



# TAPS 10900 1 - Moving and Thinking / Thinking and Moving - Instructor(s): Tara Willis

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

Number Enrolled: **13**

Number of Responses: **5**

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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 theorize dance and movement and how much thought goes into every action and every performance.
practice in research choreography vs. improvisation Proprioception & Kinesthesia Choreopolicing & Choreopolitics And there are so many others, but those were some of my favorite concepts/topics.
Improv, choreography, theories of dance

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

Comments
the movement exercises were fun and I wish we did more of them! Some of the readings were very interesting, others I didn't find as interesting. Discussions were often interesting but sometimes felt really long.
The discussions and overall environment prompted me to actively participate throughout the whole class whether that be in the discussions or the movement part of the class.
Readings were very dense and oftentimes too abstract to really say much. Prof. Willis was good at getting us to think about the right quesitons, but overall not enough movement for what should have been thinking AND MOVING...

## Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	60.00%	20.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.40	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	40.00%
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.	4.40	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	40.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.20	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	40.00%	40.00%
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.	4.00	5.00	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%

## Additional comments about the course:

Comments
This has probably been my favorite class so far. There was one day where we did the cha cha slide and salsa to elaborate on a topic/readings discussed in class
This class is entirely different from my majors or any other class I have taken in the past. Despite that, this was one of those classes I will remember once I graduate, and it is an example of how The Core can be a memorable experience for some students. Dr. Willis also helped me connect with people involved in the world of Arts & Humanities, who can assist me in cultivating this newly found passion. The course material and Dr. Willis's quality of teaching make this course an exceptional experience.
This course misses the mark; Tara is a wonderful and kind professor, but the content it so academia-ized it loses meaning. We didn't do nearly enough dancing, which sucked considering the dance aspect of this course was the most engaging.

## I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	25.00%	75.00%
Anyone interested in the topic	25.00%	75.00%

## Thinking about your time in the class, what aspect of the instructor's teaching contributed most to your learning?

Comments
Professor Willis is very cool and knowledgeable
The elaboration on topic, as well as, the willingness to hear our input and interpretation of the readings assigned.
Dr. Willis always offered different ways of learning and understanding some of the concepts we discussed in class. I ended up loving this class, apart from the theory itself, because of how Dr. Willis challenged us to learn, be it from readings, discussions, performances in class, reflections, etc. She is an excellent Professor, and I thank her for introducing me to a new academic world and passion.
She is very kind and easygoing.

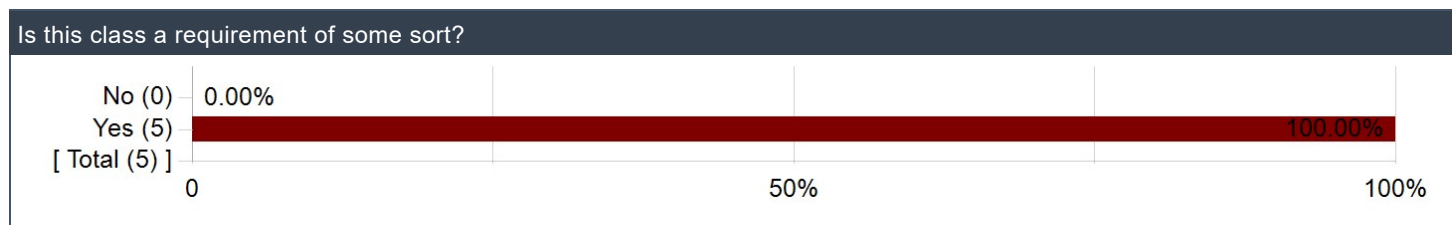
## What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
On days where we started with discussion, sometimes I think they would end up going long and we wouldn't have as much time for the movement exercise.
I don't think she needs to change anything.

