



SPAN 10300 1, SPAN 10300 1 - Beginning Elementary Spanish III - Instructor(s): Irena Cajkova

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

Number Enrolled: **14**

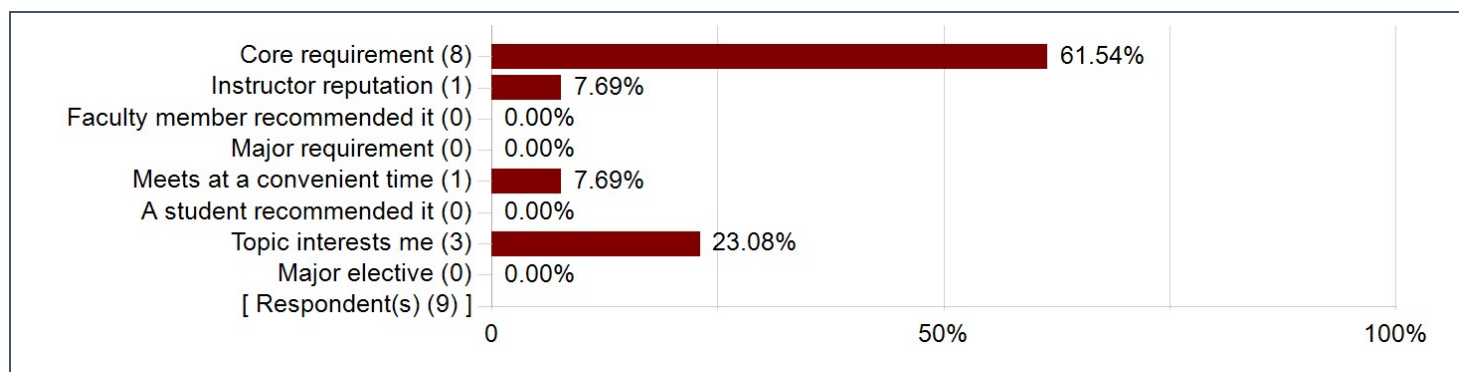
