



SOSC 24901 2, HMRT 10200 2 - Human Rights in World Civilizations II - Instructor(s): Ben Laurence

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

Number Enrolled: **21**

Number of Responses: **9**

Report Comments

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

Creation Date: **Thursday, March 28, 2024**

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

Comments
We learned about human rights discussions as they related to persecutors, US civil rights, Latin American movements, immigration, decolonization, and disability rights.
There are a lot of Human Rights violations everywhere across time and space.
Understanding human rights as a concept in society
We learned about a variety of topics concerning human rights such as their historical development issues surrounding Decolonization and immigration as well as disability rights.
I learned a lot about different human rights issues that I didn't know a lot about, which was great. And I also improved in my ability to talk about human rights from an interdisciplinary perspective.

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

Comments
The readings were interesting and not too long. The discussions we had in class were rich and well-guided by Prof. Laurence.
Discussions were helpful
Discussions were extremely helpful and actually very engaging and fun. The readings were also never too bad and were the basis of all discussions.
Class discussions were great and readings did a good job to increase my knowledge of the topics. Papers were good way to reflect on what we learned and class presentations were fun at the end of the quarter.
The seminars were super enjoyable. Everyone was interested and that made class very fun.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.38	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	62.50%	37.50%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%
I felt respected in this class.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
This sequence is absolutely amazing and I'd recommend it to anyone!

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
I think that Professor Laurence did a good job of unpacking and contextualizing our readings, as well as guiding our discussion and adding his own perspective when needed.
His facilitation of discussions
I really appreciated how he would start off the class with a history about whatever topic we were covering, then he would start to get into the readings. It really helped to refresh memory and transition us into discussion smoothly.
Professor Laurence did a great job of facilitating discussions and responding to our points. He always asked helpful questions and his comments amplified and extended the discussion well. He structured the class such that everyone had chances to participate and I always felt that my comments were taken seriously. He was great to talk to outside of class in office hours as well and always gave me helpful advice for the papers.
He's very knowledgeable and passionate about the subjects, and also really encouraging of everyone's ideas, and all of these traits really enhanced our discussions and paper topic brainstorming.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
I find the short introduction videos that we had for some of our texts helpful; I would have liked to have accompanying videos for more of the readings.
N/A
N/A
Nothing honestly.

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.43	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	37.50%	12.50%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	0.00%	87.50%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	12.50%	75.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	25.00%	62.50%	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.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%

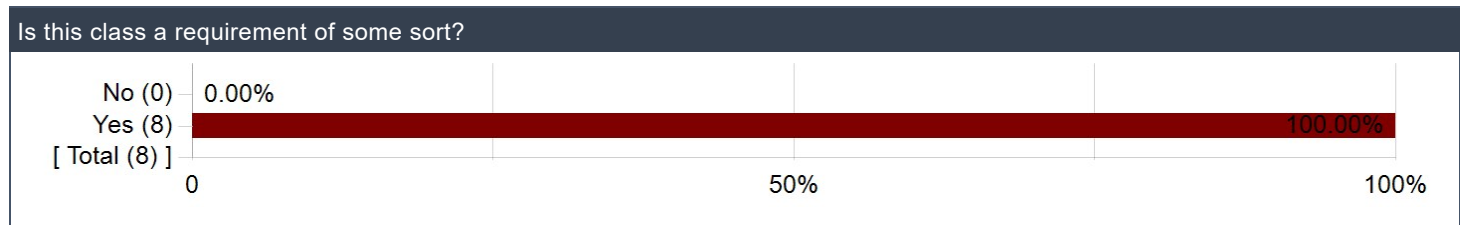
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%

