



SOSC 13300 8 - Social Science Inquiry III - Instructor(s): Shu Fu

Project Title: **College Course Feedback - Spring 2023**

Number Enrolled: **19**

Number of Responses: **9**

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, June 16, 2023**

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

Comments
How to incorporate the concepts learned from the past two quarters and apply them to write a complete research paper
Learning to set up experimental design in social sciences and using quantitative methodologies via coding to do so.
How to plan and carry out a social sciences research project
How to write an effective research paper
I learned how to review literature, conduct original research, and write a social science research paper!
Ability to find a research topic that interests me, obtain real world data and analyze it
Writing a social science research paper

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

Comments
The lectures provided valuable reinforcement of the concepts we learned in previous quarters, serving as a helpful reminder. Additionally, they effectively guided us in crafting robust research papers. The presentations played a crucial role in our understanding as they offered a comprehensive overview of our work, allowing us to review significant points. Furthermore, the feedback received from both professors and classmates proved extremely beneficial.
The course was a good mix of theoretical lectures and presentations/work days that helped us make progress towards our projects.
Lecture/discussion was usually helpful. I liked that we often got to share ideas with people working on other projects, so everyone in the class had a good understanding of each other's work.
Our lectures by Professor Fu were helpful to gain new perspectives when thinking about our own research throughout the course of the quarter. The readings complemented the lectures nicely.
Lectures helped understand the process of analyzing data in the right ways, and answer any questions we had along the way.
There weren't very many lectures, most were either sessions where we were giving presentations, or discussing some reading or concept in small groups

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.22	5.00	0.00%	11.11%	22.22%	0.00%	66.67%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
I felt respected in this class.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
Great course, great prof. Shu is the best.
I really enjoyed both of my classes (SSI II Winter and SSI III Spring) with Professor Fu. As a professor, he is kind, approachable, and an excellent lecturer. You can tell he genuinely cares about his students—in this course, he routinely checked up with all of the project groups to make sure we were on track and provide generous advice for both our social science work and academic life in general. I HIGHLY recommend Professor Shu Fu and this course. It was a pleasure taking this course with Shu.
Really this entire class is about writing the paper. Not a bad class, and Shu was a good instructor for this class, very nice and very reasonable, but this was time consuming and I'm glad it's over.

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	22.22%	77.78%
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
Shu's super passionate, he's always willing to help you learn and make sure that you are engaged in class. I honestly could pull through thanks to him. He really made the work more interesting and enjoyable. Hope he continues teaching at UChicago :(
Shu was always extremely helpful and made himself available outside of class to help with coding problems and theoretical understanding.
Shu was always really available and willing to help out with anything. He gave us a lot of opportunities to work on our project during class where we could clarify doubts/problems immediately, and the structure of the course was really clear and set up so that we would have the bulk of the final project done before the end of the quarter, which was really nice.
Shu is an excellent lecturer—in class, he generates a nice balance between student input and lectures in slideshow format. He provided helpful and generous feedback for our course assignments to guide us along the way when writing a social science research paper.
Shu was great at explaining the concepts behind regression and data analysis without making it needlessly complicated. Also helpful with troubleshooting R problems
Shu was probably most helpful one on one, where we could discuss the project in more depth, and could give personalized suggestions. He gave a lot of help with R, like formatting, etc., and was helpful in making things like tables and plots look better

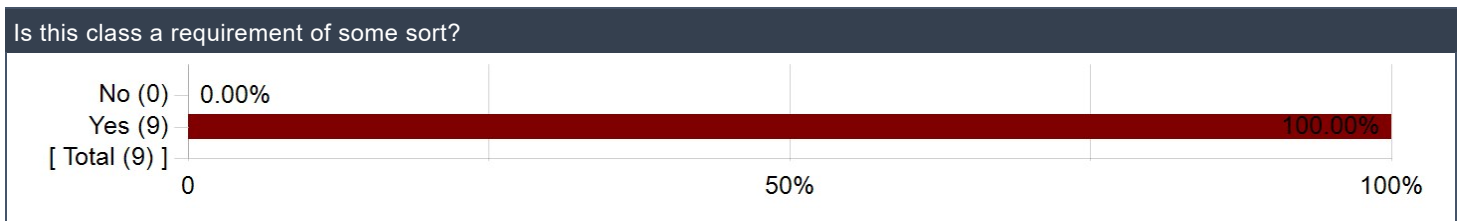
What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
Nothing tbh. He's great.
N/A
Nothing
Honestly not much

