in class discussions were mostly all we did. it was super nice to hear everyone's different perspectives about the texts and jason was super good at moving the conversation along

## Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.30	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	50.00%	40.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.30	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	50.00%	40.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.30	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	50.00%	40.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.30	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	50.00%	40.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.33	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	22.22%	55.56%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.11	4.00	0.00%	11.11%	11.11%	33.33%	44.44%
I felt respected in this class.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	20.00%	70.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	20.00%	70.00%

### Additional comments about the course:

Comments
good end to the HBC sequence. take it. much more interesting than Winter quarter.
Writing instructor was not helpful, Jason was great.
Highly recommend taking the third quarter of the HBC sequence!
Take HUM with Jason!
I really like Jason's teaching style.
Jason is awesome. I switched from a different section because I heard so many good things about him and he's the best.

### 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
The instructor was very understanding and clear which contributed the most to my learning.
Jason's generosity as a professor is always evident, whether in class or during office hours. the best instructors are often the ones who don't forget they were once students, and Jason doesn't seem to have forgotten. he is very accommodating and understanding and has created a safe learning environment that allows the free exchange of ideas regardless of their level of complexity. I also enjoyed that students could moderate class once a quarter, as it allows for deeper engagement with the material.
Discussion
The style of discussions and its flow
Jason's way of moderating the discussion was very effective. He always knew when to jump in and posed thought-provoking questions to spark conversation. He was also always willing to meet outside of class to discuss the texts or brainstorm essay ideas; office hours were flexible.
Jason is really good at guiding the class and discussion in a thoughtful, intentional way without being overbearing and still centering student ideas.
In Class Discussions
Jason is just a wonderful teacher. He never makes you feel stupid and he always finds meaning in everyone's points. Also he is good at directing the conversation to where he thinks there will be the most interesting discussions.

### What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
There is not much to modify. The instructor's way of leading discussions was the best thing about this class because it actually got us to converse with each other. The only thing really would be the long periods of awful silence. They were definitely less frequent than last quarter, but I do wish he would avoid them more by providing more substance for the students to work with. I understand this is his way of giving us time to think and answer, which is great sometimes, but it can drag on for whole classes. Silences were only productive for me when he would read a quote and then present an interpretation for us to support or argue against. Otherwise, please do not change anything.
N/A
N/A
N/A

## The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%	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
Cameron Powell
Cameron Stoler I think. So unnecessary and grades unfairly hard.
fine, precise
Cameron Powell. I found his feedback and writing seminar worksheets helpful. The writing seminar worksheets consisted of several tips and guidelines for essay writing, problem essays in particular. However, at times, it became difficult to locate and keep track of all the worksheets because the links were in different places.
Cameron Powell.
Cameron Powell

## The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	3.17	4.00	16.67%	16.67%	0.00%	66.67%	0.00%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	3.00	3.50	16.67%	16.67%	16.67%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	2.80	3.00	16.67%	16.67%	16.67%	33.33%	0.00%	16.67%
Challenged you to learn.	3.00	3.50	16.67%	16.67%	16.67%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	3.17	4.00	16.67%	16.67%	0.00%	66.67%	0.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	3.00	3.50	16.67%	16.67%	16.67%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	3.00	3.50	16.67%	16.67%	16.67%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%

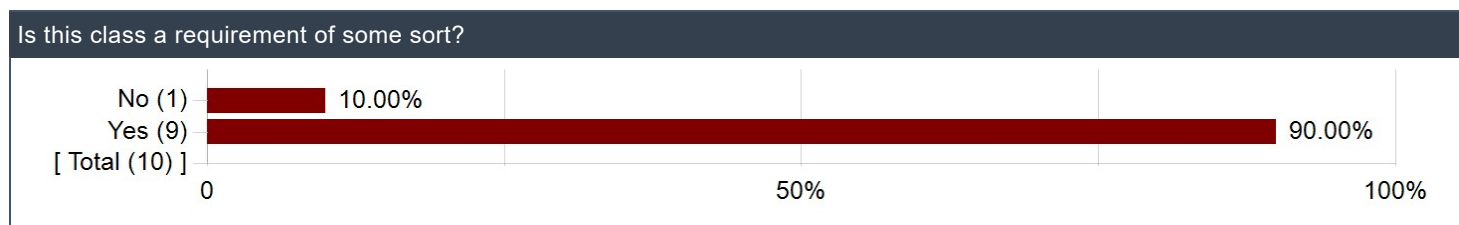
## How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	2.00	2.00	0.00%	12.50%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	87.50%
Writing Seminars	3.11	3.00	22.22%	0.00%	44.44%	11.11%	22.22%	0.00%