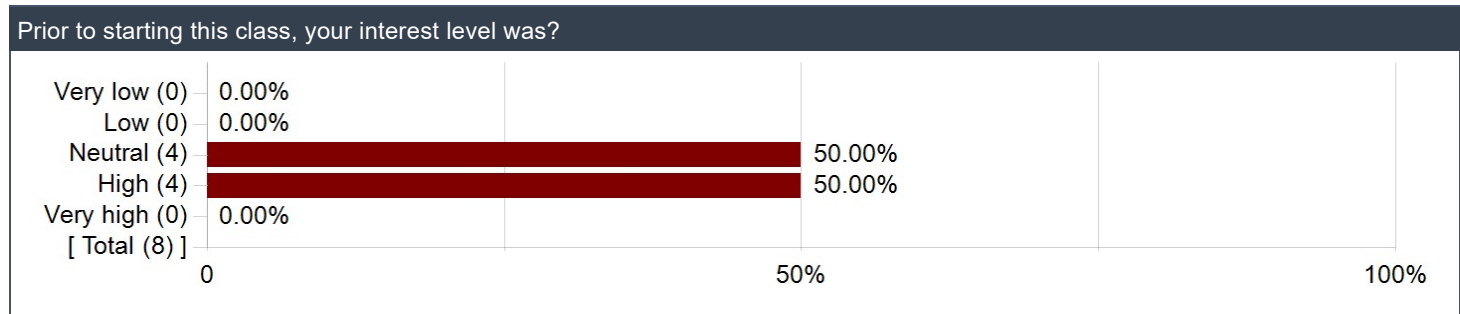
Other course elements not mentioned above:

Comments
Speaker Event with writer

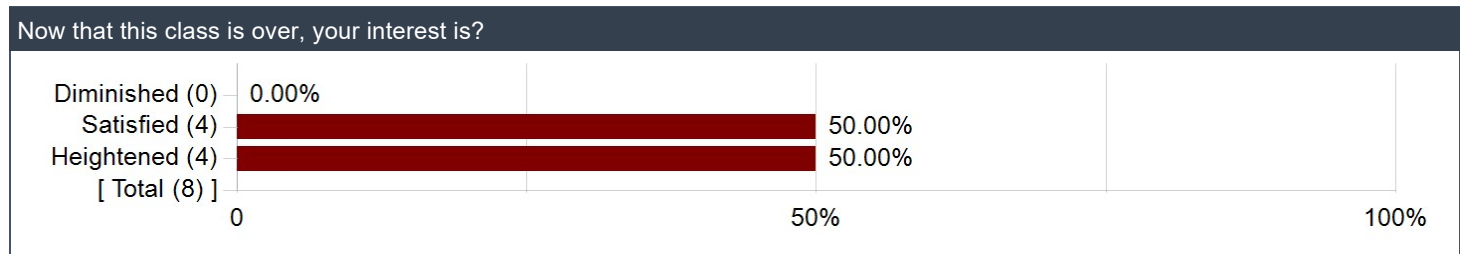
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



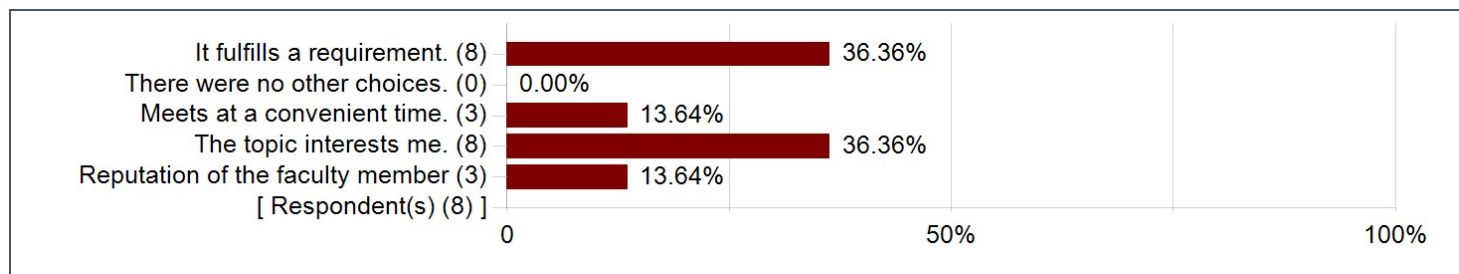
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



