



SOSC 12600 26 - Self, Culture, and Society III - Instructor(s) - Tal Arbel

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

Number Enrolled: **17**

Number of Responses: **6**

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, July 11, 2024**

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

Comments
Philosophy of science. Knowledge and society.
The way the concept of knowledge and truth has evolved according to Foucault, Kuhn, Said, Metzl, Haraway, and Latour among others.
How knowledge is constructed and impacted by social circumstances. Read books of Kuhn, Foucault, Said, Metzl then a bunch more shorter articles of authors on post truth, climate, and situated knowledge. I learned to grapple with difficult texts and discuss their main concepts. Foucault and power–knowledge was especially interesting

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

Comments
The instructor’s exposition of the readings, the questions asked, and the connections drawn. A good holistic picture is painted.
Readings were done outside class, and discussions in class helped reinforce the ideas of those readings.
Discussions were helpful and I think the discussion posts were also helpful checks of understanding. I liked the comprehensive feedback for discussion posts. Only criticism I have is that since the discussion posts were due before discussing the reading, I sometimes misinterpreted or did not pick up on something in the reading, then wrote about it and was slightly deducted. However, I did understand the concept better after discussion so I wish the posts were due after discussing the reading. But I do get that it’s better to have them due before or else people don’t read

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	3.83	4.00	16.67%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	33.33%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	3.67	4.00	16.67%	0.00%	16.67%	33.33%	33.33%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	3.17	3.50	16.67%	0.00%	33.33%	50.00%	0.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	3.67	4.00	16.67%	0.00%	16.67%	33.33%	33.33%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	3.50	4.00	16.67%	0.00%	16.67%	50.00%	16.67%
My work was evaluated fairly.	3.67	4.00	16.67%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	16.67%
I felt respected in this class.	4.00	4.50	16.67%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	50.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	3.83	4.50	16.67%	0.00%	16.67%	16.67%	50.00%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Class was a bit disorganized. Had classes Monday and Wednesday, but Canvas post prompts often wouldn't be posted until Saturday (due Mon morning). I frequently had to rearrange my weekends because of this.
I liked this quarter of self a lot because it really showed why this is a social SCIENCES core class.

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
Explaining the readings' ideas and drawing connections between them to form a very good and comprehensive story.
We had good discussions that helped me understand the texts better.
I liked that she prepared notes on the reading and explained concepts that were hard to pick up on

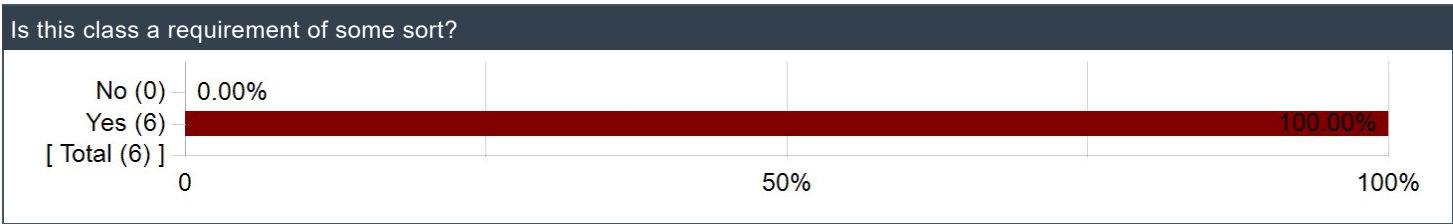
What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Better course organization would do wonders for the course.
Sometimes when she asks questions, there is a specific answer she is looking for so I feel like if I don't know 100% know if I'm right then I won't speak. I think it might be nice to be more accepting of other answers and why we might have thought that instead of what she was thinking about

