SOSC 12500 1 - Self, Culture, and Society II - Instructor(s): Uday Arun Jain

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

Number Enrolled: **19**
Number of Responses: **12**

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
understanding different perspectives throughout history
The writings of Durkheim, Freud, Fanon, and de Beauvoir. Contextualizing their ideas both in the times they were writing and today.
I learned the perspectives of different thinkers including Freud, Durkheim, Fanon, and De Beauvoir. I learned more about identity and self and how that can tie into society as a whole.
Learned a lot about how society is formed!
How to give a detailed presentation
How to utilize psychoanalysis to other realms of the world
This was my first time delving into psychoanalysis! I learned about Durkheim, Freud, Fanon, and de Beauvoir's different theories on how society affects the development of the individual, and how individuals create society, and how these interactions shape and encourage or repress the formation of our identities. I also gained experience reading, interpreting, and writing about sociology texts.
The collective subconscious, how Freud's theories are not reductionist, but actually revolutionary and expansive.
Thoughts of Durkheim, Freud, Fanon, de Beavoir.
The most important thing I learned in this course was how to analyze oppressive structures like racial and gender norms from a more institutionalized perspective and less of an emotional one. While they are all very heavy emotional topics, this class looked at these societal structures from a more historically informative point of view and how we can actually influence change moving forward.

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

Comments
the discussions really helped me understand the material
I loved how classes were run! Professor Jain perfectly balanced lecturing to give us much needed context and facilitating great discussions.
Discussions helped me understand difficult readings as well as tie the readings back to modern–day life. The papers were helpful and fun in being able to apply the readings to personal scenarios in your life.
Our professor did mini lectures/explanations of the readings at the beginning of class, which is extremely helpful! Essay allowed me to explore the readings in interesting ways!
I enjoyed reading the different texts, very insightful
lectures are very helpful
Each class helped me better understand what we were reading! I also really appreciated the flexibility we had for choosing essay prompts and figuring out our own writing styles—we each got to write or present on themes and questions from class that really interested us.
Lectures were informative, clarifying, and very inspiring.
8:30 classes are so draining... But they were helpful. Our instructor was accommodating when it came to lecturing more since he knew we wouldn't be awake for heated discussions.
The writing/presentation assignments really allowed me to dive in depth into big ideas regarding gender, religion, race, etc. and discuss the controversial nature of these topics in a respectful, educational way. The readings were well chosen and I thought the ideas connected well to each other throughout the course of the quarter.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	33.33%	58.33%
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.	4.73	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	27.27%	72.73%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.73	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	27.27%	72.73%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.82	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	81.82%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.82	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	81.82%
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.	4.92	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	91.67%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Amazing professor!
Loved my professor, he was awesome.

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
discussions, drawing connections, use of whiteboard to help draw connections with student discussion
Professor Jain is amazing! He was not afraid to have us engage in challenging conversations related to the topics of the course but always did so with an ethic of care, ensuring that everyone felt heard and respected. I really learned a lot from him and from the discussions with my peers he facilitated. I felt he was genuinely passionate about teaching and interested in our ideas on the topics discussed. I also really appreciated the choice between assignments (papers, presentations, or exams). He was just very thoughtful and created a very comfortable atmosphere in the classroom.
Professor Jain gave us a lot of background and helped us organize our thoughts during the discussion. He asked for our input, but I appreciate that he was more involved in the discussion than some other professors may be. He also wrote everything on the board which is great for reference and note taking.
I really found the explanations at the beginning of class helpful!
Explained the readings very thoroughly
Class time
I really enjoyed this class! When we started and ended each book, Professor Jain did a great job lecturing and explaining the context for and his take on the texts. Some of the topics could be a bit intimidating to talk about, so he would have us talk in small groups before coming back to the larger group discussion, which made it feel easier to contribute ideas and speak in class. I really liked the notes/concept maps he wrote on the wipeboard, too! They brought everything together, and helped us keep track of different veins of the discussion for our own notes.
The lectures were amazing. Really helped clarify the reading and pinpoint key ideas. Also, the explanations were very inspiring, because there was always some big idea Prof. Uday was conveying.
He is good at giving context for the readings.
His kind demeanor and openness to conversation/discussion. Things are never presented as facts, but rather as ideas for us to ponder and formulate our own ideas on before listening to the perspectives of others in the class.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
N/A – he's great!
The class is about our thoughts, but I would also appreciate some feedback on my writing style in the papers rather than just commenting on only my ideas.
Nothing really! I found the professor to be easy to follow and expectations were clear!
Give more time for discussion among students, don't lecture as much
n/a
Nothing!
Nothing. Maybe make it more clear that our essays need to have real world application though. Didn't really catch that part at first.
Honestly, not much. The class is at 8:30, so any more effort he puts into the class would fall on deaf ears.
Honestly love this class, wouldn't change a thing.

