



HUMA 16000 14 - Media Aesthetics: Image, Text, Sound I - Instructor(s): Yueling Ji

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

Number Enrolled: **19**

Number of Responses: **12**

Report Comments

Opinions expressed in these evaluations are those of students enrolled in the specific course and do not represent the University.

Creation Date: **Friday, February 2, 2024**

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 do close readings of paintings and how to really enjoy different art mediums.
I have learned a lot about how to do a close analysis of anything, specifically art though. Essentially it is where you analyze something without any external information.
How to close read.
How to analyze artwork, reference texts appropriately, and focus on aspects of film.
We learned how to close read images and analyze moving images. I learned how to form interpretations that are based solely on what I can visually see.
I learned how to effectively weave in theoretical texts with a piece of media– specifically film. I also learned how to really close read texts and film, and how to select evidence from a novel or film to further an interpretive claim.
Close reading media.
How to analyze all sorts of visual media, from paintings, to film, to video games.
I learned how to do close reading on images/video and honed my analyzation skills of all kinds of media overall. I also learned better how to write a college–level paper and to come up with good claims. I also learned a lot about the history of representation (like, paintings, photography, etc).
I learnt how to close read different forms of media.
I learned a lot about the different ways to close read different medias. I gained a lot from this class and my writing has improved.

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

Comments
The in class discussions were super helpful in understanding the homework. Sometimes I would read the material and be confused, but coming to class helped me understand and expand upon the meaning of the texts. The few posts on canvas also helped me learn close readings of texts.
I have really enjoyed a lot of our discussions especially when we become super into the topic which I feel like has been a lot of this quarter!
I feel through reading for every class, I am now a much better reader.
Lectures were interesting. i enjoyed the discussions with my peers as well.
Lectures were extremely engaging and interesting, and they were helpful in explaining concepts and new material/readings.
Group discussions really helped me flush out and improve my own understanding of the discussions. Professor Ji's slideshows also really helped synthesis complex theoretical texts– I don't know what I would have done without them!
The discussions were engaging and useful.
Although extremely class dependent, our discussion was a great time. It really helped to allow people to vocally form and enrich claims and arguments.
The in–class discussions were very helpful because I got to verbalize the thoughts in my head and hear from other people. They were engaging and fun as well, especially entire–class discussions. I also liked how Professor Ji would provide context on the slides sometimes.
The discussions were very useful as I heard lots of different opinions from my classmates.
The lectures and discussions helped me understand and further my understandings of the materials we read and covered.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.08	4.00	0.00%	8.33%	8.33%	50.00%	33.33%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.58	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	25.00%	66.67%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	36.36%	63.64%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.42	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	41.67%	50.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	8.33%	83.33%
I felt respected in this class.	4.92	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	91.67%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
All of the media we discussed and interacted with were super interesting and relevant to our world now. We had a really great variety of mediums, artists, and perspectives, which contributed to my well rounded learning in this course.
Professor Ji was amazing. Very well spoken and knowledgeable on the topic.
This course was incredibly informative AND fun. And it didn't give me white hairs. So, it was a wonderful introduction to UChicago and to the humanities at a college level! I learned a lot while enjoying the class. Professor Ji was amazing.