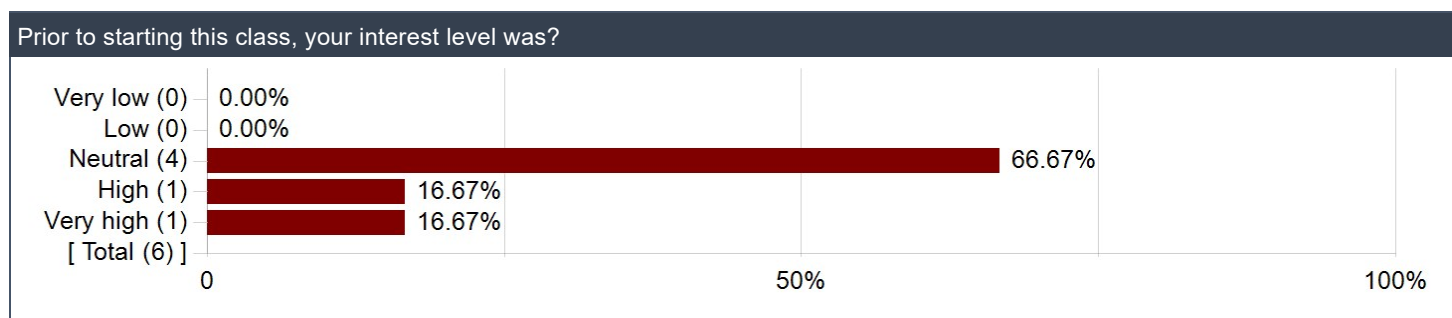
The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	3.33	3.50	16.67%	16.67%	16.67%	16.67%	33.33%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	50.00%	16.67%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.17	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	83.33%	16.67%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.17	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	50.00%	33.33%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.17	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	50.00%	33.33%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.40	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	33.33%	16.67%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	33.33%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.17	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	50.00%	33.33%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.33	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	33.33%	50.00%	0.00%

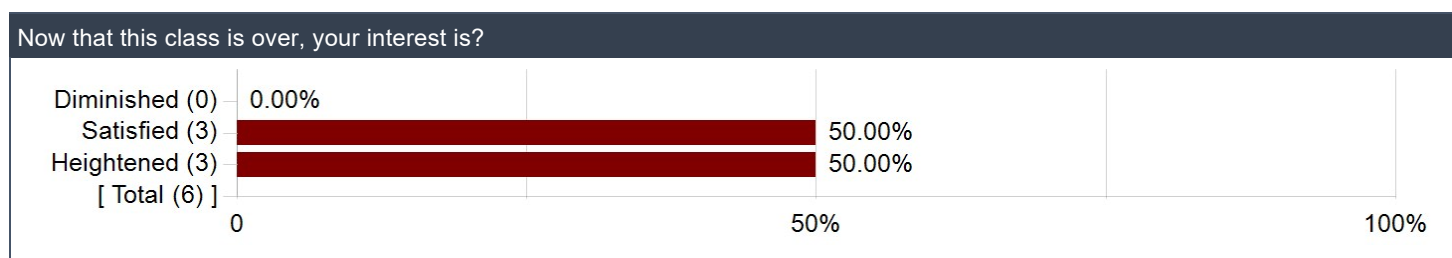
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



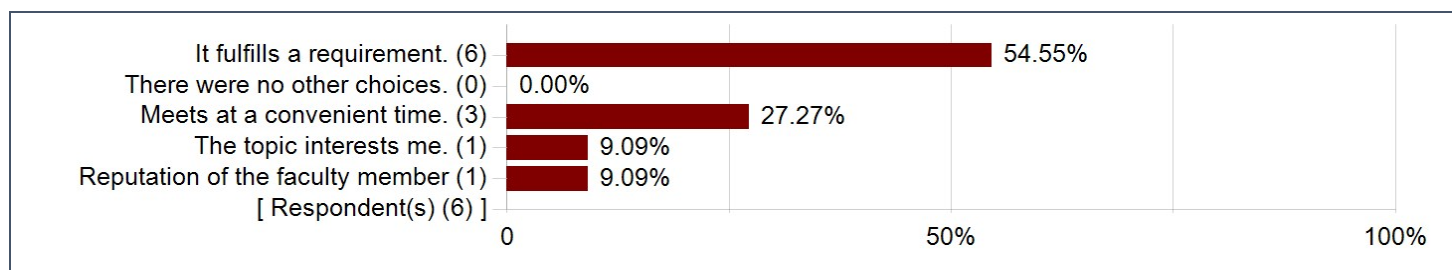
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



