

HIST 13500 2 - America In World Civilization I - Instructor(s): Edward M Cook Jr

Project Title: College Course Feedback - Autumn 2023

Number Enrolled: 17
Number of Responses: 5

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

The importance of the rule of the Seventeenth English Monarchs on the development of the American colonies and the young American republic. I believe I have become a stronger historical writer as a result of Prof. Cook's comments on the dissertations I'd written.

Knowledge on the early Modern Period. Learned how to understand texts better in context, as well as understanding the purpose of historical texts. Improved my comprehension of documents in early American history.

Developing a fundamental understanding of the principles, values, and events that laid the foundation for early America.

I learned about the wide body of political thought that preceded, precipitated, and emanated from the American Revolution.

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

Comments

Typically, the class is just Prof. Cook sitting and lecturing to us about whatever document we were going to analyze that day and the historical significance of its' contents and of the author. He has a textbook, but he rarely looks it, instead giving us questions and comments from his schema.

Lectures and discussions were very helpful.

Discussion was helpful to understanding the materials.

The lectures were incredibly engaging – it was also enjoyable to participate in our discussion.

The twice–weekly lectures by far the most helpful aspect of the course. Professor Cook is one of the best lecturers I have ever encountered. He can make sense of complicated history and political philosophy with tremendous ease.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.40	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	40.00%
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.	4.00	5.00	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	0.00%	60.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%
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.	4.40	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	60.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%

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

His honesty.

Lectures were clear and got to the point of each lesson. Instructor was well-prepared and very knowledgeable on subject area.

His explanation of the texts and comments on papers.

Both professor's classroom lectures and his support with our papers

The professor most contributed to my learning with his focused set of discussion topics for each class. He let students participate, but I never had the sense he was wasting my/our time with trivial conversation.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments

I'm not entirely sure.

Reduce the amount of reading per class to only the most essential points. Some of the reading felt repetitive and unneeded,

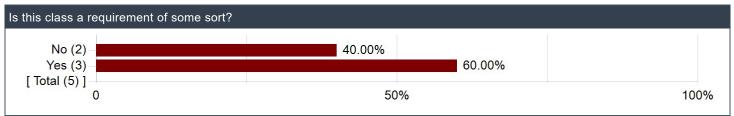
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Professor Cook is rock-solid as-is.

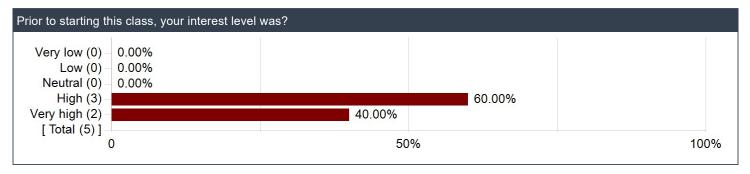
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Organized the course clearly.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.40	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	60.00%	20.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.40	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	60.00%	20.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.00	5.00	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	0.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%	0.00%

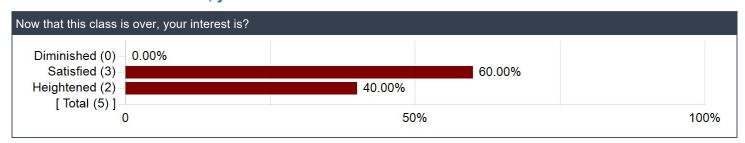
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



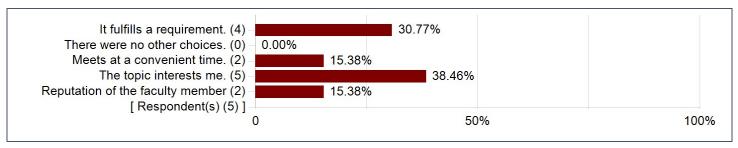
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



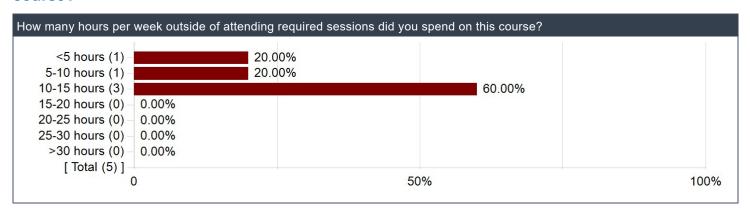
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



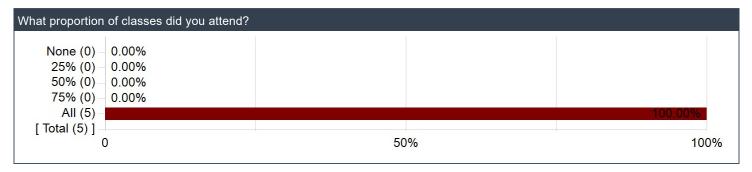
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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

The workload was challenging in a way; just the dissertations and the Canvas discussion posts required a more formulaic way of writing than how other classes required them to be.

The course heavily focuses on political thought, and not just the history of early America. Knowledge on British history useful. Appropriate difficulty for students new to this field.

Great professor – super engaging and responsive

The course wasn't very difficult, though there was a good amount of writing.