



SOSC 12400 2 - Self, Culture, and Society I - Instructor(s) - John McCallum III

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

Number Enrolled: **18**

Number of Responses: **7**

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, January 31, 2025**

What are the most important things that you learned in this course? Please reflect on the knowledge and skills you gained.

Comments
Different methods of thinking and how interconnected they all are.
I learned how to critically think about the texts we read and how to slowly read through really dense material.
We read Marx, Khaldun, Smith etc. We relate all the texts through the course
Smith, Weber, Marx
critical thinking about social science texts

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

Comments
Discussions were great, and he would ask the perfect questions to try to incite thought
I think the discussions were really helpful in understand the texts we read better. The professor did a really good job of filling in the gaps in our understanding of the material when discussions were a little slow. I think the discussion posts on canvas were also useful in helping start discussions and just seeing what other people are thinking about the material beforehand.
The whole class is discussion based so you kind of need to read bc there is participation
lectures are mainly discussions, and you have three papers
discussions were really interesting, helped me think about the texts in different ways

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.29	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	42.86%	42.86%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.43	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	28.57%	57.14%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%
I felt respected in this class.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	57.14%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	57.14%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Not too bad. As long as you attend class its good. Teacher is super passionate about the topics in a good way. Doesn't overly cold call. Its 1 discussion post a week that is short, but the reading can get a little dense or long but u can skim

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
It was all discussion
facilitating discussions in class
discussions

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
2essays over 3
maybe sending out essay prompts earlier

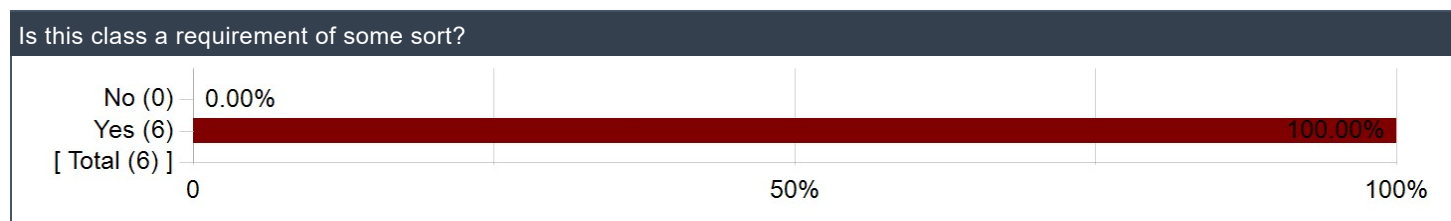
The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	14.29%	71.43%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	57.14%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	71.43%	14.29%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%

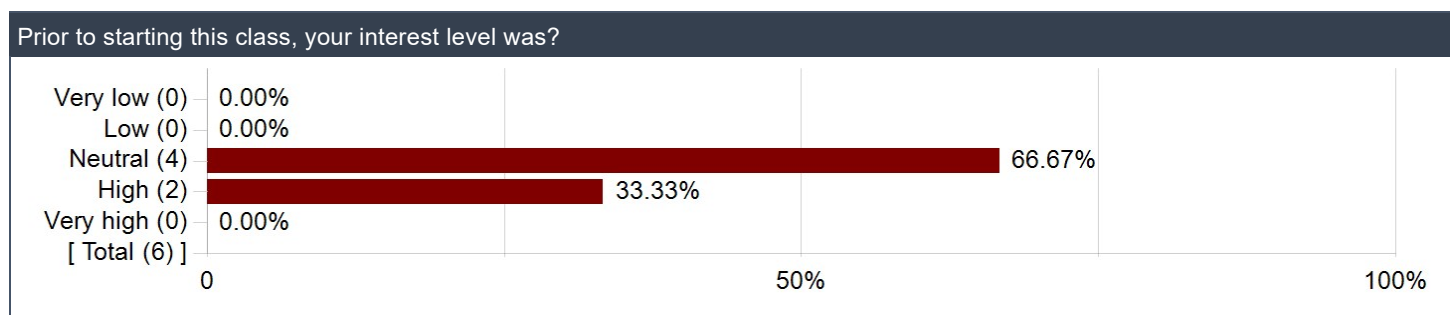
How much did the following elements of the course contribute to your learning gains?

	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	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Library Sessions	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Review Sessions	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Writing Seminars	N/A	N/A	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%

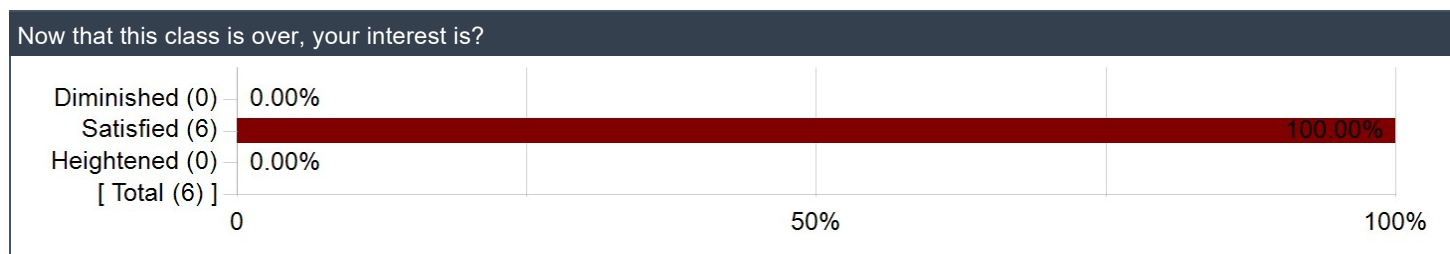
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



