

College Course Evaluations

SOSC 11500: Power, Identity, Resistance-2

Section 22 - Winter 2018

Instructor(s): Craze, Joshua; Hakim, Rafadi; Reed, Allison

Number Enrolled: 17

Number of Responses: 5

The Course

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

- What it means to be a human in an economic society. Whether political institutions are legitimate and their regulations justified. How to understand economy in relation to politics etc.
- Close reading
- All of the texts were really interesting and gave very different viewpoints on labor in society.
- Content-wise: political economy, its critique, and related subjects (capitalism and anarcho-communism, individualism, labor and other human activities, etc.) Skill-wise: how to approach dense texts, how to grasp an author's arguments and apply them towards writing essays
- Marx is less scary than you would think. Ends cannot be impractical, only means. A lot of our 'truths' are based more in history than reason.
- ...Capitalism sucks? So does modernity? Skills: how to write an essay in two days and pretend you did the reading when you most definitely did not.

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

- The lectures are clear, well-organized, detailed and of course, very interesting. Discussions are always helpful for developing new ideas of my own on the text.
- The lectures of the class were always great.
- The course refreshed my understanding of the world. The texts provided extraordinary insights into the emergence and nature of economic/social systems. Lectures and discussion significantly deepened my understanding of them.
- Prof Craze does an excellent job of facilitating productive and interesting discussion among students. Attending discussion definitely informs better essay writing.
- Discussions are cool, essay questions are dope

	N/A	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me	0%	0%	0%	0%	20%	100%

intellectually.

I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	0%	0%	0%	0%	60%	60%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	0%	0%	0%	0%	40%	80%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	0%	0%	0%	0%	20%	100%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve subsequent work.	0%	0%	0%	0%	60%	60%
My work was evaluated fairly.	0%	0%	0%	0%	60%	60%
I felt respected in this class.	0%	0%	0%	0%	20%	100%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	0%	0%	0%	0%	40%	80%

Additional Comments about this course:

I would recommend this course to:

highly motivated and well-prepared students

Yes 6 / 120%

No 0 / 0%

anyone interested in the topic

Yes 6 / 120%

The Instructor

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

- LITERALLY EVERYTHING. He is incredibly knowledgeable in so many subjects and more importantly, knows how to present the material in an eclectic way. He has a unique sense of humor that never fails to make all the lectures interesting. He really cares about whether we understood the material (because it is really hard) and gives office hours very generously, even if he doesn't have to. He is very passionate about what the authors have to say about this sequence's main theme. I feel like I have an entirely different understanding of political philosophy after two quarters with him. Honestly, I'm so glad that I read evaluations before pre-registration because these positive evaluations of his class are 100% true.
- Professor Craze is clearly passionate and knowledgeable about the course material.
- Professor Craze was great at facilitating discussion and making these very difficult texts clear.
- Joshua continues to be amazing this quarter, if not more so than the last one. He's consistently articulate and informative, and his lectures make these dense texts much more accessible and appealing. Joshua is also incredibly knowledgeable, and brings in relevant outside information when appropriate. It not only enhances our understanding, but also makes the class very engaging. Discussions are highly productive thanks to his facilitation. Above all, Joshua genuinely enjoys teaching and cares about students. He motivates us to actually think and care about the world, which I believe distinguishes great instructors from good instructors. Joshua is definitely part of the reason SOSC has been my favorite class for the past two quarters.
- Craze, while a tad eccentric, is a brilliant instructor. He has a talent for interacting with the text in a modern setting, and making the text relevant to both the past and the present.
- He's clearly passionate about the subject, and his dramatic reading helps to point to the emphases.

What could she/he modify to help you learn more?

- The best thing is if I could take another class with him next year.
- Sometimes it's as if he is lecturing not for the students but for his own pleasure. That's fine except he then uses academic jargons loaded with philosophical connotations without introducing them.
- I wish Joshua could recommend more optional readings as supplements to the required texts.
- N/a
- Introduce academic/philosophical jargons before using them

	N/A	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Organized the course clearly.	0%	0%	0%	0%	40%	80%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	120%
Facilitated discussions that were	0%	0%	0%	0%	40%	80%

engaging and useful.

Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	0%	0%	0%	0%	20%	100%
Challenged you to learn.	0%	0%	0%	0%	20%	100%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	120%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	0%	0%	0%	0%	20%	100%
Motivated you to think independently.	0%	0%	0%	0%	40%	80%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming environment.	0%	0%	0%	0%	60%	60%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	0%	0%	0%	0%	20%	100%

The Teaching Assistant, Course Assistant, Intern

Did this class include instruction by a TA, CA or Intern?

Yes	6 / 120%
No	0 / 0%

What aspects of the TA's teaching contributed most to your learning?

- Her feedback on my essay is so thorough. She listed both good and bad points in my essay and commented on each one, saying that how it is good or bad and how I should write about similar things next time.
- Allison was always engaged in the class discussion and available to help outside of class.
- Allison is very responsible and accessible outside of class. She takes time to go over my essays in detail during office hours, and provides really helpful feedback. And she's such a nice person.
- When Allison did speak up in class, her comments always very much contributed to the discussion.

- Talking to her outside of class

What could she/he modify to help you learn more?

- None.
- Speak up a little more.
- nothing

The TA/CA or Intern...

	N/A	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Facilitated discussions that supported your learning.	60%	0%	0%	0%	40%	20%
Gave you useful feedback on your work.	60%	0%	0%	20%	0%	40%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	60%	0%	0%	0%	40%	20%
Challenged you to learn.	60%	0%	0%	0%	40%	20%
Helped you succeed in the class.	40%	0%	0%	20%	40%	20%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	40%	0%	0%	0%	60%	20%
Overall, the TA/CA made a significant contribution to your learning.	40%	0%	0%	0%	60%	20%

Additional feedback to the TA/CA/Intern:

Additional Course Elements

Did this course include special design elements (labs, field trips, extra sessions, writing seminars)?

Yes	1 / 20%
No	5 / 100%

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

	NA	No Gains	A Little Gain	Moderate Gain	Good Gain	Great Gain
Laboratory Experience	80%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Field Trips	80%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Library Sessions	80%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Review sessions	80%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Writing Seminars	80%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Other course elements not mentioned above:

Student Information

Is this class a requirement of some sort?

Yes	6 / 120%
No	0 / 0%

Prior to starting the class, my interest level was?

Very Low	0 / 0%
Low	0 / 0%

Neutral	2 / 40%
High	4 / 80%
Very High	0 / 0%

Now that the course is over, my interest is?

Diminished	0 / 0%
Satisfied	2 / 40%
Heightened	4 / 80%

Why, primarily, did you take this course over others?

It fulfills a requirement	5 / 100%
There were no other choices	0 / 0%
Meets at a convenient time	1 / 20%
The topic interests me	3 / 60%
Reputation of the faculty member	3 / 60%

How many hours per week outside of attending required sessions did you spend on this course?

< 5 Hours	1 / 20%
5-10 Hours	4 / 80%
> 10 Hours	1 / 20%

What proportion of classes did you attend?

None	0 / 0%
25%	0 / 0%
50%	0 / 0%
75%	0 / 0%
All	6 / 120%

Please comment on the level of difficulty of the course relative to your background and experience.

Very Easy	0 / 0%
Easy	0 / 0%
Average	1 / 20%
Very Difficult	2 / 40%
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