



# HUMA 12300 9 - Human Being and Citizen I - Instructor(s): Peter Metzel

Project Title: **College Course Feedback - Autumn 2023**

Number Enrolled: **19**

Number of Responses: **9**

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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
How to write a proper argumentative paper and identify concrete ideas within an abstract text
How to synthesize classic texts, which require a different approach and understanding than more modern or academic texts.
I learned how to critically analyze literature while staying true to the given purpose of the text by removing my influences and preconceived notions from my analysis.
I learned how to write better and articulate my thoughts in a respectful manner.
I really liked reading ancient stories that I probably would not have read without this course.
We read so many literature and discuss certain themes presented in these literatures.
I learned a lot about how to think about texts critically and observing why humans do the things they do.

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

Comments
writing seminars are great
The weekly question or comment I was assigned to submit, and the professor's response really helped my understanding. He didn't give me the answer. But gave me questions to ponder on further.
The discussions in this class were extremely insightful, with both the professor and other students presenting invaluable insights from multiple points of view to the text that helped me to improve my understanding of it from many different points of view. I was encouraged not only to present claims in discussion, but also to support and qualify those claims with both text and logic based evidence.
Class time helped me develop ideas. Discussion/question posts did too. Essay assignments were also very clear and forced me to articulate things.
We mostly did open group discussions which was a nice chance to hear other people's thoughts on the books.
The seminar encourages to learn from others' opinion and engage in discussion.
The discussions were very interesting as it was cool to hear how other people interpreted the text and contribute your own ideas to the discussion.

## 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%	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	3.56	4.00	0.00%	22.22%	22.22%	33.33%	22.22%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	11.11%	11.11%	44.44%	33.33%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	3.67	4.00	0.00%	22.22%	11.11%	44.44%	22.22%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	0.00%	88.89%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	0.00%	88.89%
I felt respected in this class.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	0.00%	88.89%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.11	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	44.44%	33.33%

## I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	12.50%	87.50%
Anyone interested in the topic	11.11%	88.89%

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

Comments
His clear interest in the text, and his openness about where his knowledge was lacking
The open form discussion was the thing that I enjoyed most about this class. The professor did a fantastic job of knowing when to inject his insights into the conversation, and when to step away from the conversation and let us students grapple with each others' interpretations.
Letting us talk to each other, even when it got a little more heated. Also, office hours conversations helped a lot with essay writing.
Professor Metzger really seems like he wants you to succeed, and he works hard to make the discussions we have in class interesting.
The style of letting each students to participate encourage me to read more carefully and in depth.
I think Peter's will and want to learn with us too was very helpful. It wasn't like he knew everything and was trying to guide us to a certain idea, it was a discussion for everyone.
The discussions gave me ideas for my essays sometimes.

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

Comments
My professor could have guided class discussions better to ensure all students understand the text and some are not dominating the conversation
I think more structured group discussions would benefit the class more, as interesting as they were I didn't gain much from them.
Let us have a little more of a natural class flow style. We don't need to cover everything we want to; some longer conversations about one topic is okay too!
Providing some supporting reading to have a background about the literature.
Nothing, everything was great!
Make the discussion more engaging and provide space for new people to speak every time.

## The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	11.11%	11.11%	44.44%	33.33%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	3.75	4.00	0.00%	12.50%	25.00%	37.50%	25.00%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	3.67	3.00	0.00%	11.11%	44.44%	11.11%	33.33%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	3.89	4.00	0.00%	11.11%	22.22%	33.33%	33.33%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.13	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	33.33%	33.33%	11.11%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	44.44%	11.11%	44.44%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	0.00%	88.89%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.22	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	55.56%	33.33%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.44	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	33.33%	55.56%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%	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
Thomas Sawyer. He is a great writing tutor: nice personality and teaching philosophy. He's willing to review work despite a busy schedule and is not afraid to critique in a constructive yet respectful manner.
Tom Sawyer