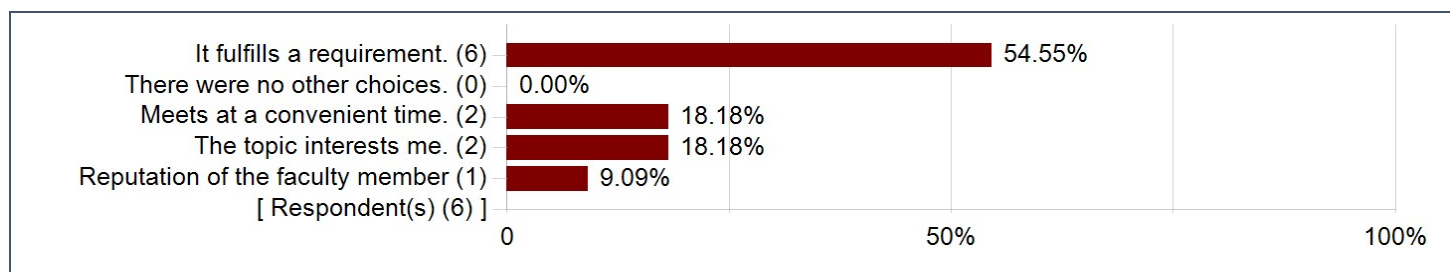
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



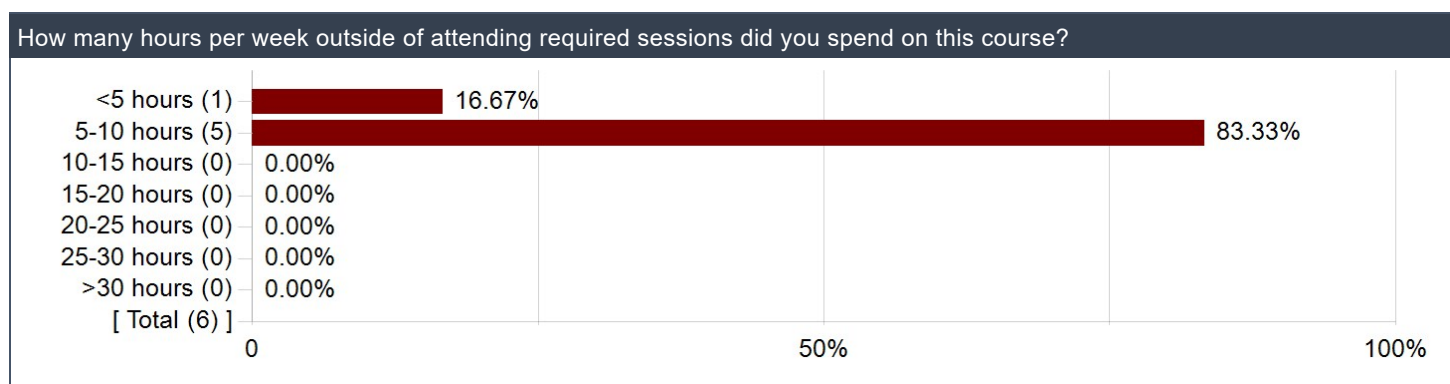
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



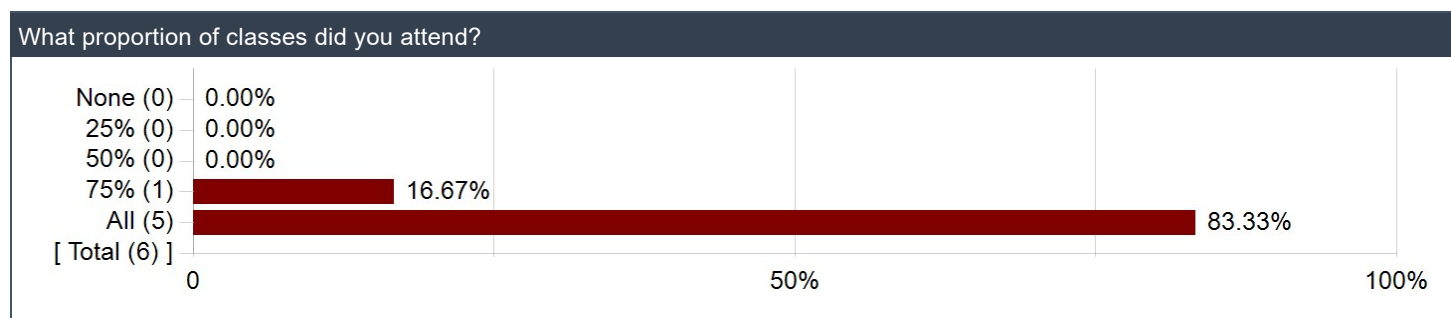
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
Sometimes understanding the reading material was a little difficult, but I was able to get better throughout the quarter by spending more time on the readings.
not difficult
Best SOSC! Take it if you want to learn about social scientific theories, really interesting stuff
I don't have much experience with social science texts. was pretty challenging in terms of learning how to think about each author and their argument. very interesting though