



# SOSC 15200 12 - Classics of Social and Political Thought II - Instructor(s): Chiara Cordelli

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

Number Enrolled: **18**

Number of Responses: **10**

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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
interesting discussions on social contract theory and how to formulate societies that have influenced us today
classical political thinking
Analytical writing and interpretation of argument
Writing & reading critically.
The most important thing I learned was the development and foundation of the Social Contract theory in political philosophy.
The thoughts of philosophers like locke, hobbes, and rousseau

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

Comments
very well and extensively
class discussion helpful
The discussions were effective at helping to understand the readings, but I think I got the most out of office hours with the Professor and TA.
Lectures really helped me understand the content of the readings.
Discussion was helpful—I especially liked the days when we would focus on a theme (like religion or the general will)

## Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	30.00%	70.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.40	5.00	0.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	70.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%
I felt respected in this class.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%

## Additional comments about the course:

Comments
I think the whole discussion–based nature of the course was good, but at the same time made it hard to follow at times. More straight–up explanation (at times, not necessarily always) would have been helpful.
Professor Cordelli is very helpful; she gave me a lot of insight into what to look for while writing my papers and organized our discussions well.

## 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
she was very engaging knowledgable
humor
In class discussions were helpful
Facilitating discussion, and in some cases being able to point out problems in what people were saying
The office hour sessions going over my planned papers were very helpful and gave me a lot of direction while approaching these texts. This quarter of Classics is three very similar writers and so I appreciated how she helped us compare and distinguish them while tracking the ideas they shared.
Before some of the readings our professor recommended that we focused on one specific theme for the next class, and doing so helped me understand better what I was supposed to be getting from an author's arguments.
Getting feedback on essay outlines was really helpful!

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

Comments
na
n/a
I think that maybe some time to collect our thoughts before moving on would have been helpful, since the material we read was conceptually heavy.
Maybe slightly more active direction of discussions, keeping us focused on the topics she wanted us to understand.
I understand the philosophy on it but slightly more leniency on extensions would be helpful to students.

## The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	30.00%	70.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	10.00%	70.00%	10.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	10.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	10.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.90	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%

Please include the name of the TA/CA/Intern you are evaluating. What aspects of the TA's teaching contributed most to your learning? What could the TA modify to help you learn more? Please include any additional feedback for the TA/CA/Intern.

Comments
she helped us learn more so
Maya Nandakumar! She was very nice and very helpful; she helped me revise my final paper and also led a class session that I enjoyed. I felt like she had a really strong understanding of the texts, and her instruction helped me focus and improve my writing.
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Maya—the best! Loved the days when she would teach the class. I think a lot of the class had bad experiences with the writing instructor so Maya also stepped up into that role to some degree.

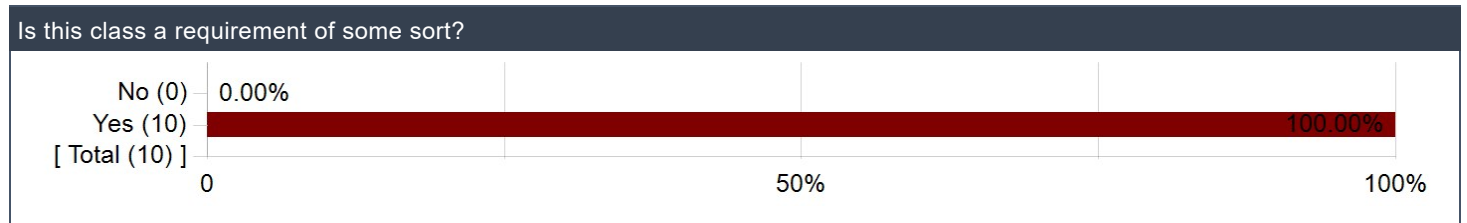
### The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	12.50%	62.50%	12.50%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	4.38	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	37.50%	50.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.38	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	12.50%	62.50%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	25.00%	62.50%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.25	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%	50.00%	0.00%

