

SPAN 10300 2, SPAN 10300 2 - Beginning Elementary Spanish III - Instructor(s): Linxi Zhang

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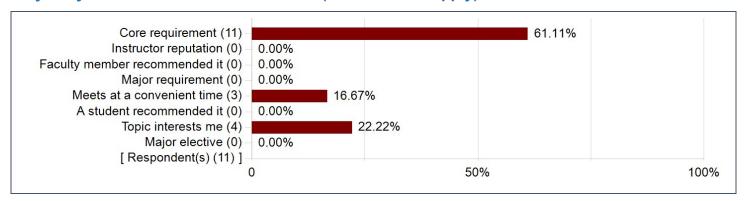
Report Comments

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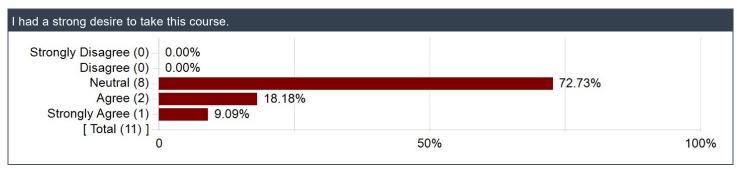
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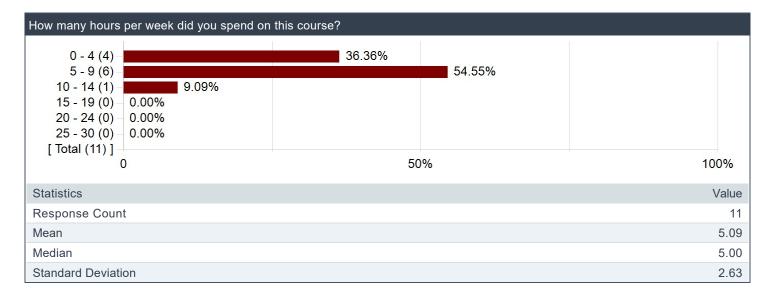


Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)

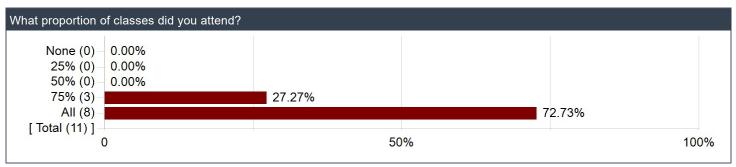


I had a strong desire to take this course.

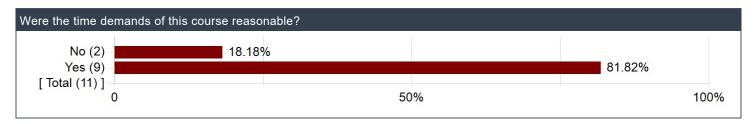




What proportion of classes did you attend?



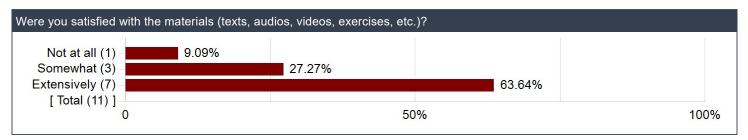
Were the time demands of this course reasonable?



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	3.45	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	27.27%	18.18%	36.36%	18.18%
Reading	3.09	3.00	0.00%	18.18%	18.18%	18.18%	27.27%	18.18%
Writing	2.91	3.00	0.00%	18.18%	27.27%	18.18%	18.18%	18.18%
Grammar	3.73	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	45.45%	36.36%	18.18%
Vocabulary	3.27	3.00	0.00%	9.09%	18.18%	27.27%	27.27%	18.18%
Listening	2.82	3.00	9.09%	9.09%	18.18%	36.36%	9.09%	18.18%

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



Please explain:

Comments

It's is very helpful in letting us build up our skills and improve our language skills!

The materials (textbook you are required to buy) was unnecessarily expensive considering we barely used them on many days and the activities within the textbook were organized poorly. The audios were hard to understand at times and the videos usually felt unnecessary and beyond the class level.

She did a great job through teaching

They were helpful, especially for grammar.

They were extremely reasonable and helpful. They met us at our current skill level.

I thought the materials were all helpful

The Aula en Acción textbook was extremely informative, and the resources provided to us on Blinklearning aided my studies.

I find the construction of the textbook mildly frustrating, and some of the online activities kind of pointless. I wish the class built on past units more, so I didn't forget them.

I think that we learned how to use context clues and understand writings and to some extent listening practices. However, when it came to actually learning how to formulate our own words, whether writing or speaking, we struggled a lot and did not get as much practice as I wished.

I really liked the activities except for the Tarea Finals. It was too much work outside of class every week.

What did you learn about culture through language?

Comments

I learned a lot about the different spanish speaking cultures.

Not much cultural immersion, or we only covered common knowledge facts

I learned a lot actually, it was a very fun experience, whether it was the songs she played, or the lingua meetings.

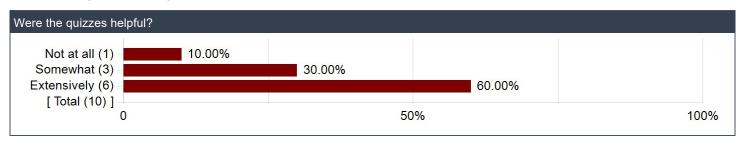
I learned about different foods, places, customs, etc.

