



SOSC 12500 28 - Self, Culture, and Society II - Instructor(s): Anirban Karak

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

Number Enrolled: **14**

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
Thinking about how the self responds to, experiences, and lives within different societies that have emerged since the start of time. We have read Durkheim, Freud, Be Beauvoir, Rubin, Gonzales, Fanon, and several other prominent and brilliant authors. The class teaches you how to think really critically and creatively — it gives you a ton of perspectives on the world that you might not have had before the class
This course covered theories of the self including religion, sexuality, gender, and race.
I learned about how the self is shaped by society, and the implications and connections of this to modern day issues.
Many of the texts that we read in class weren't ones that I would just pick up and try to understand on my own, so many of the discussions we had helped me understand the authors more
I learned A LOT about the various authors we discussed this quarter.

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

Comments
The lectures were extremely helpful. Professor Karan is amazing when it comes to discussing all of the readings in an understandable and extremely interesting way. He makes what can be a very dense reading topic absolutely fascinating. He is phenomenal, and he makes it so easy to learn from the readings.
The lectures were very useful as well as the slides.
The lectures were very good, and the discussions were interesting. The student presentations were often harder to follow than the lectures due to the difficulty of the readings.
Lectures and discussions were very interesting and helped me learn a lot.
My professor had a powerpoint for most of the lectures, but he didn't want us to just read and take notes directly from the slide, so he made them pretty open ended, which made it easier for the rest of us to facilitate discussion and learn more from each other
What contributed most to my learned, moreso than the actual reading were the lectures. They were vital to my understanding of the material and I really appreciated that. My professor has a very strong grasp of each of these authors.

Please respond to the following:

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

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
I really like professor's teaching style. Might seem a little unorthodox but I really like it.
If you genuinely want to learn a lot, take this course.

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	0.00%	100.00%
Anyone interested in the topic	14.29%	85.71%

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

Comments
The lectures and his office hours. He did such an amazing job discussing the topics from the readings in the lecture in a way that we would all understand. His office hours were also great in that he always does a great job answering all of our questions. Additionally, he gives great feedback on essays and always poses some interesting things to think about for the next one.
The guided lectures were well done, and the readings had lots of interesting connections to each other.
lectures were super interesting and helpful!
Lectures
He was super enthusiastic about everything, and just channeled so much joy and energy into our discussions that even if the topic bored you, you couldn't help but want to focus and learn a lot just so you wouldn't disappoint him. This is his first year of teaching too, and I thought he did absolutely amazing because I'm leaving the second quarter of this SOSC sequence with so much knowledge!
The lectures. No doubt. Show up to class, take notes, and you're set.

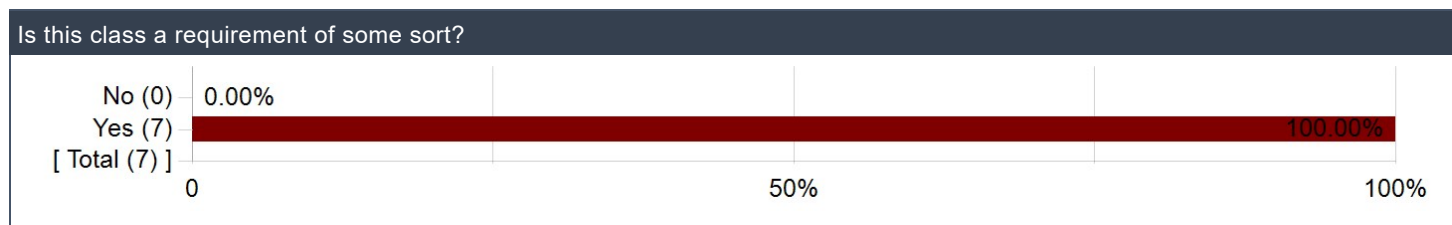
What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Nothing — he's great.
Take more pauses to make sure the whole class understands before moving on.
N/A, absolutely amazing!
Perhaps he could've made it more welcoming to participate. I often felt worried that what I would say would be wrong and that wouldn't be very acceptable.