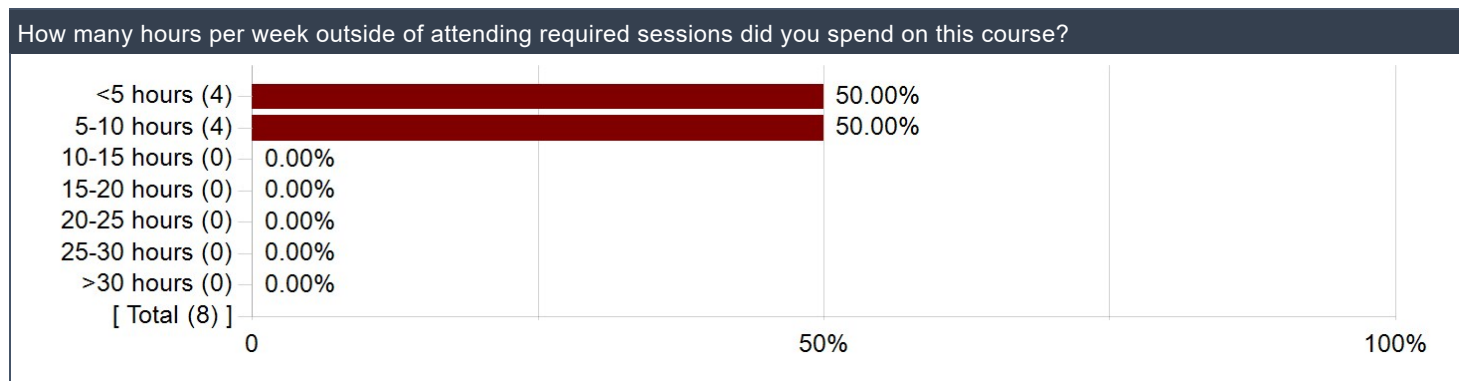
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



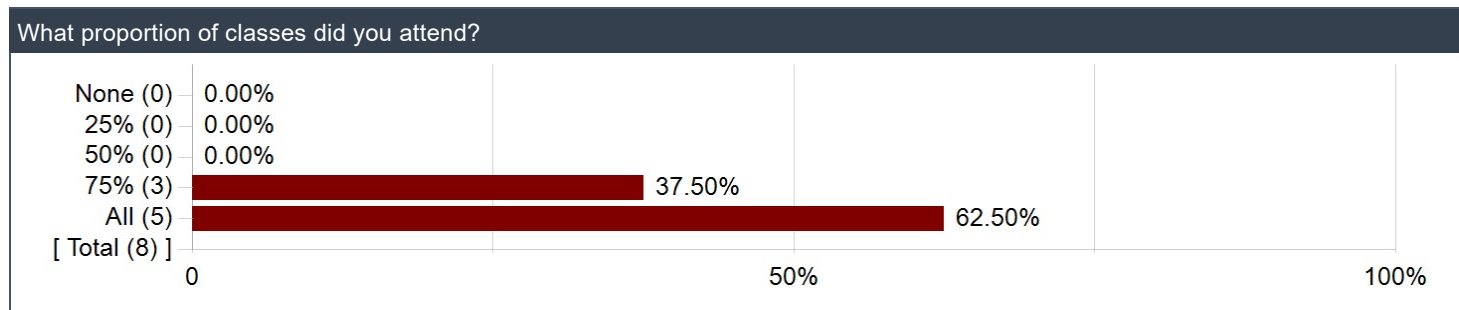
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
My only experience was the prior course in this sequence and I felt very comfortable with the level of difficulty of the course.
It definitely helps to have an interest in human rights, but no prior knowledge is actually needed. If anything, it is good in this class to be an independent thinker and have your own unique takes on each of the topics.
I think that the class was manageable if you did the readings which varied in length but nothing that bad
Very accessible to someone who doesn't know a lot about the subject matter.