RUSS 10103 2, RUSS 10103 2 - First-Year Russian I - Instructor(s): Maria Iakubovich

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

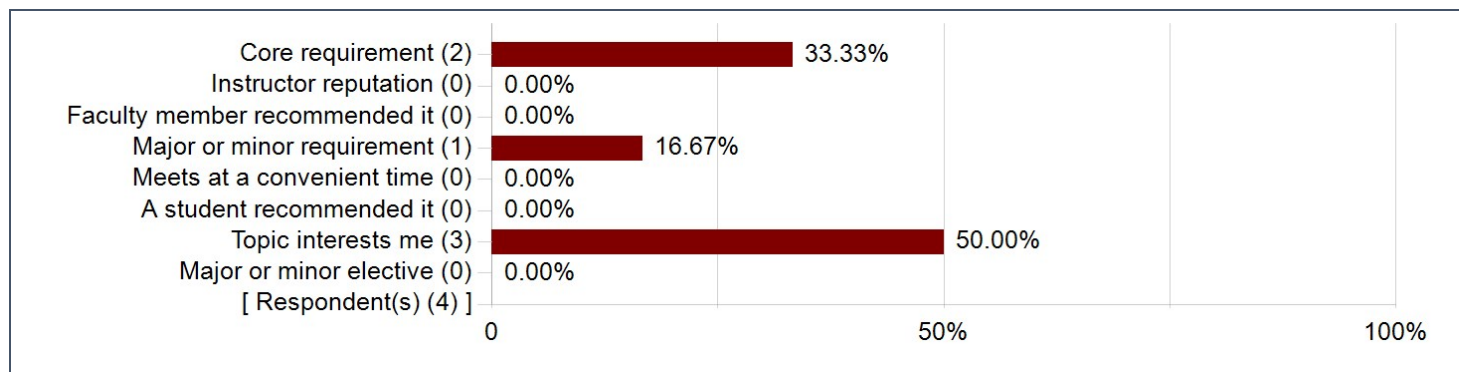Number Enrolled: **4**
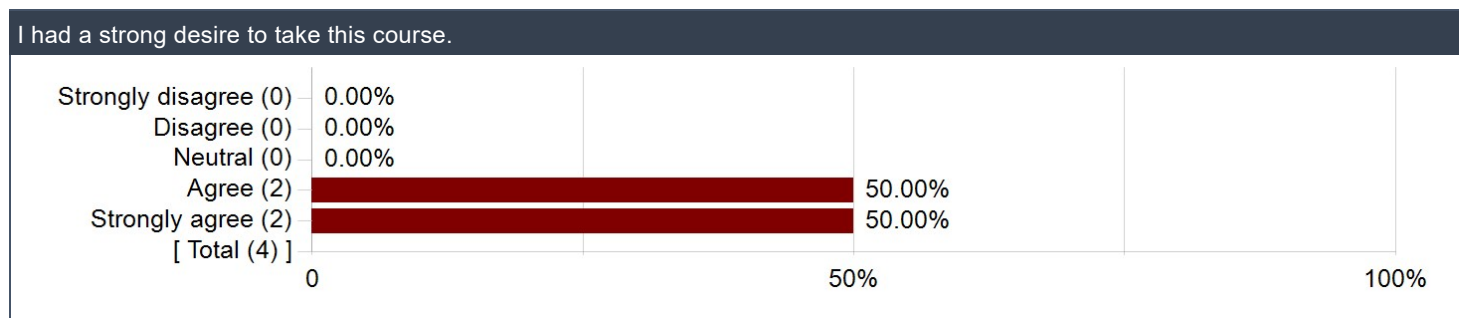Number of Responses: **4**

Report Comments

Opinions expressed in these evaluations are those of students enrolled in the specific course and do not represent the University.

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

Core requirement (2)	33.33%
Instructor reputation (0)	0.00%
Faculty member recommended it (0)	0.00%
Major or minor requirement (1)	16.67%
Meets at a convenient time (0)	0.00%
A student recommended it (0)	0.00%
Topic interests me (3)	50.00%
Major or minor elective (0)	0.00%
[Respondent(s) (4)]	

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Strongly disagree (0)	0.00%
Disagree (0)	0.00%
Neutral (0)	0.00%
Agree (2)	50.00%
Strongly agree (2)	50.00%
[Total (4)]	

What proportion of classes did you attend?

