



SPAN 10100 8, SPAN 10100 8 - Beginning Elementary Spanish I - Instructor(s): Janet Sedlar

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

Number Enrolled: **13**

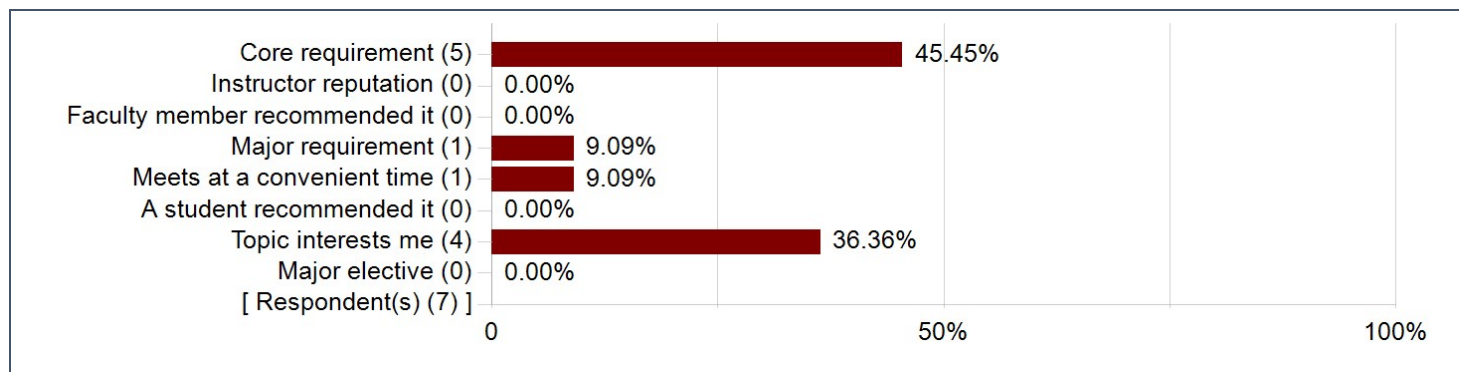
