



FREN 10100 1, FREN 10100 1 - Beginning Elementary French I - Instructor(s): Alice McLean

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

Number Enrolled: **12**

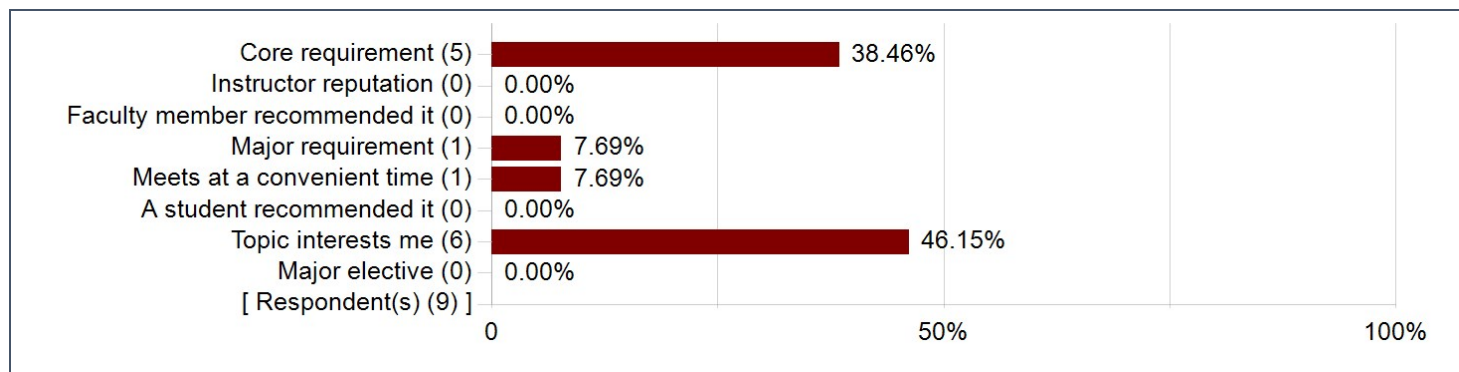
