



SOSC 16100 10 - Global Society I - Instructor(s): Stephen Buono

Project Title: **College Course Feedback - Autumn 2023**

Number Enrolled: **19**

Number of Responses: **11**

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
How to write!
Writing and critical thinking
The most important thing I learned in this course is how communicating within a group setting while participating in group activities about a book or piece of ancient literature can really enhance your understanding of it. Content wise, I learned a lot about different societies in different parts of the world which really gave me a different perspective based on how governing is ran here in the United States of America.
I learned a great deal about the diversity and depth of social sciences. I also became a much better writer
I learned about the historical events that shaped common political philosophies and more about parts of the world I wasn't initially familiar with.
How to write, different social structures throughout diff cultures
How to consider the context of society while reading text, and how to compare across time periods and cultures. Also I practiced concise writing, and getting my ideas across clearly.
Texts from scholars all over the world.

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

Comments
Class was really engaging, Professor Buono always led good discussion on Mondays and we did an activity on Wednesdays, which I really liked.
Professor Buono puts an active effort to make the discussions fun through small group assignments and active engagement.
The aspects of the course that contributed to my learning was the set up of the class and how on the first day of discussion our professor would let us discuss about the book generally with prepared questions by our discussion leaders. Then, with the second day of discussion, we wouldn't just discuss the book, he would have us do group activities that were enjoyable and enhanced our understanding of the book and then we would wavelike a 10 minute discussion about the activity, etc.
The discussions were magnificent. Professor Buono perfectly balanced guiding the discussion while also letting the class speak on what we found interesting. They were perfect. I also loved the wide range of readings
Discussions everyday and how every class was structured.
I really appreciated the small group work which allowed me to contribute my thoughts because there was an activity and prompt. Like drawing on the whiteboard the map of utopia or the diagrams that we used to help us understand. Visualising ideas was something that really helped me gain an understanding of what we were trying to say and allowed me to think about what the text was discussing.
Lectures were very engaging. There were not long lectures as similar classes have been: Prof. Buono regularly uses new activities to keep the class fun and attentive. I was rarely (if ever) bored.
The lectures were very interesting. We would either have a big discussion or some unique activity to engage with the text.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.30	4.50	0.00%	10.00%	0.00%	40.00%	50.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.20	4.50	0.00%	10.00%	10.00%	30.00%	50.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.40	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	40.00%	50.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.44	5.00	0.00%	11.11%	0.00%	22.22%	66.67%
I felt respected in this class.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.40	5.00	0.00%	10.00%	0.00%	30.00%	60.00%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Really liked this class. Didn't think I was going to like it so much but everything we read was so interesting
I liked the course and enjoyed some of the readings, but I just felt there was something holding me back because this professor grades pretty harshly and has high expectations.

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
Professor Buono clearly put a lot of time and effort into planning this class and leading discussions/planning activities, which I appreciate. He made things interesting rather than just make it a typical do-your-100-page-readings SOSC class
Clear communication and a desire to help everyone learn.
The aspect of my professor's teaching that contributed the most to my learning was how engaged he was in the discussions, but also isn't the type of professor who would just take over the discussion. As students, we pretty much led the discussion to the best of our ability.
Professor Buono's excitement about the class paired with his knowledge and intelligence were amazingly useful. Professor Buono also guided discussions perfectly and engaged with the class in such a way that I fell in love with the subject and was challenged
Discussions were most helpful.
Professor Buono was very nice and at the beginning, we got to do a class long intro which I really liked because otherwise, i would have just gone to class and not talked to anyone. I also just felt more comfortable sharing my thoughts having talked to everyone in the class briefly.
Prof was also very understanding about your personal circumstances but also communicated his expectations very well. There was never confusion about what was needed of assignments.
The lectures were always fun, and never felt as though they dragged. Also the activities were great ways to interact with the texts alongside my classmates. The corrections on my papers were also useful.
I think Dr. Buono is very well informed about the topics and explains things very well. His lectures were always interesting and he used various methods to keep us engaged. I think that these unique activities were fun.