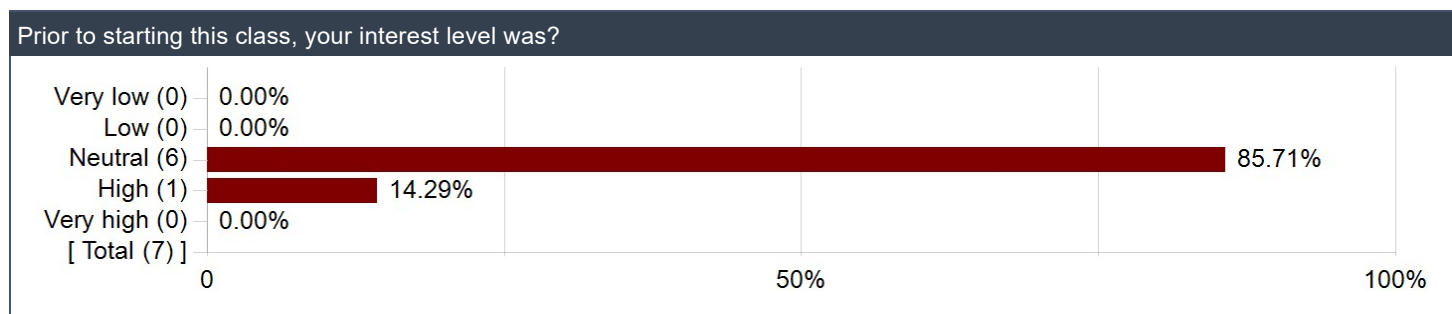
The Instructor . . .

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Organized the course clearly.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	85.71%	0.00%
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.	4.14	4.00	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	42.86%	42.86%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%	0.00%

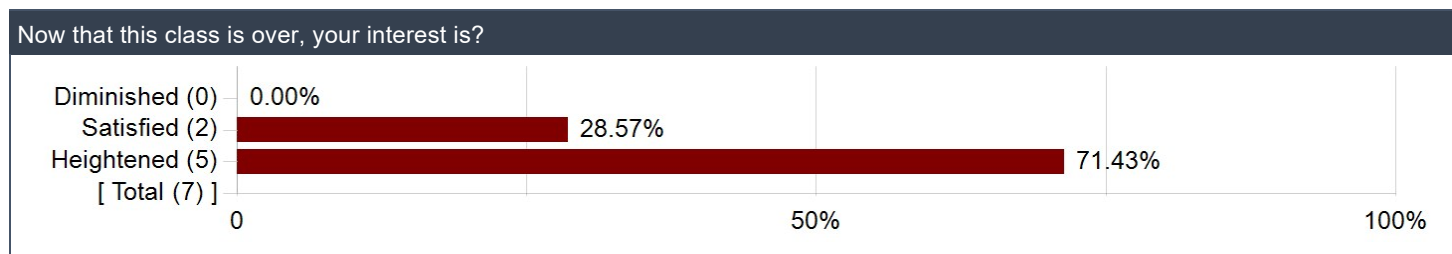
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



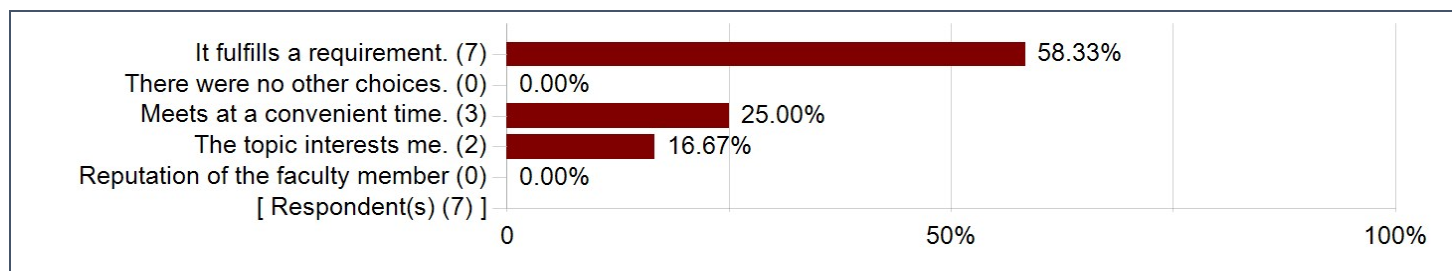
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



