



# SOSC 12400 11 - Self, Culture, and Society I - Instructor(s) - Andrea Ray

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

Number Enrolled: **18**

Number of Responses: **8**

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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
reading difficult readings writing clearly
I think that this quarter of SOSC opened my eyes to a lot of interesting ideas that I never really thought about in-depth. For example the ties of religion and capitalism, the origins of the economy, and the development of political organization.

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

Comments
better understanding of difficult texts
Discussions really helped with my understanding of the text. Andrea is really good at explaining things in an in-depth way while also making these intricate topics very elementary and understandable for me.

## Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.14	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	57.14%	28.57%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.43	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	57.14%	42.86%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	3.86	4.00	0.00%	14.29%	28.57%	14.29%	42.86%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.29	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	42.86%	42.86%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	3.71	4.00	0.00%	14.29%	28.57%	28.57%	28.57%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.29	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	14.29%	57.14%
I felt respected in this class.	4.29	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	42.86%	42.86%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.14	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	57.14%	28.57%

## Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Overall decent course. I can't say with certainty what I feel the goal or purpose was of the course but I suppose it's likely just meant to engage you with "classics" and fundamental sociological texts. That might be the one gripe I have, I know it seems jaded or ignorant to say, but occasionally, it felt that the content learned was learned merely for the sake of saying "I have read X author!" For instance, reading particularly passages of Marx were minimally engaging and beneficial, as such the class discussions and overall comprehension of these topics are just lacking for me—what it really felt like was just reading Marx to say I've read Marx and then parrot what he said in a way that doesn't wholly express his ideas.
This course includes a final exam and two papers. I think that is a bit excessive and it would be better to have either one paper and one final exam or just two papers.

## I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	0.00%	100.00%
Anyone interested in the topic	28.57%	71.43%

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

Comments
active discussions, felt welcome to participate
Her explanations of the text and break down of certain specific quotes or sections.

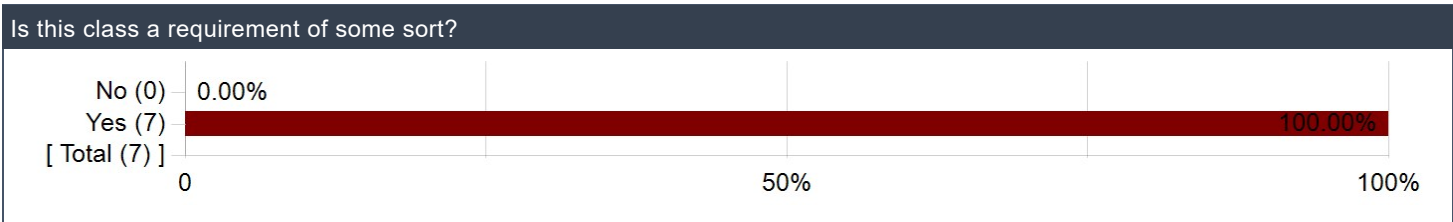
What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
change class format sometimes
Better feedback on essays. Just a few comments, and some of them only being "?" sometimes, is not enough to help me understand areas for improvement between essays.

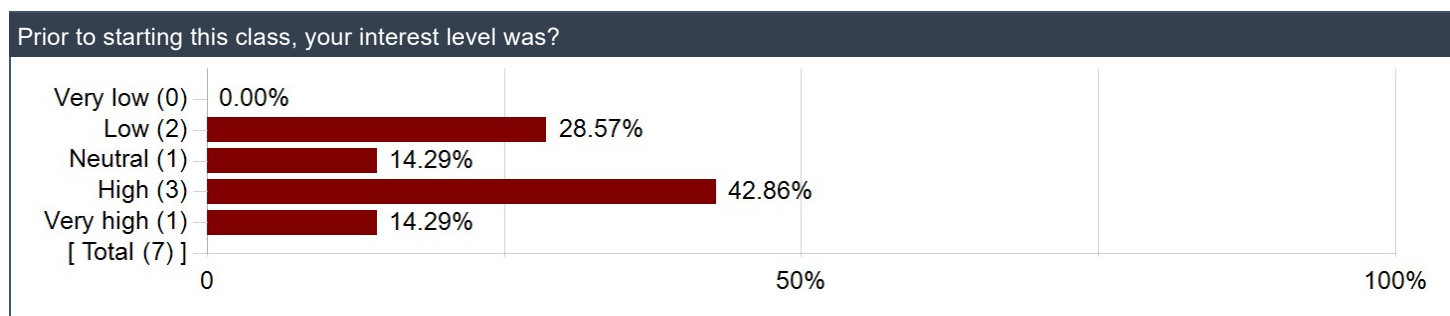
The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.29	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	71.43%	28.57%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	57.14%	28.57%	14.29%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.29	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	71.43%	28.57%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	3.71	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	42.86%	14.29%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	71.43%	14.29%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	3.86	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	57.14%	14.29%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	42.86%	28.57%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	3.57	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	57.14%	28.57%	14.29%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	3.71	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	57.14%	14.29%	28.57%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	3.57	4.00	0.00%	14.29%	28.57%	42.86%	14.29%	0.00%