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None (0)	0.00%
25% (0)	0.00%
50% (0)	0.00%
75% (0)	0.00%
All (4)	100.00%
[Total (4)]	

Were the demands of this course reasonable?

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No (0)	0.00%
Yes (4)	100.00%
[Total (4)]	

Have you studied this language before?

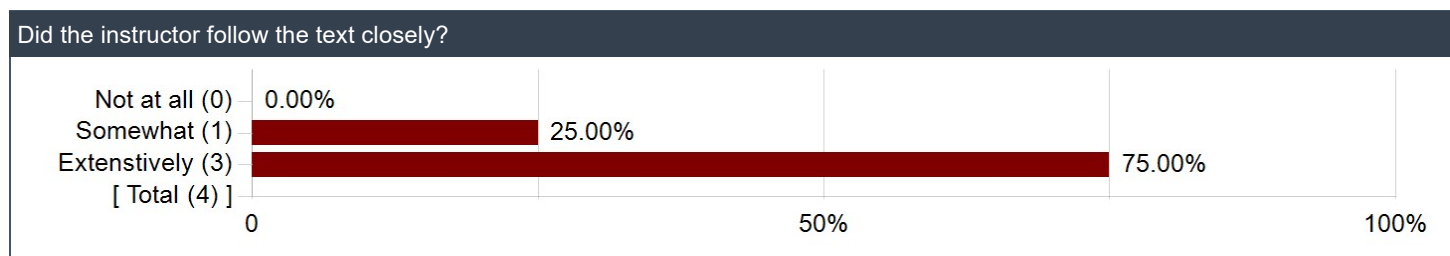| Have you studied this language before?	
Not at all (2)	50.00%
Somewhat (2)	50.00%
Extensively (0)	0.00%
[Total (4)]	

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	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Spelling	3.25	3.50	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Reading	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Writing	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Grammar	4.75	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	25.00%	25.00%
Vocabulary	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%

Were you satisfied with the text?

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Not at all (1)	25.00%
Somewhat (0)	0.00%
Extenstively (3)	75.00%
[Total (4)]	

Did the instructor follow the text closely?

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Extenstively (3)	75.00%
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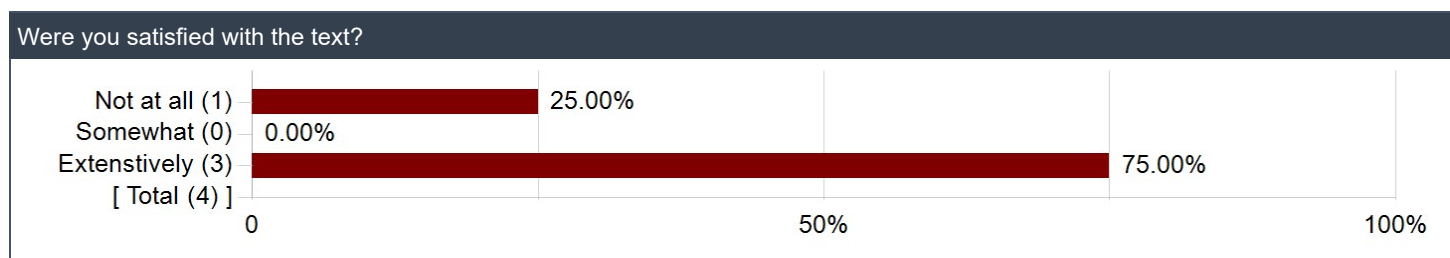
Explain:

Comments
In class time was entirely based on textbook and homework was entirely based on workbook
The text was used in class every day to guide the learning sessions. The text was also used for homework assignments, which were well structured in accordance with class.
Professor has worked with the text for many years, and had a good understanding of our level (vocab, grammar, etc) at any given point in the units.
I wish the text categorized things more and put things in reference tables.

Was the vocabulary useful?

