



HIST 10102 1, CRES 20802 1, ANTH 20702 1 - Introduction to African Civilization II - Instructor(s): Ayodeji Olugbuyiro

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

Number Enrolled: **18**

Number of Responses: **6**

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
Colonization, imperialism, decolonization, life in the diaspora
Africa pre and post colonialism.
I learned about the different perspectives on the colonial and postcolonial era in Africa.
We covered the end of the transatlantic trade of enslaved people, imperialism, colonization, and decolonization in Africa. This course improved my ability to synthesize information from different readings and case studies to formulate a more nuanced understanding of historical processes in Africa.
I learned about colonial and post-colonial Africa leading up and a bit into the 21st century, the social movements that occurred after the exit of European powers, and a lot about African agency in literature, economics, and culture. I think the most important or engaging for me personally was about the experiences and thoughts on modernity experienced by post-colonial writers. I was able to think critically and engage with sometimes challenging material, I oftentimes left class wanting to discuss more.

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

Comments
Discussions were always lively and helped clear up any confusion from the readings. I particularly liked the new student-led discussions this quarter.
Group work in class was helpful
I liked the student-led discussion facilitations, and found they were more helpful in teaching me the content compared to the teacher-led discussions.
Discussions were and are the main part of the course, there's no lecturing. There's a new format with facilitated discussions this quarter, which I think were a brilliant way to not only hear new voices but learn what everyone thought was the most interesting to frame their questions around. Class readings were also very insightful and informative, easily the best part of this course.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.20	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	40.00%	40.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.20	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	40.00%	40.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.20	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	40.00%	40.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	3.80	4.00	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	40.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	3.60	4.00	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	40.00%	20.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	3.80	4.00	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	40.00%
I felt respected in this class.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	40.00%	40.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	3.80	4.00	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	40.00%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
My accommodations were not respected and he did not submit forms in time for me to complete assignments on time, which only added stress and made me less willing to complete assignments for the class. He also wrote in the accommodation agreement that accommodations should only be used for disability reasons. Toward the end of the quarter he asked why students weren't coming to office hours to discuss readings. I was only taking this class to fulfill a core requirement so I (along with another student) felt that this was absurd. There were many classes where there were at least four students who had not spoken and he had to call on people to participate.
I think the material is GREAT. I really enjoyed the selection, even if it was often a lot of reading; you definitely will not see less than ~100 pages a week.

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	40.00%	60.00%
Anyone interested in the topic	20.00%	80.00%

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

Comments
Dr. Ayo always promoted a lively, engaged discussion and asked thought-provoking questions
I don't think I learned as much from discussion as I did with group work. Talking to peers in small groups contributed more to my learning than anything else
Dr Ayo was good at managing class time and often provided useful insight into the material that we didn't understand.
Some questions he had were fascinating and had me really think about the material in a different light. Occasionally, he would frame the readings in a different light that could help understand the material better. Adjusting the course load by not having so many essays/assignments due within the quarter also helped greatly. I appreciate being able to sit and digest the information rather than having to prioritize one thing over the other. The structure is much better and considerate now.

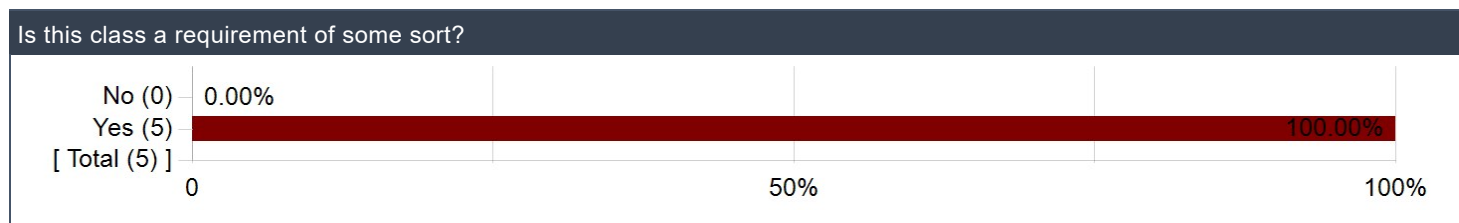
What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Nothing!
More group work, lighter reading load. It was unable to finish most readings due to workload in other classes
Dr Ayo could have been more accommodating to other students' needs, but overall I think I learned a good deal from the class.
Feedback on assignments was unclear. It seemed that there was a specific interpretation of texts that was desired, and if you didn't comment on that specific interpretation, you would lose points.
It would be great if the professor engaged a little more after each comment to avoid making people feel judged or dismissed when they do finally speak up during discussion. Feedback on essays would be improved if they actually pertained to why one is receiving the grade they are, rather than comments about whether he disagrees or not. I would like to know how to improve. I did not find it that helpful, and sometimes it was questionable. In-person office hours only were also at an odd time and a bit inaccessible due to being held when most classes run. I think offering remote in addition to that would be much better.
I still do not think handwritten essays within a short time frame for a final that requires buying additional materials, that will likely never be used again, are a good indicator of a student's ability to show what we've learned. It is the first time I've heard about or seen it in CIV course here, and I can't say I felt challenged in any way but physically if I count having to write through hand cramps. If this is about AI, I guarantee there is a better way. I genuinely hope this course considers a different final assignment.

