Barely Two Hundred Words

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As I mentioned before, I really enjoyed Hooks’ book. Language and norms of higher education being a gatekeeper to itself and therefore to power in society was interesting. It perpetuates this “paradox of power”: In order to change society, you need to have power. In order to accumulate power, you must conform to society.

To be honest, I haven’t read a single message from one of my peers except a poem vaguely describing Minecraft. I’ve been rather preoccupied with work. The poem was cute but I didn’t find it super insightful. While I was traveling, I met several people who attended UC Santa Cruz. On my plane to Istanbul, I met a UCSC Alum. In Bled, Slovenia, I met a recent graduate. In Split, Croatia, I met another USCS Alum. Even though I haven’t attended in person yet, I do, perhaps strangely, feel a sense of connection to UCSC as a concept.

I wouldn’t really say that this course made me more (or less) confident about my position as a student at UCSC. It still feels a tad surreal that this is even happening. I am excited to attend school and I just hope I’m not crushed by the schoolwork.