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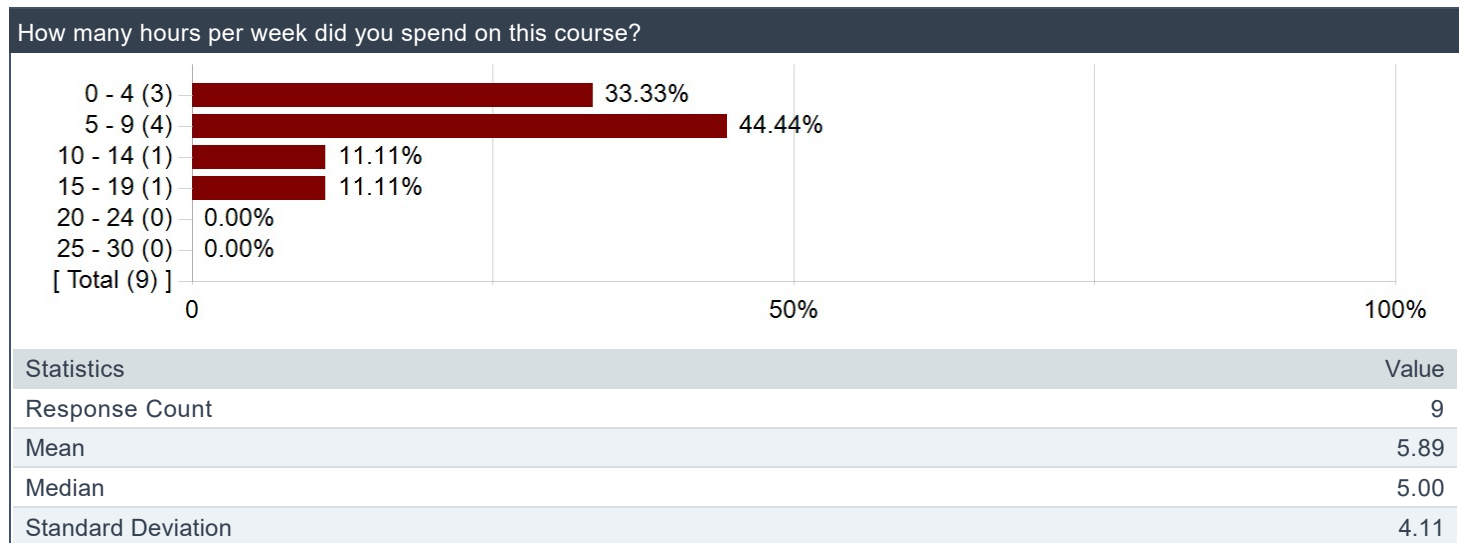
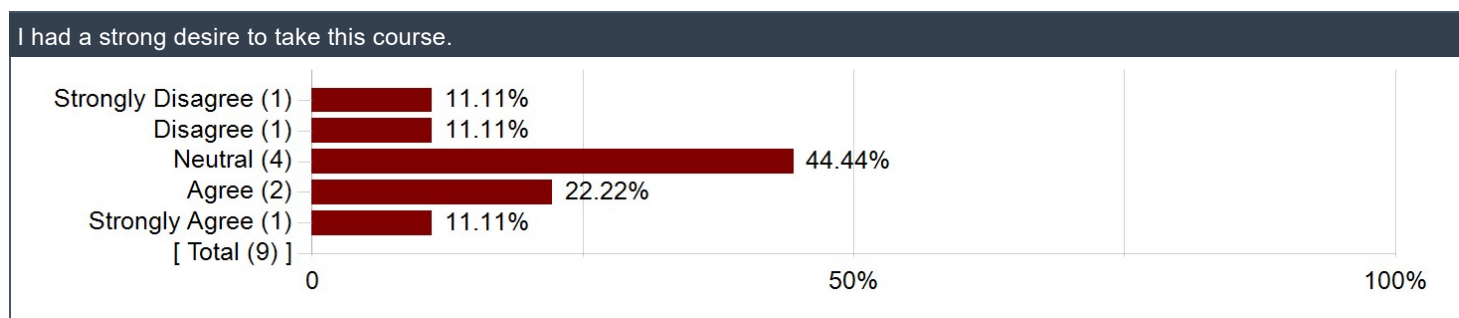
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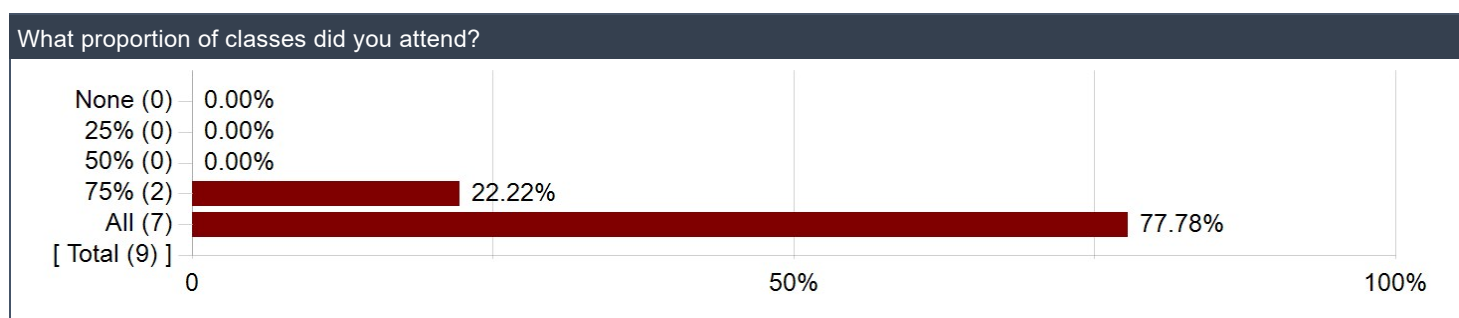
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



