



# SOSC 16100 2 - Global Society I - Instructor(s): Dylan Fagan

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

Number Enrolled: **18**

Number of Responses: **9**

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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
About Hobbes and the Social Contract in Rousseau
The most useful thing I learned was how to read and write at a college level.
We learned about several concepts that developed around the world in different time periods. Topics ranged from traditional European thought, in the form of Hobbes, Rousseau, and More, to the dynamic between colonized people and their colonizers, to other traditions like Chinese Philosophy.
We learned a lot of basic social theory, specifically focusing on ontology, dynamism, and normativity. What I myself learned however, was that even in a course called Global Society, the university will still manage to find a way to make 3/4 of the books we have to read for the quarter books written by old white men. I also learned that despite Professor Fagan's best efforts, the social sciences are not for me.
Multiple ways in which people of different societies in different times conceive how society is formed and the ways in which separate societies interact with one another
Learned about global society through reading and discussing texts from western canon and more

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

Comments
Readings contributed to learning, but discussions not really. The content we needed to succeed is just in the readings.
The feedback on assignments was very helpful. Class discussions are very interesting.
Seminars were a good part of the course as that's where most thinking was furthered.
Professor Fagan is great at finding a balance between lecturing and facilitating class discussions, and I think he has a good lecturing style and did a good job with the structure of the class. There was never a point where I felt overwhelmed with the work I had to do for this class specifically, but I still felt challenged.
Class sessions serve as a time to discuss different interpretations and aspects of readings
Class is engaging, sometimes the professor goes on a tangent but he is very passionate and knowledgeable with all the content. Writing responses were difficult (500 words each week), but they did make sure that everyone came to class having read and written about the works. The final paper was pretty brutal (2500–3000 words), but by the end of the course, it is totally doable.

**Please respond to the following:**

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	44.44%	44.44%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.11	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	66.67%	22.22%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.33	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	22.22%	55.56%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.44	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	33.33%	55.56%
I felt respected in this class.	4.56	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	44.44%	55.56%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.44	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	33.33%	55.56%

### Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Too much reading per class and having one weekly reading response is too much.
There is nothing wrong with Professor Fagan's teaching or class setup, the only reason I didn't really love or enjoy this class was that it is incredibly difficult to connect to most of the materials we have to read for it.
Professor Fagan is a great professor for people who want to engage with their socs and are decently organised on handing things in on time. He does not do extensions on papers though.

### I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	25.00%	75.00%
Anyone interested in the topic	12.50%	87.50%

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

Comments
His feedback on assignments was helpful.
Professor Fagan did a great job at facilitating discussion and giving actually useful feedback on assignments.
When the professor directed the class towards a more conversational atmosphere, it made the seminars more interesting and engaging.
Class sessions
Class was great, very discursive and not difficult to speak in class at all. Professor fagan is super respectful and makes sure that everyone can speak without being judged.

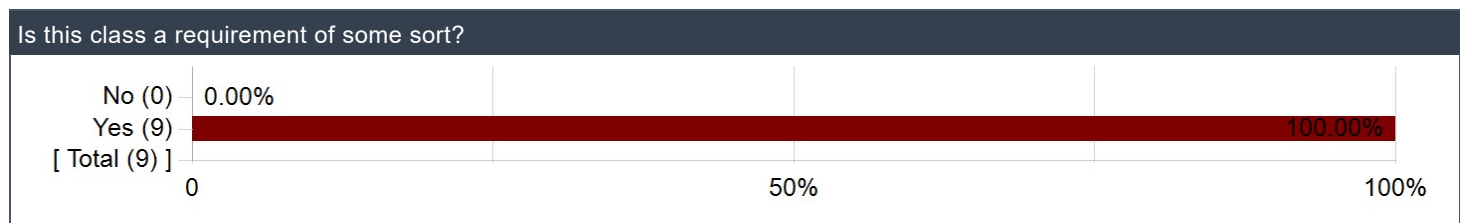
### What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Reduce the amount of reading for each class. It is difficult to finish everything and be ready for discussion.
If the readings were shorter I could have spent more time trying to understand them rather than just getting through the material.
Oftentimes the seminars felt a lot like a lecture, so I think trying to create a more conversational environment would help further new ideas and keep seminars engaging.
bit more time to discuss in classes, rather than lectures
Perhaps less written assignments every week and more presentations instead.

