FREN 20200 1, FREN 20200 1 - Language, History, and Culture II - Instructor(s) - Sylvie Goutas

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

Number Enrolled: **5**
Number of Responses: **3**

Report Comments

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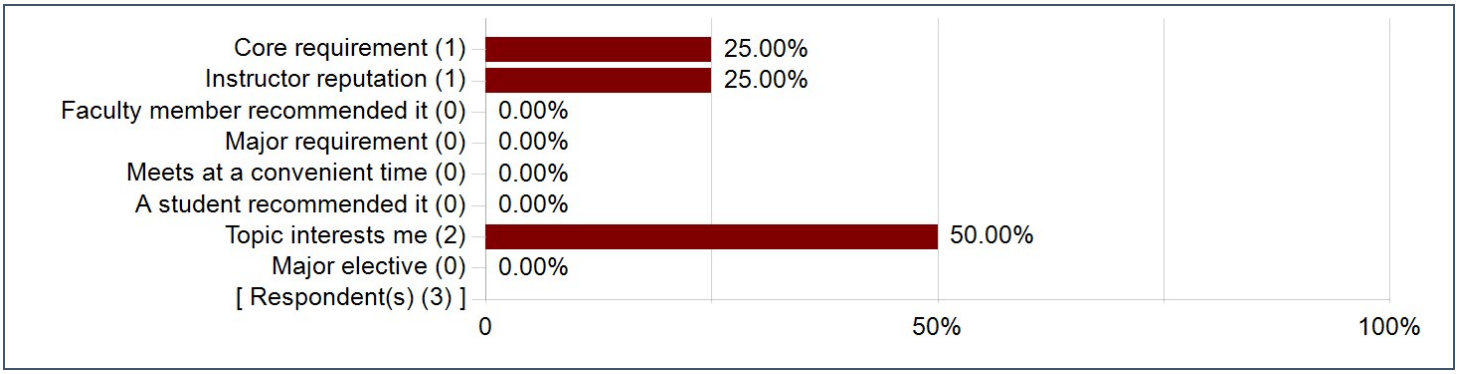
Creation Date: **Thursday, July 11, 2024**

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



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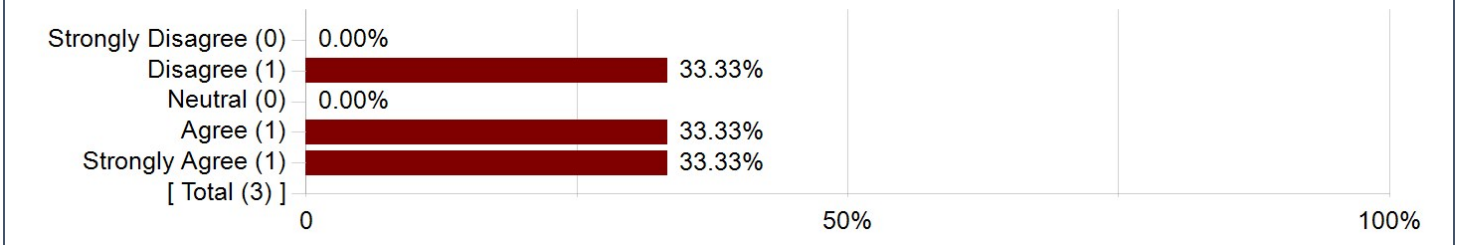
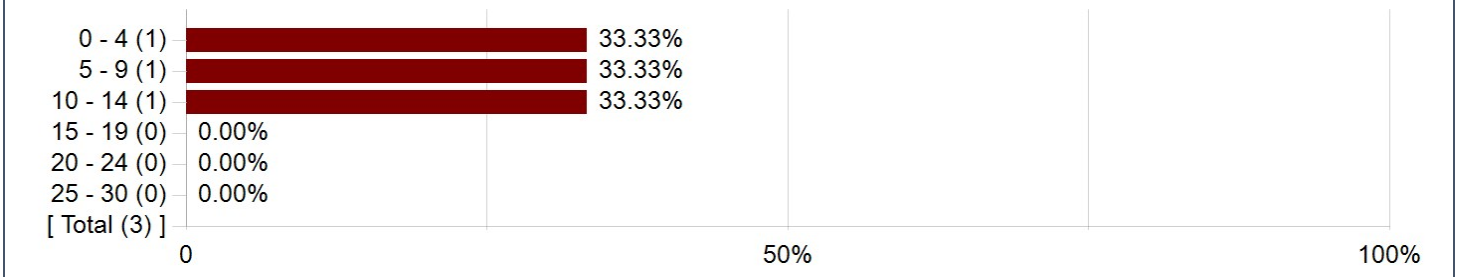


How many hours per week did you spend on this course?