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	8.33%	91.67%
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
Yueling was really good at leading discussions. She was able to take what anyone said and expand upon it in a way that made sense and also incorporated new ideas. She also knew when to just let the class talk and just call on people.
I feel like the pacing of the classes has been good. Sometimes we (as a class) go into a really deep conversation on a smaller topic and she is good about redirecting it.
Her lectures were engagin and always allowed for the class to engage with one another.
Slideshows were very informative.
I loved her lecture's and approach to facilitating class discussions in a way that students felt comfortable to speak and engage with others.
Professor Ji allowed us to discuss a topic we were clearly passionate about with each other until the very last second and we had to move on, which I found very valuable! She also called on everyone fairly, which made everyone feel like their voices were heard. Like I mentioned prior, her slideshows were also really helpful to synthesize dense texts.
Yueling is the sweetest, genuinely kindest soul in the world who wants everyone to succeed and learn. I believe that Prof. Ji deserves everything because she made me beyond interested in media and film and is always supportive and understanding.
During class room discussion.
She was very good at preparing slides to aid our discussions.
Professor Ji's effort in facilitating good discussions contributed the most to my learning, because she was very good at it. Also, the way she talked about things was engaging in general. She also had a sense of humor, which is really important to me because I believe humor helps students to remember more things from that class and create a memorable experience.
She made sure everyone felt like they could speak in class at anytime and that anyone was allowed to disagree or comment on anything said in class.
She was an extremely good teacher who held great discussions and made everyone feel comfortable contruting their ideas.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
I do think there is benefit in allowing us to passionately talk about the topics without being as strict to the schedule but I'd say that 9 times out of 10 we do need to be moved along so its a balance.
nothing
Nothing, I enjoyed the structure of class.
Maybe more preparation time for the essay prompts; I felt a little unprepared going into some of the essays and I felt she could have delved deeper into the content and expectations.
Honestly nothing!
Keep doing the same thing.
She always required every individual to raise their hand and be called on before speaking. This always felt a little "sixth-grade" to me— In the future I think it'd be appropriate to just allot a set amount of time to free discussion, so that a conversation might naturally develop rather than feeling staccato and slow.
N/A!
She could maybe speak a bit more in discussions instead of having the class lead most of the discussions.
Maybe by posting the slides of the class to canvas but also I think she did such a great job in class that it's not super nessaracry.

The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	8.33%	83.33%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.92	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	91.67%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.92	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	91.67%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	16.67%	75.00%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	8.33%	83.33%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.92	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	91.67%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%	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
Sarah Osment
Sarah Osment. She was great! the writing seminars were engaging, albeit not exactly "helpful." I am lucky enough to have come from a high school that taught very rigorous English, so these writing seminars felt a little empty in comparison. At the end of the day, it wasn't a huge time commitment or anything, and I fundamentally enjoyed the discussions that cam as a result of them, but the writing seminars felt a but superfluous.

The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	3.50	3.50	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the class.	3.00	3.00	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	3.50	3.50	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	2.50	2.50	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	3.50	3.50	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%

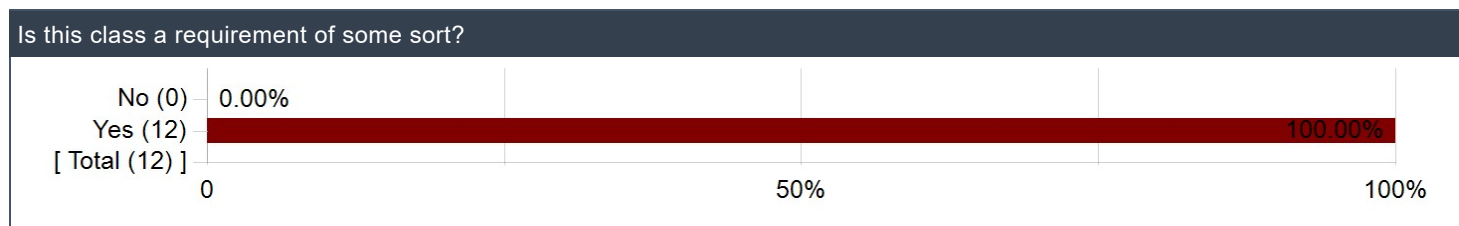
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	1.00	1.00	10.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	90.00%
Library Sessions	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Review Sessions	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%
Writing Seminars	3.45	3.00	0.00%	18.18%	36.36%	27.27%	18.18%	0.00%

