



# SOSC 16300 9 - Global Society III - Instructor(s) - Stephen Buono

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

Number Enrolled: **19**

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
I learned how to conduct a proper research and formulate a research question and paper.
How to conduct sociological research, how to access the large variety of resources UChicago offers, and how to extract useful information from large texts quickly.
How to conduct research across a multitude of databases and library reserves, identify a contribution to make in sociology, and write a longer research paper.
How to write a real research paper.
Writing a research paper
How to do sociological research, comprehend written texts, writing informatively and concisely.

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

Comments
The variety of learning techniques contributed to a great learning experience.
In-class activities were both fun and extremely useful to my growth as a researcher. The readings were not so helpful, but there weren't many of those. The instructor articulated his thoughts very clearly and provided us with mini "field trips" to the library to further our research papers.
Lectures honed in on critical writing skills that could make research presentations more interesting. A focus on George Orwell's 6 rules for Writing was very useful when writing my own research paper. In addition, class presentations about the topics we were all independently exploring brought awareness to all the issues faced by global society in healthcare, pollution, gender equality, etc.
The professor is amazing which contributed to my learning.
Had workshops for writing that was very useful
The lectures were helpful in understanding the expectations of the essay section that was due. One-on-one office hours are also helpful as check-ins.

## Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	12.50%	75.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
I felt respected in this class.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	0.00%	87.50%

### Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Good course. Very time consuming, though.
Professor Buono is the most understanding core instructor in the college. He provides ample time in class to complete the longer research paper we are held responsible for this quarter and assigns a very reasonable reading workload during the quarter. You couldn't ask for anything better!
N/A
Very straightforward, lots of opportunities to study and write about what you are interested in. Also (from my understanding) has significantly less reading than some other SOSC courses.

### 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
he was very responsive to questions and creative in his explanation ways.
His explanations and the activities he makes for class time. They always helped me grow.
Writing exercises, one-on-one meetings, and class-time to complete papers.
In class discussion
Office Hours
Explaining the rubric and answering questions about assignments, guiding class discussions, and facilitating different activities to enhance out learning.

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

Comments
he was just great.
Publishing rubrics/expectations on Canvas instead of giving us sheets of paper a couple of days before a deadline.
Nothing
One or two more meetings/check-ins during the quarter would be nice. Maybe 3rd/6th/9th weeks?

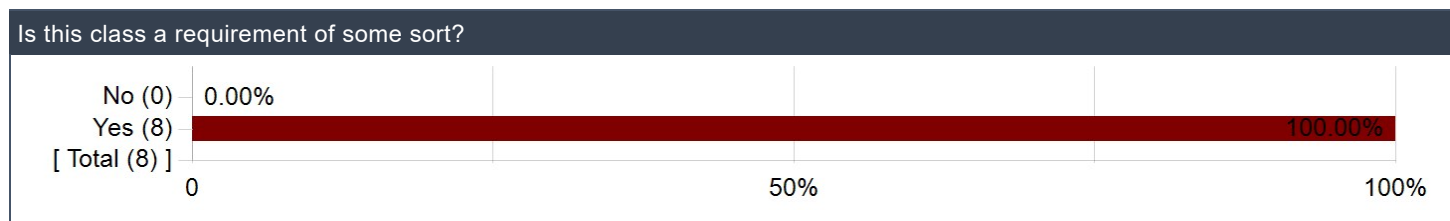
## The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%