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Not at all (0)	0.00%
Somewhat (0)	0.00%
Extensively (4)	100.00%
[Total (4)]	
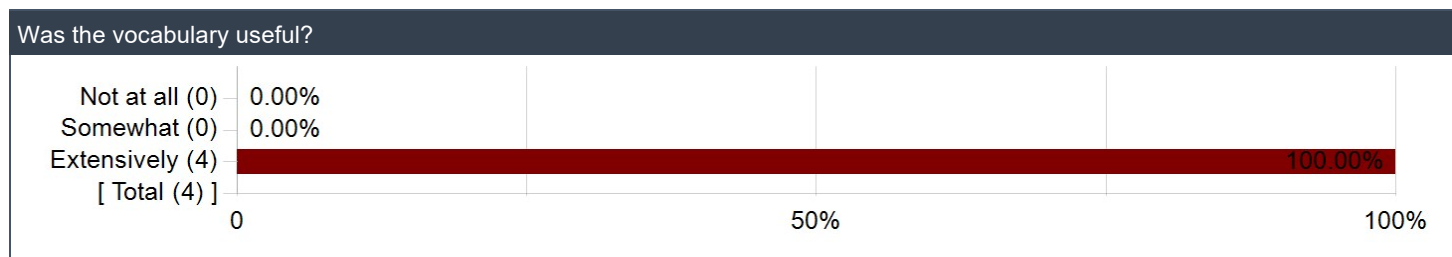
Why?

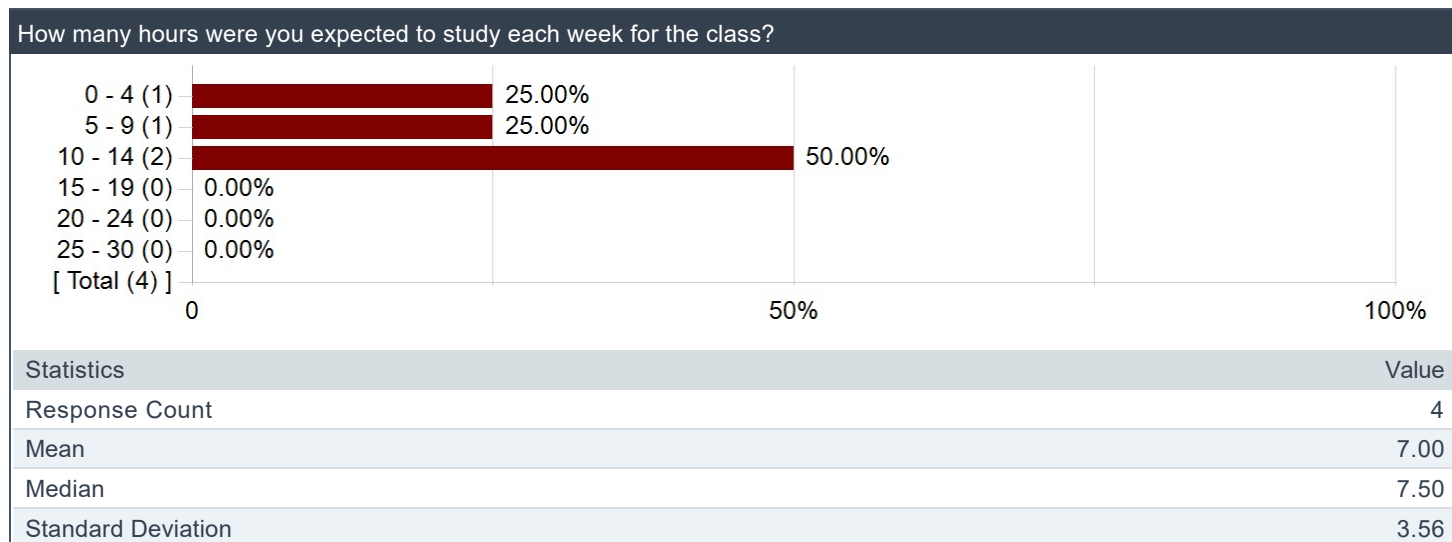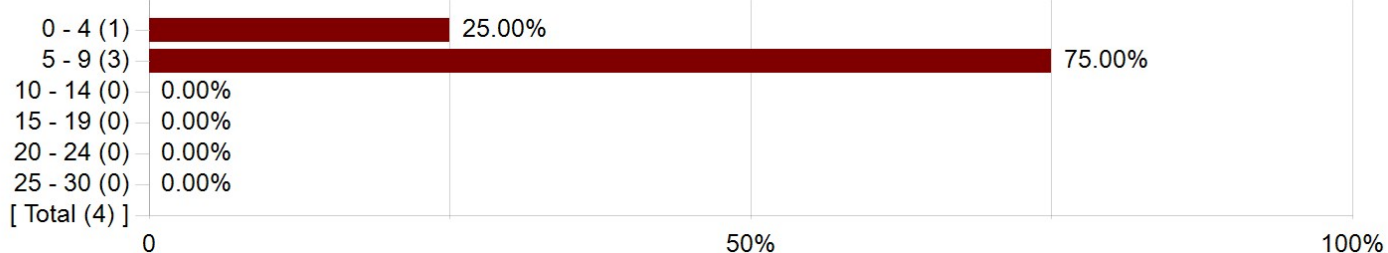| Comments |
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| The vocabulary taught was chosen such that it would be especially relevant to the students. This made many of the words easier to remember. |
| Vocabulary could be applied to discussion about many relevant aspects of life. |
| I can use it in real life. |