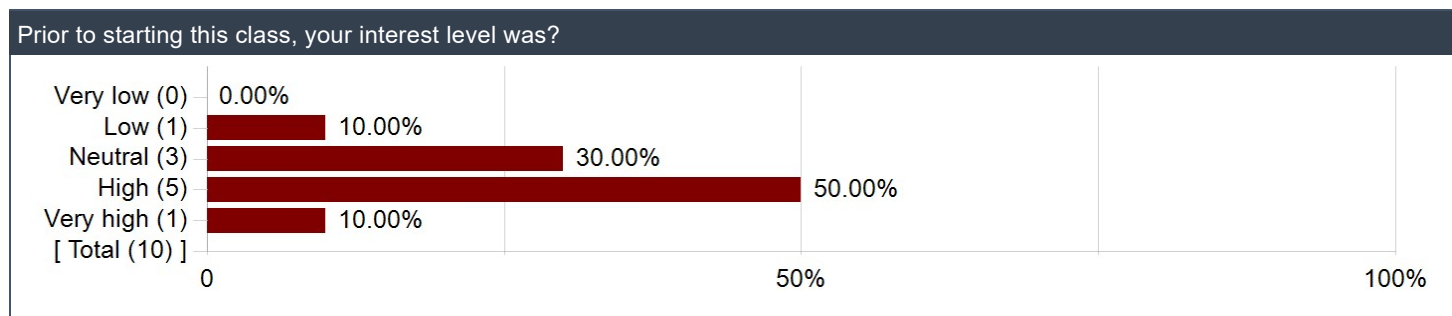
### How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	Mean	Median	No Gain	A Little Gain	Moderate Gain	Good Gain	Great Gain	N/A
Laboratory Experience	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Field Trips	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Library Sessions	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Review Sessions	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Writing Seminars	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	33.33%	0.00%

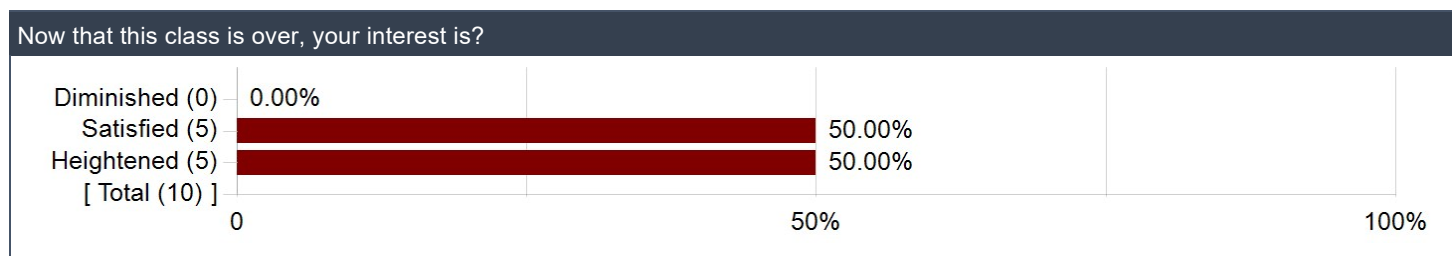
### Is this class a requirement of some sort?



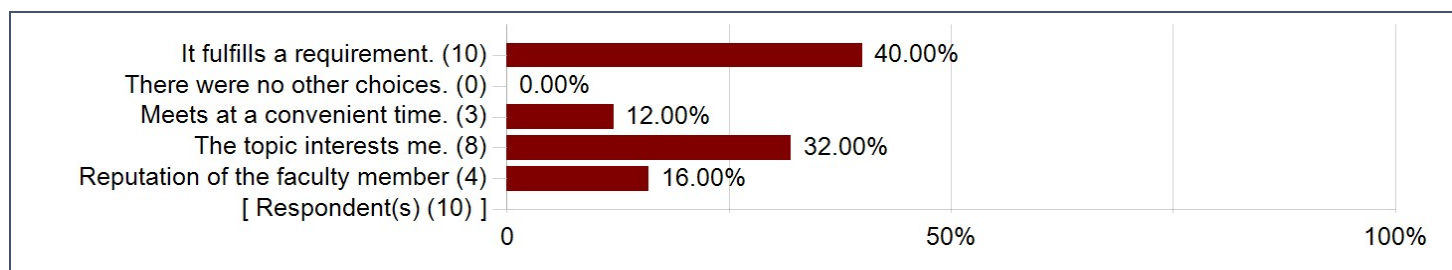
## Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



