SOSC 11500 17 - Power, Identity, Resistance II - Instructor(s): Joy Wang

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

Number Enrolled: **16**
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: **Thursday, March 28, 2024**

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

Comments
How to ground answers to questions about the significance of a concept in textual evidence. I also learned how to ask interesting questions.
We read primarily Smith and Marx, and it was really interesting to actually read these two books and go into their philosophies outside of general ideas.
I learned how to thoroughly analyze a passage and understand the meaning behind certain texts.

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

Comments
Lectures allowed me to zoom into important aspects of the thinker's argument and they were organized in such a way that I could learn simultaneously about the content and the style of the argument which helped me in my own writing. Writing essays allowed me to form my own opinion about reigning ideas about power and to be comfortable disagreeing with them.
Lectures were extremely helpful.
The discussions were helpful because they reviewed the reading assigned in the previous homework.

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.20	5.00	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	20.00%	60.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.40	5.00	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	0.00%	80.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.40	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	60.00%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.00	5.00	20.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	60.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.00	5.00	20.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	60.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.00	5.00	20.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	60.00%
I felt respected in this class.	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	80.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.20	5.00	20.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	80.00%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
The course has an unreasonable amount of work and reading that cannot be done in the time allotted.

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
Framing questions as what would a particular thinker think about a particular topic. I don't then feel like there is a right or wrong way to think about the topic (ie: capitalism) rather I learn to analyze what it is about a particular style of argumentation that seems to justify a stance on that topic. Our professor asks open ended analysis questions so I spend a lot of time in class.
Prof Joy Wang was a joy to be taught by (pun intended). She was genuinely so helpful and understanding that most people in the class were not political and economic theorists. She made her classes very structured and came to classes prepared to guide us in good directions. She was also very very considerate when it came to the amount of readings. We had more time to grasp concepts this way instead of rushing through thirty pages of Marx per class and leaving with barely any understanding.
Going through concepts we read the previous day.

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
The readings are too long. I never finished them.
Nothing!
The professor was not communicative on any of the assignments. There was no way of knowing whether you would improve or not. She did not have clear instructions and would give me the same grade on each paper despite doing precisely what her comments suggested, even though they were vague and undescriptive. Despite trying to improve, there was no change in my grade overall. Even seeing her in person and putting in even more effort and time did not affect the grade that was given to me.

The Instructor . . .

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Organized the course clearly.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	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.	4.25	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	3.50	4.00	25.00%	0.00%	25.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	0.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.25	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.25	5.00	0.00%	25.00%	0.00%	0.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.25	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.00	4.50	0.00%	25.00%	0.00%	25.00%	50.00%	0.00%

The TA/CA or Intern. . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	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 class.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Helped you succeed in the class.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Overall, this individual made a significant contribution to your learning.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	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	3.00	3.00	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%

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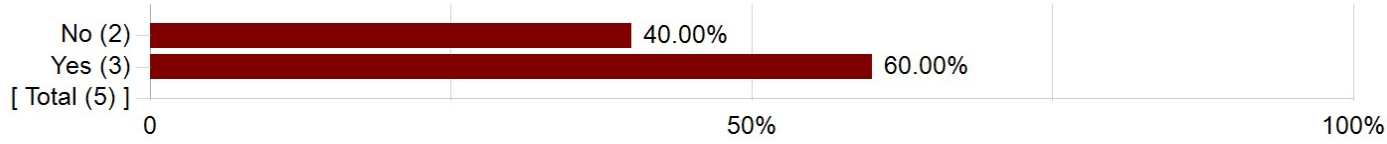

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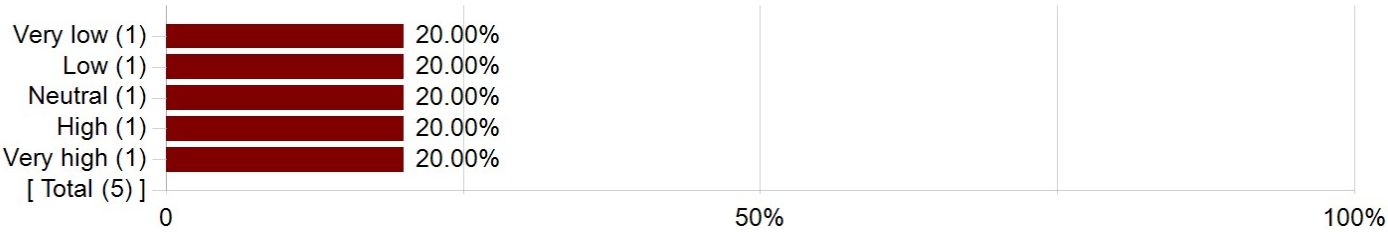
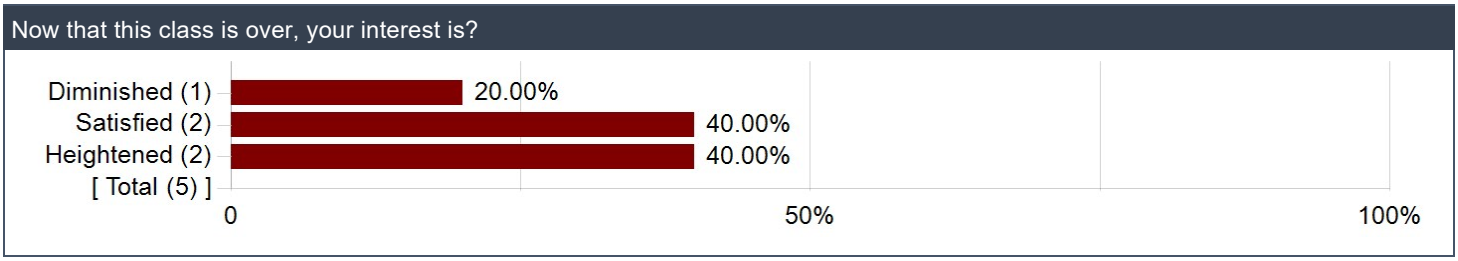
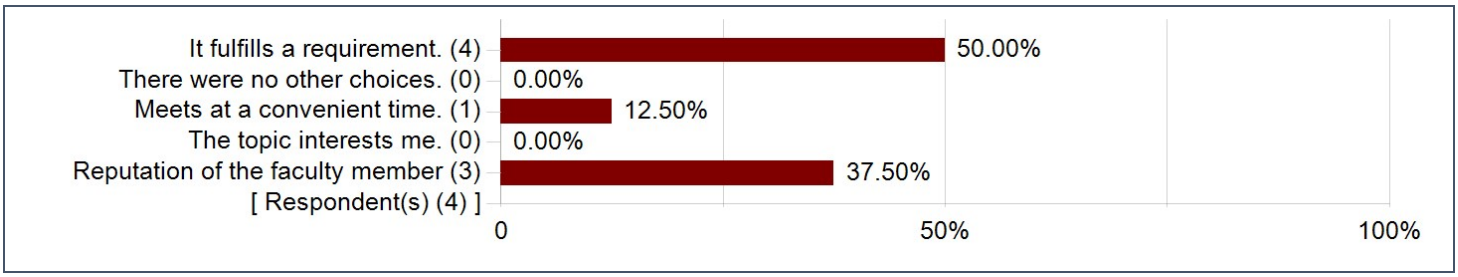