Describe the format of the class (lecture, drills, etc.). Was this format productive? Please be specific.

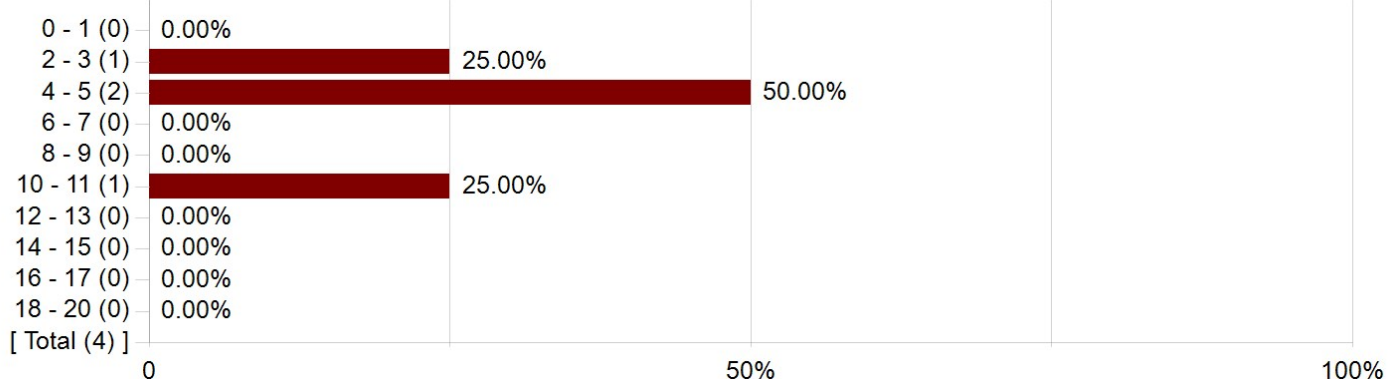| Comments |
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| In class time was very conversational based and focused on textbook exercises or videos. |
| The format was extremely interactive. A concept would be taught and then drilled by the students to ensure they understood. This format was productive and improved speaking skills significantly. |
| Class 5 days a week, some days emphasized reading, some listening, and all included some speaking practice. Variation was productive to learn the material in different ways. |
| Interactive exercises with lots of reading and practice conversations |

How many hours were you expected to study each week for the class?	
0 - 4 (1)	25.00%
5 - 9 (1)	25.00%
10 - 14 (2)	50.00%
15 - 19 (0)	0.00%
20 - 24 (0)	0.00%
25 - 30 (0)	0.00%
[Total (4)]	

Statistics	Value
Response Count	4
Mean	7.00
Median	7.50
Standard Deviation	3.56

How many hours did you spend?

Hours	Percentage
0 - 4 (1)	25.00%
5 - 9 (3)	75.00%
10 - 14 (0)	0.00%
15 - 19 (0)	0.00%
20 - 24 (0)	0.00%
25 - 30 (0)	0.00%
[Total (4)]	

Statistics	Value
Response Count	4
Mean	5.25
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	2.06

How many written quizzes were given?