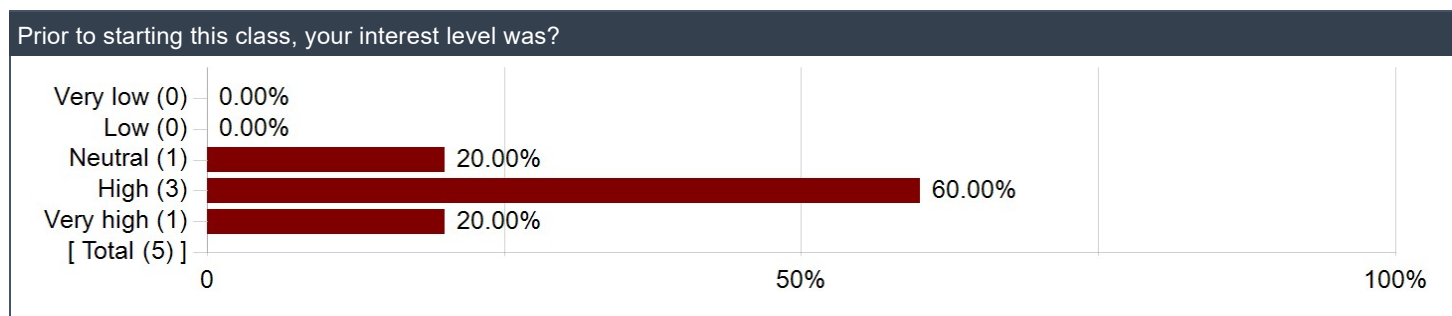
## The Instructor . . .

	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.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	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.	4.40	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	60.00%	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.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	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.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%	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.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%

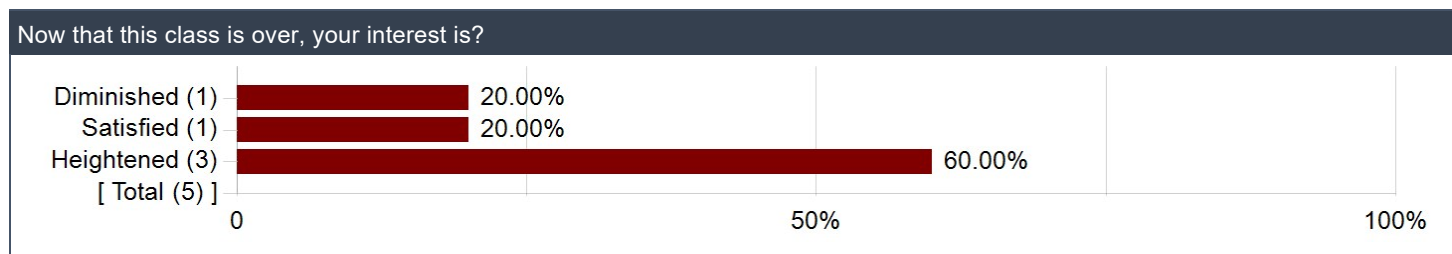
## Is this class a requirement of some sort?



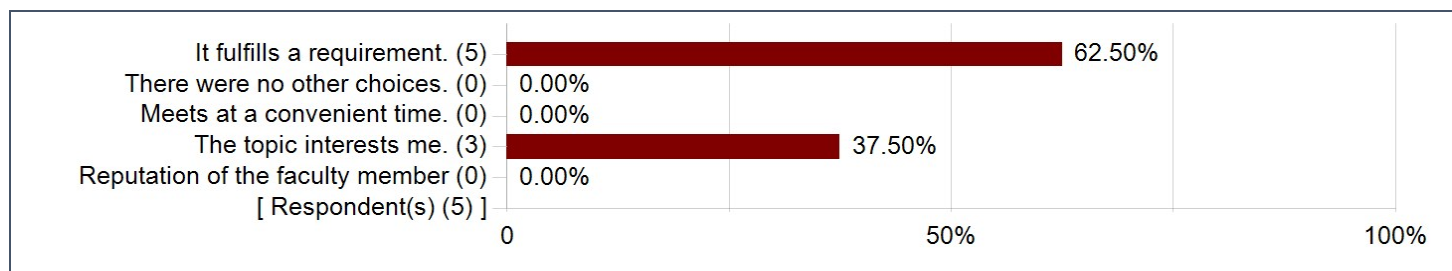
## Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