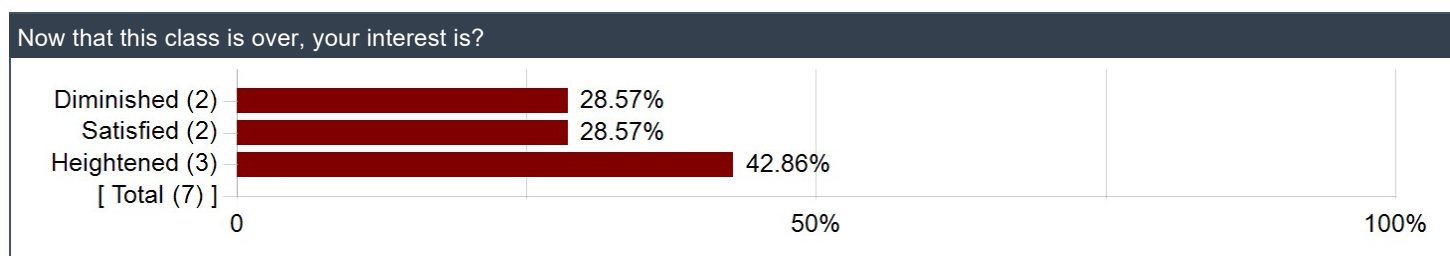
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



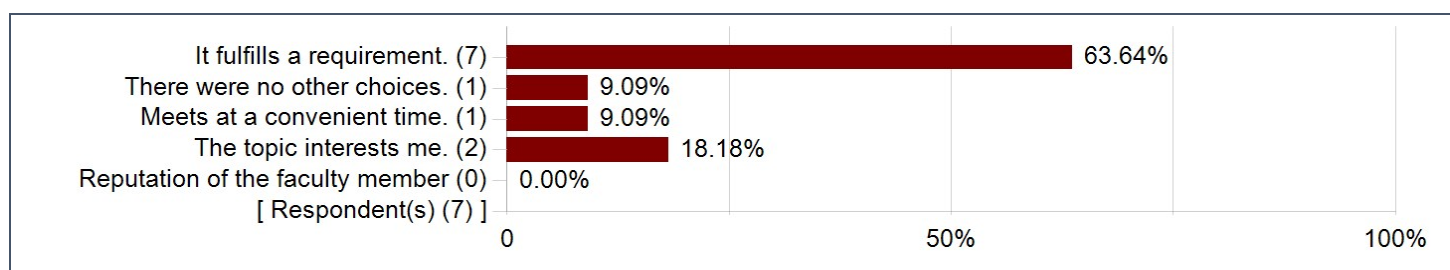
## Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



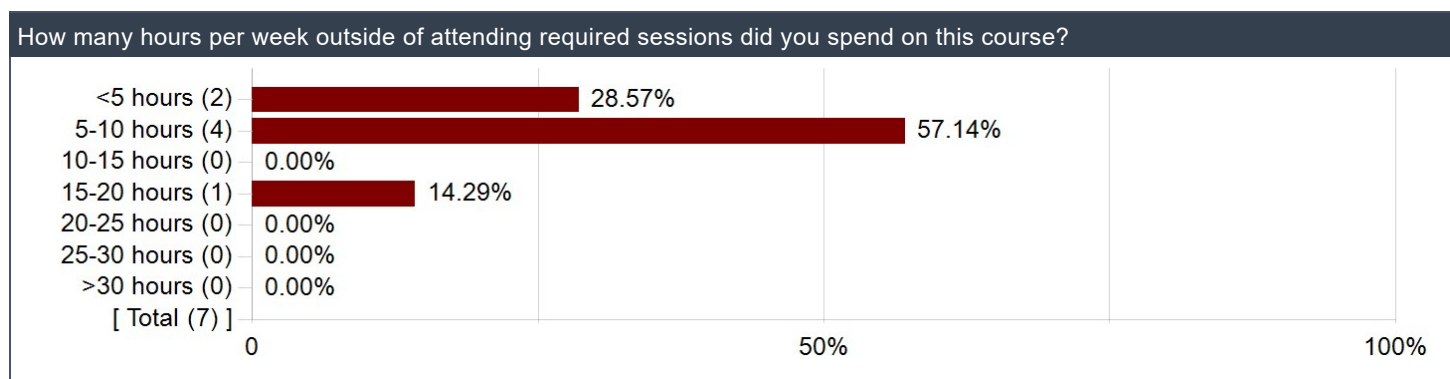
## Now that this class is over, your interest is?



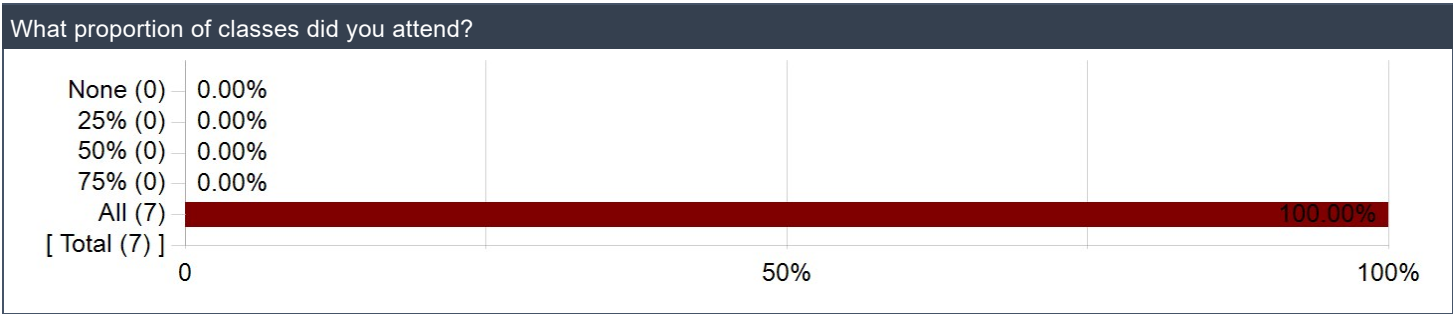
## Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



## 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
a good level of difficulty
Moderately difficult course. The course and readings require a significant amount of effort (which is expected) but can be hard to manage at time in addition to the implied workload of other courses.
It was definitely very difficult in terms of the reading, but the worst part is the final exam. Why is there a final exam for a SOSC course? Does not make any sense.