



SPAN 10100 6, SPAN 10100 6 - Beginning Elementary Spanish I - Instructor(s): Alejandra Ovalle

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Number Enrolled: **10**

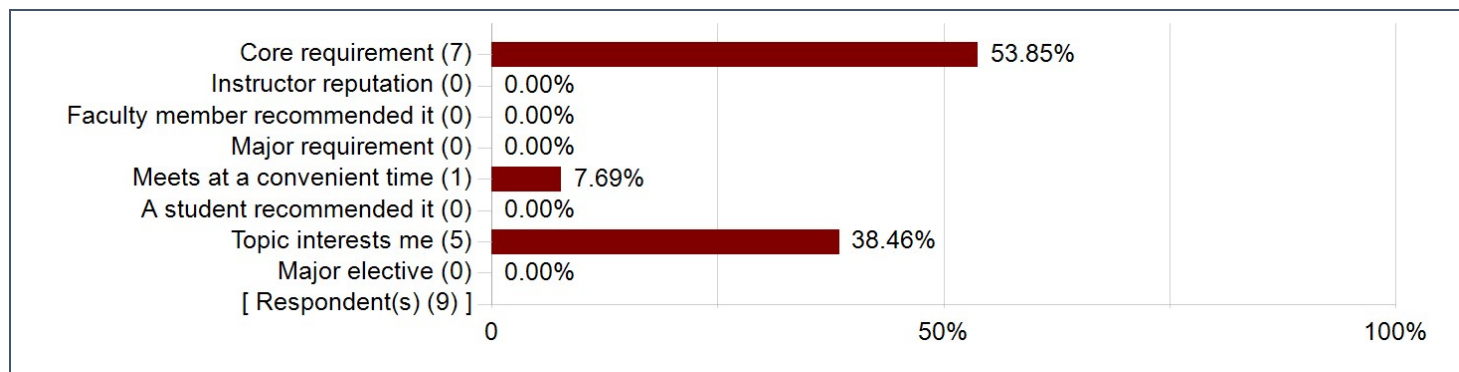
