



SOSC 12500 3 - Self, Culture, and Society II - Instructor(s): Uday Arun Jain

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

Number Enrolled: **19**

Number of Responses: **8**

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
We discussed how individuals are affected by their positions in society.
The most important thing I learned in this course was how society defines cultural values and how these values are perpetuated.
An understanding of key arguments of Durkheim, Freud, Fanon, and Beauvoir
Readings from authors like Fanon, de Beauvoir, Durkheim, and Freud
I learned how to think critically about the texts that we read in class as well as how to think about society scientifically.
I learned a lot of history and details about the authors we read which helped me contextualize their writings.
I learned how to question realities of society that I had preciously taken for granted.

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

Comments
lectures were very engaging and introduced a lot of useful context and interesting questions
Attending the lectures was very important. In attending, Professor Jain ensured that all students were left with a heightened understanding of the text and a greater appreciation for the text's applications in contemporary society. The assignments challenged us to reflect not only on the texts but also our own personal values and how our analysis of the texts can be applied to modern society.
Most of my learning was from readings and class discussions.
Lectures were designed in a way that drew in real-world examples and engaged students as partners to move the discussions along
The discussions and lectures that we had really clarified any doubts that I had in the text and encouraged me to dive deeper with the content.
The discussions for this course were rich and informative, and the few times the professor lectured were useful before discussing complex texts.
Discussions were engaging and productive. I liked discussing with small groups and then sharing with the class.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%
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.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	57.14%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%
I felt respected in this class.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Appreciate that there were multiple choices for the assignments we could complete throughout the quarter
Professor Jain is amazing. He is so understanding and knowledgeable. It was a great learning environment and I really felt supported in this 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
lectures always included very insightful connections and context
Professor Jain's care for students contributed most to learning. He deeply valued the wellbeing of the students and it was demonstrated through his depth of preparation before each class and his dedication to the student's pursuit of knowledge. He strove to and succeeded in creating a nurturing class environment that overall aided in promoting student participation and learning.
The context he gave for readings during class time
Instructor was super helpful in office hours and well versed in the topic, which made discussions interesting
I think I would say the questions we were asked as well as the way that Professor Uday would lead the discussion with a lecture helped me a lot.
The professor always gave us context for our readings.
I enjoyed his lecturing on the content of the reading.

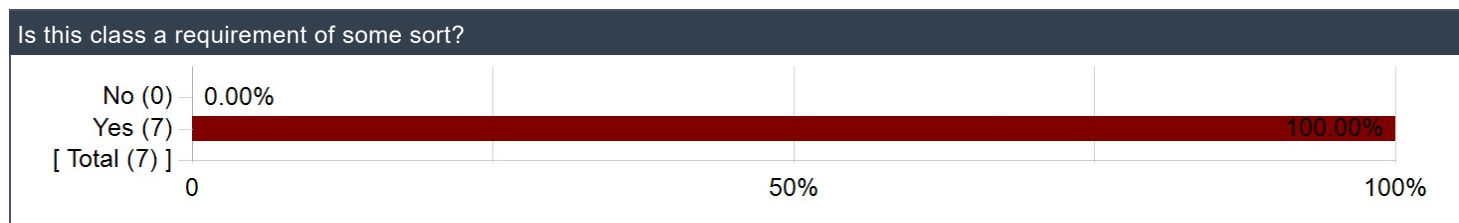
What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
we tended to focus somewhat narrowly on each reading, only discussing one or two themes. It would be nice to cover a little more, as sometimes what I had focused on in reading/ had questions about did not get discussed
Class time was useful bc of the context that the professor gave for readings and how we can apply to them to the our contemporary context, but sometimes it felt more like a lecture class than a seminar. I really appreciate the context for the texts that the professor gave, but it was frustrating and limited my learning a bit when the chances to hear student voices were limited discuss
Nothing
Nothing, Uday was the best professor I have had.
Nothing.

