



RDIN 24001 3, SOSC 24001 3, ANTH 24001 3, CRES 24001 3, HIST 18301 3 - Colonizations I: Colonialism, Enslavement and Resistance in the Atlantic World - Instructor(s): Mannat Johal

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

Number Enrolled: **18**

Number of Responses: **7**

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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.

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| a lot of histories regarding colonization and concepts within those contexts.  |
| Colonization is WAY more than colonizers taking others' land.  |
| Colonization in the Americas, starting from pre-columbus to the Haitian revolution   |
| I learned about European colonization of the Americas and Atlantic system, from initial voyages and experiments with colonization in islands off the coast of West Africa to the Haitian Revolution, and the many actors that shaped how it played out. This included the interactions and impacts of European colonization of the Caribbean, Mesoamerica, and North America, in addition to the development of the Atlantic slave trade and its relationship to sub-Saharan Africa. |

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

| Comments  |
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| discussion led by professor   |
| The lectures are very instrumental in learning the course. The professor effectively conveys the idea behind the texts.   |
| Seminars, especially small group activities, helped a lot.  |
| Readings were good and informative, although sometimes they could be a bit long (though, this is to be expected i guess)  |
| discussions, but i wish there were more lectures  |
| This is a discussion-based class, with three discussion posts and two papers. Mannat would often provide context and information before and during discussions, which often functioned like lectures and were very interesting and helpful. The readings were also really interesting and clearly carefully chosen. |

## Please respond to the following:

|  | Mean | Median | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree  | Strongly Agree |
|--|------|--------|-------------------|----------|---------|--------|----------------|
| This course challenged me intellectually.  | 5.00 | 5.00   | 0.00%             | 0.00%    | 0.00%   | 0.00%  | 100.00%        |
| I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it. | 4.71 | 5.00   | 0.00%             | 0.00%    | 0.00%   | 28.57% | 71.43%         |
| I understood the standards for success on assignments.                           | 4.71 | 5.00   | 0.00%             | 0.00%    | 0.00%   | 28.57% | 71.43%         |
| Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.                 | 4.86 | 5.00   | 0.00%             | 0.00%    | 0.00%   | 14.29% | 85.71%         |
| I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work. | 4.71 | 5.00   | 0.00%             | 0.00%    | 14.29%  | 0.00%  | 85.71%         |
| My work was evaluated fairly.  | 4.71 | 5.00   | 0.00%             | 0.00%    | 0.00%   | 28.57% | 71.43%         |
| 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.   | 4.71 | 5.00   | 0.00%             | 0.00%    | 0.00%   | 28.57% | 71.43%         |

## Additional comments about the course:

| Comments   |
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| Mannat is one the the greatest professors i've met at uchicago |
| Sometimes the homework assignments felt a bit long             |

## 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  |
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| The approach to let us first reflect on the text as a class, then clarify things after a round of discussion.   |
| Giving mini-lectures every time before discussions.   |
| Sometimes, when she could tell that no one understood the reading, she would just explain it herself, which I found very helpful considering I often didn't comprehend the reading  |
| the lectures, Professor Johal is so smart I wish she would provide her input more   |
| Mannat is incredibly knowledgeable about this topic, and the way she integrated that knowledge into our discussions was both interesting and helpful and challenged us to think about the content in new ways. She is also very good at kindly but firmly responding to misguided or problematic comments and willing to correct students in a helpful and welcoming way. Additionally, she was very understanding and accommodating. |

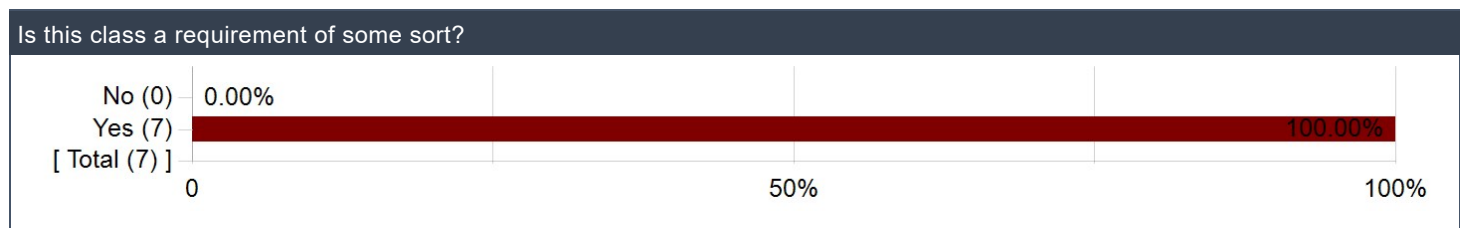
## What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