Statistics	Value
Response Count	3
Mean	5.67
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	4.04

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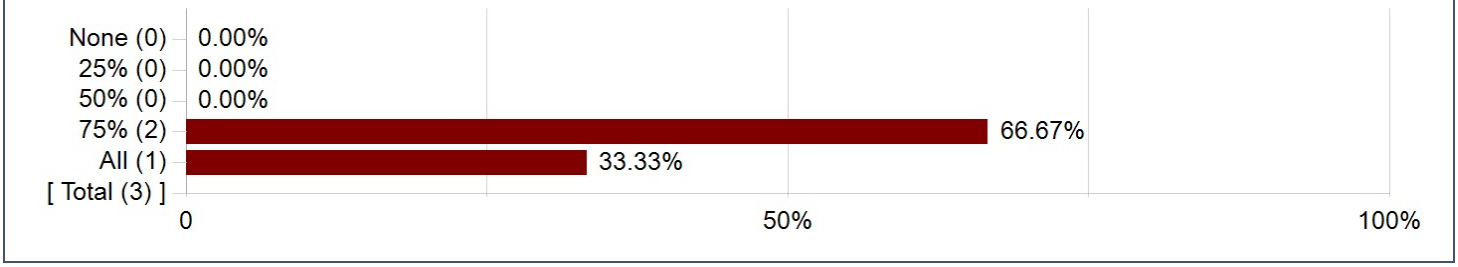

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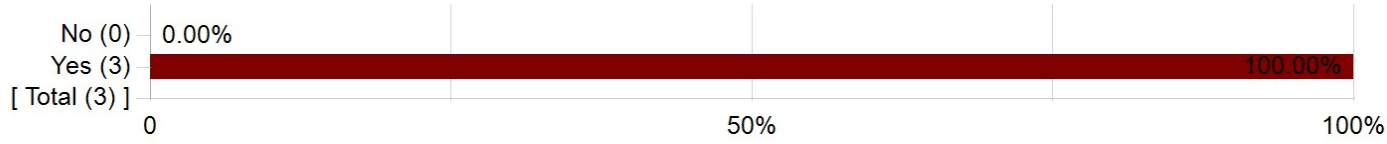

Rate the extent to which different aspects of the language were stressed:

	Mean	Median	Not At All	A Little	Some	A Lot	Extremely	Vigorously
Speaking	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	33.33%
Reading	3.33	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	33.33%	0.00%
Writing	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Grammar	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%
Vocabulary	2.33	2.00	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	33.33%	0.00%	0.00%
Listening	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%

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%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%
How much self-correcting audio homework did you do?	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%

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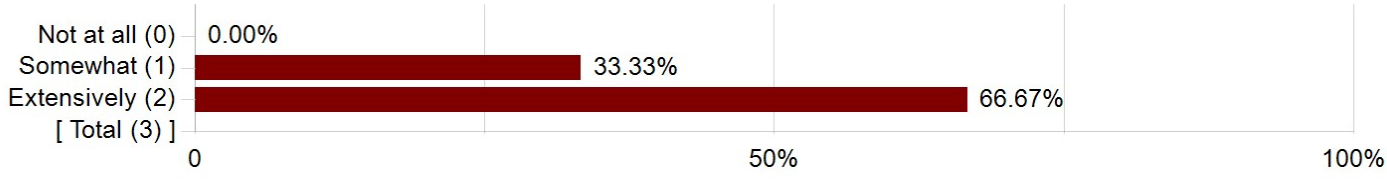

Please explain:

Comments
Even if the material is a bit old, it's pretty high quality and really nuanced. Some of the things are a bit out of date (Prof. Goutas said that for example only her mother would use one of the expressions that was in the book).
Sometimes I found the recorded videos for the homeworks to be laggy. However, most of the time they were quite suitable.

What did you learn about culture through language?

Comments
Particularly the grammar enables a bunch of complex story telling with respect to time. The grammar is also genuinely extremely precise.
I learned a lot about how informal french is spoken which was really interesting to me.

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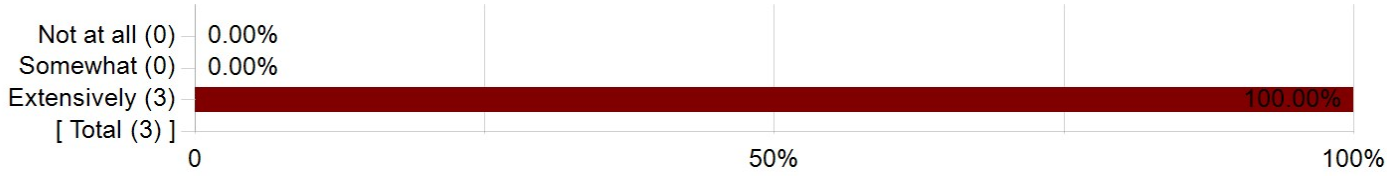

How helpful were the various types of homework?

