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Open-ended feedback from Social Inequality course

What were you hoping to learn from this course? Did it meet your expectations? Why or why not?

- I wanted to simply understand what social inequality meant and if I was interested in further learning about sociology, and this course definitely met my expectations. I know I really enjoy learning about sociology, and I want to pursue more courses in the future.
- Just about general inequality issues in the US and yes it did meet my expectations because we covered a lot of good topics.
- I was hoping to learn about different inequalities that are taking place that i did not know about. It did meet my expectations, the inequality reader was a really great source that we used which help my knowledge grow.
- I was hoping to learn about interesting areas of social inequality. Most of the time the course met my expectations. Sometimes, however, it felt kind of like we were just learning about the obvious.
- I was hoping to learn about different inequalities within society, and what methods were used to study these issues.

How will you use what you learned from this course in the future?

- I definitely think I will.
- Just to be more aware and knowledgeable as I go about my life and interactions with others.
- I will just look at things with a more open mind then what I did before.
- Better confronting issues of social inequality from a more educated standpoint
- I will apply my learnings from this course to my Public Policy Courses.

How did this course compare to others you've taken at Duke overall? In terms of quality of instruction? Reading load? Workload? Structure? Grading?

- I think quality of instruction was great, and I really liked having lectures on Tuesdays and discussions on Thursdays. The instructions for writing summaries were a little ambiguous, and I would've liked more clarity on that. The reading load was definitely moderate and easy to manage.
- It compares pretty similarly to many of my smaller psych and soc classes in terms of good quality instruction, balanced workload, creative structure, and fair grading. I think it was a lighter reading load than I've had before which I appreciated.
- By far one of my favorite classes. Great instruction, reasonable reading load, workload was reasonable, great structure, and good grading.
- Instruction was great. Reading load was average. Workload was lower. I really liked the structure. Grading- I have no idea, I think the class would've benefitted a lot more from having a couple of papers scattered throughout the year because I have no idea what a literature review is or what you are looking for or how you grade.

- It required quality work, and many peer-reviewed articles and sighted statistics.

Other comments:
- Its a good class
- [This class asks you to] engage with the readings, ask questions, apply concepts to the real world to really understand concepts
- If you're taking it for a pre-med requirement and you're in pratt, you're in for a bad time. Especially if your views conflict with the other students'. Not the instructor's, the other students'.
- SOCIOL 211 is a great first class if you are interested in majoring in Sociology. Professor Valentino is a great professor who wants to see you excel in class and in your work as well. Her lectures are always interesting as you will learn something new in her class.
- Professor Valentino was definitely an amazing Social Inequality professor. She is genuinely passionate about the subject, and she is very thoughtful and smart. I would highly recommend taking her class; it reaffirmed my love of sociology. Also, you don't have to be a sociology major to really enjoy & learn a lot in this class.