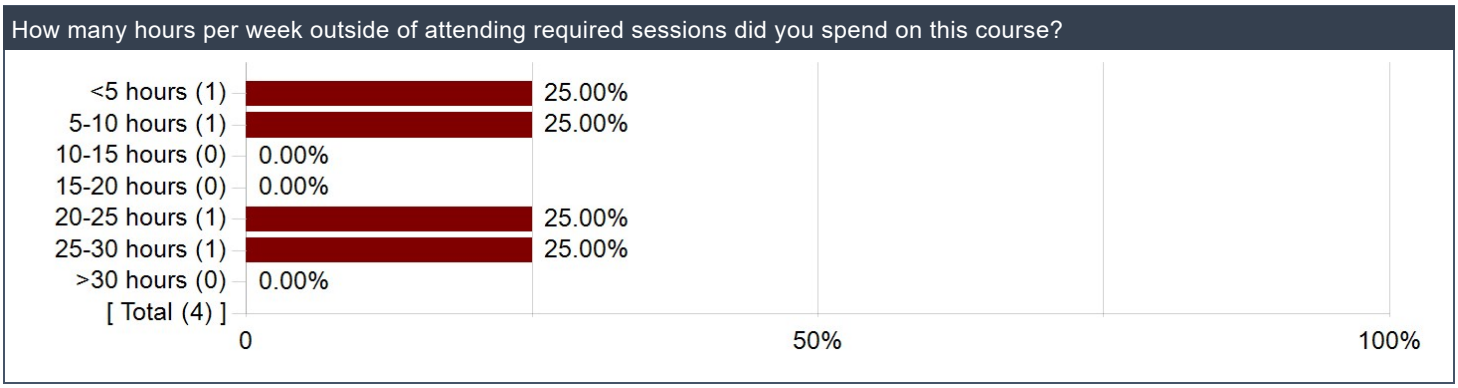
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



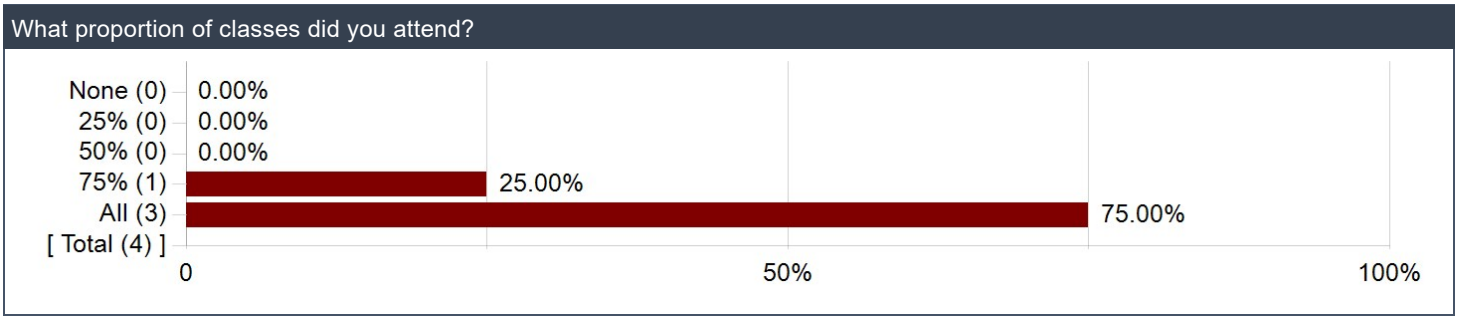
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
It was a heavy course load and I have no background in econ so I felt stupid for a long time but whenever I actually understood something I felt very academically accomplished.
The course has an ungodly amount of reading so unless you speed read your not going to get it done. Based on that the course is difficult to BS.