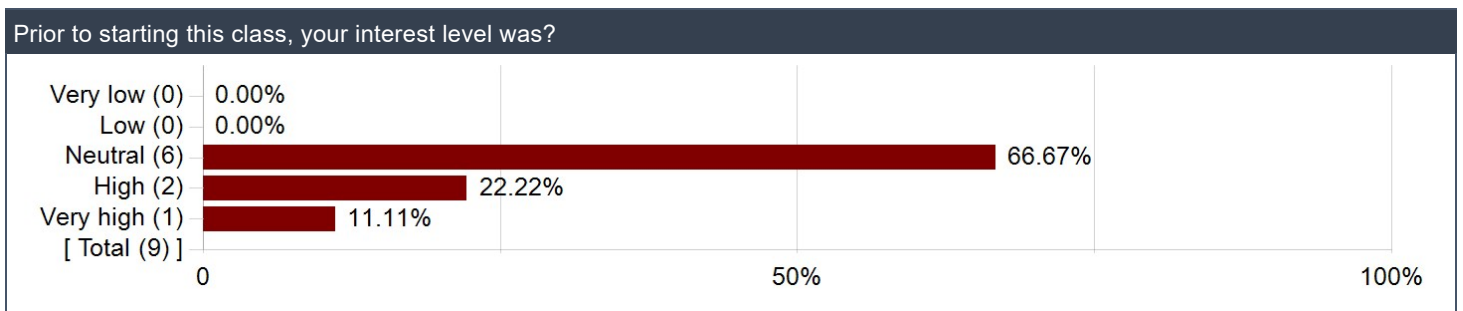
The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	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 course.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	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.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	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%
Motivated you to think independently.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%

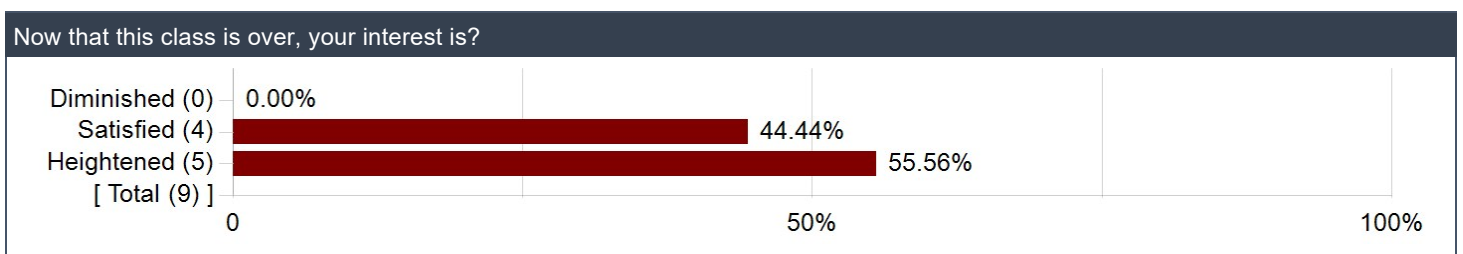
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



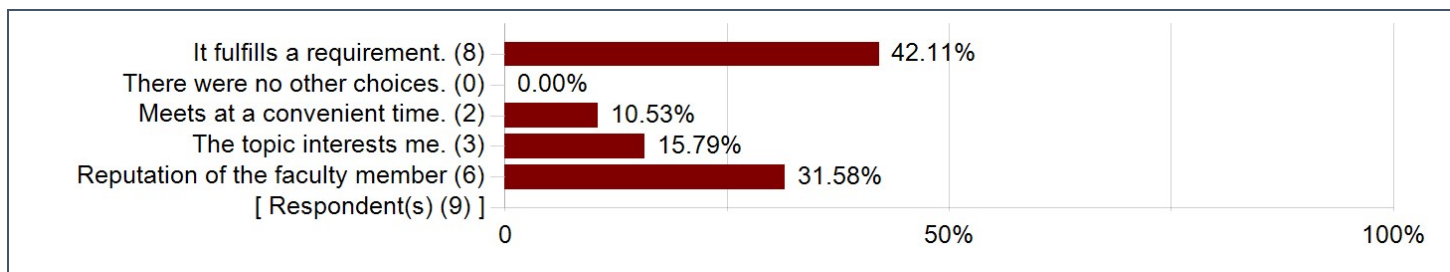
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