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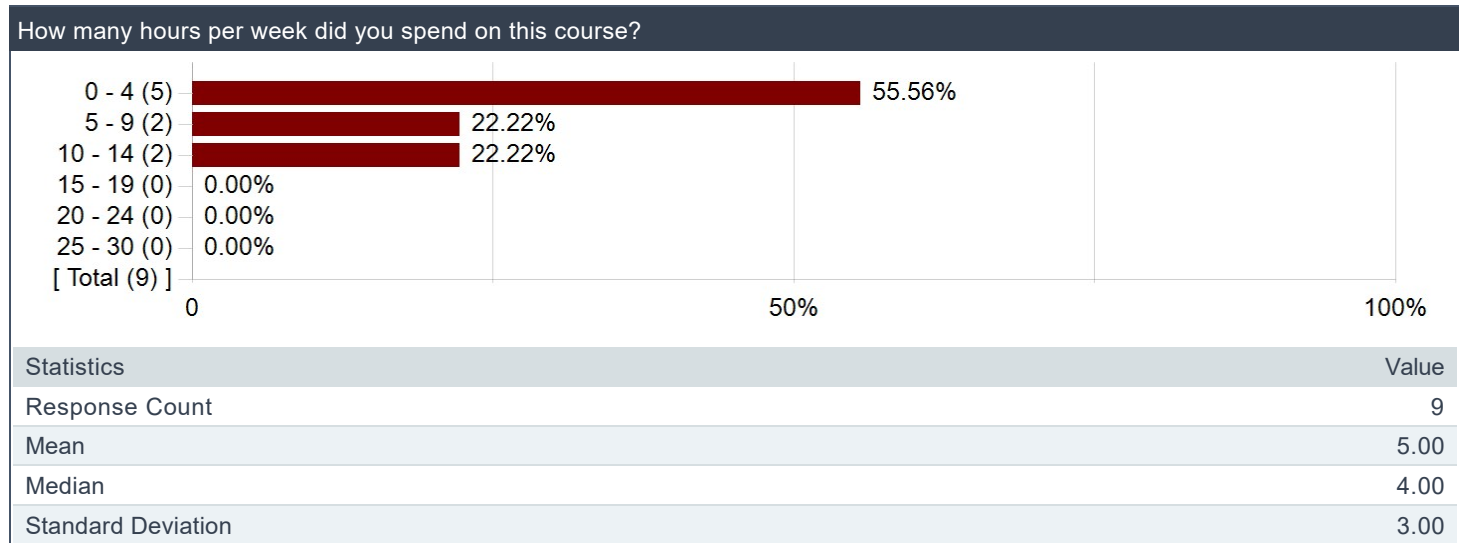
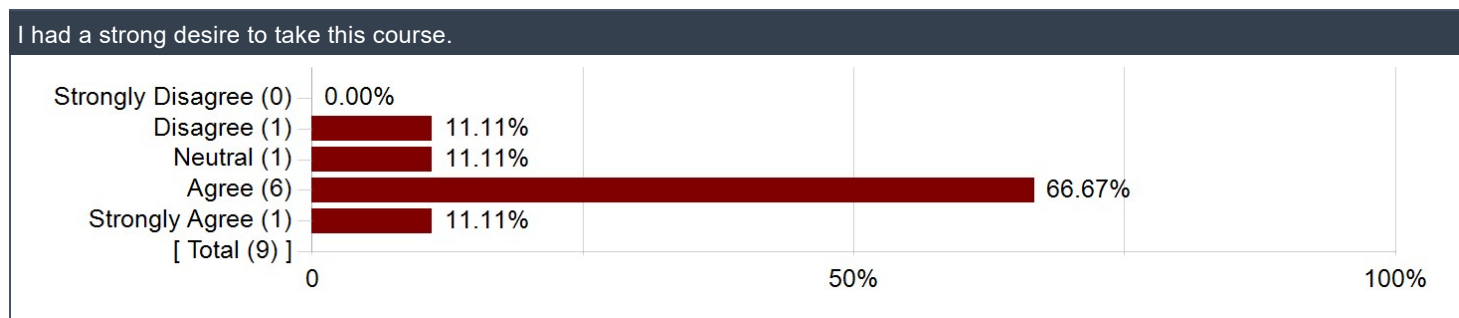
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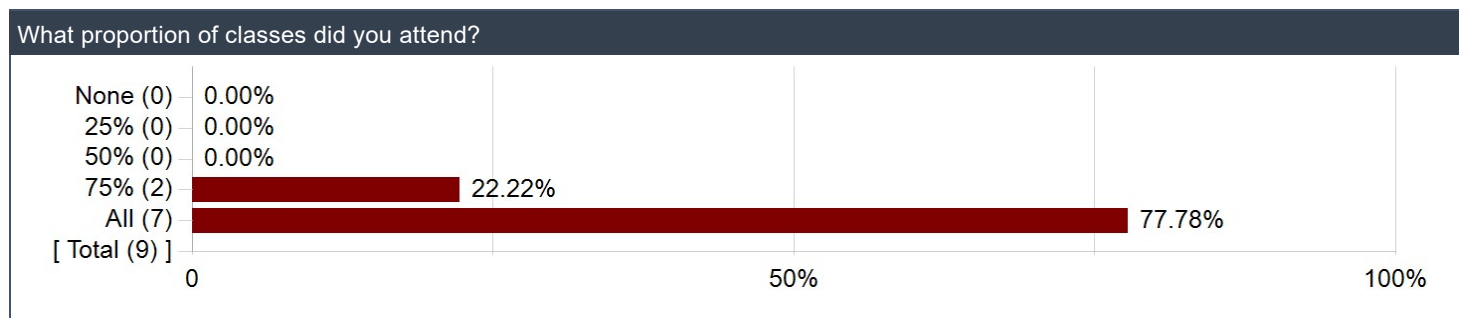
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