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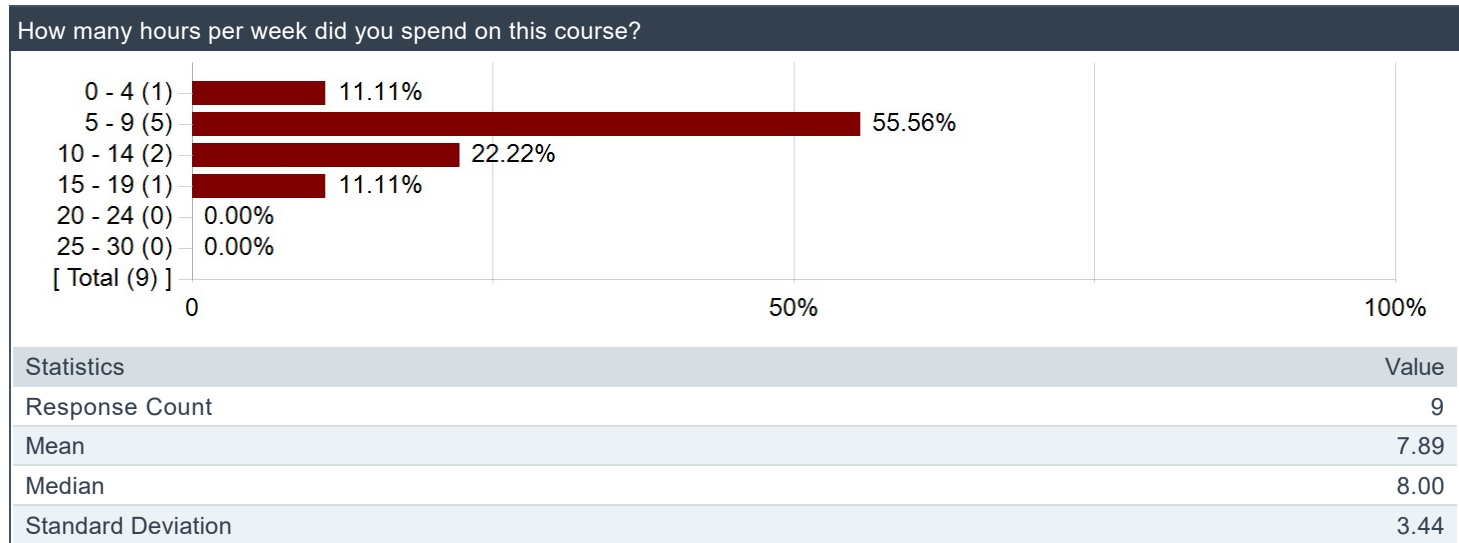
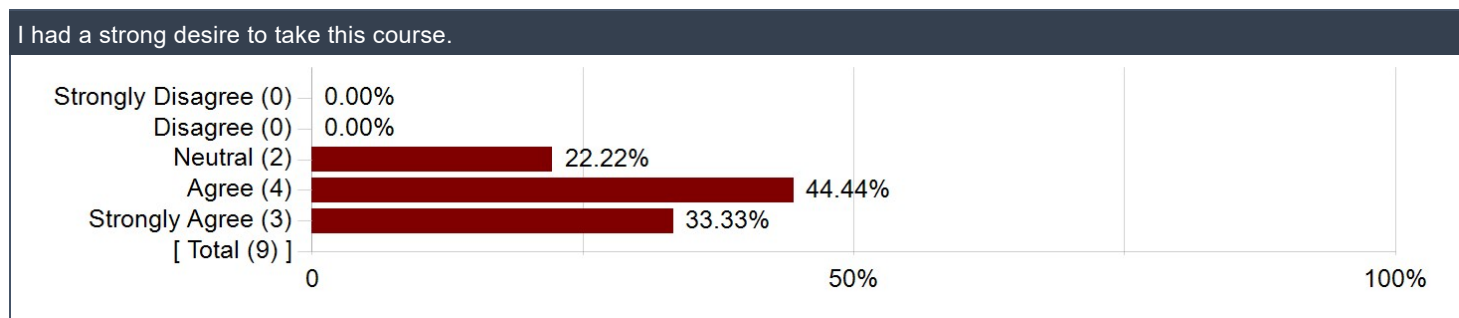
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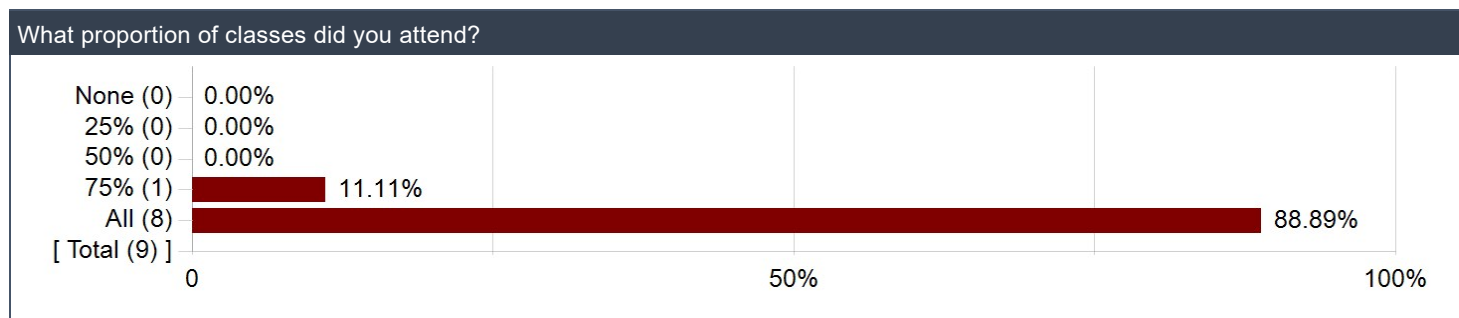
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