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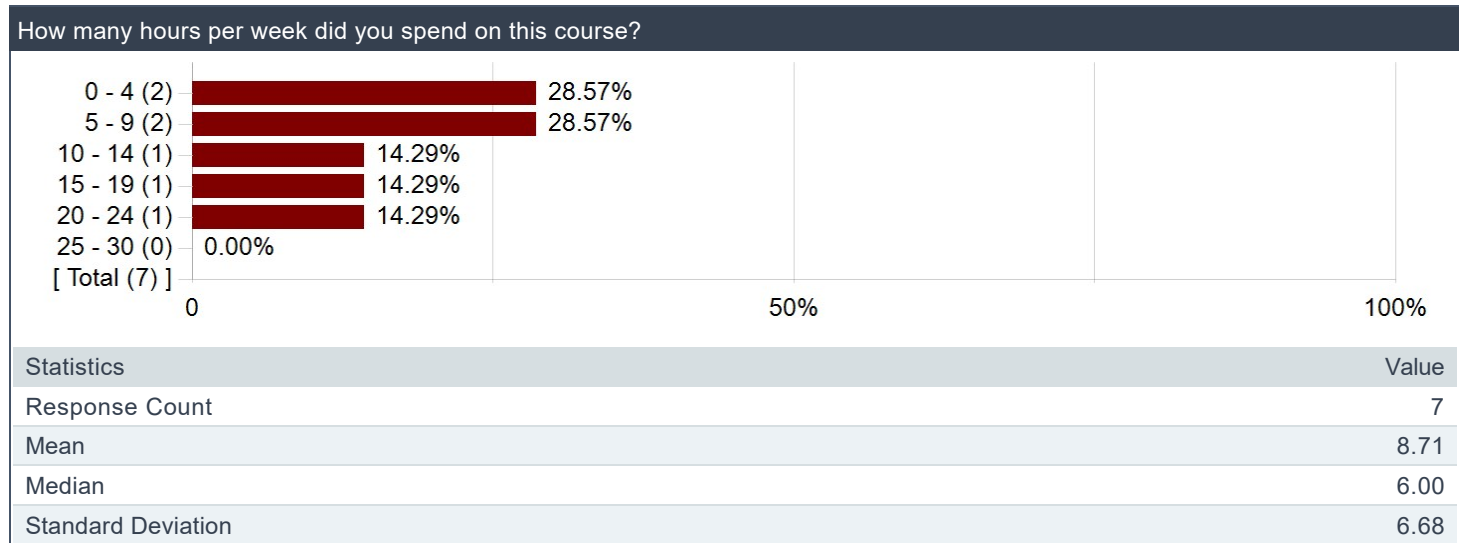
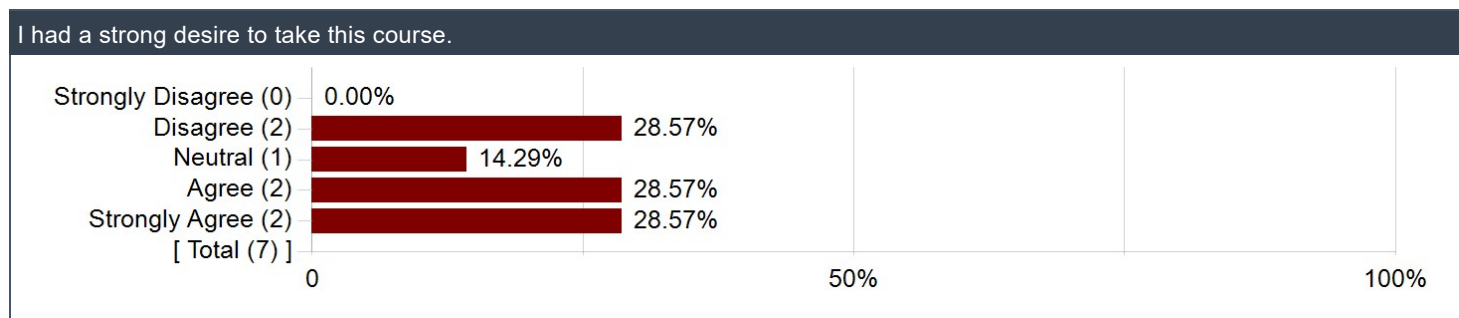
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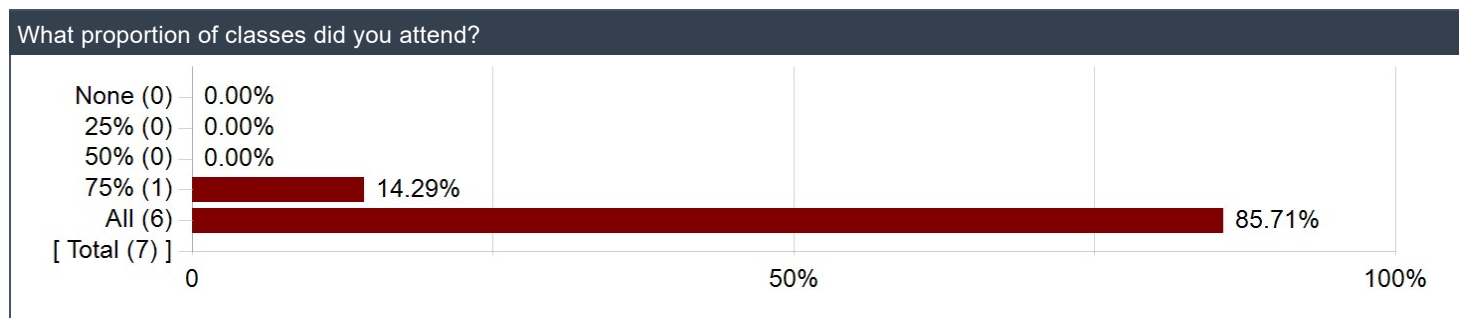
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