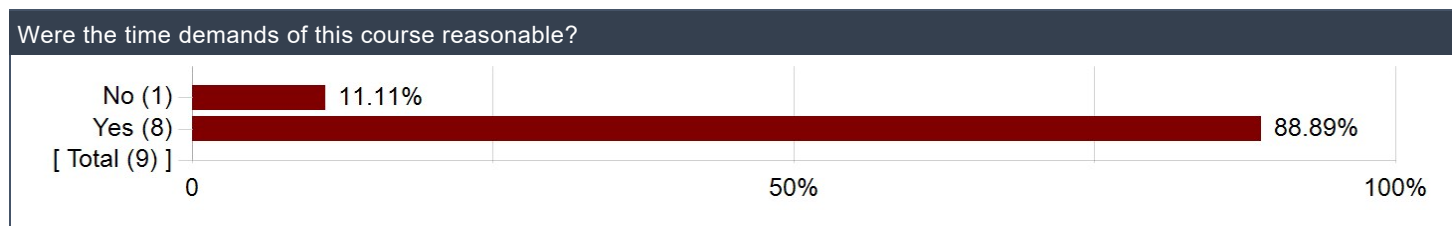
I had a strong desire to take this course.



What proportion of classes did you attend?



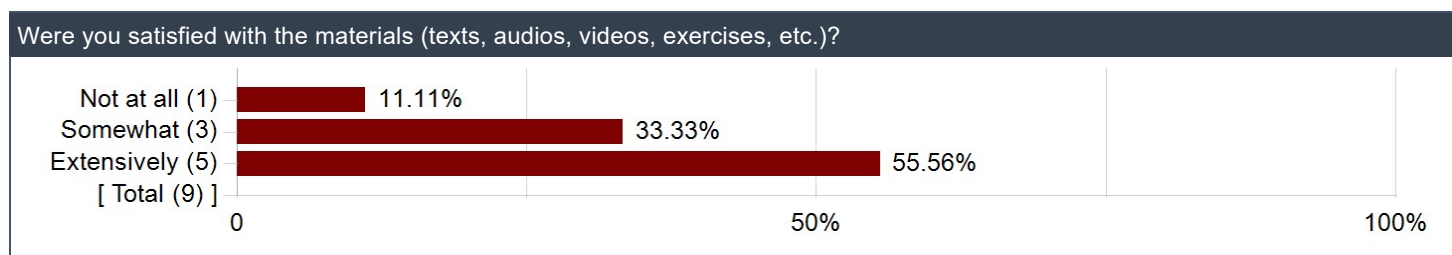
Were the time demands of this course reasonable?



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	3.44	3.00	0.00%	11.11%	11.11%	33.33%	11.11%	33.33%
Reading	3.33	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	44.44%	11.11%	22.22%
Writing	3.00	3.00	0.00%	11.11%	33.33%	22.22%	11.11%	22.22%
Grammar	2.89	3.00	0.00%	11.11%	33.33%	22.22%	22.22%	11.11%
Vocabulary	3.67	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	11.11%	11.11%	44.44%
Listening	3.67	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	44.44%	11.11%	33.33%

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



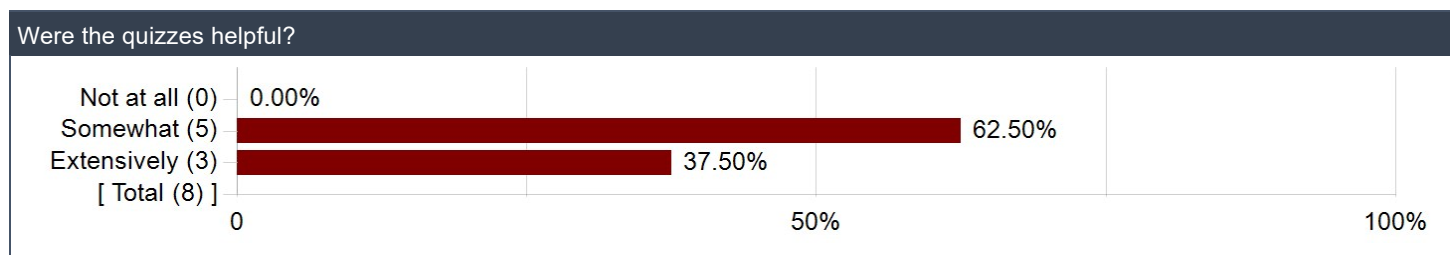
Please explain:

Comments
I think that the exercises on Blink Learning were really helpful and incorporated a lot of different parts of learning a language but were also not too hard (listening, speaking, writing). My one complaint is sometimes I think the clarification about grammar wasn't good.
There were a variety of different activities to do that were helpful
The cultural experiences were not beneficial.
I felt like all videos and exercises added to my knowledge of the Spanish language.
First, it was obvious that you had to pay money and I agree that you need to pay money for a book. But charging \$150 was a total rip-off. (By the way, I bought the course material through the official website that the professors uploaded in canvas site.) Second, the demands were too much for one course. It is already a pressure for a student to come every 3 days a week, but that's still okay. But there were too much demand to do blinklearning, assignments, etc., and also there were too much confusion to do that. I think I even lost some portion of my points due to the confused deadline, multiple routes to do assignments (for example, the same assignment is uploaded in platform A and B, and sometimes when I do it only through B-I lose my score because I did not copy-paste my responses at platform A.) Third, the instructor was only speaking in spanish which was really what I did not expect for a Spanish "101" class. But I really did not have any other time to change my course and anyways took it, but it also seemed like some of my classmates were not in the level of a starter but maybe a intermediate (because they already knew spanish).
The textbook was very useful and its integration with online exercises made everything more convenient. I appreciated being able to view the audios/video multiple times to improve my listening skills
I didn't love the textbook and website , some of the exercises felt useless
The textbook summaries at the end of each chapter were very detailed and very effective in learning the material. The online textbook homework assignments helped to practice what you learned in class/read in the textbook.

What did you learn about culture through language?

Comments
I don't know if I learned too much other than what my people in the Lingua Meetings would talk about
Learned a good amount of spanish culture through the textbook
I learned that the hispanic culture is very deep and family oriented.
Prefer not to answer

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	2.67	3.00	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Writing	2.78	3.00	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%	0.00%
Speaking	2.38	2.50	11.11%	33.33%	44.44%	11.11%

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

Comments
N/A
N/A
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
I think that the Lingua Meetings were very good and even fun. The cultural experiences were not that good though
The conversational practice through Lingua Meeting was very helpful
Conversational practice was good. Cultural activities were not.
I found them decently helpful. The in-person cultural experiences were helpful while the zoom-experiences were just ok.
Not at all. To be honest, the activities (like Tarea Final) were just giving me pressure and not helpful at all to improve my spanish skills.
I though that the lingua meetings were very useful and gave me a good opportunity to practice conversing with new people often in a less structured environment. I do not think that the cultural activities added anything to my experience. I am sure that the in person activities were more effective, but the online ones I went to felt like a waste of time.
The LinguaMeeting conversations were great since we didn't get a ton of conversational practice in class. The LinguaMeeting cultural activity I went to was pretty terrible, but I liked the cafecito in person one I did.
The cultural activities were not very useful at all to learning Spanish. But the conversations with a Spanish speaker were definitely useful in practicing your speaking and thinking on your feet.

Other comments:

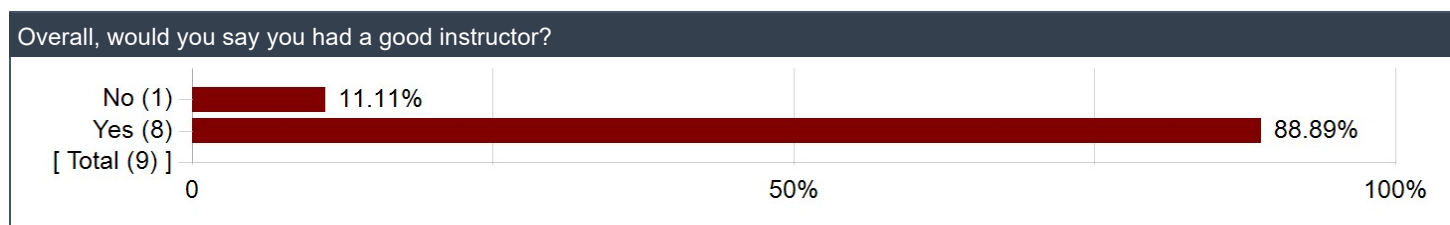
Comments
N/A

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	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	11.11%	77.78%
Rate your instructor's ability to convey the subtleties of the language	4.44	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	33.33%	55.56%
Rate your instructor's ability to encourage class conversation and participation in this language	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	11.11%	77.78%
Rate your instructor's availability outside of class and willingness to help	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	11.11%	77.78%
Rate feedback on assignments and exams	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	11.11%	77.78%