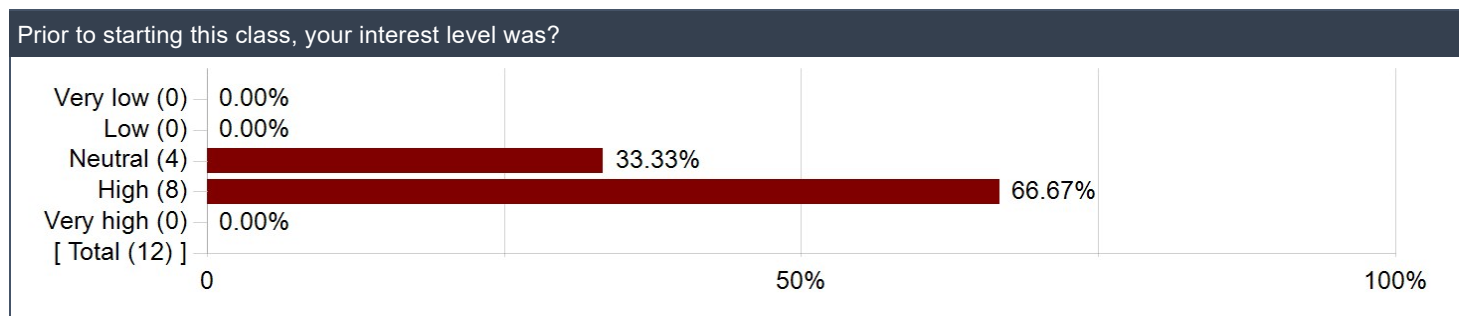
Other course elements not mentioned above:

Comments
n/a

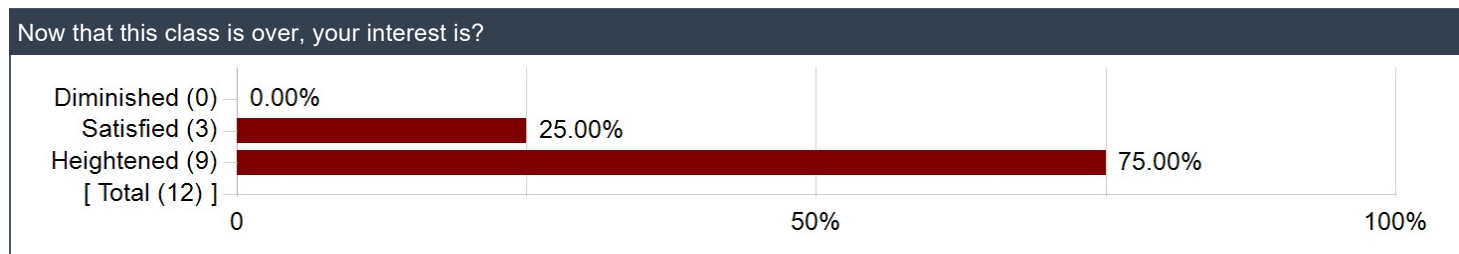
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



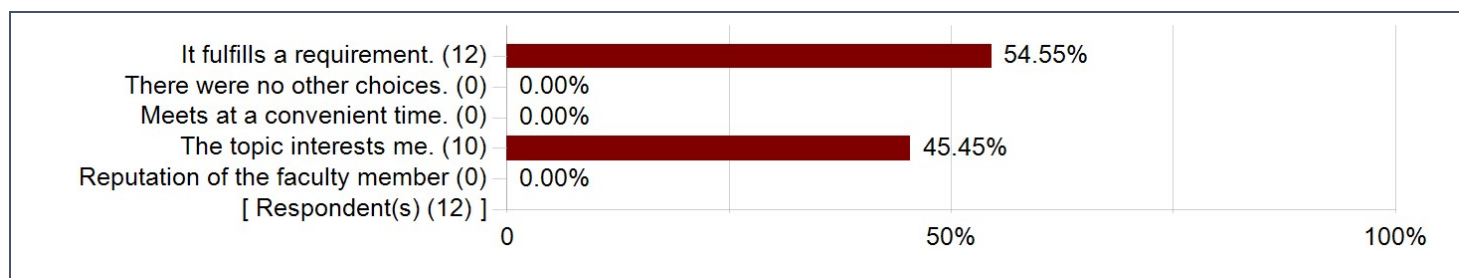
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