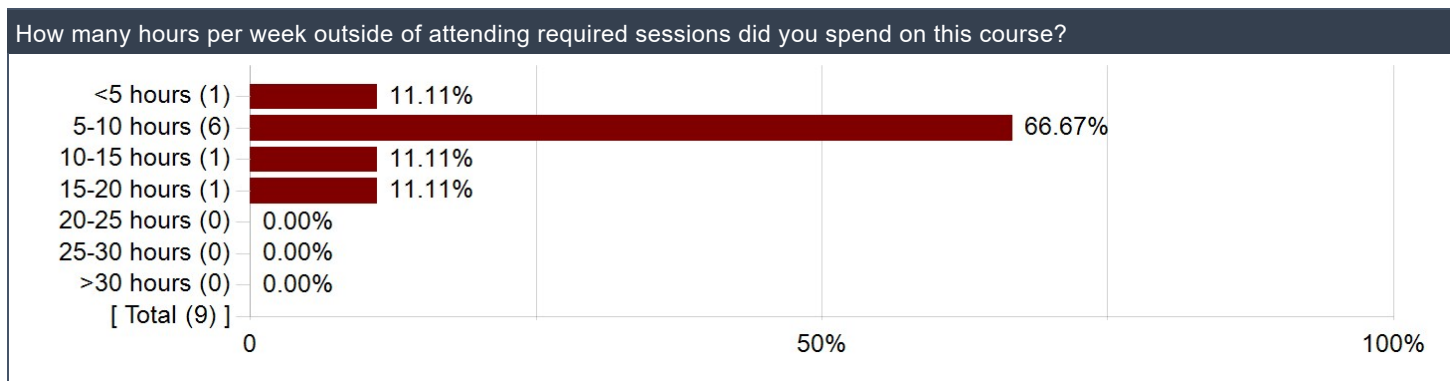
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



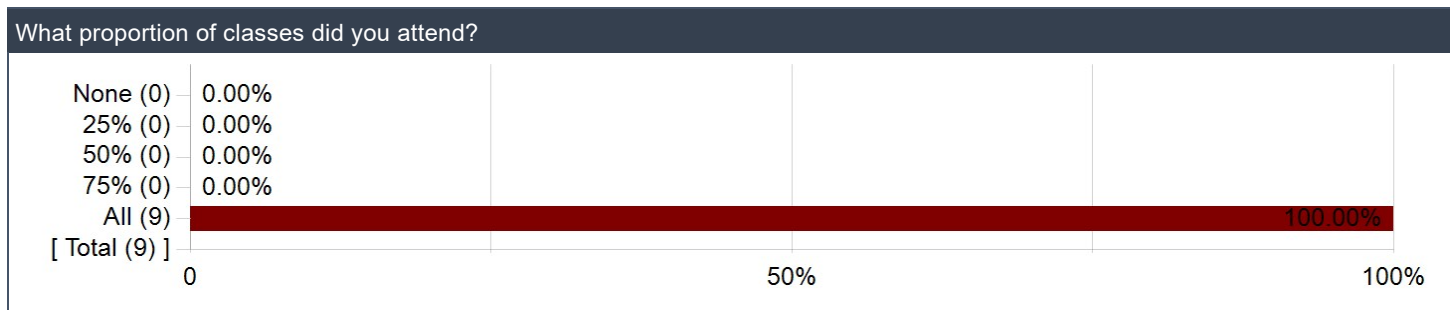
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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
It's not difficult as long as you go to class, pay attention, and go to his office hours for help. It's definitely doable for anyone.
The course is centred around making your own research project based on previous learning in SSI 1 & 2. Not super challenging given all we learnt before this course in the sequence.
The class is quite approachable for students of all backgrounds!
Don't need any programming experience to succeed in this class. Just be motivated to do the work on your own time since the assignments are all assigned over longer periods of time.
This was not a very difficult class, but very time consuming.