

HIST 13001 3 - History of European Civilization I - Instructor(s): Michael Williams

Project Title: College Course Feedback - Winter 2024

Number Enrolled: 19 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.

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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

Early History of Europe - Roman Empire, Middle Ages & Renaissance.

European History

General history of Europe from the end of the Roman Empire to the early modern period.

Ancient to pre-modern European history

2000 years of European history, from the Roman Empire to the 1700s

European civilization from before the Romans up to the 1700s. Huge amount of content covered in this course, honestly wish it was spread into 2 quarters.

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

Comments

- 1. The historical context of the period we discussed in class was shared beforehand on Canvas.
- 2. Classroom discussions clarified and solidified concepts covered in the readings.
- 3. The written assignments helped to reinforce your understanding of texts as well as concepts discussed in class.

All of them were great but I wish he didn't have a final

Discussions were helpful in clarifying the readings.

Really well structured discussions

Discussion and lecture in class

Classroom discussions were really entertaining and informative

Williams is a great teacher with an incredible wealth of knowledge on European history. He made sure discussions were engaging and was also helpful with essay assignments during his office hours.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%
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.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments

Dr. Williams is a great teacher. He is very knowledgeable and makes the class super interesting and engaging.

Professor Williams is really great at making sure everyone feels comfortable to participate in class. He has a "no dumb questions or comments" policy which makes discussions feel more relaxed, and like they're meant for learning.

Professor Williams is the best

Prof. Williams is really funny and did a great job at keeping the class engaging! Best core class I've had so far in terms of classroom experience

Prof. Willians is great, but the course should instead be called "History of Religion in European Civilization I." I understand religion is an important component of European history. But there was a disconnect between the briefings (which were great and interesting), and the primary sources plus class discussions.

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	10.00%	90.00%
Anyone interested in the topic	10.00%	90.00%

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

Comments

Dr. Williams ability to seer the classroom discussions in the right direction was the highlight of this course.

The briefings gave a good overview of European history, which was necessary to understand the primary source readings.

He came into every discussion with an agenda, and facilitated discussion really well.

Prof Williams is honestly amazing, he makes everyone feel super respected and heard in class and he's beyond knowledgable

Discussions

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments

Nothing!! He's a great teacher.

The briefings, especially towards the end of the quarter, got very long and tedious to read through. I wish those were perhaps less detailed or thorough and instead emphasize the material that is actually tested on the final.

Sometimes Professor would hone in on a very small and niche detail for a while–I guess it's pretty interesting for the discussion but I don't think it's always super productive

Nothing, Prof. Williams was perfect

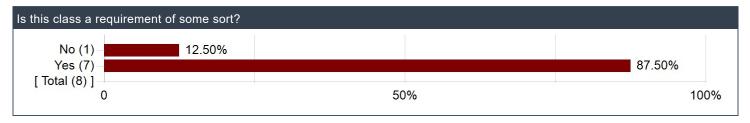
Maybe slightly less reading....just feels a little unnecessary when we can't even get to all the assigned reading during lecture

The reading was a little too much, considering how dense the texts were.

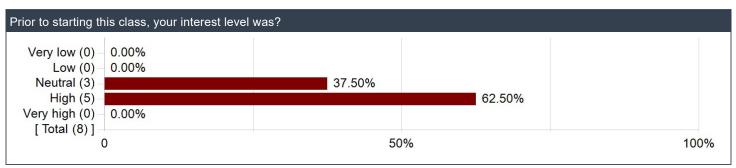
The Instructor . . .

	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%

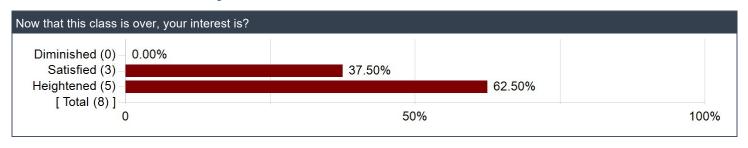
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



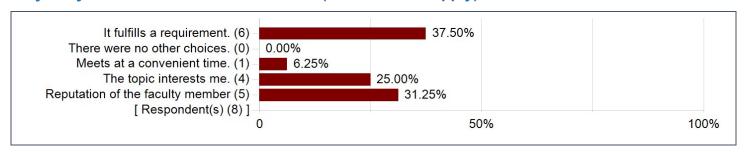
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



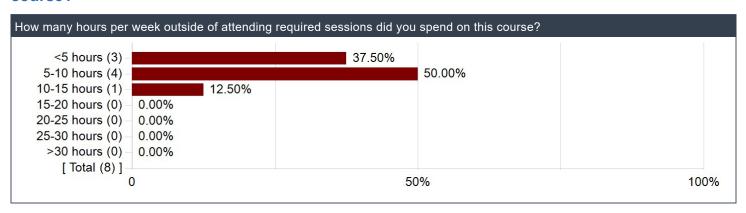
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



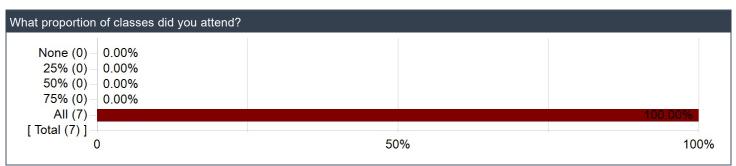
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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 The class was not difficult. Do the readings and attend the class discussions and you should be fine. I had no prior knowledge, and I found it pretty chill. Pretty standard. not bad at all Decent amount of reading assigned, plus two 5–7 page papers and a final exam. Not a wildly difficult class, but definitely one that should be taken seriously.