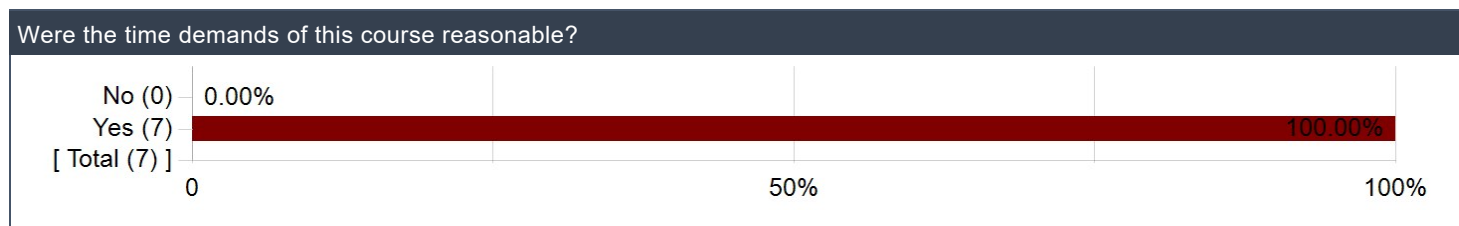
I had a strong desire to take this course.



What proportion of classes did you attend?



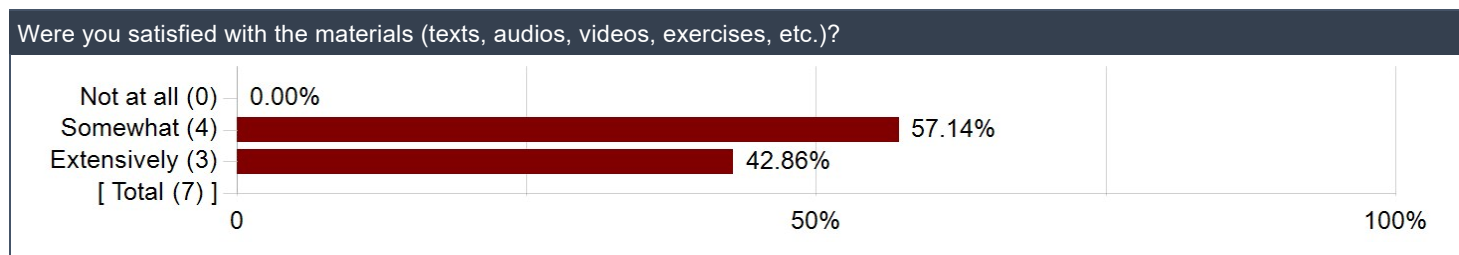
Were the time demands of this course reasonable?



Rate the extent to which different aspects of the language were stressed:

	Mean	Median	Not At All	A Little	Some	A Lot	Extremely	Vigorously
Speaking	3.86	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	57.14%	14.29%
Reading	3.29	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	57.14%	14.29%	14.29%
Writing	3.29	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	42.86%	0.00%	28.57%
Grammar	3.43	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	71.43%	14.29%	14.29%
Vocabulary	3.71	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	42.86%	14.29%
Listening	3.29	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	28.57%	28.57%	14.29%

Were you satisfied with the materials (texts, audios, videos, exercises, etc.)?



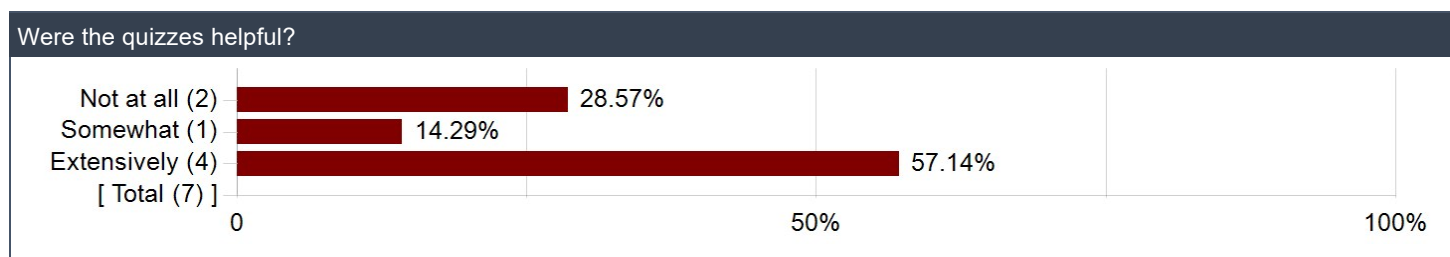
Please explain:

Comments
The textbook was decent, but the software we used was confusing.
The audios were often very fast, it would have been good to hear them at different speeds. It also would be good to have more notes on the origin of the speaker/writer because I often lost track of which dialects of spanish had what features
The platform was annoying and buggy, so we'd do the exercises and it wouldn't always be recorded. It was very finicky. When it worked, the exercises were helpful in reinforcing things from class, but I think some of the exercises were pointless (word searches, matching words with each other in cards). I would've benefited from more listening comprehension or speaking homework.

What did you learn about culture through language?

Comments
Differences between Spain Spanish and Latin America Spanish
Not much
The differences between Latin American and Spain variants were Spanish were described which was instructive. We also had assignments to look at cultural aspects of different Spanish speaking countries and those were helpful to get a sense of the culture. Same with reading passages in the textbook but it would've been helpful to do more of those.

Were the quizzes helpful?



How helpful were the various types of homework?

	Mean	Median	Not At All	Somewhat	Very	N/A
Reading	2.33	2.50	14.29%	28.57%	42.86%	14.29%
Listening	2.33	2.50	14.29%	28.57%	42.86%	14.29%
Writing	2.83	3.00	0.00%	14.29%	71.43%	14.29%
Speaking	2.50	3.00	14.29%	14.29%	57.14%	14.29%

If Discussion Board/Blog Tools were used in your course, how useful did you find them?

Comments
N/A
n/a

How useful did you find the required out of class aural/oral activities (e.g. cultural activities, conversational practice, activities of your choice, films, etc.)?

Comments
LinguaMeetings were quite helpful but very intimidating at first. It would have been helpful to have more guidance on how to prepare for our first session eg. preparing briefly together as a class.
Cultural experiences were distracting and didn't provide much value, especially since they spoke so quickly I didn't often get what was going on. LinguaMeetings on the other hand were super helpful and fun. It gave us an opportunity to hear a native speaker and also try to respond.

