



SPAN 20100 1, SPAN 20100 1 - Language, History, and Culture I - Instructor(s): Pablo Garcia Pinar

Project Title: **College Course Feedback - Winter 2024**

Number Enrolled: **12**

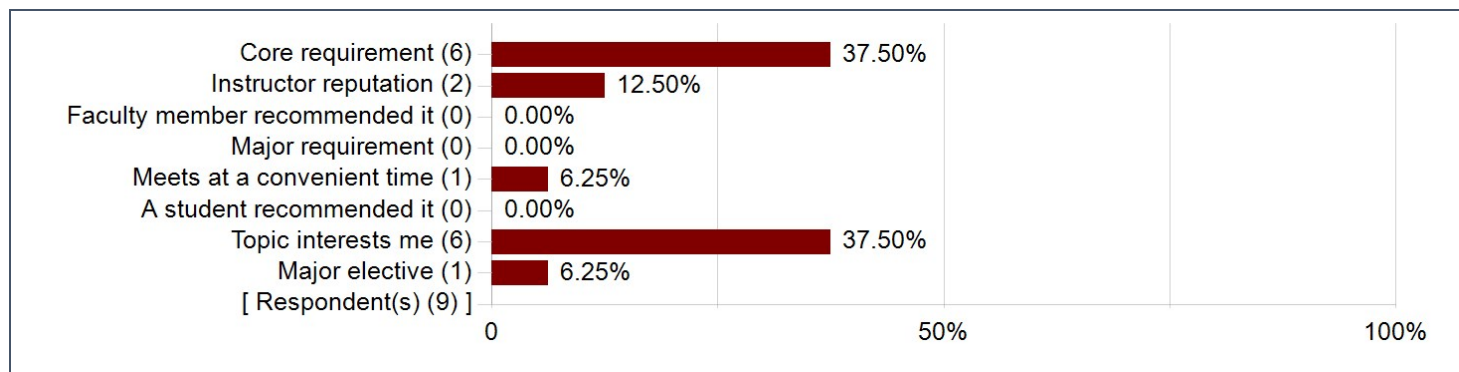
