

SOSC 14300 2 - Mind III - Instructor(s) - Katherine O'doherty

Project Title: College Course Feedback - Spring 2024

Number Enrolled: 19 Number of Responses: 8

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 highly context dependent nature of psychological processes and how their operation changes depending on the situation and the environments in which they transpire and the particular goals and decisions which they serve

I learned about numerous interesting phenomena regarding psychology. In the class, I learned about a variety of different topics and things I have never thought of before.

Journal research

Learned how to think about contexts that might lead to different mental processes

I learned how psychological processes and human functions (i.e. stereotypes, numerical reasoning, language acquisition, empathy, fairness, etc.) depend heavily on context (environmental factors, parenting styles, etc.).

I learned about psychological phenomena and this quarter's theme was how context influences psychological processes.

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

Comments

I loved the discussion sections, they helped me better understand the readings and the lecture.

The lectures contributed to my learning. I honestly never went to them and I watched the recording later, I don't know if all professors would upload the recordings. I preferred to watch them on 2x speed and take notes. For the first two quarters, taking lecture notes is very important because they are needed for writing the final paper. Professor O'Doherty had weekly response papers for the two papers we would read a week and this also helped me with writing the final paper. The weekly readings were a way to read more about an interesting phenomenon discussed in the lecture. The discussion on Thursdays was also helpful because I like discussing what we learned from the lectures and readings in more depth and any questions we had were answered. Also, I liked hearing everyone's personal experience.

Discussion was most helpful

writing assignments were most helpful

The lectures were a fruitful experience! Professors deeply care about their chosen topic and are very knowledgeable, providing a variety of studies. The readings provided a nice way to explore the week's content. The discussions were helpful in understanding the content and share your insights.

The weekly lectures were always great for getting a baseline understanding of the course content. I also loved the in–class discussions because I was able to learn about how understanding of different concepts differed with everyone's diverse backgrounds.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.25	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	50.00%	37.50%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
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.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%
I felt respected in this class.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments

I loved it!

I really liked this course, it is not too much work, it is interesting, and I learned a lot.

Mind, is one of the best SOSC courses! A truly immersive experience!

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	12.50%	87.50%
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 thought–provoking questions Professor O'Doherty asked in class as well as my time discussing questions in small groups. Also how the students get to lead the discussion sections.

She had slides of the lectures and readings and also had discussion questions for us to talk about in groups. She also always had a story from her own life to share. Overall, she was super interesting, super nice, and a great professor. She is probably the best professor out of all of the sections. I heard from other students that their professors had them write more comments on the papers, had their response papers due. much earlier in the week and were harsher graders.

letting is discuss open ended questions

Prof. Kate is one of the best professors at UofC! She creates a welcoming and inclusive environment, motivating all students to feel comfortable engaging in class content and discussions. Particularly, I highly valued her detailed and specific feedback after every response paper. Also, she is always available in office hours to provide guidance.

O'doherty was a great instructor for mind!! She was very knowledgable about the concepts we discussed in class and was excellent at facilitating discussion. I joined the class this past quarter and it has by far been my best quarter in the SOSC sequence. The expectations for success were very clear, O'doherty really created an environment in the class that encouraged active discussion, and we always got detailed feedback on the assignments. Students leading discussion also gave me more insight into the course material. Lastly, discussion papers being due on Friday gave me the chance to integrate the lecture, readings, and discussion material which really helped with grasping the course content.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments

Nothing, I like the structure of the course

Nothing

Professor O'Doherty is an amazing woman. She is so nice, helpful, and understanding. Her discussions were engaging and time always flew. Everyone who ends up in her class is lucky.

more content on more scientific processes

Nothing! She is perfect!

N/A

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.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	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.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	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%

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

Annemarie Catania, who was very helpful during our meetings! She asked thought–provoking questions and made us feel very welcome to ask about anything we had on our mind about the weekly papers and also final paper.

Annemarie Catania. She hosted writing workshops. The one before the final exam was very helpful with helping me grasp the prompt, and the write—in before the paper was due was a great opportunity to get some feedback and have a space to work.

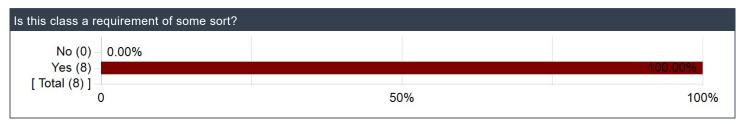
The TA/CA or Intern...

	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.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%
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.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%

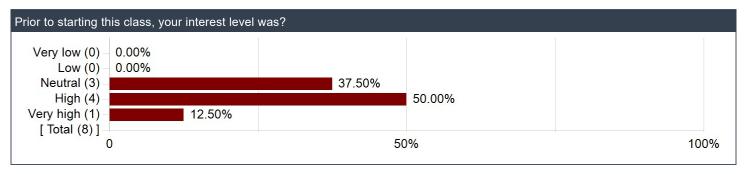
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%

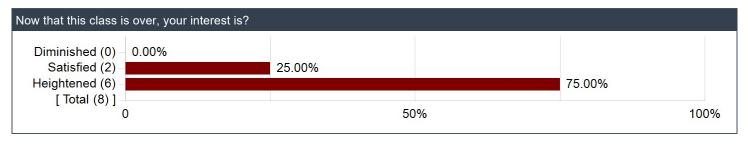
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



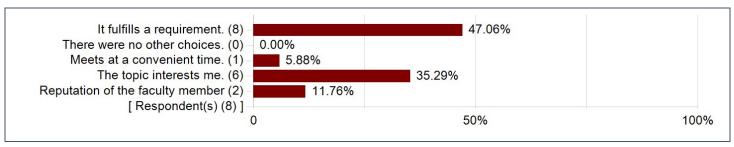
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



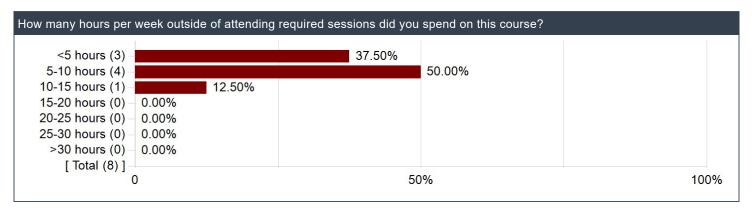
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



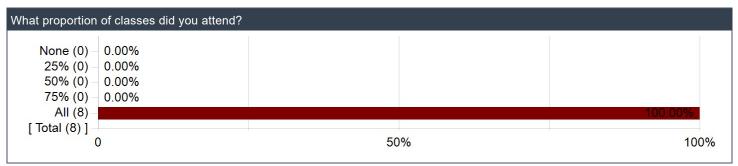
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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

Very manageable if you put in the time and effort

I took AP Psychology in college and some of the topics were familiar, but this course is very different. In AP Psych I had to memorize a lot information and facts and take tests on them. In this class it is all about writing and being able to write essays. This class is still basic psychology, you're just required to know how to do different things.

Easy

Not difficult at all! You need to do the readings, attend lectures, participate in discussions and do weekly response papers. You will really enjoy the course!

No outside experience needed! Builds on the last two quarters of mind.