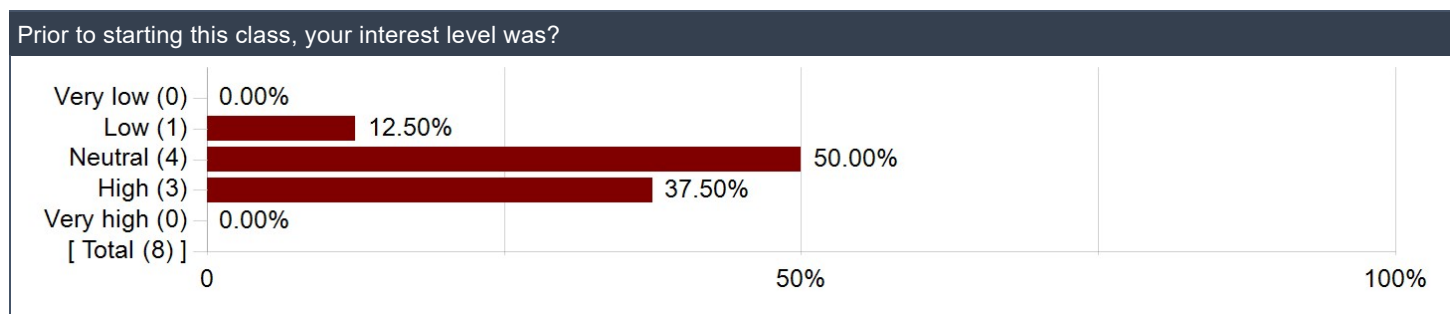
## How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	Mean	Median	No Gain	A Little Gain	Moderate Gain	Good Gain	Great Gain	N/A
Laboratory Experience	1.00	1.00	33.33%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%
Field Trips	3.50	3.50	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	0.00%	33.33%
Library Sessions	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%	0.00%
Review Sessions	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Writing Seminars	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%

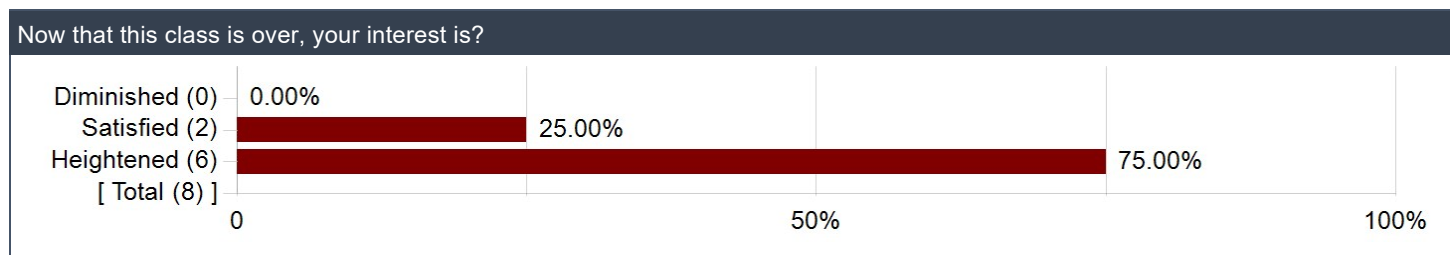
## Is this class a requirement of some sort?



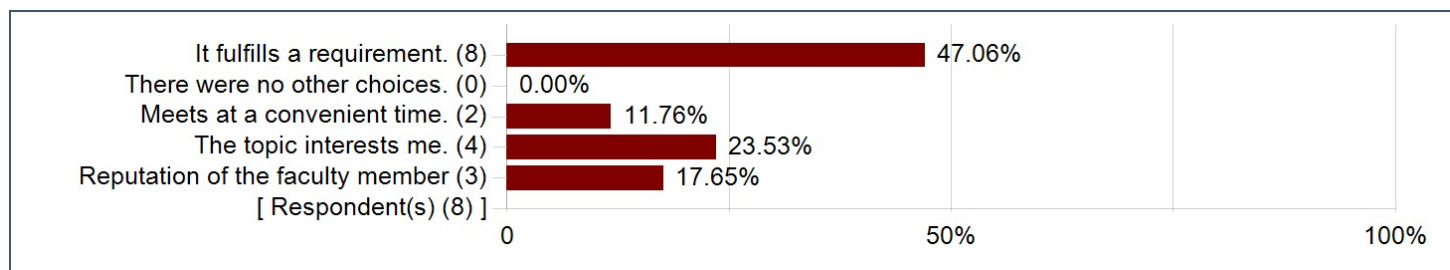
## Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