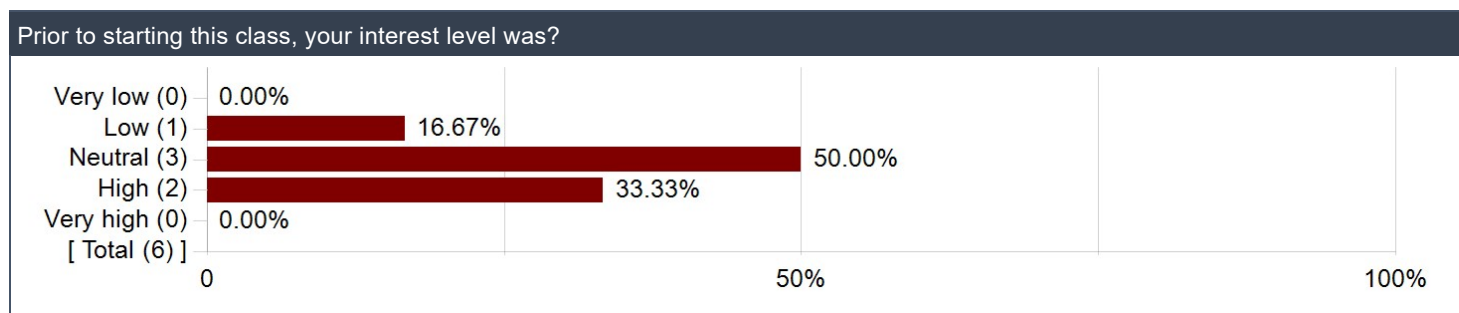
The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.40	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	40.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	40.00%	40.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.20	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	40.00%	40.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.40	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	60.00%	20.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	3.80	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	40.00%	20.00%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.20	5.00	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	20.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	3.80	4.00	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	40.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	3.60	4.00	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	40.00%	20.00%	0.00%

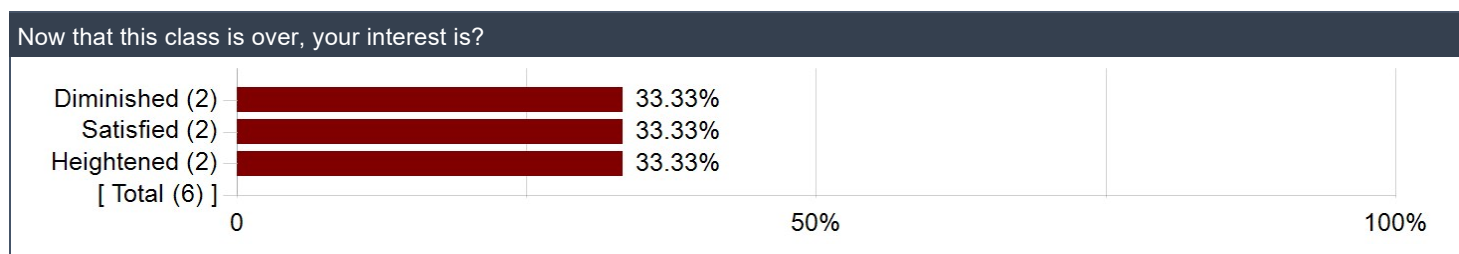
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