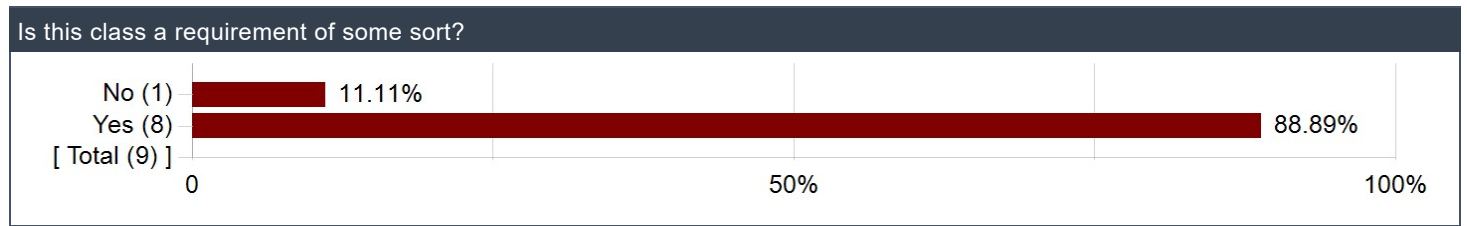
### The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	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 class.	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 succeed in the class.	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%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%

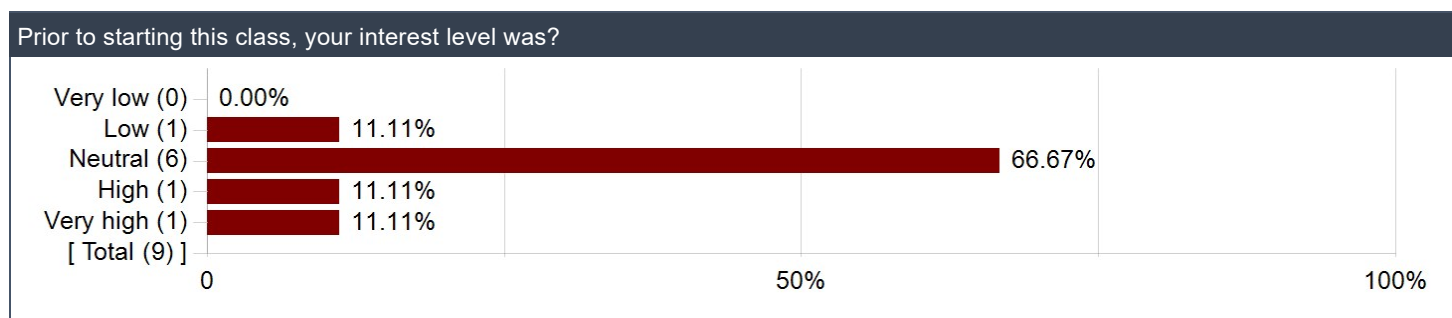
### How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	3.57	3.00	0.00%	14.29%	42.86%	14.29%	28.57%	0.00%

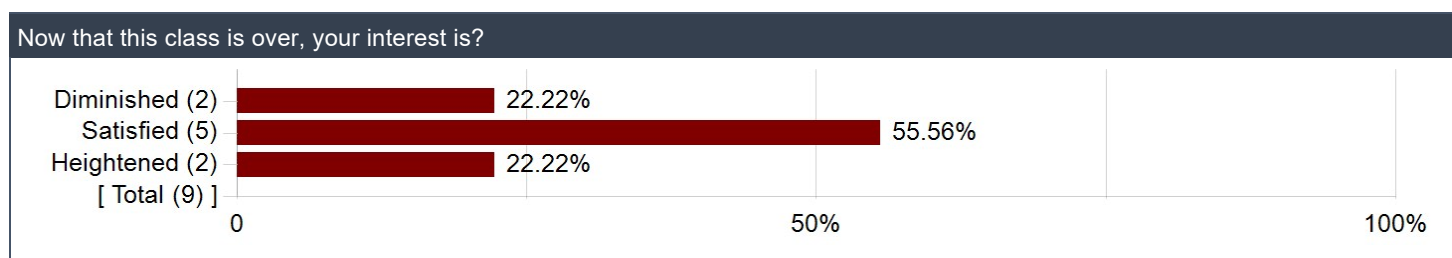
### Is this class a requirement of some sort?