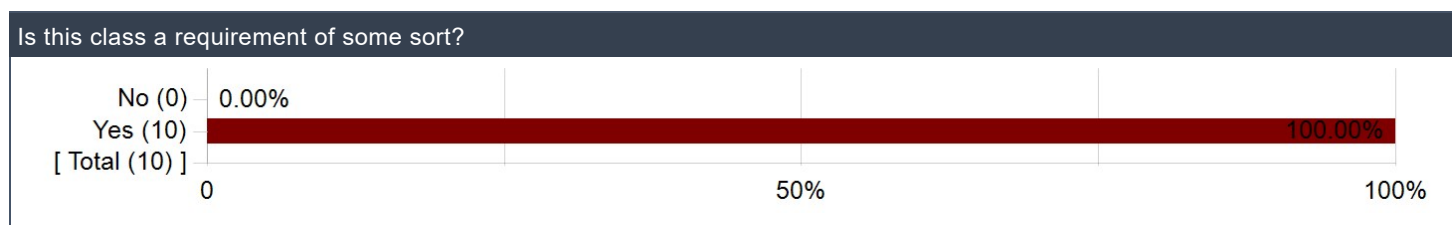
What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Nothing, really. I thought it was a great class; sometimes the work felt overwhelming but it was just a few 500 word essays per week, sometimes more, but totally manageable
Nothing.
To help me learn more I feel like the instructor could try to be less harsh on the feedback. Criticism is needed when it comes to trying to learn how to write better, but his grading was harsh to the point where it made me worry if I am even a good enough writer or if I am even smart enough. These doubts were just enhanced from his feedback and the grading system he uses.
Honestly I loved this class. I thought it was perfect
Since all the grades attached to the final paper are completion-based, maybe provide an alternative grade to know how well we're doing on the assignments. (Ex: on the first draft and annotated first draft assignments, provide a grade that you wouldve gotten if this was for an actual grade.)
I think more feedback on assignments like the final paper would be helpful, since it is different to the writing style typically used in the weekly responses.
The weekly response writings were sometimes time consuming as things began to pile on. But there was a free pass whenever things got too overwhelming.
Perhaps making the weekly responses due after Wednesday. I often did the reading Wed. morning, but if I had the paper due Tuesday I oftentimes only wrote it based off Monday's reading.
N/A

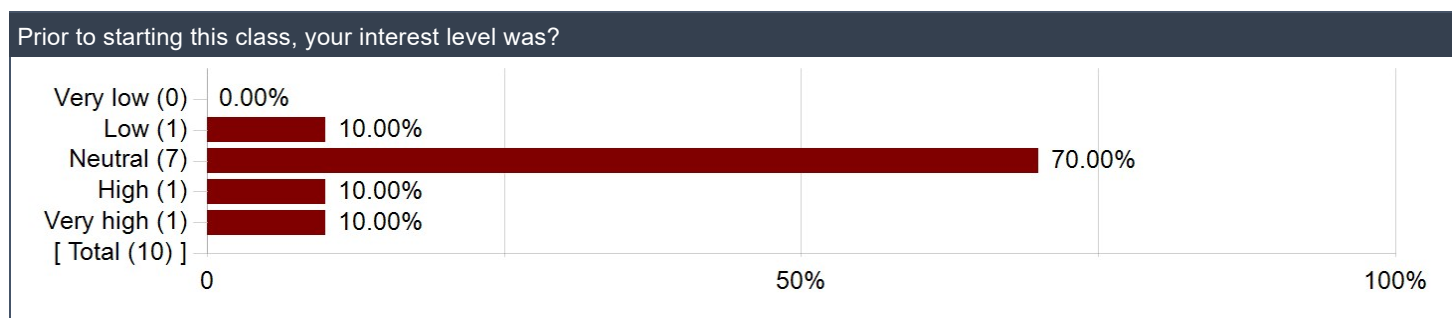
The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.30	4.50	0.00%	10.00%	0.00%	40.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	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.	4.70	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	30.00%	70.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.30	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	50.00%	40.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.40	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	40.00%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.40	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	40.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	30.00%	60.00%	10.00%

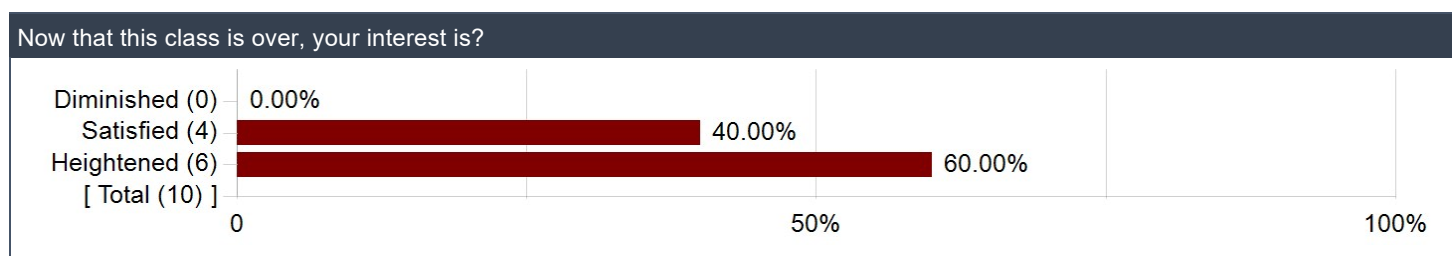
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