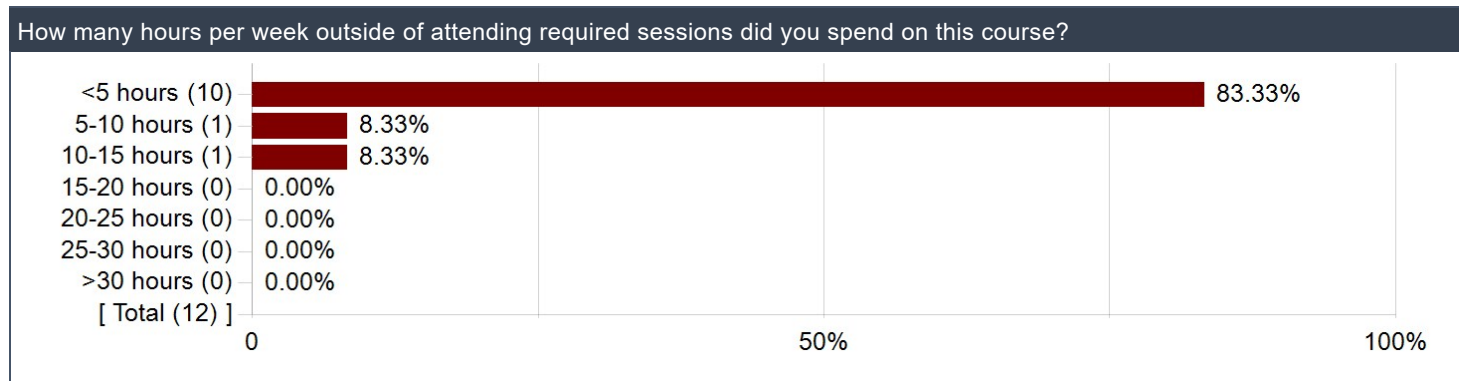
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



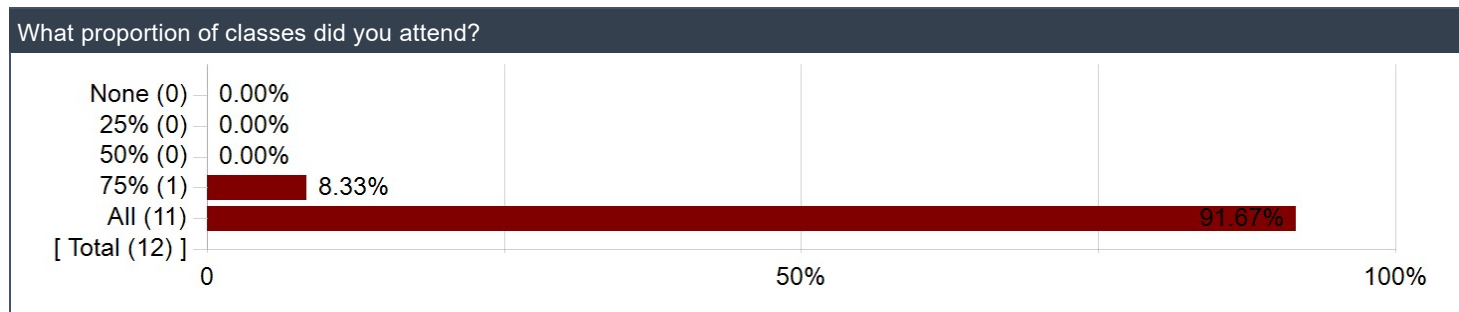
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
I felt very prepared for the writing expectations
intellectually stimulating and challenging but not too tough
It was pretty easy.
The class is not difficult at all in my opinion, but the material was very interesting and I still felt like I learned a lot and gained a lot of new knowledge coming out of the class. Highly recommend this class and Professor Ji!
I think the level of difficulty was just right for me!
No background. No prior knowledge needed.
This class was not challenging. Some of the readings were dense, but if you just sit down for 20–30 mins and do them, you will be more than prepared for the class. The discussions are a lot of fun and the subject matter is very engaging and makes for timeless debates.
I have never taken any kind of image/film analysis course, but I have taken AP Literature and AP language in high school, where I was first introduced to something beyond the 5–paragraph essay. This course is not challenging time–wise; it is easy to do with three other courses (even two honors courses), but it was great and I learned a lot. You really get what you put in here. If you procrastinate all your essays until the day they're due, you will not have fun. Same with the readings. But the discussions are really about what you have to say, so don't stress too much.
It is an introductory level course designed for people with no prior experience
Relatively easy