Quizzes	Percentage
0 - 1 (0)	0.00%
2 - 3 (1)	25.00%
4 - 5 (2)	50.00%
6 - 7 (0)	0.00%
8 - 9 (0)	0.00%
10 - 11 (1)	25.00%
12 - 13 (0)	0.00%
14 - 15 (0)	0.00%
16 - 17 (0)	0.00%
18 - 20 (0)	0.00%
[Total (4)]	

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Response Count	4
Mean	5.25
Median	4.00
Standard Deviation	3.20

Were there daily assignments? (i.e., journals)?

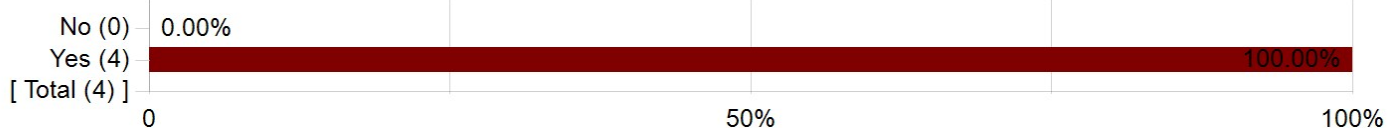**Were there daily assignments? (i.e., journals)?**

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Yes (4)	100.00%
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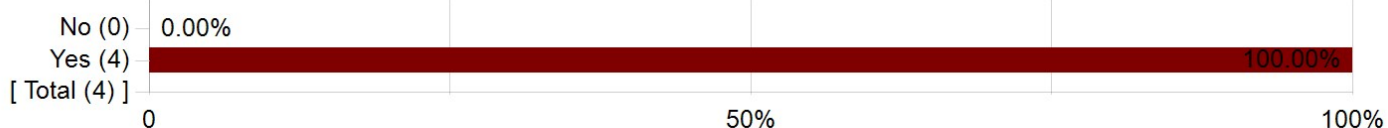
How many oral exams were given?	
0 - 1 (0)	0.00%
2 - 3 (2)	50.00%
4 - 5 (2)	50.00%
6 - 7 (0)	0.00%
8 - 10 (0)	0.00%
[Total (4)]	
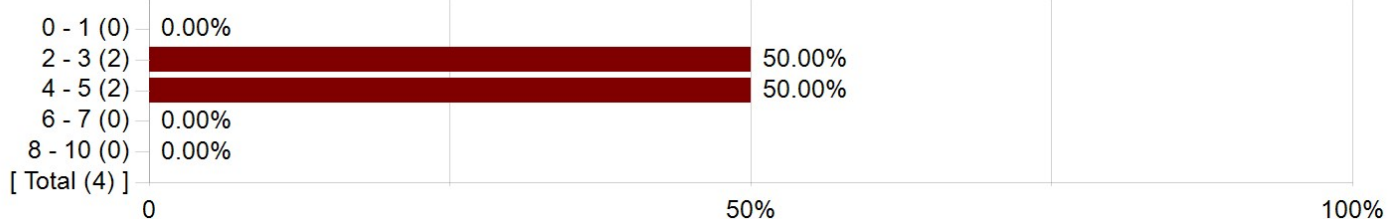
Statistics	Value
Response Count	4
Mean	3.50
Median	3.50
Standard Deviation	0.58

Were the oral exams fair?

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No (0)	0.00%
Yes (4)	100.00%
[Total (4)]	

Were the oral exams challenging?

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No (1)	25.00%
Yes (3)	75.00%
[Total (4)]	
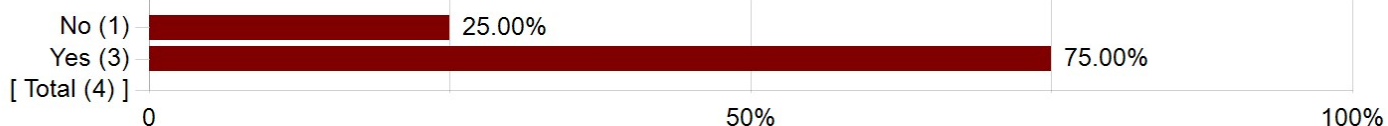
Why? Please be specific.