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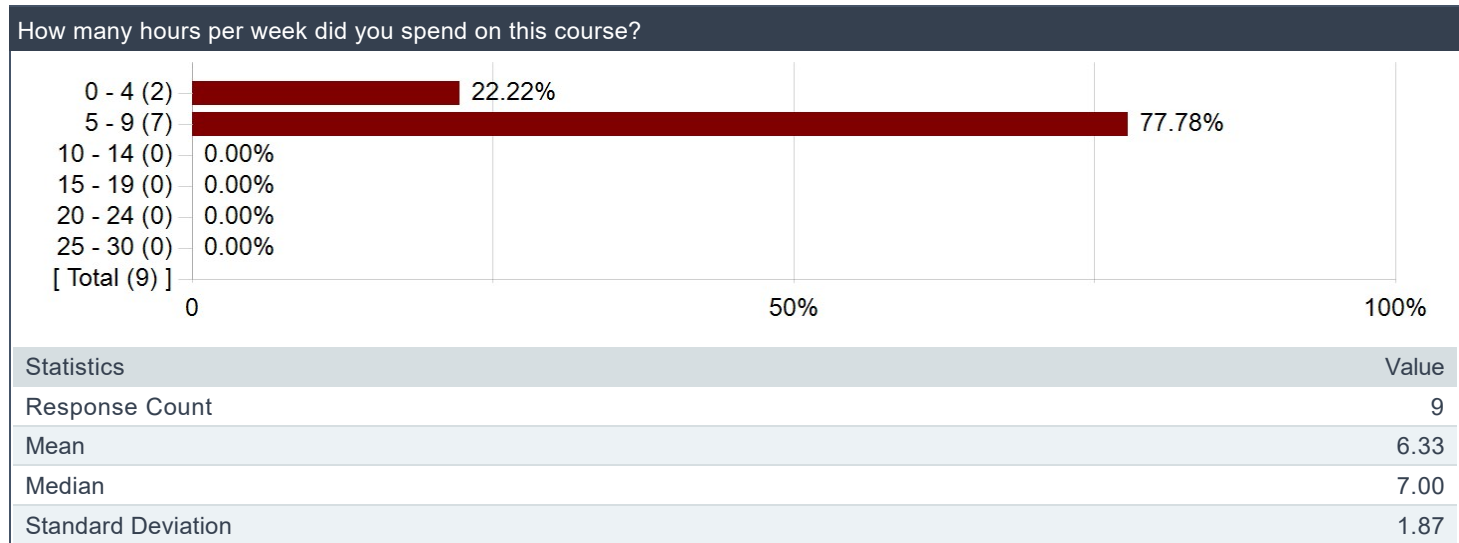
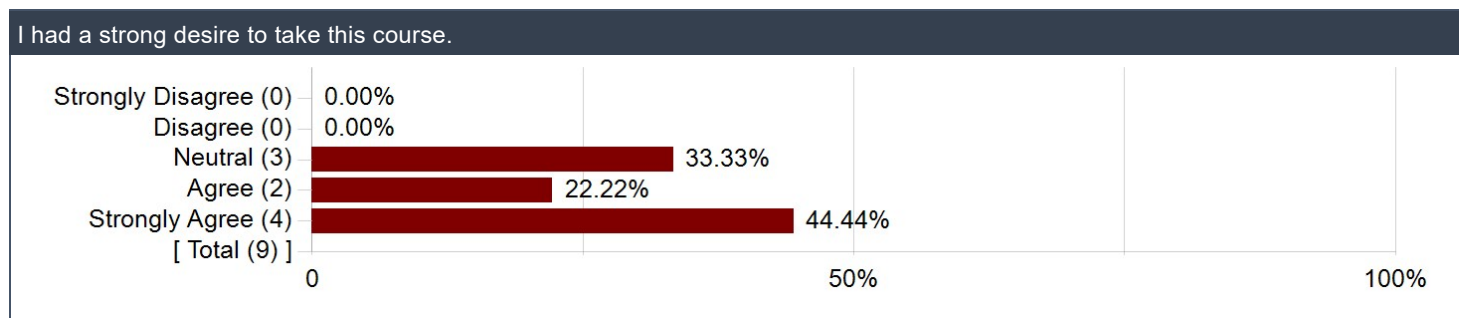
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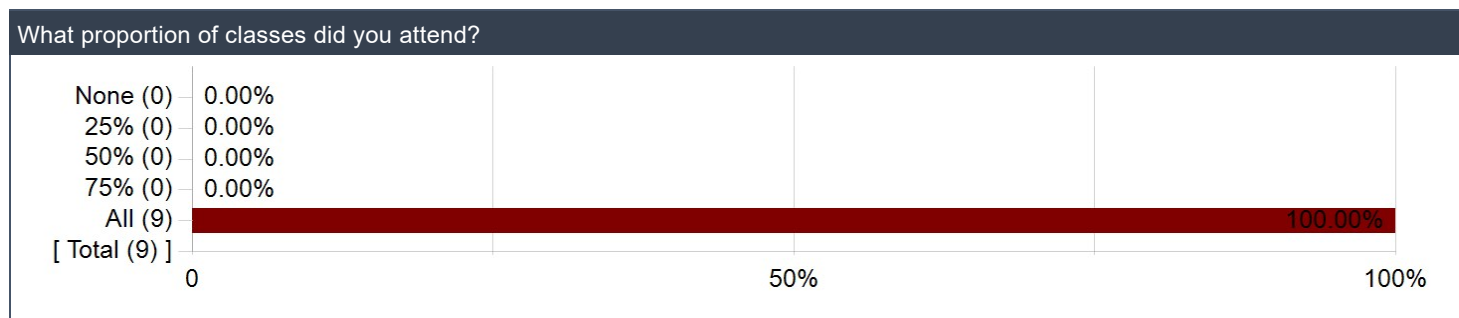
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