| Comments   |
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| reading is a bit long  |
| Maybe the readings can be a little bit less and more concise.  |
| Sometimes, more questions during silences to prompt our thinking would be better.  |
| nothing really   |
| more lectures  |
| While Mannat provided very important and relevant information and perspectives in discussion, sometimes it felt like her comments would stop the flow of discussion and prevent students from working through the texts together. I think the collective learning of the course would benefit from letting discussions breathe a little bit more, and then filling in details where necessary, or by helping students find those details through asking more questions, or even by just having a more dedicated lecture component. Also, sometimes the language/way she talked about content was slightly convoluted and confusing, though this may have been a me problem more than an issue with her instruction. Overall, however, Mannat is a great professor who has clearly put a lot of care into learning and thinking about this topic and responds to students in a helpful way, especially in a class that has the potential to have problematic discussions. |

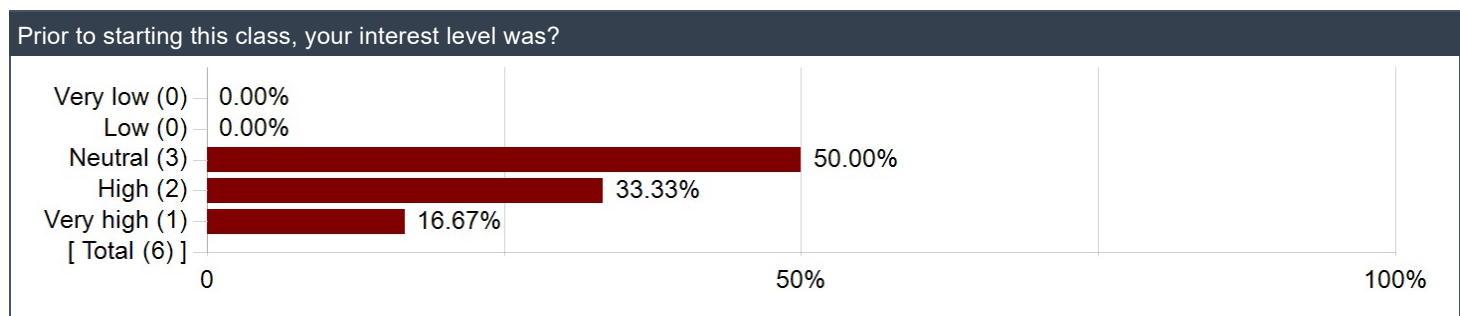
## The Instructor . . .

|  | Mean | Median | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree  | Strongly Agree | N/A    |
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| Organized the course clearly.  | 4.86 | 5.00   | 0.00%             | 0.00%    | 0.00%   | 14.29% | 85.71%         | 0.00%  |
| Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.                       | 4.83 | 5.00   | 0.00%             | 0.00%    | 0.00%   | 14.29% | 71.43%         | 14.29% |
| Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.                     | 4.86 | 5.00   | 0.00%             | 0.00%    | 0.00%   | 14.29% | 85.71%         | 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%  |

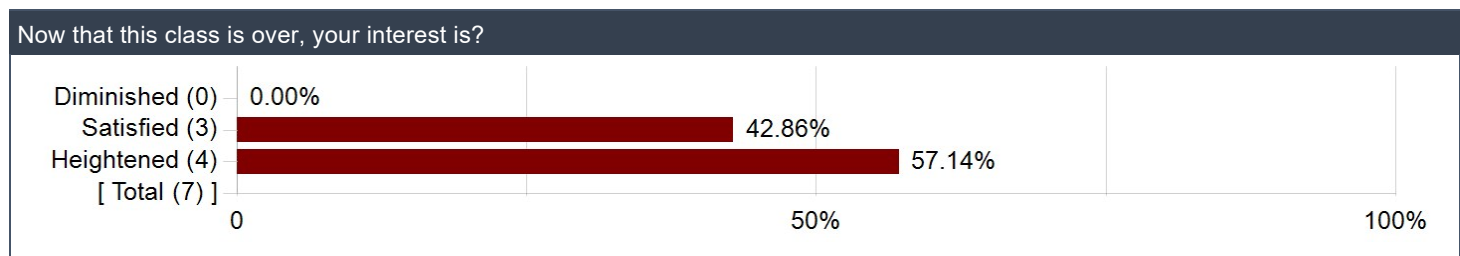
## Is this class a requirement of some sort?



