



SPAN 20200 3, SPAN 20200 3 - Language, History, and Culture II - Instructor(s): Felipe Pieras-Guasp

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

Number Enrolled: **5**

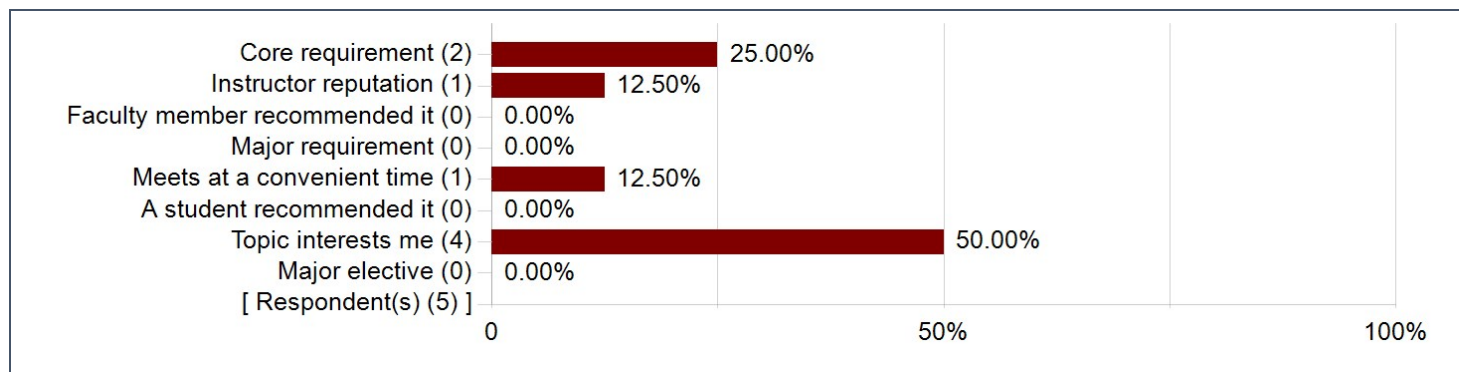