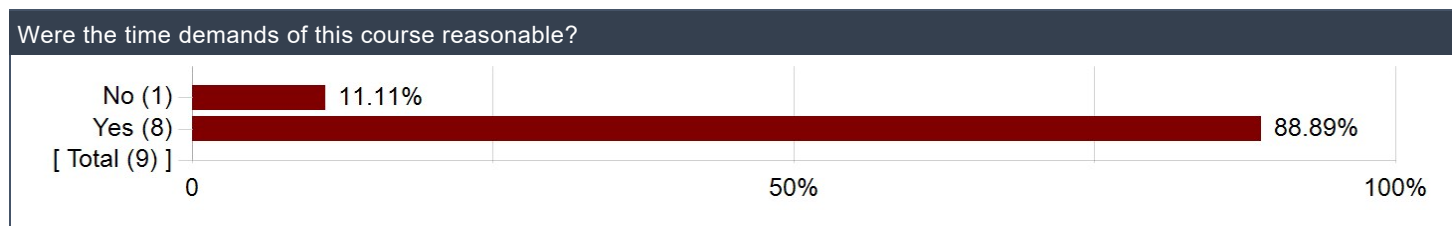
I had a strong desire to take this course.



What proportion of classes did you attend?



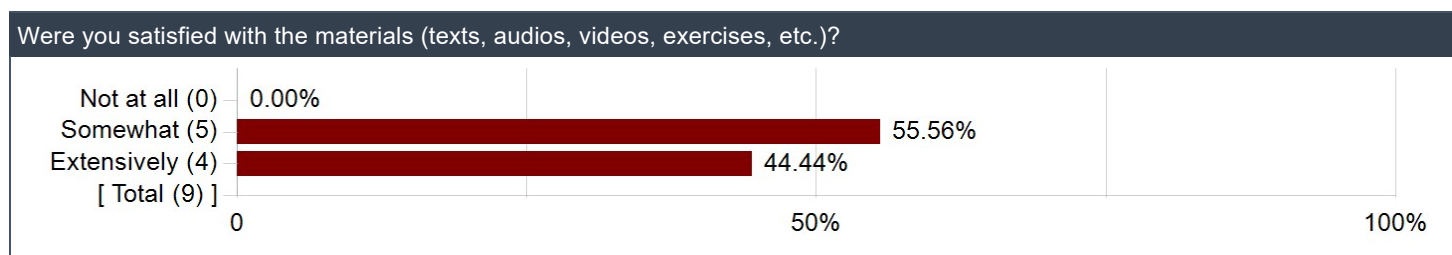
Were the time demands of this course reasonable?



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	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%
Reading	3.56	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	55.56%	33.33%	11.11%
Writing	3.56	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	44.44%	22.22%	22.22%
Grammar	4.11	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	22.22%	44.44%
Vocabulary	3.78	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	33.33%	22.22%	33.33%
Listening	4.11	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	44.44%	33.33%

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



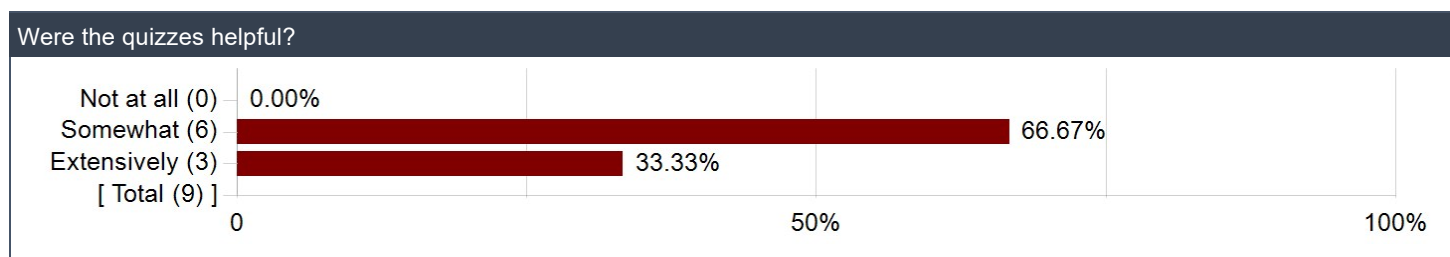
Please explain:

Comments
I liked that the listening quizzes were real interviews rather than the standard audio clips you might expect.
All the readings/audios/exercises felt on our level and were helpful to learn new words/phrases.
The textbook was annoying because we could not buy a used physical version of it – it made it inaccessible. There was also no PDF for the digital version, so I had to bring my computer to class every day (which I hate doing because it's a distraction), as I couldn't afford the physical textbook and there were no other options.
I really appreciated this course's emphasis on speaking and listening. For me, after a few years of not taking Spanish, those were the areas I was most concerned about, and I feel much more capable in them having taken this course.

What did you learn about culture through language?

Comments
I learned a lot about the culture of Spain through the professor's experience
Each unit had a cultural connection/activity that not only helped us understand the language better but gave us insight into certain topics in Spanish speaking countries.
I learned about the origins of naming practices, taboo language, colloquialisms, what cultures prioritize, and why things are named the way they were. I also learned about cultural customs of cultures in the Spanish speaking world.
Attending El Cafecito provided an interesting opportunity to engage with culture
We contrasted many aspects of culture between Spanish speaking countries and our context

Were the quizzes helpful?



How helpful were the various types of homework?

	Mean	Median	Not At All	Somewhat	Very	N/A
Reading	2.56	3.00	0.00%	44.44%	55.56%	0.00%
Listening	2.13	2.00	11.11%	55.56%	22.22%	11.11%
Writing	2.67	3.00	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Speaking	2.67	3.00	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%

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

Comments
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
Very useful
They were helpful, but ultimately the in-class discussions made the most difference.
It was extremely useful – it really helped develop practical skills in the language – and also provided further cultural education. I think the TalkAbroad assignments probably deepened my learning more than anything else.
Definitely the most valuable part of the course was constantly practicing speaking in conversations, whether that was in class or in talk abroads
While the TalkAbroad conversations were a bit stressful, I do think they were ultimately very useful for building confidence and gaining experience communicating with native Spanish speakers.

Other comments:

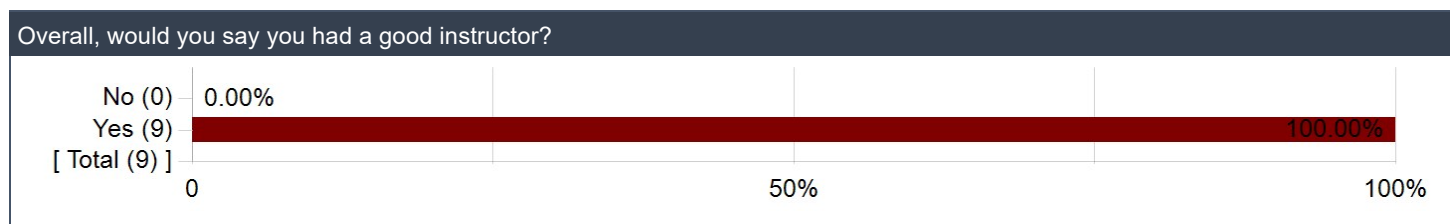
Comments
Pablo is an incredible teacher – he has amazing energy and made the classes fun. He also encourage discussions and really made us practice our spanish in class. It was tough but so useful.
The schedule turns out so that there are many assignments during the last week
This class has a significant amount of work. It is very busy work heavy. There were weeks where I had multiple assessments for the class.