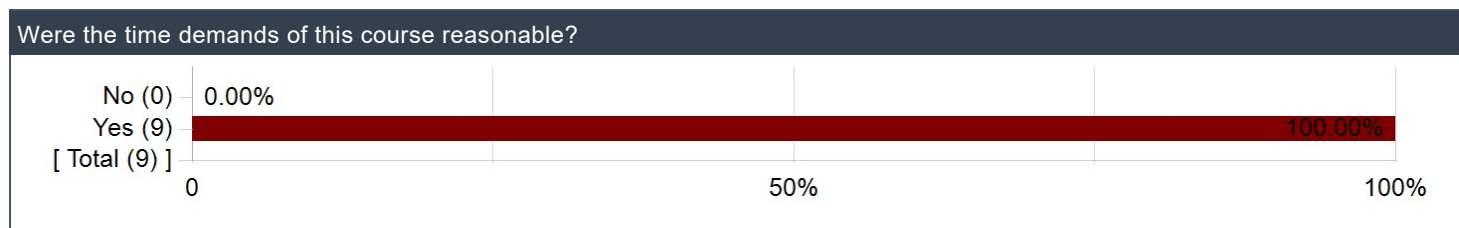
I had a strong desire to take this course.



What proportion of classes did you attend?



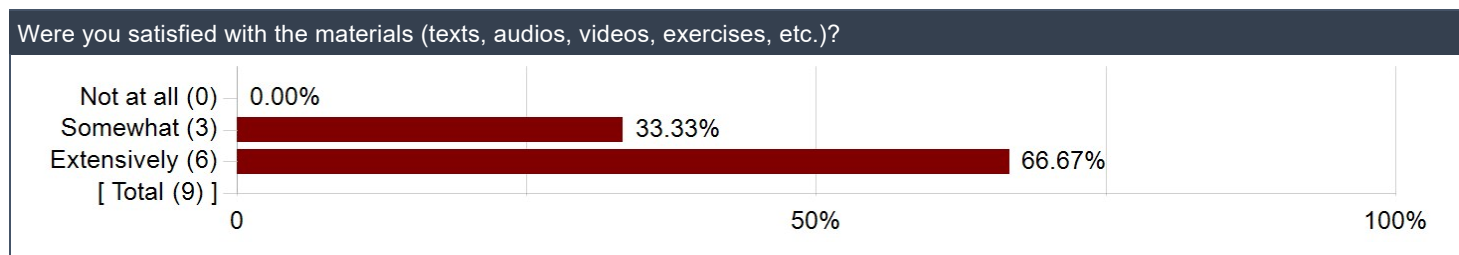
Were the time demands of this course reasonable?



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 | 3.56 | 3.00 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 55.56% | 33.33% | 11.11% |
| Reading | 3.33 | 3.00 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 66.67% | 33.33% | 0.00% |
| Writing | 3.56 | 4.00 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 44.44% | 55.56% | 0.00% |
| Grammar | 3.33 | 3.00 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 11.11% | 55.56% | 22.22% | 11.11% |
| Vocabulary | 3.44 | 4.00 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 11.11% | 33.33% | 55.56% | 0.00% |
| Listening | 3.44 | 3.00 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 55.56% | 44.44% | 0.00% |