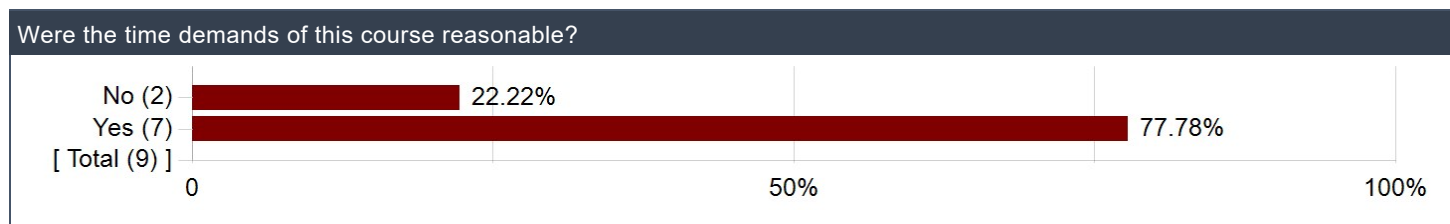
I had a strong desire to take this course.



What proportion of classes did you attend?



Were the time demands of this course reasonable?



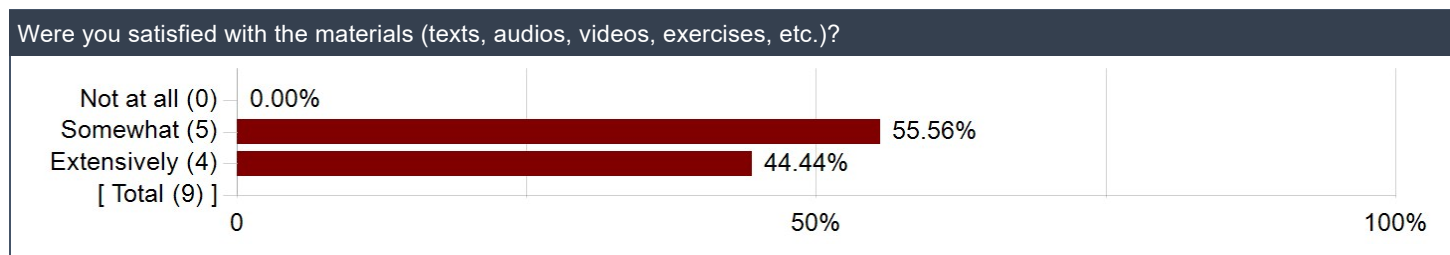
Rate the extent to which different aspects of the language were stressed:

	Mean	Median	Not At All	A Little	Some	A Lot	Extremely	Vigorously
Speaking	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	44.44%	44.44%
Reading	3.22	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	11.11%	22.22%
Writing	3.33	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	66.67%	0.00%	22.22%
Grammar	3.67	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	22.22%	22.22%	33.33%
Vocabulary	3.44	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	33.33%	22.22%	22.22%
Listening	3.89	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	44.44%	22.22%	33.33%

For French Classes Only:

	None At All	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	All Of It
How much self-correcting grammar homework did you do?	0.00%	11.11%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	0.00%	11.11%	66.67%
How much self-correcting audio homework did you do?	0.00%	11.11%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	0.00%	11.11%	66.67%

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



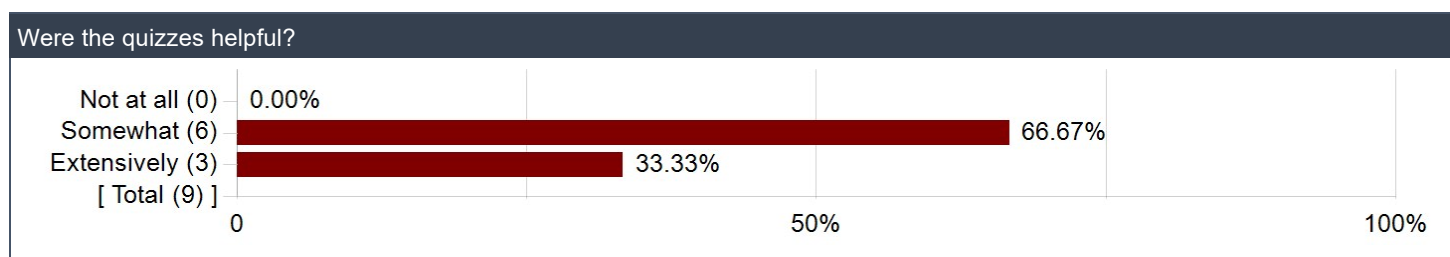
Please explain:

Comments
There were sufficient resources for me to gain a good grasp on basic French pronunciation, vocabulary, and grammar.
This class was way to much work for a language class. I had to stop focusing on my major courses in order to keep up which is so stupid.
Some audible sounds are challenging due to vagueness, noise, and fast speech.
I felt like a lot of the audios did not have great sound quality, which made it extremely difficult for me to understand them
Audios were often hard to hear and videos would sometimes glitch
The course material was helpful but I thought the order in which we covered things could be different.
It was a pretty immersive experience across the board, way better than high school. The conversations were awkward at first but soooooo important and really great practice. I think that the more you emphasize speaking, the better the class is.

What did you learn about culture through language?

Comments
I learned about colloquial French phrases, neighborhoods and famous places in Paris, common bakery items, etc.
I learned a lot about certain cultural practices in France and I learned a lot about different regions in France and what they are like.
We had readings on Lingco that taught us about French customs when it came to greetings, food, and more.
I learned a decent bit about French culture through the reading assignments. Alice also started every class with little tidbit about a place in France, which was really great.

Were the quizzes helpful?



How helpful were the various types of homework?

	Mean	Median	Not At All	Somewhat	Very	N/A
Reading	2.50	2.50	0.00%	44.44%	44.44%	11.11%
Listening	2.67	3.00	11.11%	11.11%	77.78%	0.00%
Writing	2.44	2.00	0.00%	55.56%	44.44%	0.00%
Speaking	2.56	3.00	11.11%	22.22%	66.67%	0.00%

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

Comments
N/A
They were somewhat useful
I found the cultural activities interesting but not very useful.

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
Although I did not find the cultural activities that we were required to completely particularly useful, I did find them quite interesting!
Discussions with the TA were the only good part of the course.
I did not attend any extra activities outside my course
I found out TA conversations very useful but the cultural activities to be only somewhat helpful to my learning.
Extremely helpful. I'm taking this class to learn the language, not just for the credit, so that was really important for me. I thought that Alice and my LA Erell Taranne did a good job with them.

Other comments:

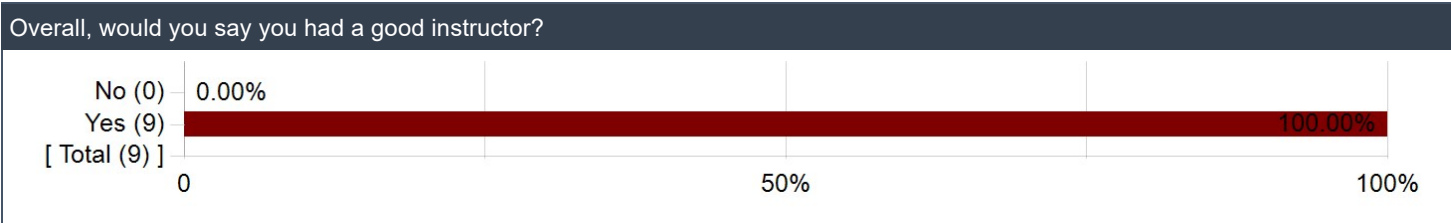
Comments
N/A
The book is super expensive. So annoying and it's literally written by a U Chicago prof, feels like im just putting money in their pocket when already paying so much just to be here.
There was way too much homework! The textbook exercises especially took me a lot of time to complete

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	4.56	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	22.22%	66.67%
Rate your instructor's ability to convey the subtleties of the language	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%
Rate your instructor's ability to encourage class conversation and participation in this language	4.44	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	55.56%	44.44%
Rate your instructor's availability outside of class and willingness to help	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%
Rate feedback on assignments and exams	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%