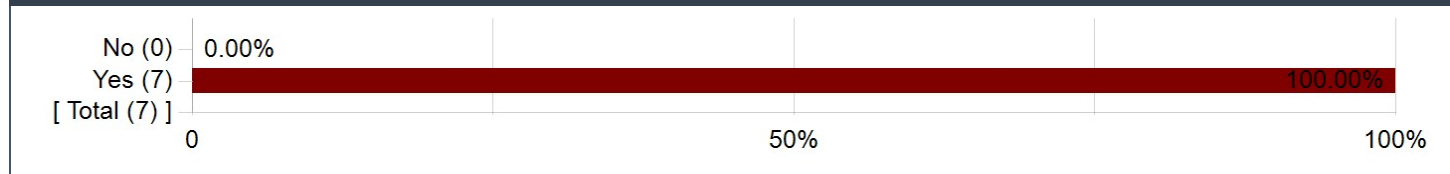
The Instructor

Select one option for each statement (1 lowest - 5 highest):

	Mean	Median	1- Lowest	2	3	4	5- Highest
Rate your instructor's organizational skills	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	14.29%	71.43%
Rate your instructor's ability to convey the subtleties of the language	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	85.71%
Rate your instructor's ability to encourage class conversation and participation in this language	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%
Rate your instructor's availability outside of class and willingness to help	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%
Rate feedback on assignments and exams	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	14.29%	71.43%

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Please explain:

Comments

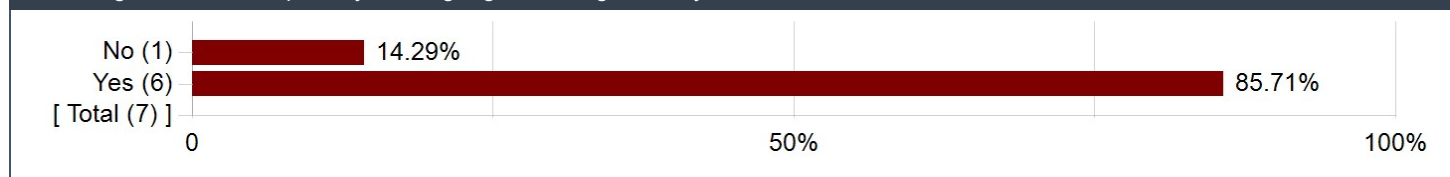
She was great. Easy class, but you learn a ton.

She created a good atmosphere where it wasn't too intimidating to make mistakes

Janet was a great and caring instructor. You could tell that she really cared about her students but also genuinely enjoys teaching Spanish. She did a good job of calling on students to encourage them to participate. She also created a fun environment where none of us were ashamed of getting things wrong because she was patient with us and offered helpful corrections. She took away any intimidating part of learning a new language because she was incredibly empathetic and kind. I had a ton of fun in my class and enjoyed it as a change of pace from my other coursework.

Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?

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How would you improve this course?

Comments

Find a more efficient way to effectively help students communicate and understand Spanish.

A bit more guided emphasis on pronunciation would be helpful. especially as we are beginners, I think it's important we build good habits like following syllable stress rules, learn how to pronounce sounds that are similar but distinct from english ones (eg. the soft g).

It could also be interesting to learn linguistic rules (eg. common prefixes, suffixes, differences from english) that may help us better understand spanish words we don't understand by analysing them and comparing them to english.

I would've liked more corrections on how to pronounce things properly. It felt like most aspects of the language were emphasized except for proper pronunciation which I would've benefited more from. For example, where to place the emphasis on the word, how to tell if something required an accent.

In what way?

Comments

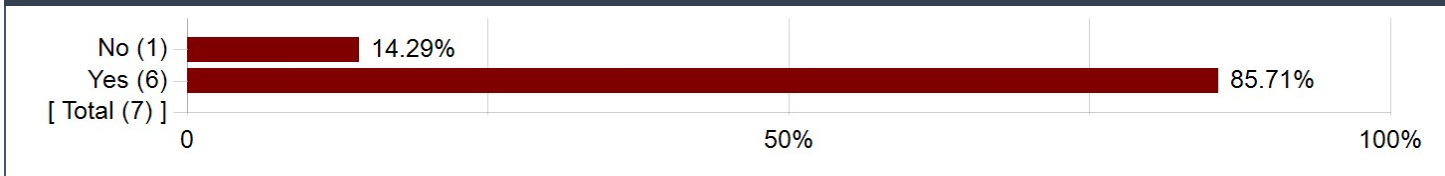
I feel I have a good foundation of nouns, verbs, and adjectives to have simple conversations.

I took Spanish in high school, which was very long ago, so this helped me brush up on the basics. I feel like going through the alphabet and pronunciation was super useful.

i can speak now

Would you recommend this class to another student?

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Why?

Comments

It was a really fun course and I appreciate the passion Janet has for teaching!