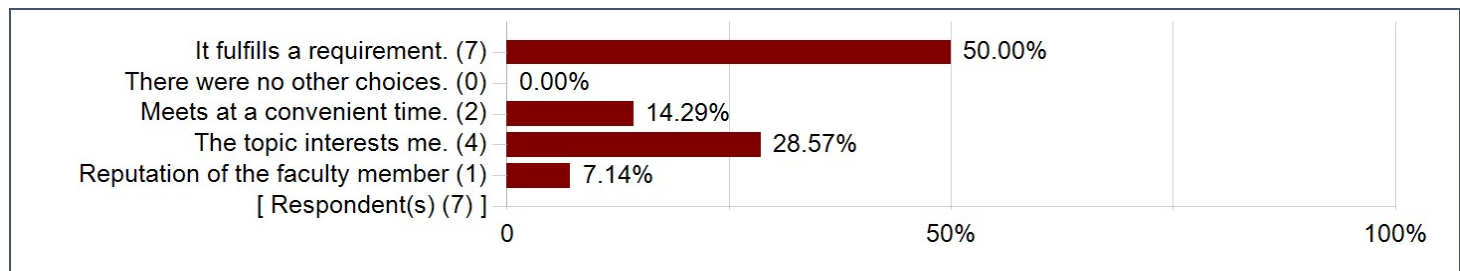
## Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



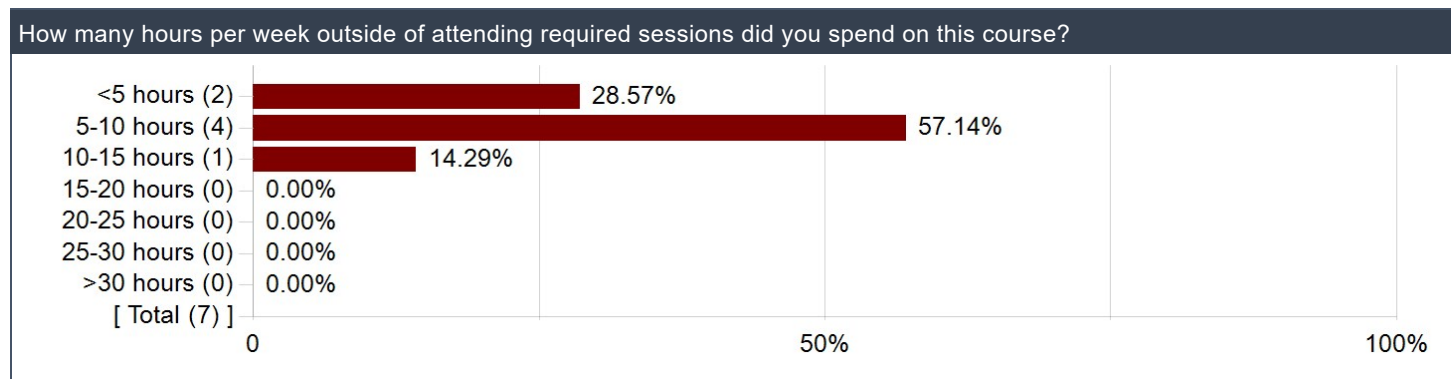
## Now that this class is over, your interest is?



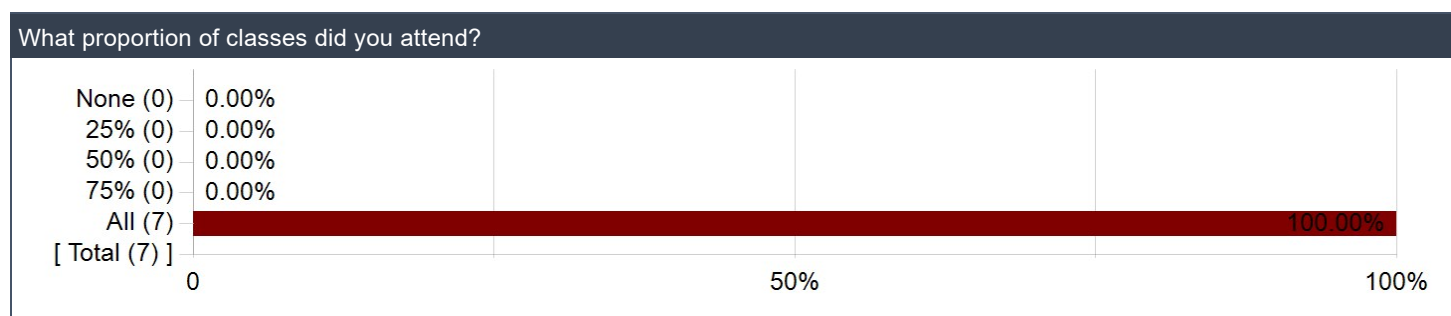
## Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



## 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   |
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| challenging for students with no background  |
| fine for anyone, its a core class  |
| This course was a lot of (maybe too much) reading, and even though Mannat has a rubric for papers, her comments and grading were sometimes difficult to understand. Overall, the class was manageable. |