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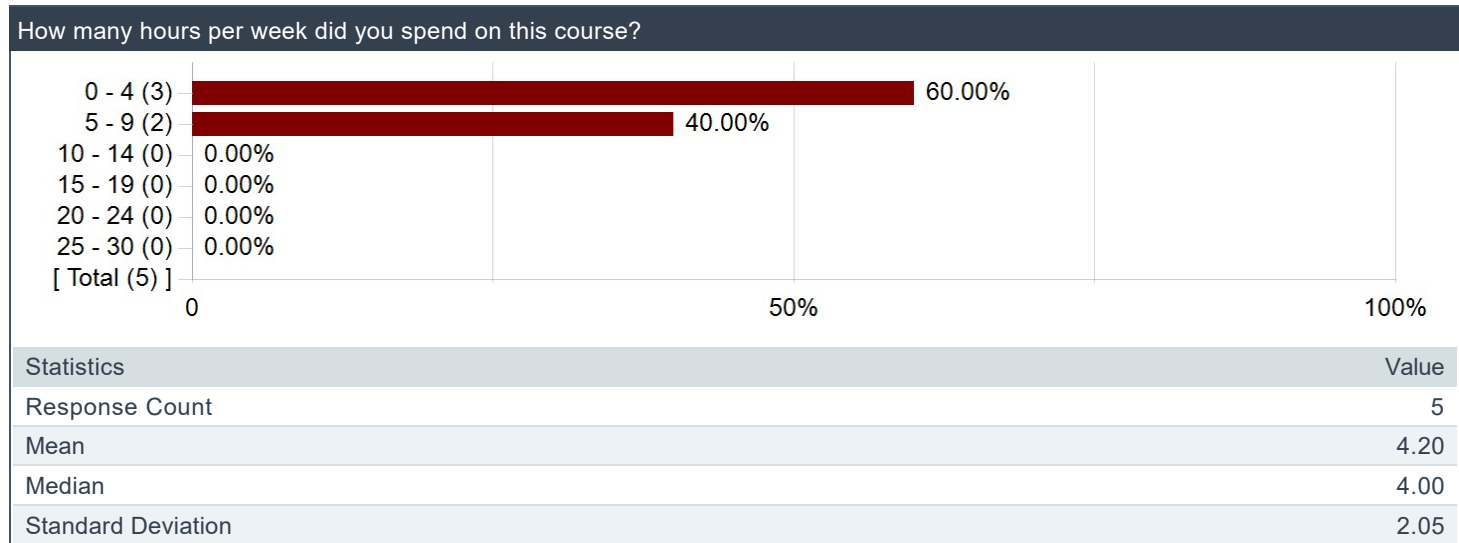
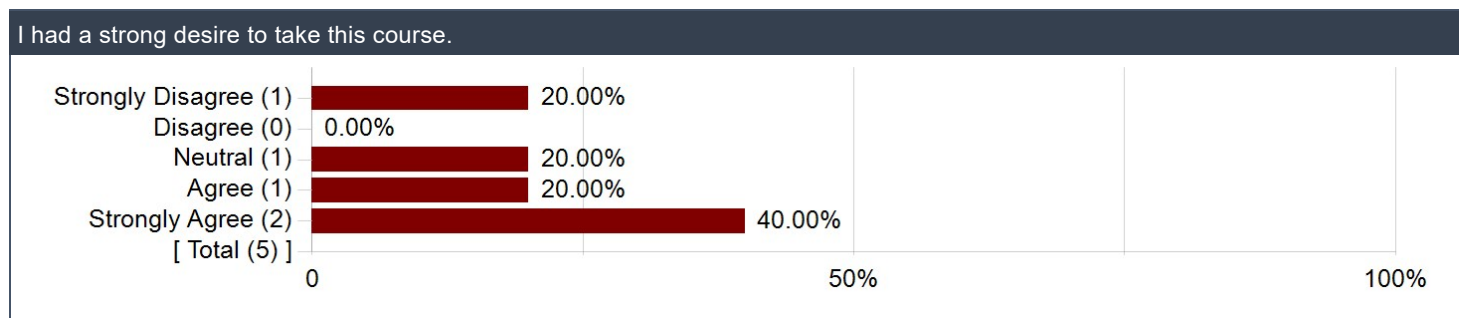
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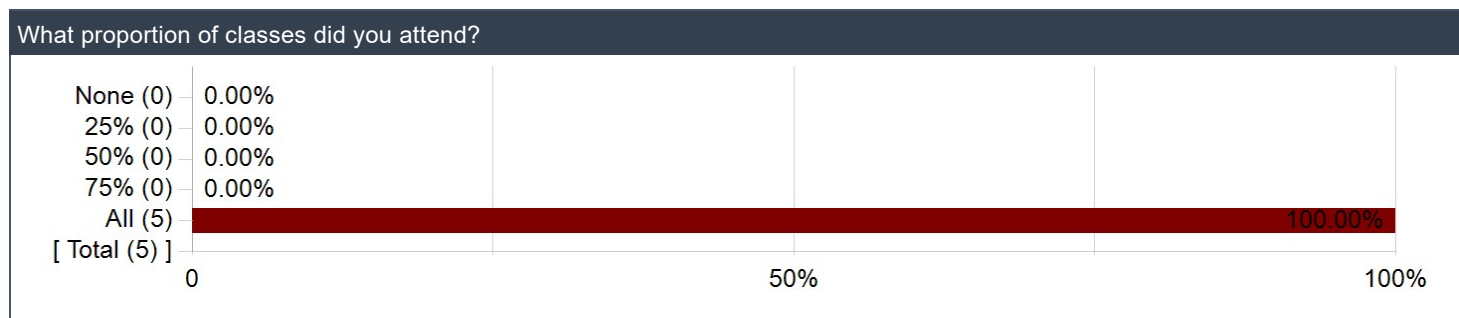
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