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	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%
Rate your instructor's ability to convey the subtleties of the language	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Rate your instructor's ability to encourage class conversation and participation in this language	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Rate your instructor's availability outside of class and willingness to help	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Rate feedback on assignments and exams	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%

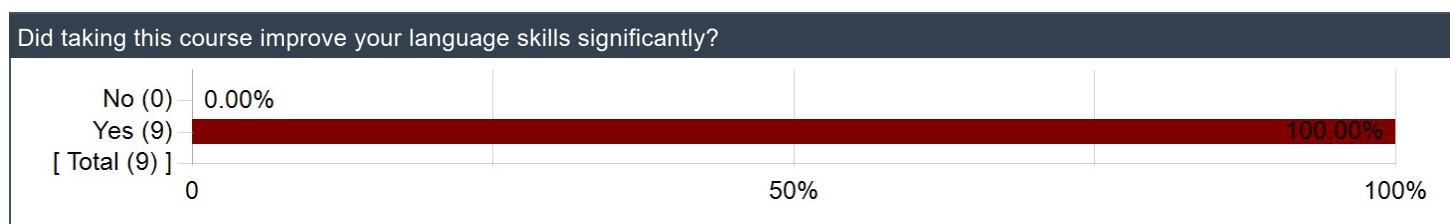
Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



Please explain:

Comments
Professor García Piñar was very energetic and friendly and always had very good feedback on every assignment
Pablo is so organized and helpful! He is clearly very passionate about the Spanish language and helping us learn, and I've absolutely loved having him as a teacher.
Pablo was always very energetic and easy to talk to. He made the class fun, I honestly would take another class with him, just to have another class with him. He's a great professor and he just made the classroom environment really special and exciting.
Pablo was fantastic and created an environment where I felt comfortable to learn.
Pablo is absolutely excellent. The amount of work, passion, and talent he brings to the course is truly inspiring and appreciated.
He is an amazing professor! His excitement makes the course that much more enjoyable.
Pablo created a fantastic classroom environment with a real emphasis on speaking to our classmates. Having us change seats every time so we could practice with different people was a nice touch; I think getting to know everyone in the class really contributed to the environment.

Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?



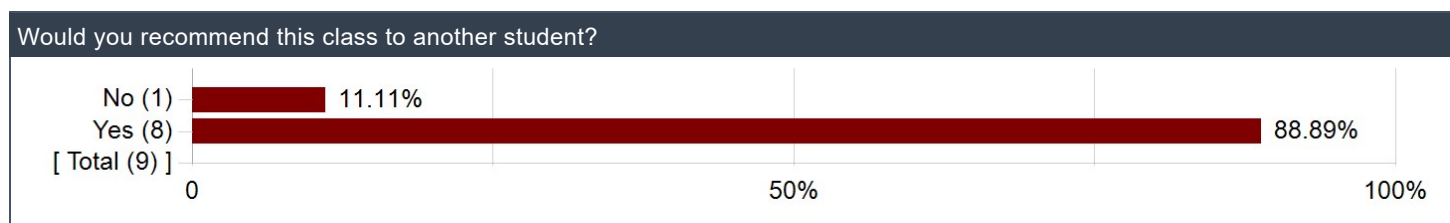
How would you improve this course?

Comments
Maybe less assignments throughout each unit– it felt like it was little rushed and almost a quarter of class time was spent doing assessments
More writing activities – I think my writing and reading abilities could have used more attention in this class.
Reduce the number of assignments due week 9
I would improve it by reducing the workload significantly. It was a lot of time put into this class

In what way?

Comments
Strengthened my grammar and speaking abilities.
By speaking a lot more (every time in class, etc.) I was able to greatly expand my vocabulary and my grammar skills
My speaking and listening skills have greatly improved – I'm much better at understanding nuances and incorporating grammar when I speak.
I was re-engaged and my grammatical skills strengthened
Fluency
I was uncomfortable with speaking and listening and I think it significantly improved during the course.
I am much more capable and confident expressing myself in Spanish both verbally and in writing. I can understand spoken and written Spanish with less effort than before.

Would you recommend this class to another student?



Why?

Comments
Loved the professor and thought the course load was very manageable
Very fun and collaborative
The professor was really incredible
201 is a relaxed way for an intermediate speaker to gain valuable experience and fluency
This class was a good experience for me and definitely helped me improve my Spanish. It does what it says on the tin, and it was pretty fun!
A very significant time commitment