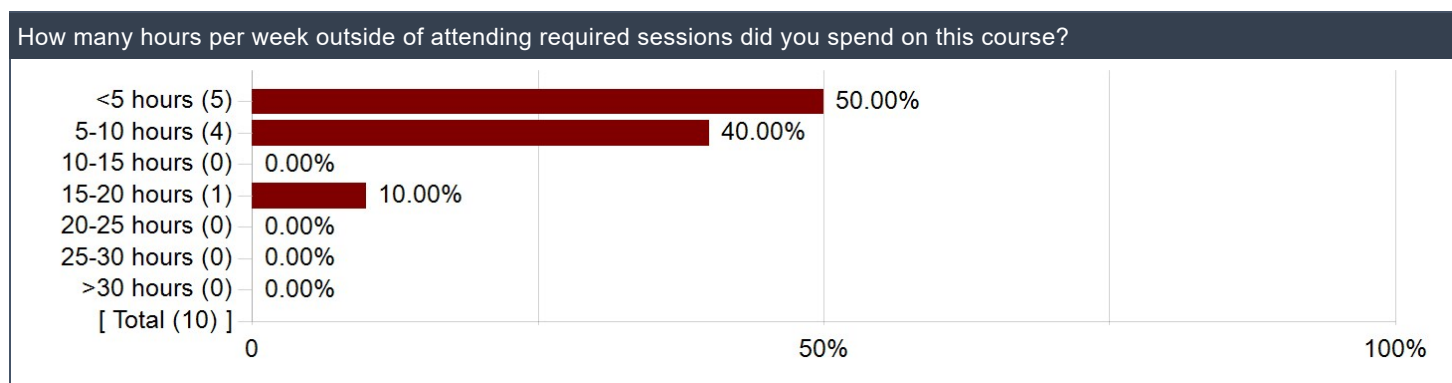
## Now that this class is over, your interest is?



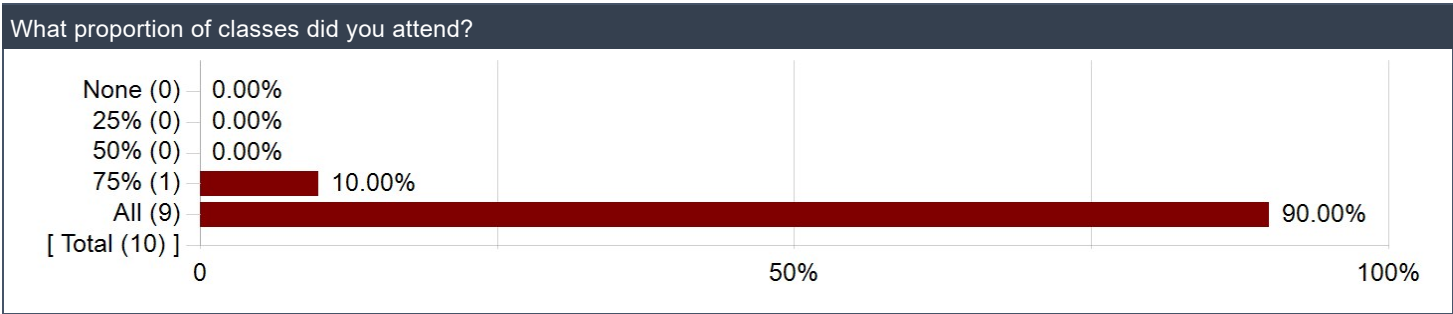
## Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



## 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
quite difficult but very interesting and rewarding if time is put in
The class pushed me intellectually but the expectations were very reasonable given one quarter of Classics under my belt.
I find this course quite difficult—I think the running number is that 10% of the course gets an A. The teachers are very smart and good at what they do but its just a lot.