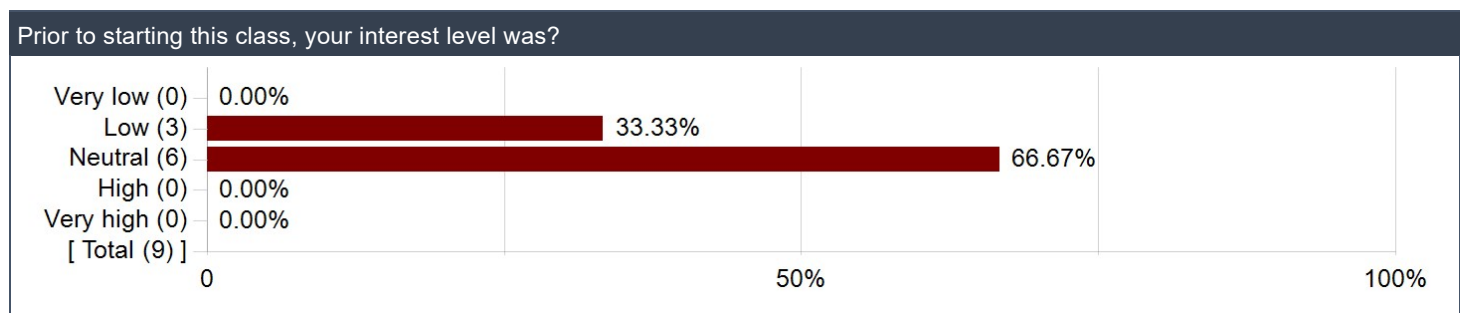
## The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.56	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	44.44%	55.56%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.56	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	44.44%	55.56%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.44	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	33.33%	55.56%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	44.44%	44.44%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	11.11%	77.78%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.44	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	55.56%	44.44%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.22	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	55.56%	33.33%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.44	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	33.33%	55.56%	0.00%

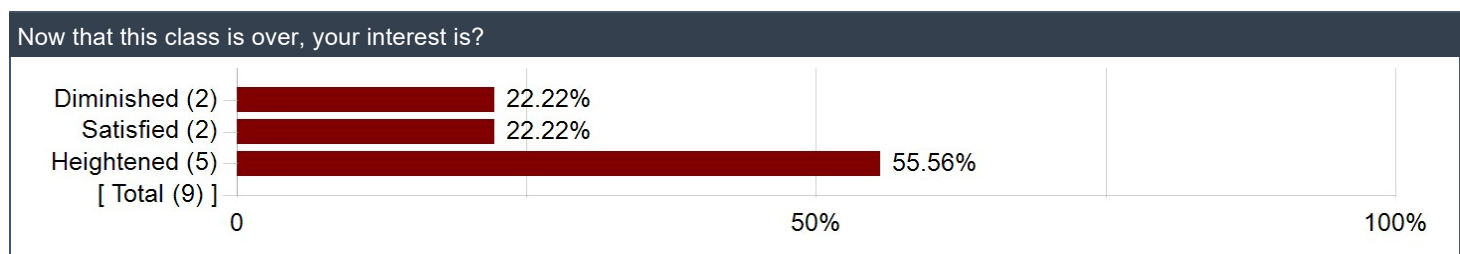
## Is this class a requirement of some sort?



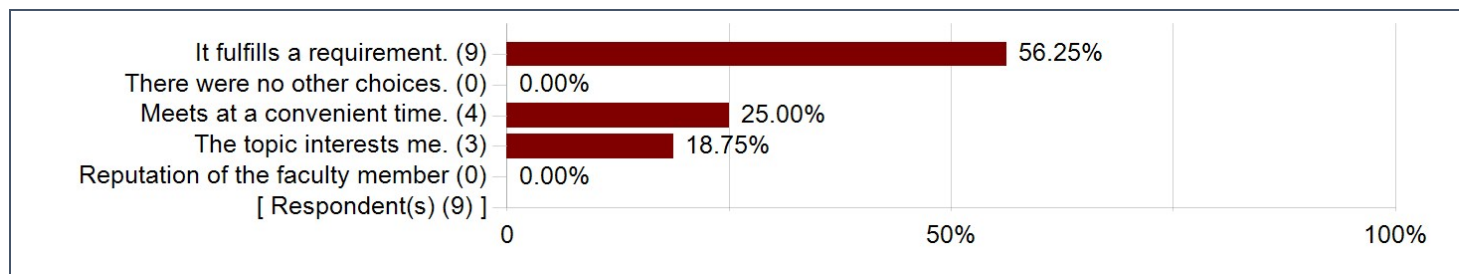
## Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