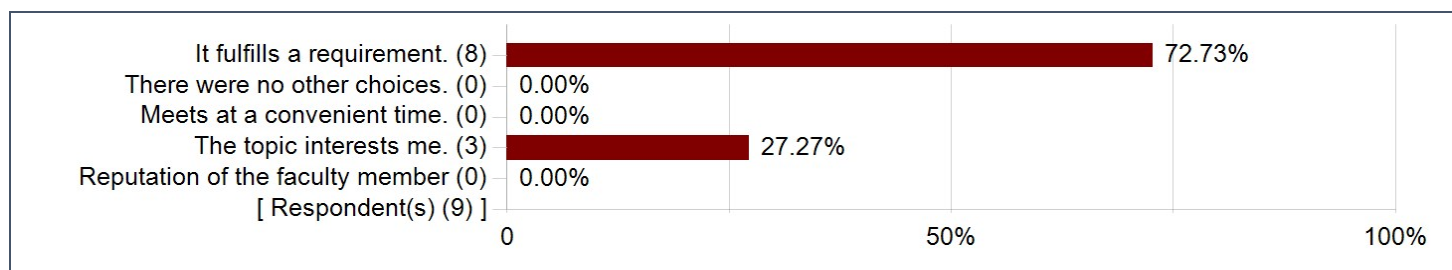
## Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



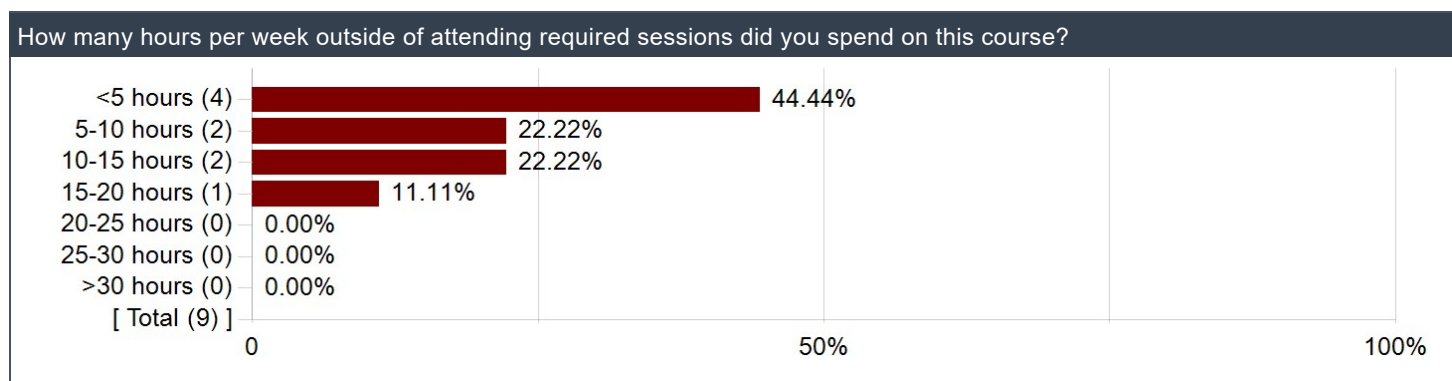
## Now that this class is over, your interest is?



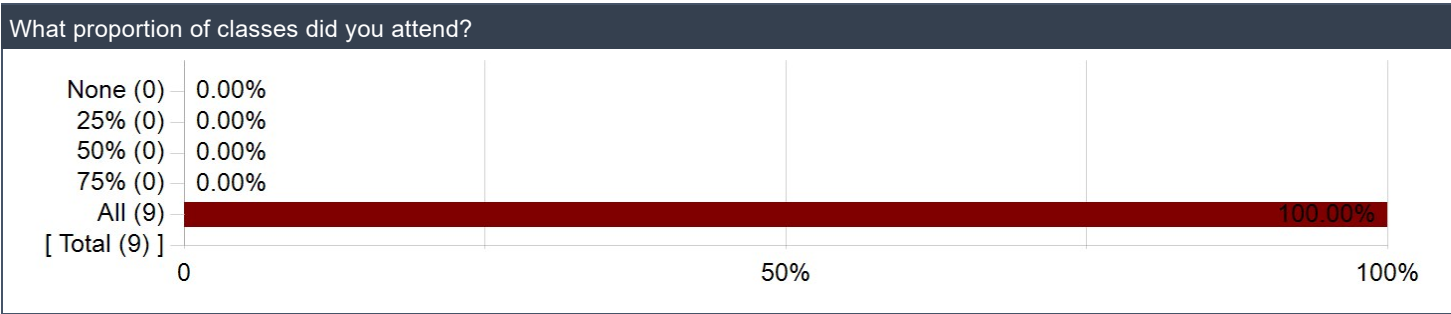
## Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



## 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 text was difficult, and I would've loved a little more guidance through it
This course was the first time I was asked to read and think about literature at a collegiate level, I found it to be a very on-level introduction to this practice. I still had to put effort into the course, especially during discussion, but it was never so challenging that I felt overwhelmed.
Very manageable
I do not think it was difficult.