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



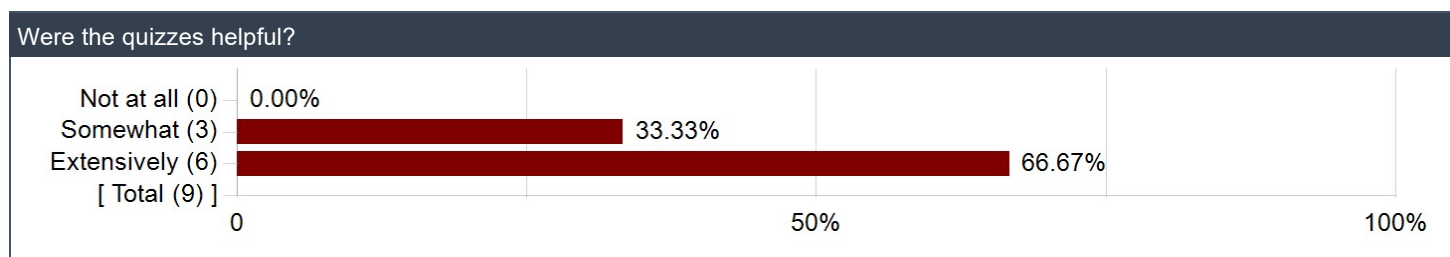
Please explain:

| Comments |
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| for studying outside of class, the only good part of the textbook is the last few pages, the rest is pretty useless. the hub activities can be stupid but can also be actually helpful. |
| It got harder towards the end. As a the speakers in the recordings began to talk faster each chapter. |
| All the materials were accessible to review when studying and provided additional exercises to practice or go over |
| The information in the textbook was easily digestible, and the exercises gave me confidence in what I had learned. |
| The exercises were helpful to gauge the language and cultures of Spanish-speaking countries better. |

What did you learn about culture through language?

| Comments |
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| we learned about hispanic chefs, tv shows, cultural sites, and some history |
| Many expressions in different cultures can almost mean the same thing or the polar opposite. |
| The culture is very diverse with various dialects, differences in the way you address or interact with one another, and customs/celebrations |
| Way of life |

Were the quizzes helpful?



How helpful were the various types of homework?

| | Mean | Median | Not At All | Somewhat | Very | N/A |
|-----------|------|--------|------------|----------|--------|--------|
| Reading | 2.75 | 3.00 | 0.00% | 22.22% | 66.67% | 11.11% |
| Listening | 2.29 | 2.00 | 11.11% | 33.33% | 33.33% | 22.22% |
| Writing | 2.67 | 3.00 | 0.00% | 33.33% | 66.67% | 0.00% |
| Speaking | 2.22 | 2.00 | 11.11% | 55.56% | 33.33% | 0.00% |

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

| Comments |
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| They were not very useful to our class because we shared most of our work in class so that each student would get the opportunity to speak about the other's work |

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 |
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| i get the point of linguameeting, its just immensely painful to sit through. it was probably marginally helpful though. experiencia cultural were essentially free points. tareas finales could sometimes be kind of fun and good speaking practice. |
| Lingua meetings are required but arent very helpful in my opinion. |
| They were very helpful as they allowed us to get comfortable speaking spontaneously about our thoughts |
| I enjoyed LinguaMeetings. |

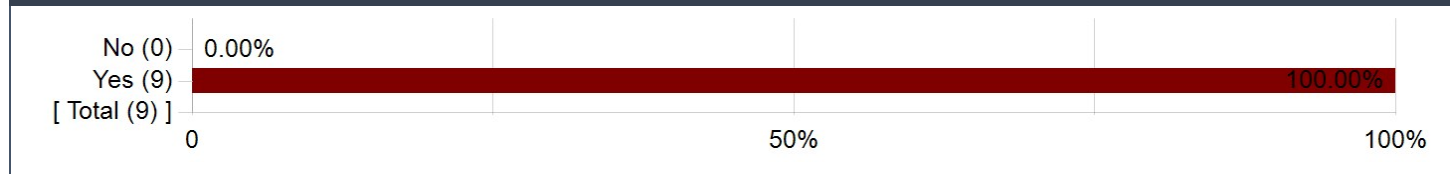
The Instructor

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 | 4.88 | 5.00 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 12.50% | 87.50% |
| 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 | 4.88 | 5.00 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 12.50% | 87.50% |
| Rate feedback on assignments and exams | 5.00 | 5.00 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |

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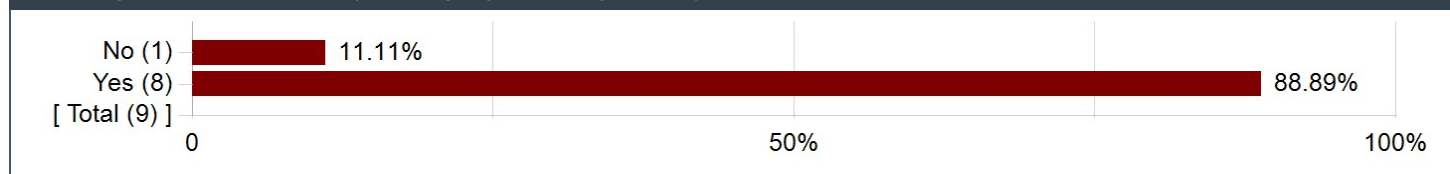


Please explain:

| Comments |
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| literally 5 times better than all of the spanish teachers i had in high school put together. i went into the class with the express goal of fulfilling the language competency requirement as quickly as possible and doing as little work as humanly possible to do so. by the end of the class, not only did i feel like i inadvertently had learned a decent amount of spanish but i actually was a little bit motivated to take more spanish classes in the future. if it works with my schedule i am genuinely contemplating taking her czech 101 class because i think it might be fun and shes a great professor. also a really light grader too. if you're trying to decide between different spanish sections, take her class. |
| Professor Cajkova is the best for introductory Spanish students given she takes her time to help you understand the expressions naturally. |
| Irena is the best Spanish professor! Take her class. She is so nice and funny. She makes Spanish less intimidating and is always helpful when you ask for extra help. |
| She was very kind and communicated everything that she expected from us in class |
| The professor was always excited about class and very enthusiastic about her lesson plans for each day. She was also incredibly approachable and willing to offer help and accommodate different circumstances. |
| Very engaging and uplifting. |

Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?

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How would you improve this course?

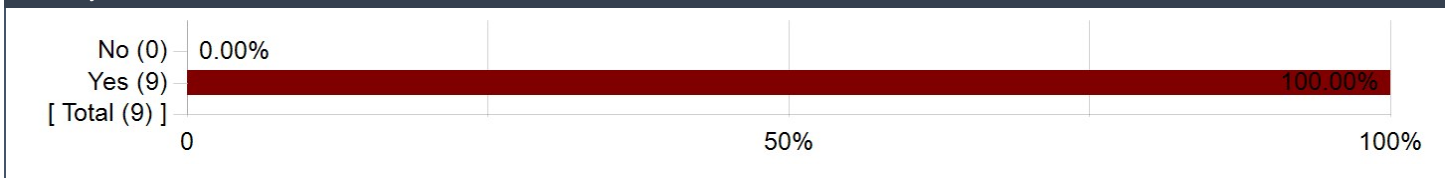
| Comments |
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| abolish the quarter system |
| The Blink learning activities sometimes felt like busy work that didn't contribute to my preparation for the pruebas, etc. |
| I have no recommendations for improvements |

In what way?

| Comments |
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| i knew virtually no spanish before and now i know some spanish |
| I can actually hold up a conversation with native Spanish speakers given I don't translate everything literally. But picking up specific phrases and words helps me understand what someone is asking/saying. |
| I was able to improve my grammatical skills in Spanish |
| I feel like I have grown a lot in my ability to comprehend Spanish and I feel excited when I encounter the language in my daily life. |
| Speaking, reading, and culturally |

Would you recommend this class to another student?

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Why?

Comments

spanish classes in general here a lot of busy work. it sucks but i don't think there's any way around it. if you did fine in spanish 1 and 2, this class should be a relatively easy a with a decently light work load and a great professor.

If you want to take a spanish class for the language requirement I recommend Professor Cajkova specifically.

Professor Cajkova is the best!

They would be given an opportunity to learn more Spanish in a fun and creative environment