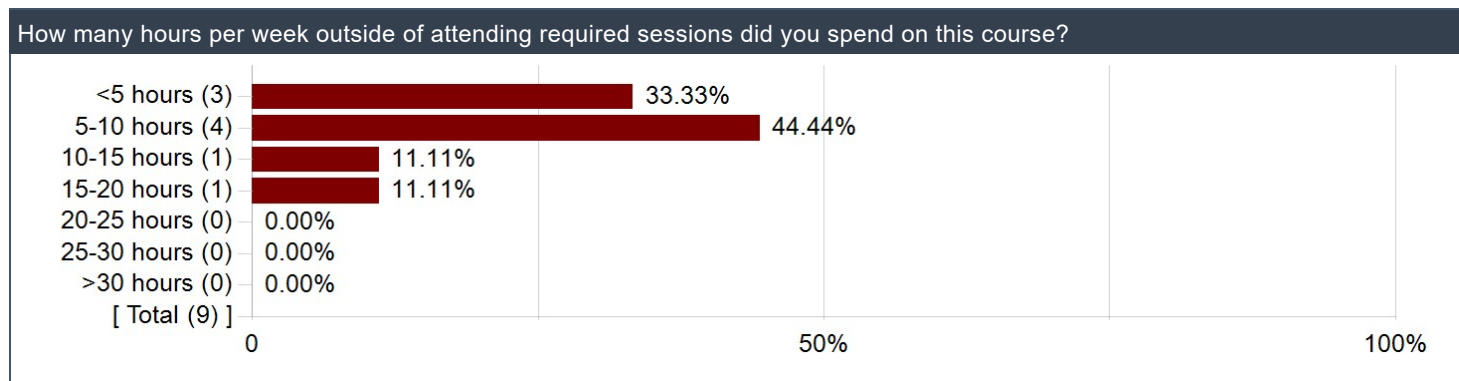
## Now that this class is over, your interest is?



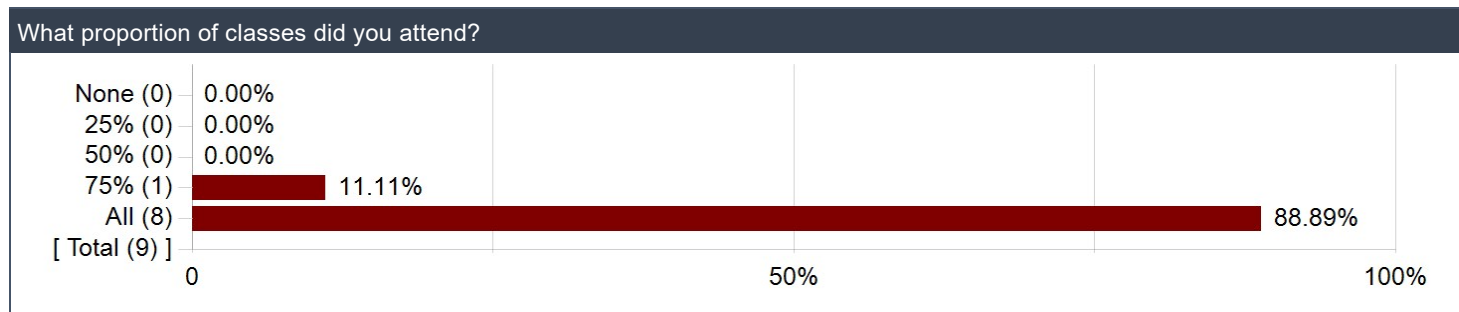
### Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



### 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
Really difficult texts, long and hard vocabulary
Its a lot of work but its all interesting and not unreasonable.
It was a very manageable workload. It was a balance of a reasonable amount of reading and writing.
Fair, if readings were confusing instructor was available to discuss them
Not the easiest socs, but pretty fair given the expectations. Roughly 100 pages of reading a week, one group presentation, weekly 500 words discussion posts and a big final paper. As long as you can stay organised, not hard.