I learned about the pronunciation differences between Spanish and English.

I learned that language allows you to be more immersed in a culture in more ways than I could have ever imagined.

We learned a good amount about greetings and social life in other countries.

Were the quizzes helpful?



How helpful were the various types of homework?

	Mean	Median	Not At All	Somewhat	Very	N/A
Reading	2.73	3.00	9.09%	9.09%	81.82%	0.00%
Listening	2.45	3.00	9.09%	36.36%	54.55%	0.00%
Writing	2.82	3.00	0.00%	18.18%	81.82%	0.00%
Speaking	2.55	3.00	9.09%	27.27%	63.64%	0.00%

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

Comments

Moderately helpful, but tedious.

They were helpful as well.

N/A

They helped me get effective feedback on my LinguaMeeting questions.

The discussion boards were useful because they provided me valuable feedback on my Linguameeting questions.

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

The Lingua Meetings we had were okay at times but we had an excessive number of them and did not need to do 5. Planning them this quarter was heavily inconvenient as there was a bigger limit on how many people were in a meeting and sometimes meetings were randomly rescheduled without notice.

They were very helpful.

They were very useful

Linguameeting was challenging, but reasonable.

The required out-of-class activities helped me become more comfortable speaking Spanish and gave me unforgettable experiences.

I really liked the Cafecito and LinguaMeeting, but I didn't like the LinguaMeeting experience; I found it kind of pointless. I would have rather gone to the Cafecito twice.

Sometimes they were very good if there were multiple kids. If there were only one or two of us, they got harder, especially depending on the coach we had.

Other comments:

Comments

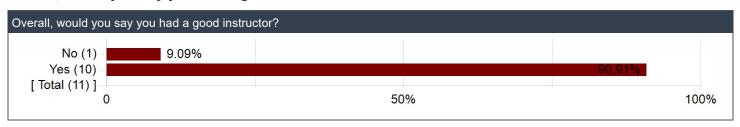
Solid course to finish core requirement

The Instructor

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

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	Mean	Median	Lowest	2	3	4	Highest
Rate your instructor's organizational skills	4.45	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	18.18%	63.64%
Rate your instructor's ability to convey the subtleties of the language	4.18	5.00	0.00%	18.18%	9.09%	9.09%	63.64%
Rate your instructor's ability to encourage class conversation and participation in this language	4.18	5.00	0.00%	18.18%	9.09%	9.09%	63.64%
Rate your instructor's availability outside of class and willingess to help	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%
Rate feedback on assignments and exams	4.45	5.00	0.00%	9.09%	0.00%	27.27%	63.64%

Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



Please explain:

Comments

Our instructor used a lot of English and did not always correct speaking mistakes.

She was one of the best Spanish instructors I've ever had and really cares about the language.

She was very understanding and helpful

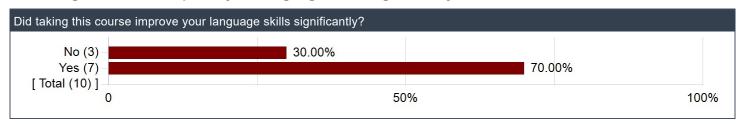
Professor Zhang is very knowledgeable and does her best to keep class engaging. She is very passionate about teaching Spanish and incredibly helpful.

She was patient and kind throughout the quarter and was always willing to help.

Overall, she was very nice and helpful, but I do feel like she could've done a better job with class engagement, especially encouraging us to speak in the language and not lapse into English. I wish she could've tried to explain things, especially translations, directly in Spanish, instead of in English again; I think that would've helped me grow my vocabulary.

She was very helpful in giving explanations of certain things, and helping us understand what was going on. The issues with the course were not at all related to her teaching.

Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?



How would you improve this course?

Comments

No ways.

n/a

I think the course is fine as is.

I would allow more time for the tarea final assignments and extend the deadline for the Lingua Experiences until March 6th.

More speaking and writing. It will be tough at first but build good skills and make kids less afraid of answering questions wrong or not being fully correct.

In what way?

Comments

There was a lot of English used in this course and we did not practice a lot of practical content. Several units included rather inconvenient content if you were not already a relatively fluent speaker.

Was great

Speak better

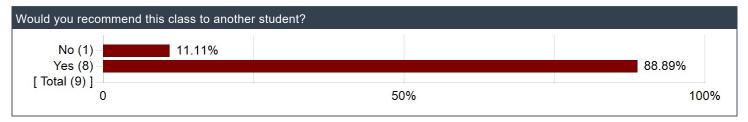
I feel much more confident in my speaking and reading abilities, and more comfortable using different verb tenses in Spanish.

I am much more comfortable conversing in Spanish, and my reading comprehension has improved.

I already knew some Spanish; it did help me refresh my memory.

I definitely learned more vocabulary, however we never got enough practice with the grammar skills to be able to use them well enough in the future.

Would you recommend this class to another student?



Why?

Comments

It's one of the best spanish speaking courses I've ever had

The professor is very good

The course is extremely reasonable and engaging.

This class covers the basics of Spanish in an efficient manner.

I would recommend it, with the caveat more experienced/eager to learn students should definitely take the accelerated track.

If you want to learn Spanish it is helpful.