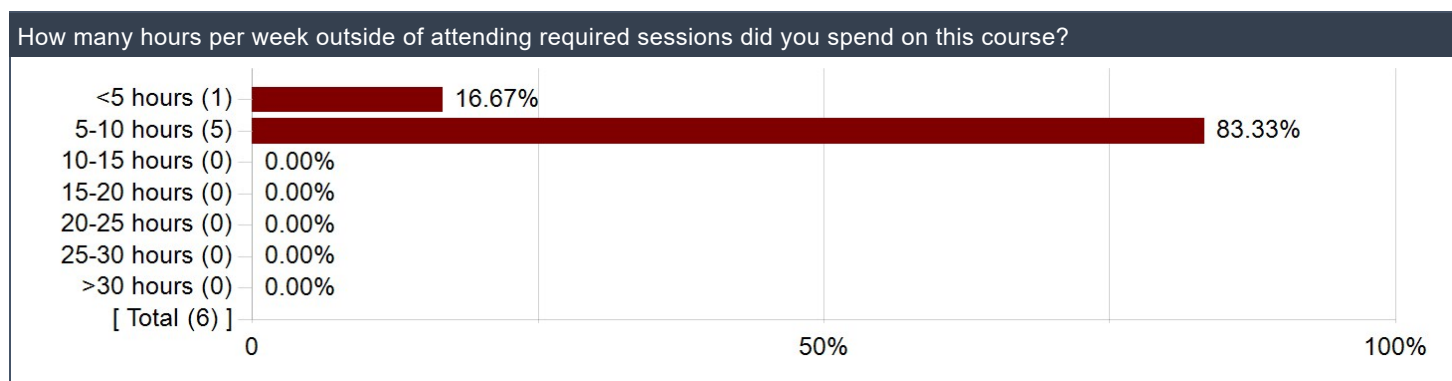
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



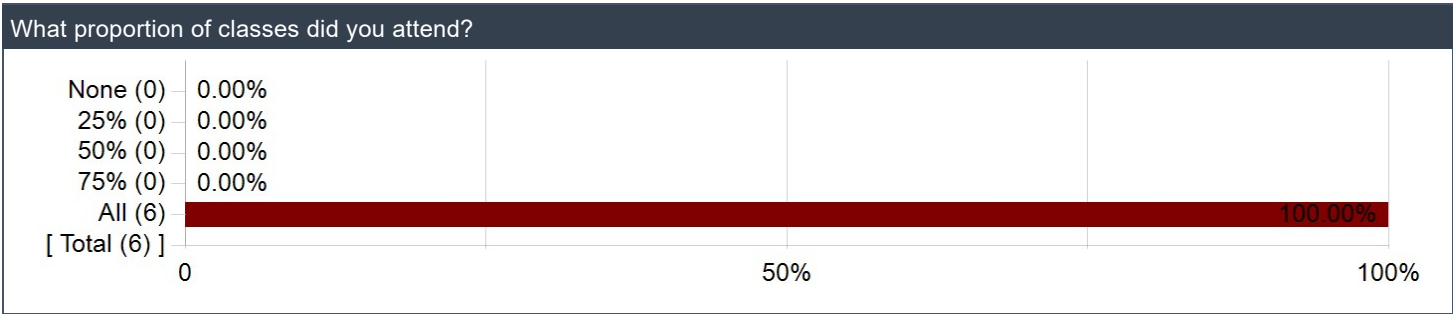
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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

It's SOSC; it was doable.