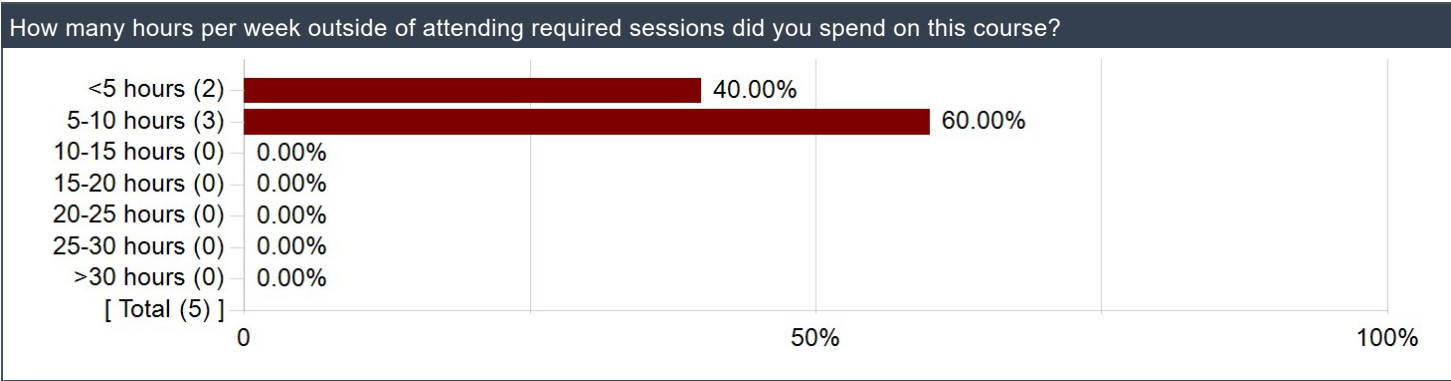
## Now that this class is over, your interest is?



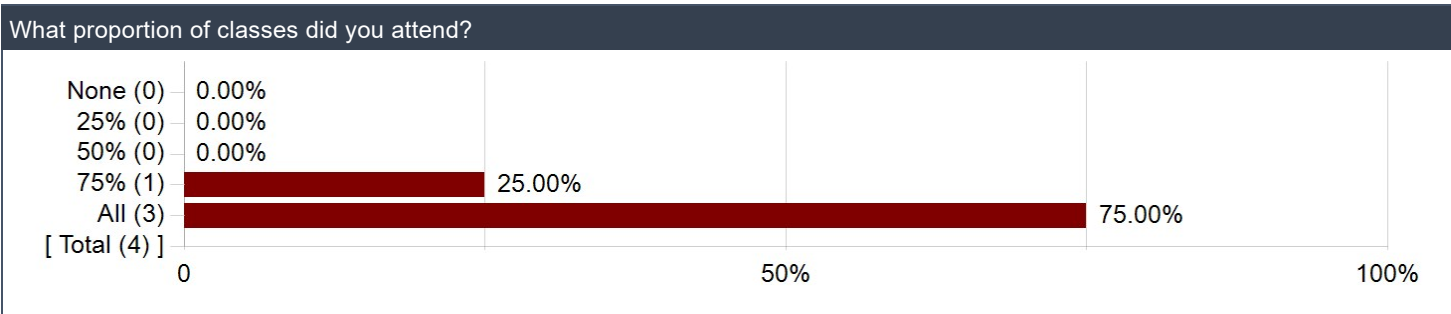
## Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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

Easy