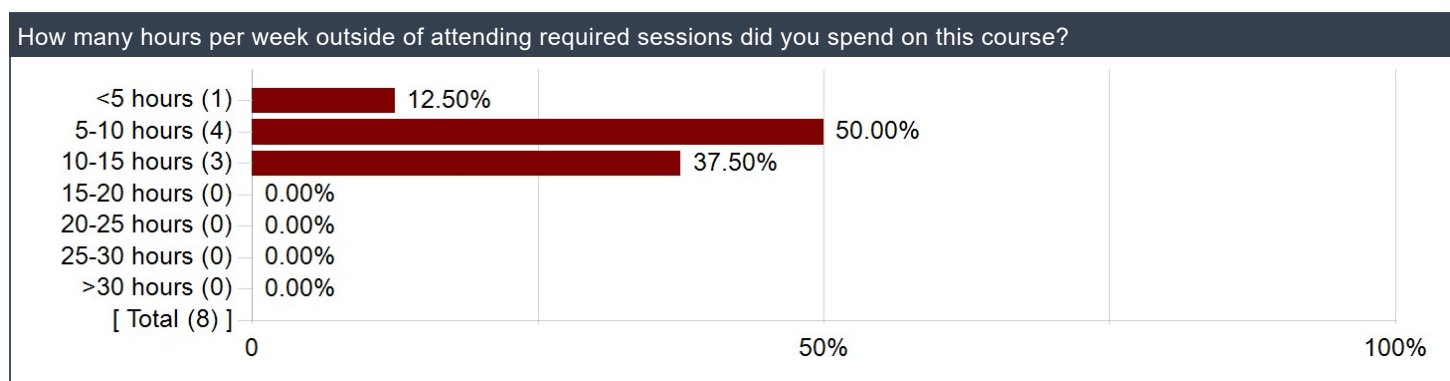
## Now that this class is over, your interest is?



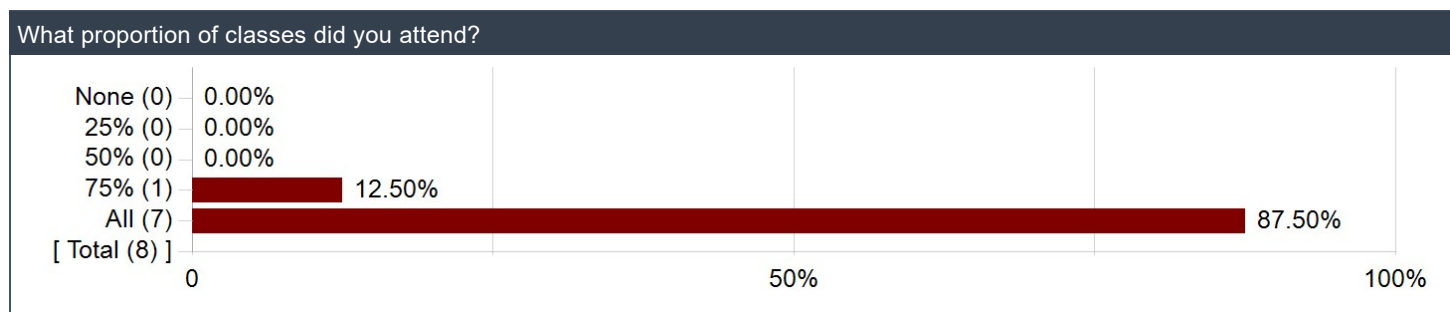
## Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



## 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 was challenging in a good way and the professor provided us with guidance.
Somewhat difficult.
Perfectly challenging
I had a decent amount exposure to both sociological study and research, but you do not need to be an expert in either to succeed in this course. Applying the concepts/themes learned throughout the sequence and asking questions with genuine curiosity will serve you well.