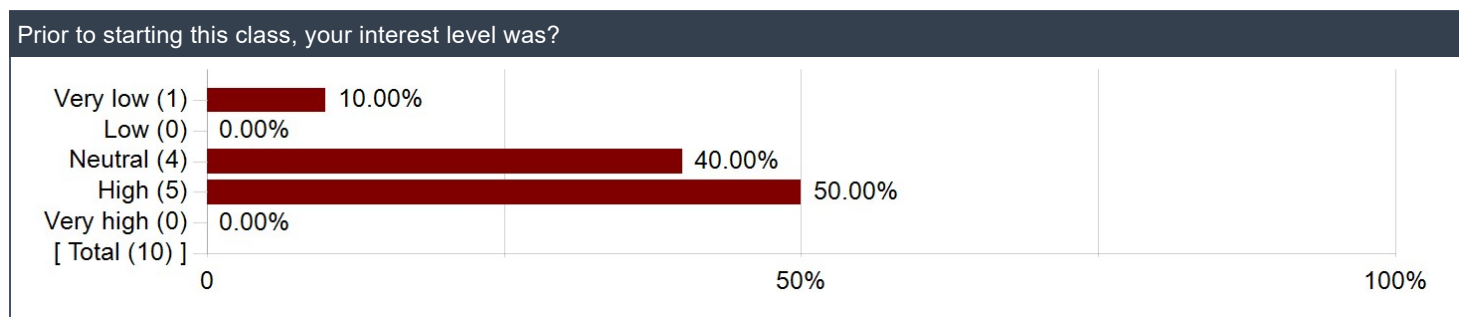
## Other course elements not mentioned above:

Comments
End of year symposium was fun and you get to engage with HBC students from other sections
Symposium... that was great
N/A

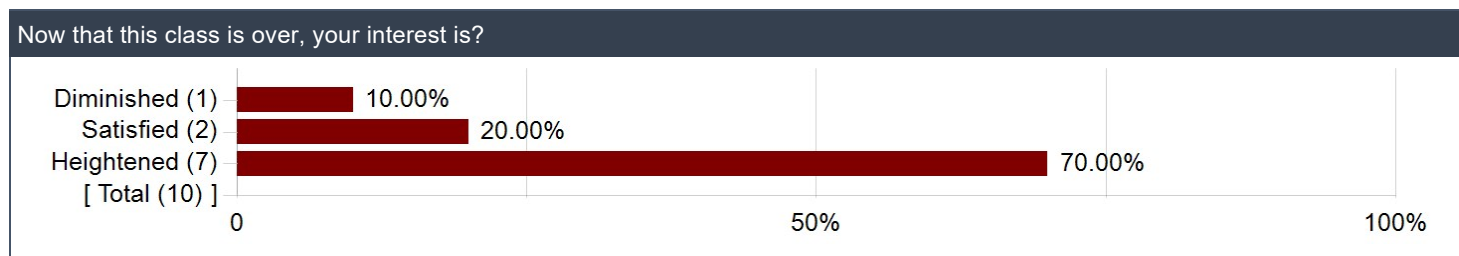
## Is this class a requirement of some sort?



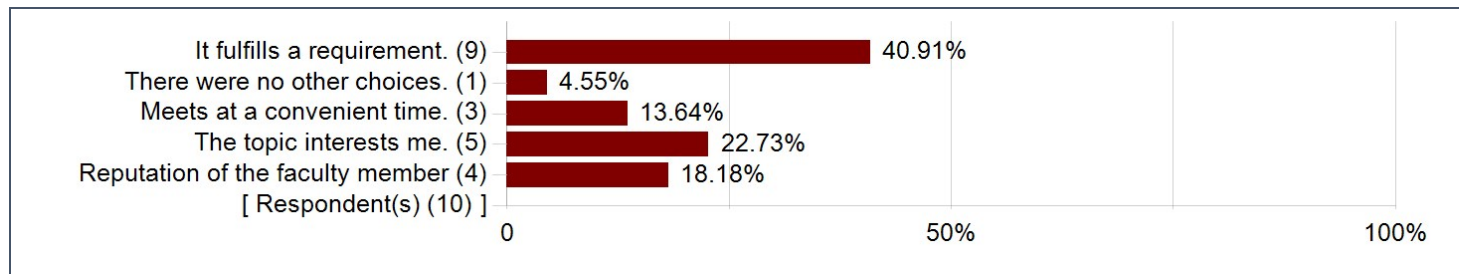
## Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