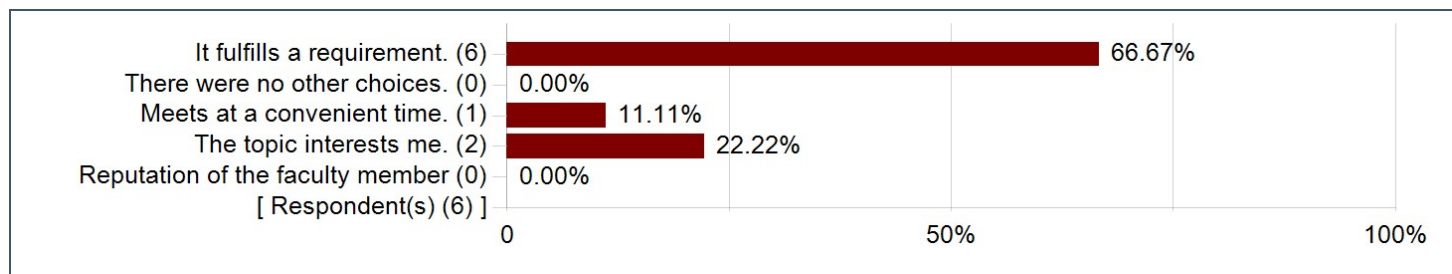
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



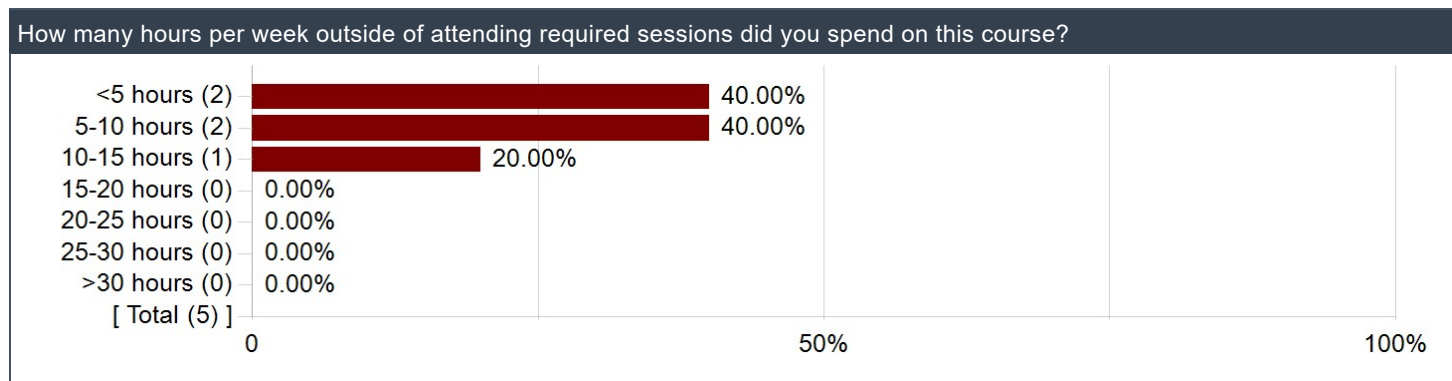
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



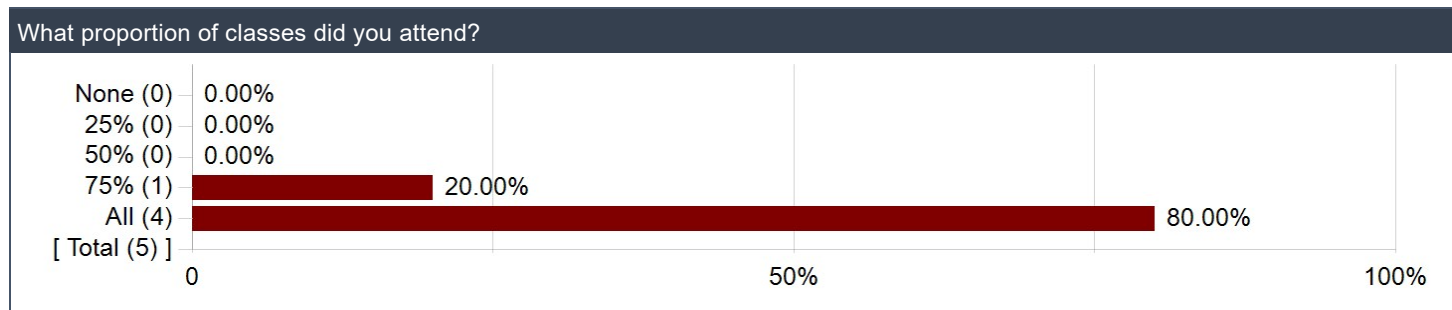
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
Not very difficult – reasonable for a core class
I had problems related to my disability not being accommodated properly, so it was mostly difficult for me because of this. There were a lot of readings I could not finish in time for class no matter how well I managed my time.
Slightly more difficult than the first quarter of this sequence, but not very difficult overall.
Difficulty is about right for a CIV course.