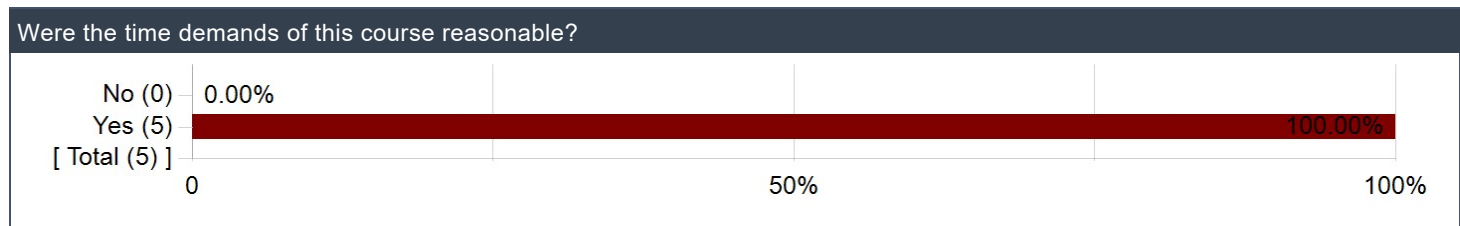
I had a strong desire to take this course.



What proportion of classes did you attend?



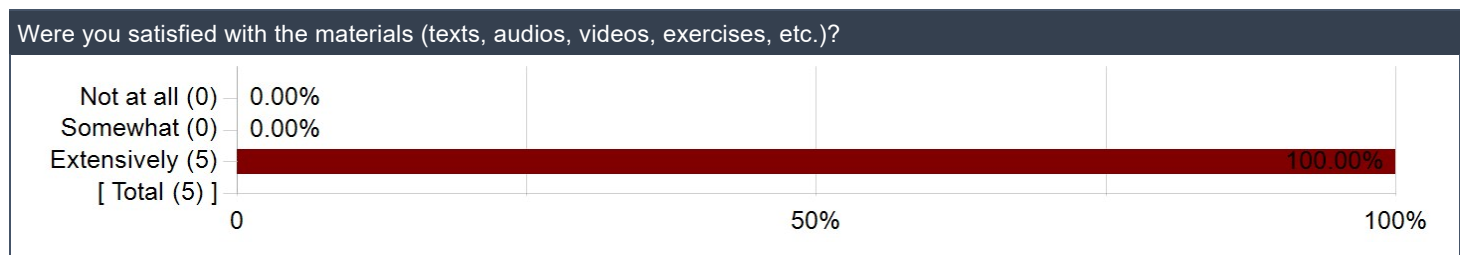
Were the time demands of this course reasonable?



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	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%
Reading	3.40	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Writing	3.80	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Grammar	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	60.00%	20.00%
Vocabulary	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Listening	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	20.00%	40.00%

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



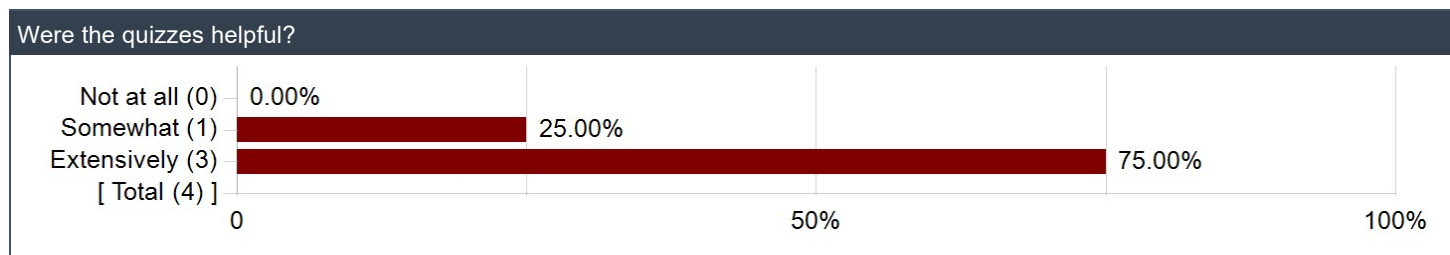
Please explain:

Comments
The in-class activities and discussions were relevant to material and lots of fun such as friendly competitions and games and listening to music
I thinked they all helped me advance my understanding in spanish
This quarter challenged me in terms of my grammar skills
I think they did a good job of showcasing different vocabulary and sentence structure, as well as presenting it in interesting manners.

What did you learn about culture through language?

Comments
I learned about current issues in spanish speaking countries, food, technology, climate change, music
I learned about new cuisines and genres of music
I found out about feelings with social media, typical foods, identity (especially immigrants or bilingual individuals), and even the environment. Some of these things I never would have really considered without this class. I find it especially great that our instructor was from Spain.

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%	20.00%	60.00%	20.00%
Listening	2.60	3.00	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Writing	2.25	2.00	0.00%	60.00%	20.00%	20.00%
Speaking	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	80.00%	20.00%

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 found them all useful
The talk abroad were very useful for learning to be more confident in my speech
I found them super interesting to learn about culture. I really enjoyed the cultural activity I went to and the TalkAbroads were so fun. It was cool to meet people from other countries and even get assistance with my Spanish from that.
I enjoyed the cultural activities, but I think the TalkAbroads were definitely the most helpful

Other comments:

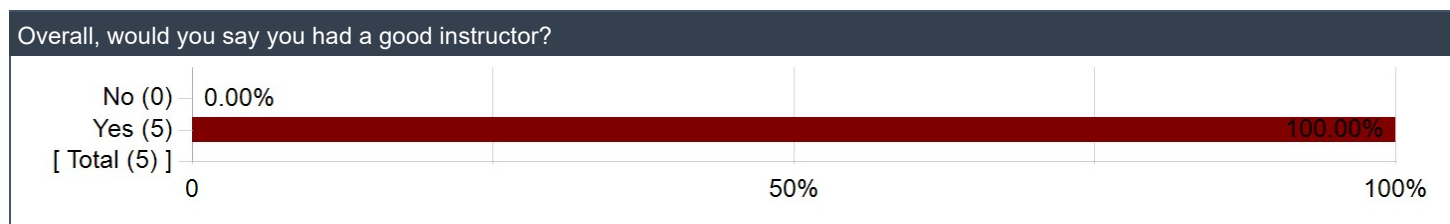
Comments
N/a
I think that even though the TalkAbroad were daunting at first, they improved my speaking skills immensely