	Mean	Median	Not At All	Somewhat	Very	N/A
Reading	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Listening	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Writing	2.67	3.00	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Speaking	2.33	2.00	0.00%	66.67%	33.33%	0.00%

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
I thought they were really interesting! If I chose to watch the first episode of a TV series for my activity, I found myself bingeing the rest of the series. It exposes a part of culture that you don't otherwise see in class.
They were interesting and helped me gain a deeper appreciation for French culture.
I think they were very useful to understand how the spoken language flows.

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	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	33.33%
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	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%
Rate your instructor's availability outside of class and willingess to help	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%
Rate feedback on assignments and exams	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%

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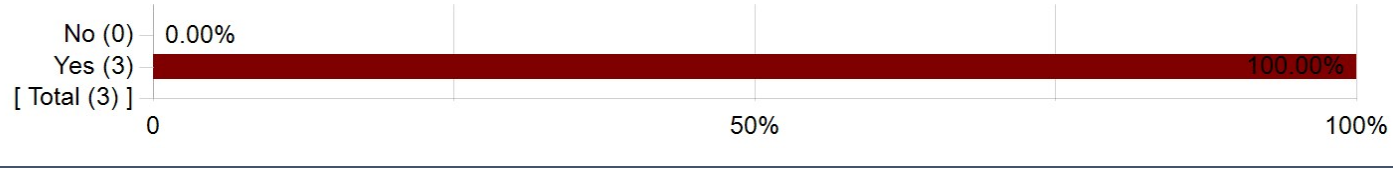

Please explain:

Comments
Madame Goutas was absolutely spectacular. Even though she had a busy quarter due to changes in the department, she was extremely authentic and went above and beyond what was written in the book.
Professor Goutas was an incredibly good instructor. She was very understanding and really cared about us improving our language skills.

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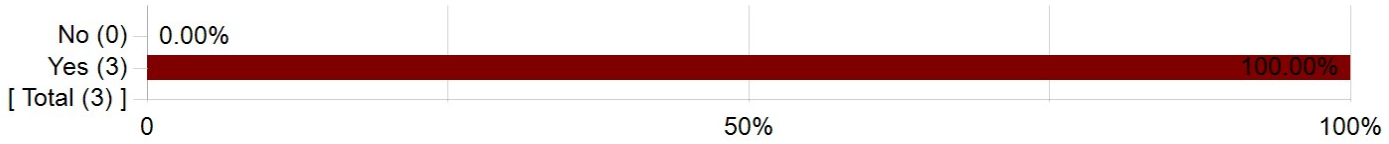

How would you improve this course?

Comments
Sometimes the textbook's learning style can seem a bit nonlinear and arbitrary in its choice of what to study and at what time.
I would make the structure of the course more clear to students who start in the middle of the sequence. As I started in 202, there were a lot of expectations about the way french is taught here that I didn't know and it was incredibly stressful for me at first.

In what way?

Comments
I feel so much more confident speaking and using complex phrases and grammar. I don't think there is a very tense in English that I don't know how to say in French now (e.g., will have, would have).
I became much more fluent and learned a lot of new words. I feel that I would be able to conduct myself in a lot more social situations in french now.
I learned the more subtle grammatical aspects of the language, especially with how to use different tenses.

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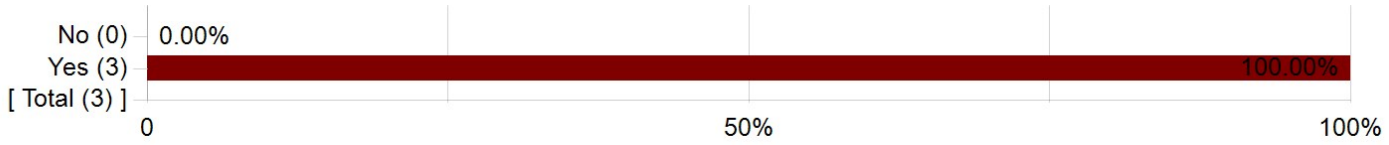

Why?

Comments
French is fun. French is interesting. French is really nuanced and precise and complex. I think that's an interesting setting for learning. I hope to be able to use my French in the future.