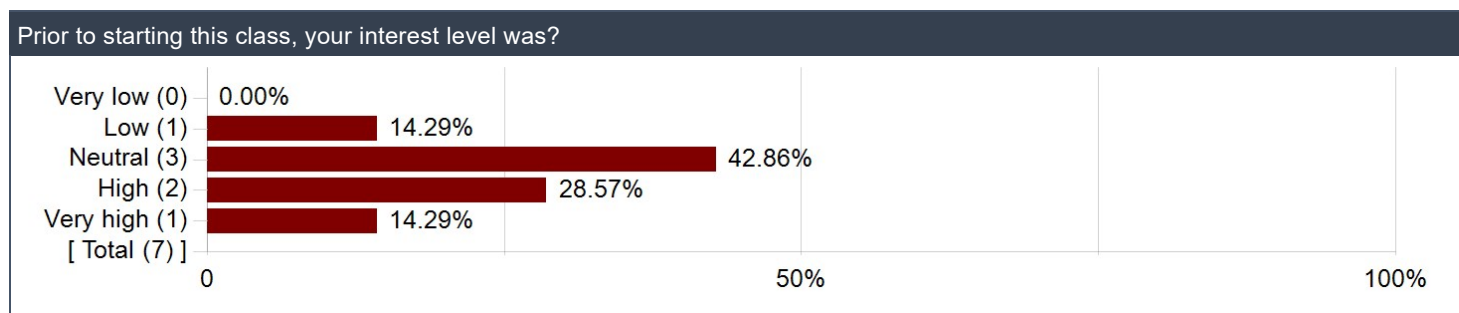
The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
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.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%	0.00%
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.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%	0.00%

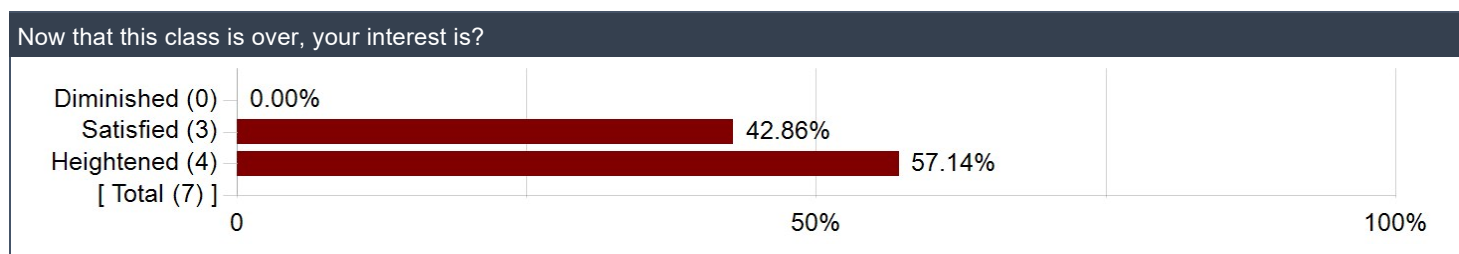
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



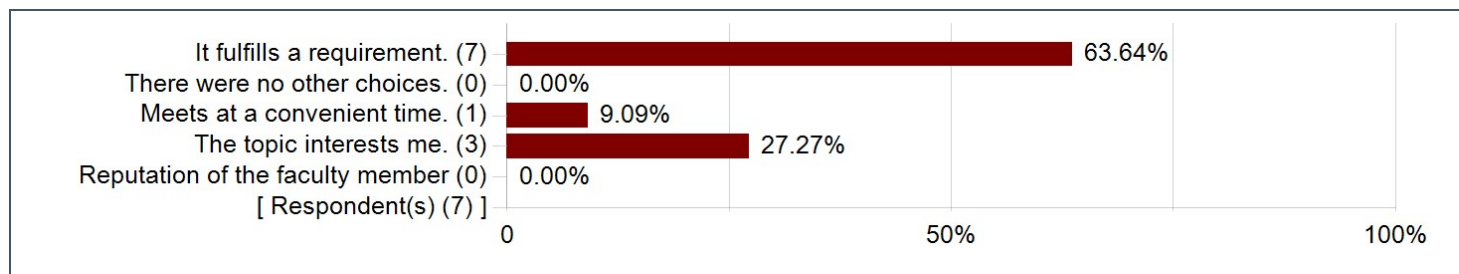
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