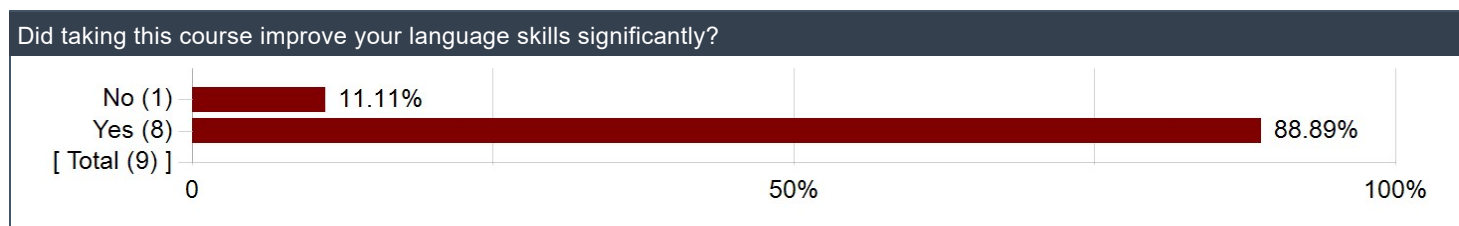
Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



Please explain:

Comments
Alejandra was so good! Made class fun and not stressful. She is a very encouraging teacher especially for first yr language learners
Professor Ovalle was very nice and great at explaining concepts.
She allowed us to engage in class discussion and never got frustrated with the class if someone was struggling to answer a question. Just a very enthusiastic and welcoming professor.
I already explained previously. She only used Spanish in class which was not expected for a Spanish "101" class. She was a nice person, but she was not the best instructor to be honest. Also, the grading was too subjective. I still do not know the rubrics and where I marked my score and lost my points in my Tareas and Oral exam.
Alejandra was very effective at teaching us materials and improving our language skills while still conversing in Spanish. Discussions were always active and classes were always enjoyable
I loved Alejandro! She was very energetic and made the class fun! Also, the whole class was in Spanish, and she did a great job of talking to us in Spanish in a way we could understand despite it being an intro course. That alone was great listening practice.
She was kind and supportive, and she had an organized setup to the class. She explained what was going to be on the tests, and gave us notice ahead of time. Made it very easy to learn the material.

Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?



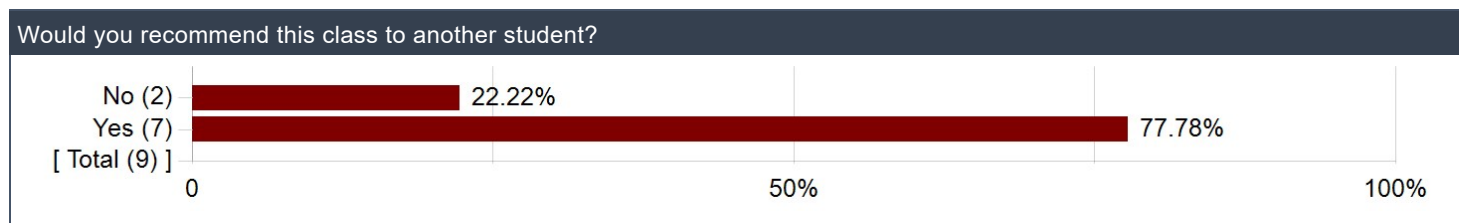
How would you improve this course?

Comments
I would include clearer rules about grammar because sometimes the grammar was unclear
I would only recommend doing a couple less lingua meetings. Though they are helpful, I wouldn't say that they drastically helped me conversationally.
I think it could've gone faster, I felt like we wasted a lot of time on random book exercises. Also, learning more grammar would be nice. I've been learning some Spanish on my own and I felt like I've learned more in less time, so I was expecting to learn more than I did.

In what way?

Comments
I feel like I can understand Spanish much better when I hear it now and I feel like I gained a lot of intuition for the language and how to phrase things/speak etc
My conversational Spanish definitely improved as I feel like I can fend for myself in a Spanish speaking country.
Vocabularly
I didn't know any Spanish before, now I feel like I could somewhat understand/participate in a real life conversation in Spanish.

Would you recommend this class to another student?



Why?

Comments
This professor is great and it is just a fun and not stressful class. Also it is exciting to learn a new language.
It's very helpful if you haven't taken any Spanish before
Yes, my professor's enthusiasm for the Spanish language is tremendous.
I really enjoyed this class and I loved the professor, so I wouldn't tell anyone it's a bad class. But, in terms of learning Spanish, I just feel like there are ways you could use your time better and learn faster. I am glad I took the class though.