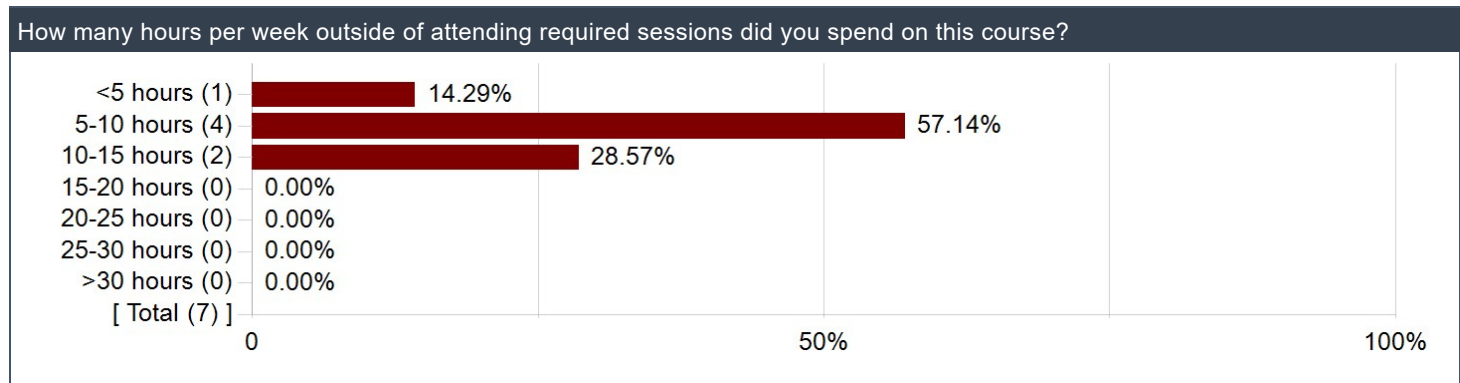
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



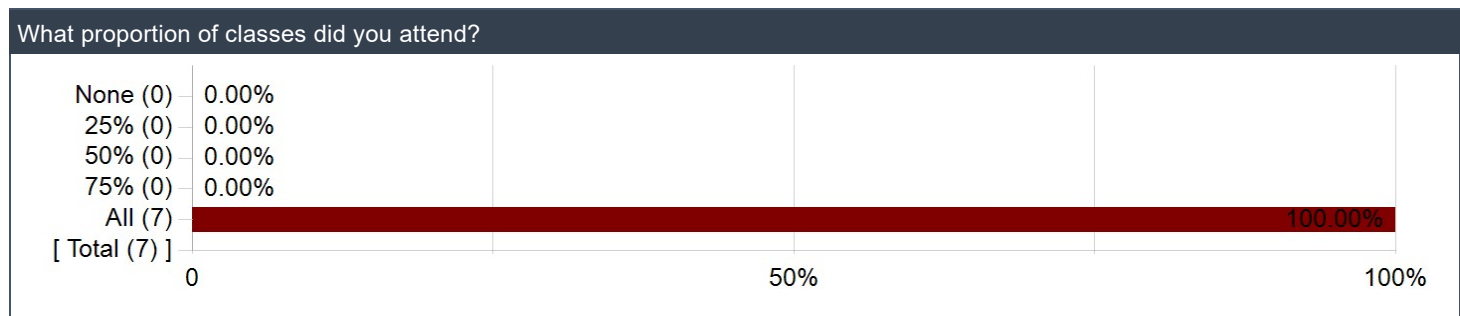
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
A lot of reading, but if you take the time to understand the content, you will be able to write a great essay. The final is an in-class, hand-written final, which is definitely more challenging than a take home essay (like the other two exams are), but if you take the time to understand all of the author's arguments and how they relate to each other and the world today, you'll be fine
This was a difficult, but reasonable course.
tough intellectually but totally worth it!
If you put in a good amount of work understanding the texts and pay attention in class, essays don't take long at all to write.
This is a challenging course, but if you write a lot on your papers you will do well.