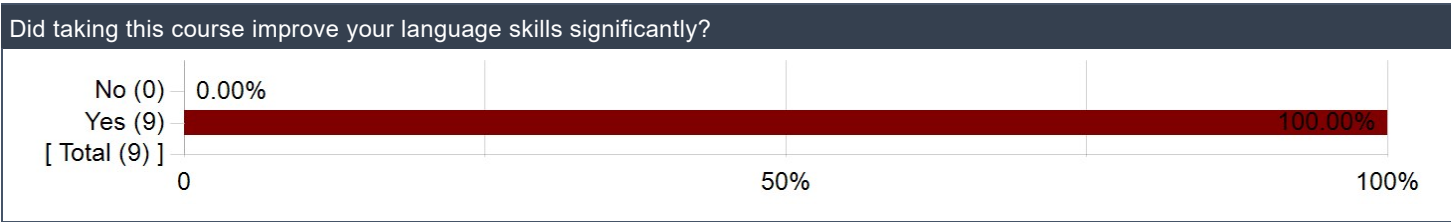
Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



Please explain:

Comments
My instructor was very kind, responsive to any questions we had, and engaging during class!
Good instructor but bad course
Alice McLean was great and I found her to be very helpful
I feel that we moved really fast through the course, but Professor McLean was very helpful, however I think going slower and changing the order of certain topics like vocabulary and conjugations would make the course better.
Having Alice as a teacher was like learning a language from a kind aunt that went to live in Paris and came back to teach you how to speak French. High praise, but entirely deserved. It was a great introduction to the language, and I hope the next class is just as good.

Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?



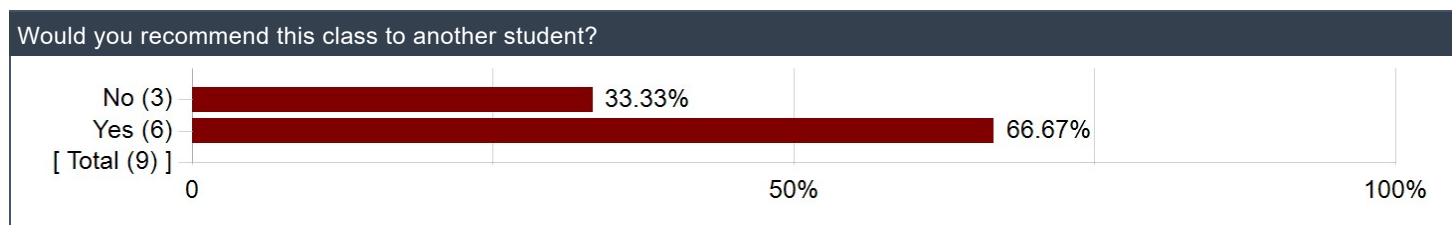
How would you improve this course?

Comments
More vocabulary quizzes would be useful because they would motivate me to study French vocabulary more.
Go sooooo much slower.
I feel like there needs to be more speaking practice before the speaking tests and also in general, I found this course to move at an extremely fast pace which made it very hard for me
Moving through material more slowly.
More and more speaking.

In what way?

Comments
I know feel like I have a basic grasp on introductory French, which I did not have at the beginning of this quarter.
I knew 0 French and now I know some.
Able to use French conduct basic conversations
I now know a lot about French and before I didn't
I can speak in full sentences in French, however I'm still not very good with pronunciation and the sentences are limited but I expected this with the first of an intro course.
I started off with no knowledge of the French language. The way I describe it is that I can now answer all the questions someone will ask when they want to know if you speak a certain language. Pretty good for a ten-week class.

Would you recommend this class to another student?



Why?

Comments
Both my instructor and the content of this course made this French class very useful, informative, and engaging.
Pace was way to fast for intro French
Way too much work, especially for me, because I am just taking French for fun
While I enjoyed the course I did find it very difficult.
Assuming you really want to learn French, Alice does a great job of helping you do that. If you apply yourself, it's a great first step in the right direction. Also, if you're on the fence about what language to learn, know that UChicago's French program is really well-respected, for good reason. And there's plenty of stuff going on in Paris through UChicago, so it's great for that too.