Comments
I already had some previous Russian experience.
The oral exams were very useful as they allowed you to practice real world situations involving the language. Some parts were challenging in that you had to think quickly to meet a normal talking pace.
materials were given ahead of time, and there were no unexpected questions. Material was comprehensive of the entire unit and challenged us to incorporate things that were still relatively new to us, but were very fair.
Pronunciation is difficult.

If there were required outside activities (i.e. foreign films or SCOLA), describe your experience.

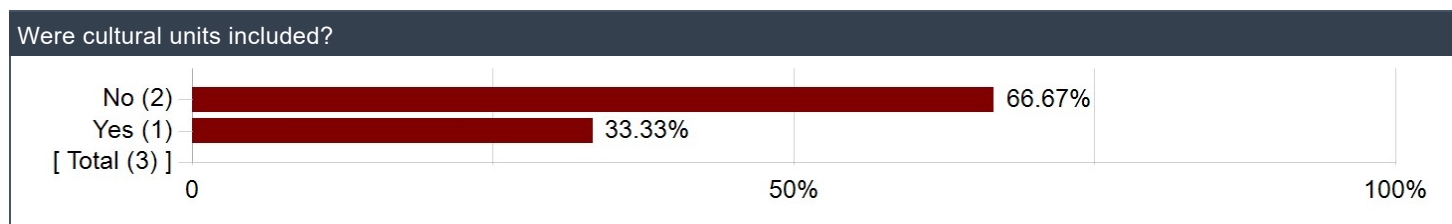| Comments |
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| n/a |
| The only required outside activities were some readings and written homework. These were useful in helping students remember the vocabulary, grammar, and spelling being taught. |

Was your instructor organized?

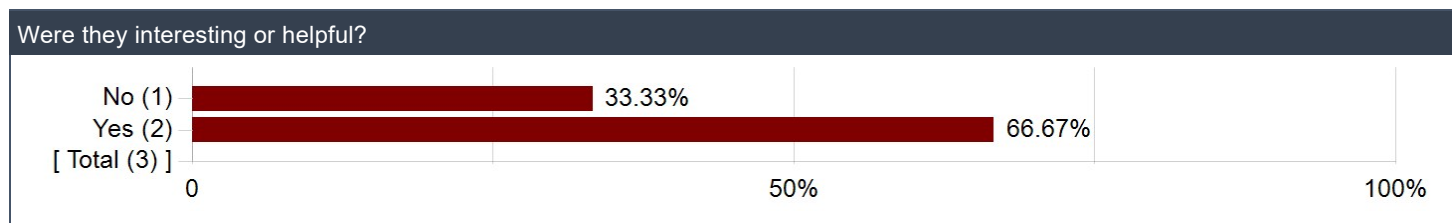| Mean	Median	Very Unorganized	Somewhat Unorganized	Fairly Organized	Somewhat Organized	Very Organized
4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	0.00%	75.00%

Explain

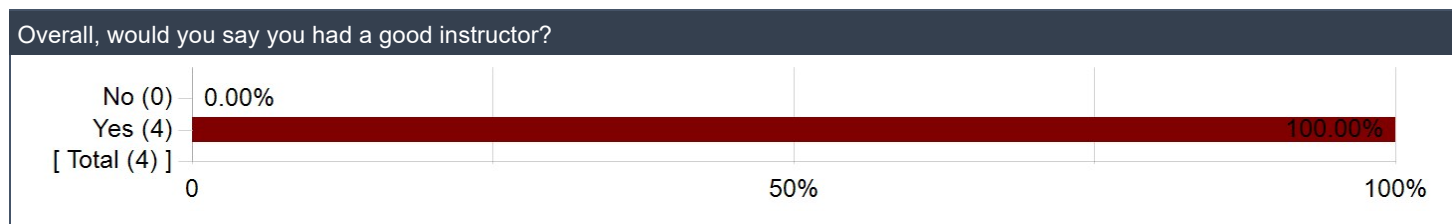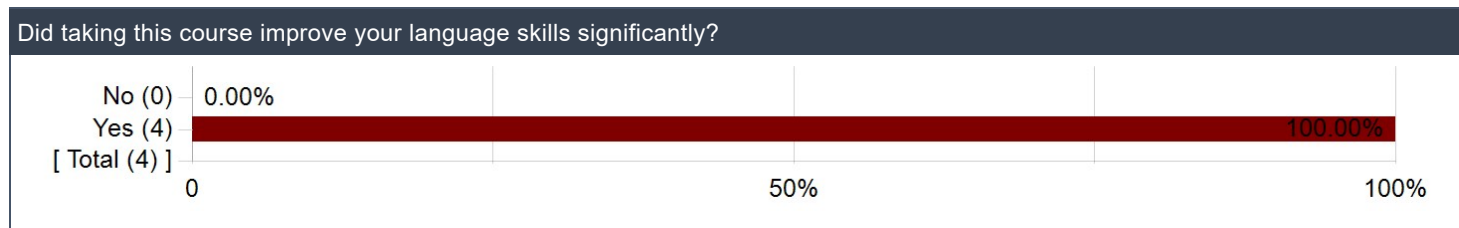| Comments |
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| Has all assignments planned out on Canvas and follows textbook |
| Goals for each class were very clear and the pace was reasonable. |
| Professor has been teaching this class for years, always stuck to the text and provided organized lessons. |
| Always had lessons prepared, taught well |