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	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Rate your instructor's ability to convey the subtleties of the language	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%
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	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%
Rate feedback on assignments and exams	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%

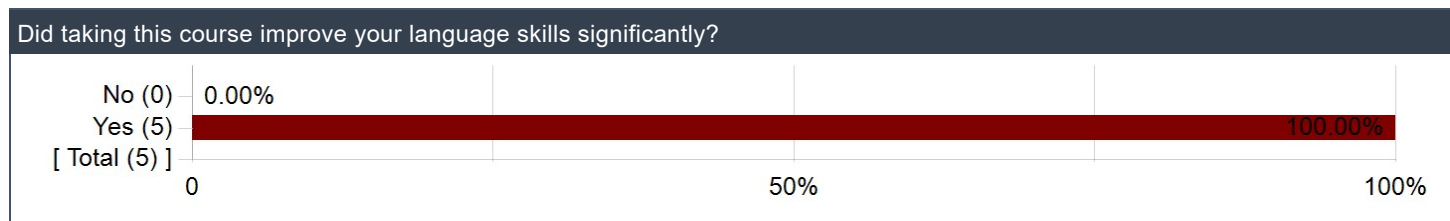
Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



Please explain:

Comments
He is my favorite Spanish professor I have had at the university – he is very approachable, creates a welcoming environment where I felt more comfortable contributing and being okay making mistakes and asking questions
He's my favorite professor for spanish I wish I had him next quarter for 203
He made class extremely fun. I think for the fact that my section was extremely small, he was able to make the most out of it so that we had an enjoyable experience.
I really enjoyed his class! It was super fun being in there and he was great at answering questions. He was amenable to rescheduling and never made me feel dumb for mistakes while speaking. It was overall a comfortable and engaging environment.
I like that he enforced speaking Spanish the entire class. Having that environment made it easier when it came to thinking in Spanish and speaking without having to translate every sentence in my head. However, he also wasn't overly strict; if you didn't know a word or phrase and would simply tell you how to say it in Spanish and move on, which was helpful and encouraging.

Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?



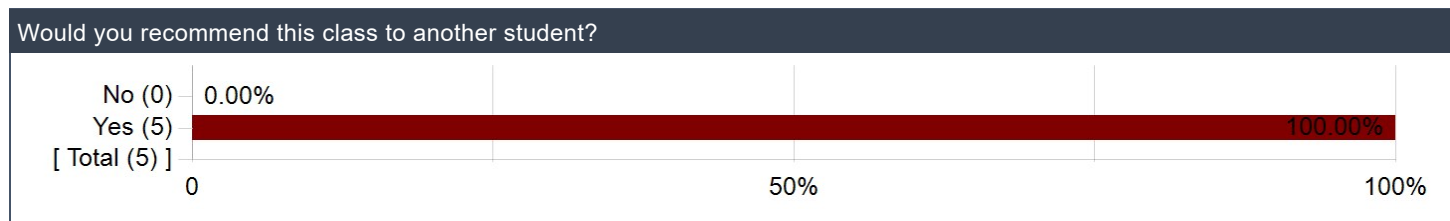
How would you improve this course?

Comments
I wouldn't
N/a
I think less work? There was kind of a lot of small assignments, but I also think they were useful in their own way. But, that would probably be the only thing I might change.
I think that the class is structured very well, however, I'd suggest doing a portion of each reading assignment (lectura) in class, so that our base understanding of the readings are stronger.

In what way?

Comments
the fact that we were not allowed to use laptops in class helped everyone be more engaged and conversational which really helped me practice my speaking skills more
I got much better with speaking and listening
It improved my confidence and fluidity in speaking
I got the chance to practice my speaking skills almost every day. I also learned new conjugations and tenses, which was interesting.
My speaking skills and grammar knowledge as well. There was always a list of vocabulary for each chapter, and learning and implementing that language widened my Spanish vocabulary a lot.

Would you recommend this class to another student?



Why?

Comments
The instructor and relaxed and fun nature of the in-class activities made it fun and engaging to practice grammar and speaking and listening skills
Specifically with Professor Pieras-Guasp, he creates a lot of his own lessons that aren't just straight from the textbook and I find them a lot more helpful to engage in the topics and participate in conversations about them. He makes class so engaging.
It's a fun class and good for skills in the outside world
It was very enjoyable and a good time for anyone interested.
I feel that many Spanish classes I took in the past were filler, which was frustrating because my Spanish hadn't improved noticeably, even though I'd taken it for so many years; but this class was very different, I could see the differences in my language acquisition and feel myself becoming more proficient in Spanish, so I would recommend this class to a student who actually wants to improve in Spanish. At first the workload was daunting, but, with a schedule, it became easily manageable, and the benefits of the class far outweighed the negatives of the workload.