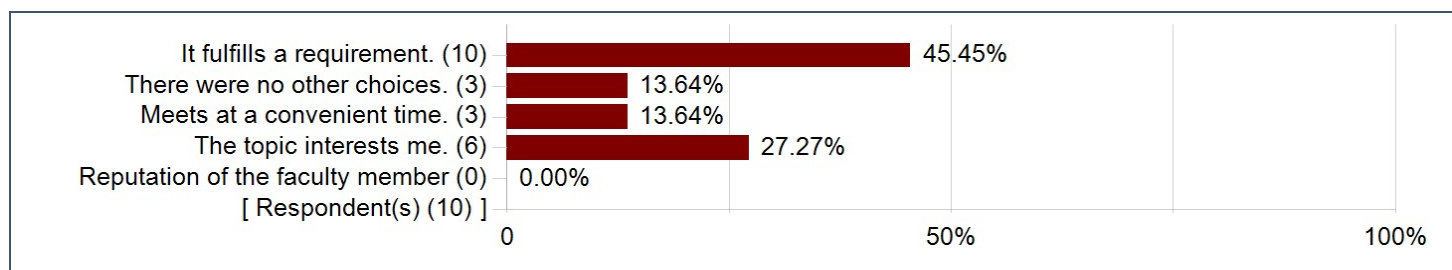
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



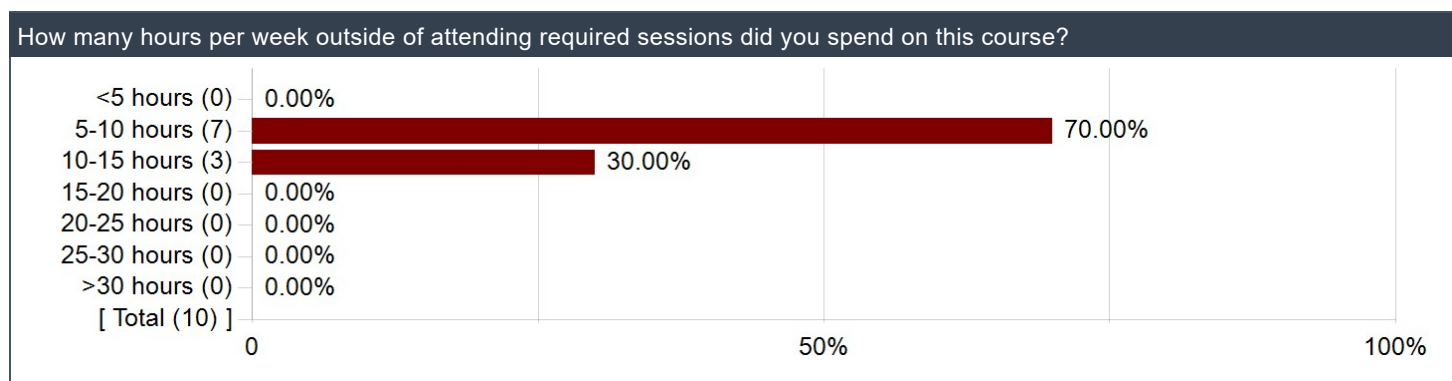
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



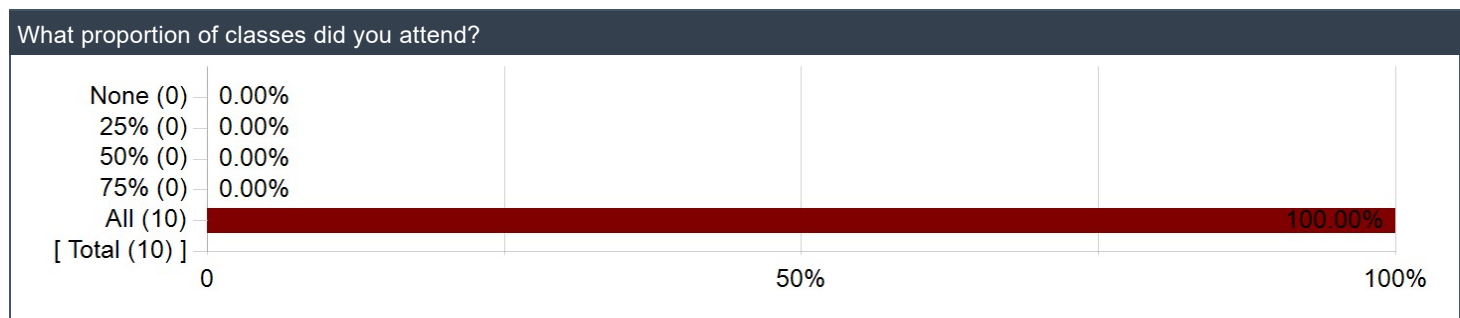
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
Not difficult; as long as you put a good amount of effort into your papers, do the readings, and try to participate in discussion it's a really interesting class
He is an amazing teacher. I definitely recommend taking any class he might teach if you are interested in the topic. The feedback on papers was also very helpful.
Based on my dual enrollment English course and AP English I took in high school, the two humanities courses I took here, and another English course I took here, I would say that the difficulty is hard. It is more than just understanding the readings and then knowing how to write, especially when it comes to this specific professor.
Perfectly matched. The texts were interesting and challenging but not obtuse or overly technical.
If you are interested, this class is very good.
This is a very manageable class as long as you do your work on time with basic effort. Show up to lectures and you will do great!