Were cultural units included?

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No (2) — 66.67%
Yes (1) — 33.33%
[Total (3)]

0   50%   100%

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No (1) — 33.33%
Yes (2) — 66.67%
[Total (3)]

0   50%   100%

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No (0) — 0.00%
Yes (4) — 100.00%
[Total (4)]

0   50%   100%

Why?

Comments
Masha is wonderful! She is very understanding and passionate about helping you learn. Class is fun especially because it is so small which allows us to have more personalized conversations. Masha is my favorite professor thus far :)
Culture was integrated into each unit but did not have its own distinct unit. I do believe I had a good instructor. My instructor made the language very interesting and exciting to learn.
The professor is a native speaker of Russian and very knowledgeable about culture and the linguistic functions of the language. She has been teaching the class for a long time, so she was able to effectively impart information to us and facilitate our learning.
Lots of fun, good to learn from a native speaker

## Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?

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No (0) — 0.00%
Yes (4) — 100.00%
[Total (4)]

0   50%   100%

In what way?

Comments
Class moves pretty fast so you are able have small conversations in Russian and write at least a paragraph by the end of the first quarter.
I can now have short conversations in Russian. Before beginning the course I did not know a single word.
I feel like I have a solid foundation, even after just 1 quarter, from which to continue studying Russian. I understand major grammatical functions, the alphabet, etc.
Speaking writing reading etc

How would you improve this course?

Comments
Maybe move a little bit slower because if I didn't have some previous Russian experience I feel I would be semi–struggling. Also learning more about cultural aspects would be great.
I would not. The course was well designed.
For me I would like more structure and explicitly stated grammar rules etc.

Would you recommend this class to another student?

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No (0) — 0.00%
Yes (4) — 100.00%
[Total (4)]

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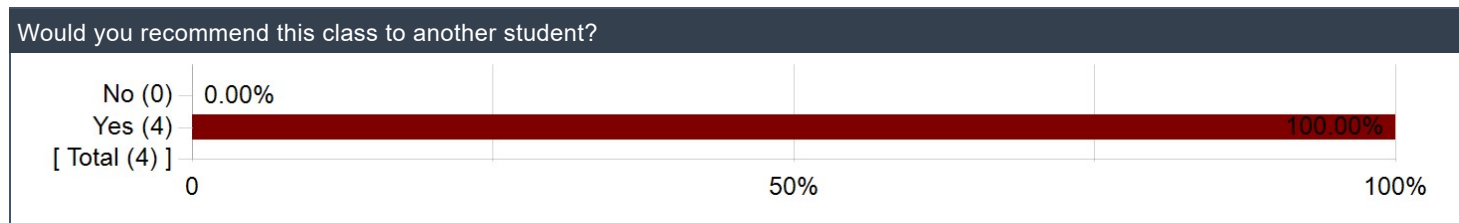
Why?

Comments
This course was very effective and an enjoyable process.
Love the language, the course load, and the department.
I really enjoyed it.