The Instructor . . .

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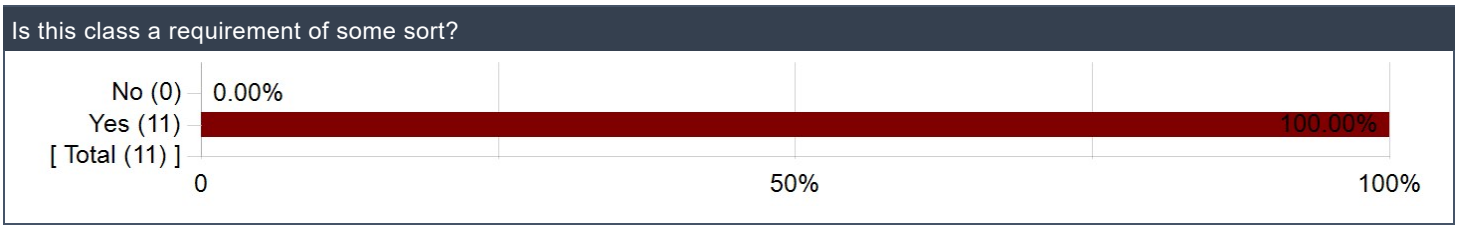
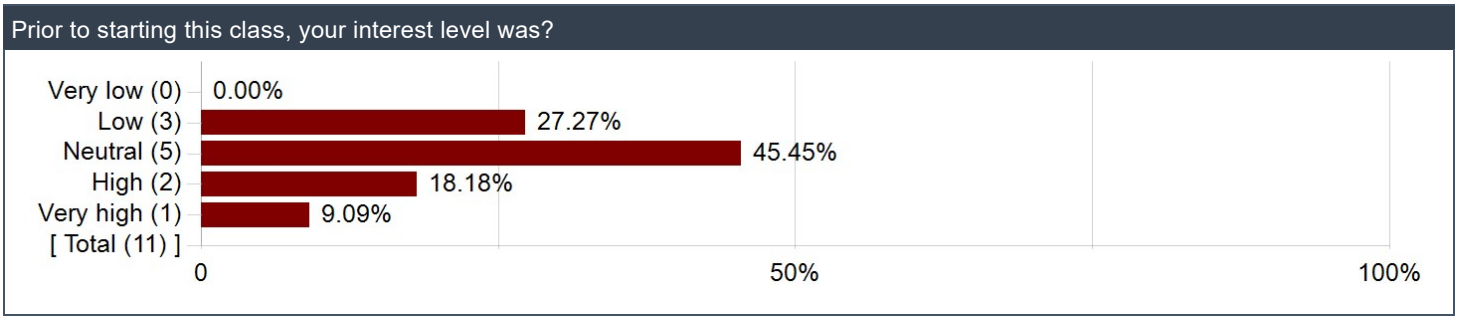
Organized the course clearly.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	16.67%	75.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%	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.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%	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%

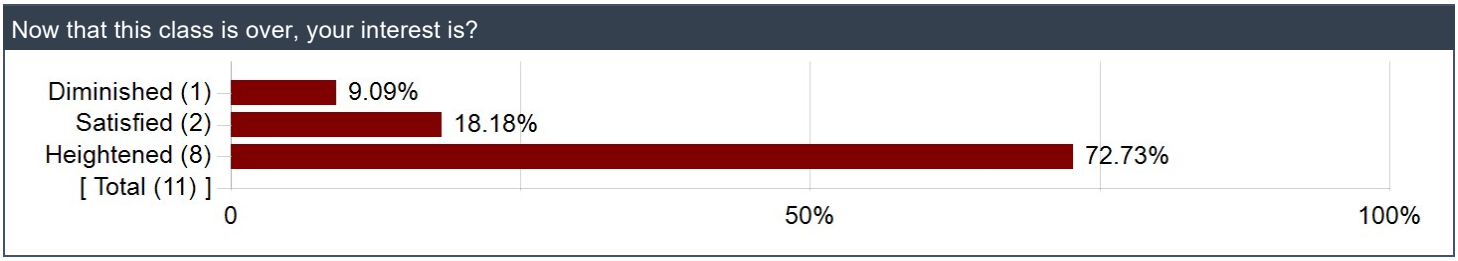
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