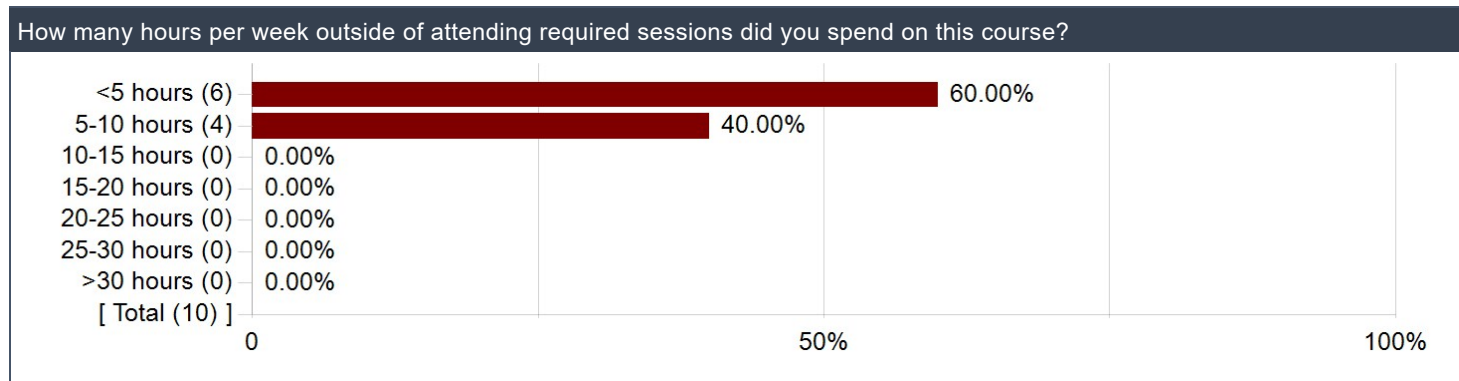
## Now that this class is over, your interest is?



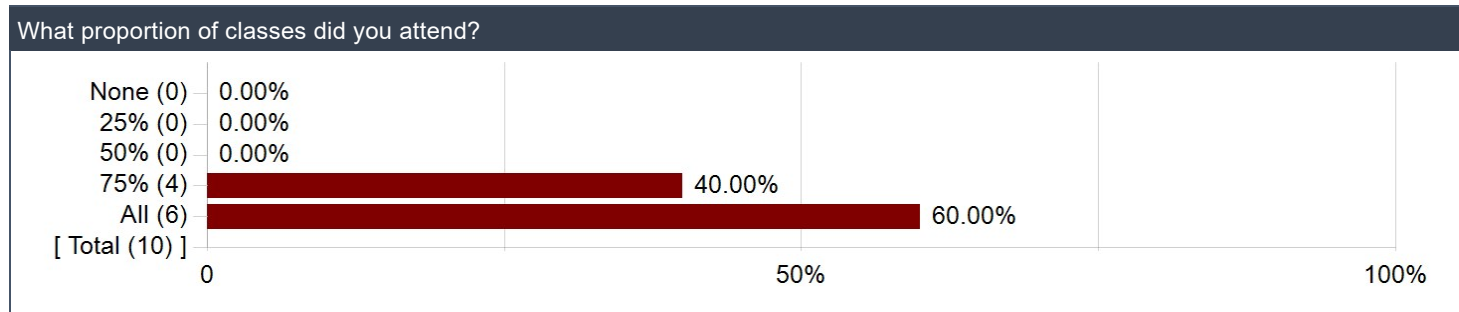
### Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



### 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
The class was not difficult at all, just be prepared for participation in discussion.
not difficult at all but writing is more challenging (a good thing imo)
Not difficult at all
Not too difficult. It was a great course with adequately challenging and engaging texts.
I really enjoyed the course material and this was my favorite class winter and spring quarter. I think that the course was somewhat difficult because I can struggle with writing and organizing my ideas.
Not bad