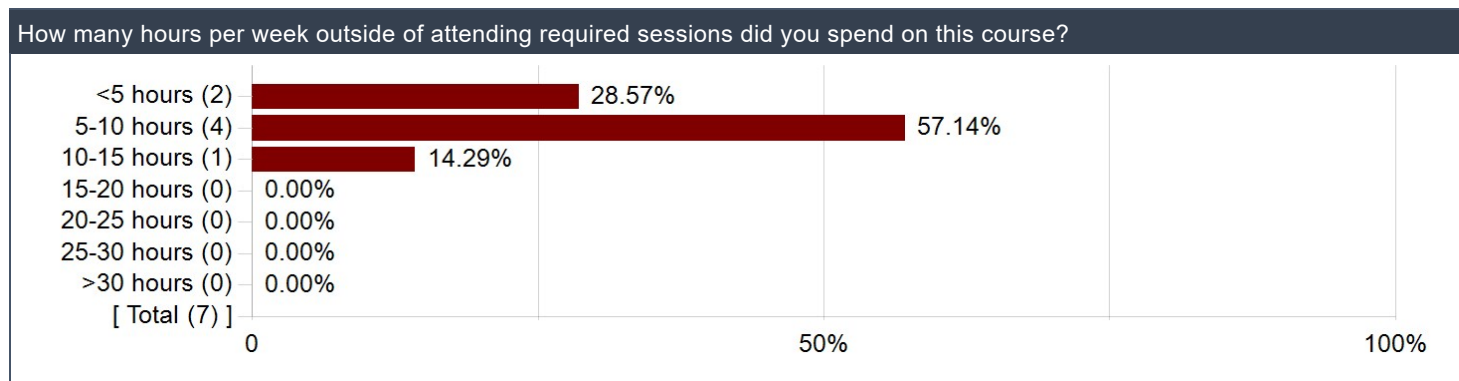
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



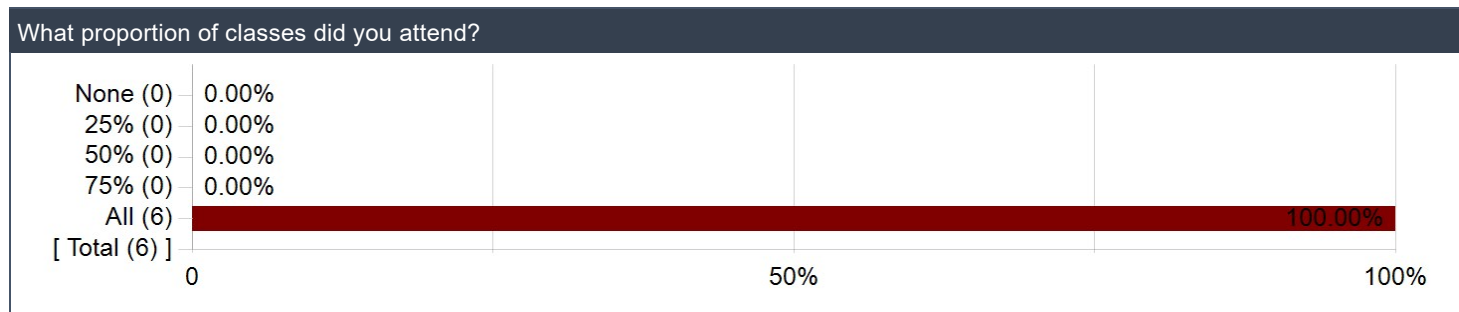
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
This is very manageable. It is comparable in workload and intensity to the HUME core sequences
Ok for just fulfilling the SOSC requirement
The course was not too challenging but the readings were quite complex.
I hadn't read the authors before and I did not feel behind.