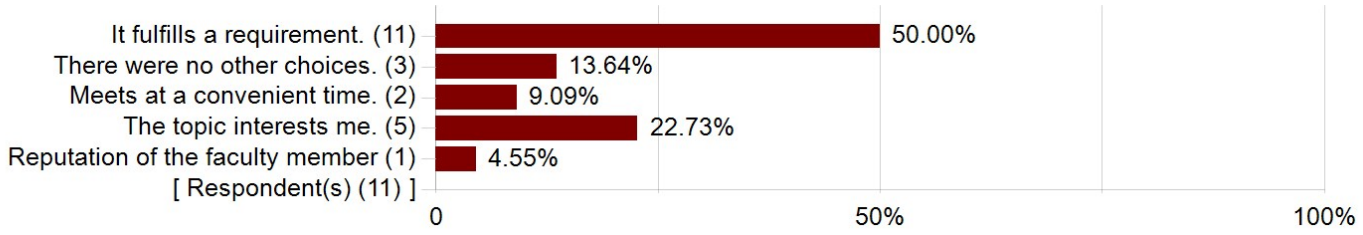
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



Now that this class is over, your interest is?



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



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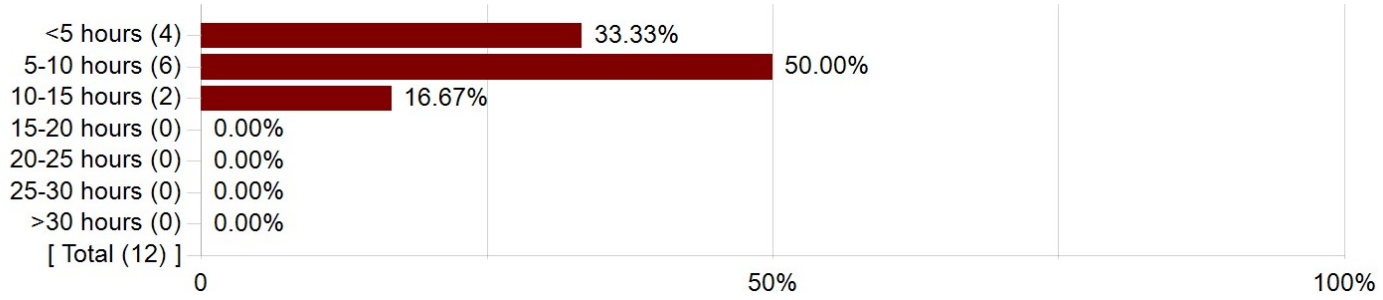

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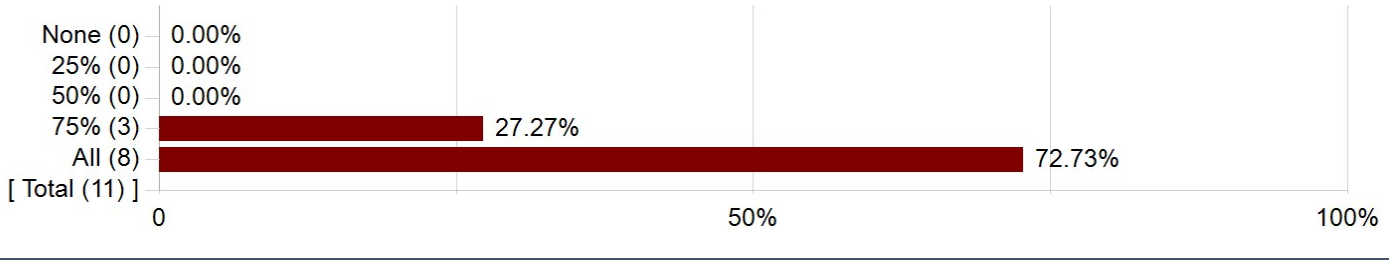

Please comment on the level of difficulty of the course relative to your background and experience.

Comments
Don't worry! You don't need to be at all familiar with social science to take this class; just come willing to think, listen, and engage.
Relatively easy, with some difficult concepts.
Not very difficult
readings were not hard but at times there were instances where I did not catch an important part
There is a lot of reading since we only have 9 weeks to get through all of the material, but I really enjoyed the books we read this quarter, and would definitely take the class again!
Took hum, and I felt the texts were not hard to understand. Much easier to understand than the dense economic texts in first quarter. Essays were graded fairly, not too difficult to put them together.
Having taken HUM and CIV, I can say that this is another core class.
Not a difficult class and no background experience needed.