



# SPAN 10200 4, SPAN 10200 4 - Beginning Elementary Spanish II - Instructor(s): Alejandra Ovalle

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

Number Enrolled: **14**

Number of Responses: **9**

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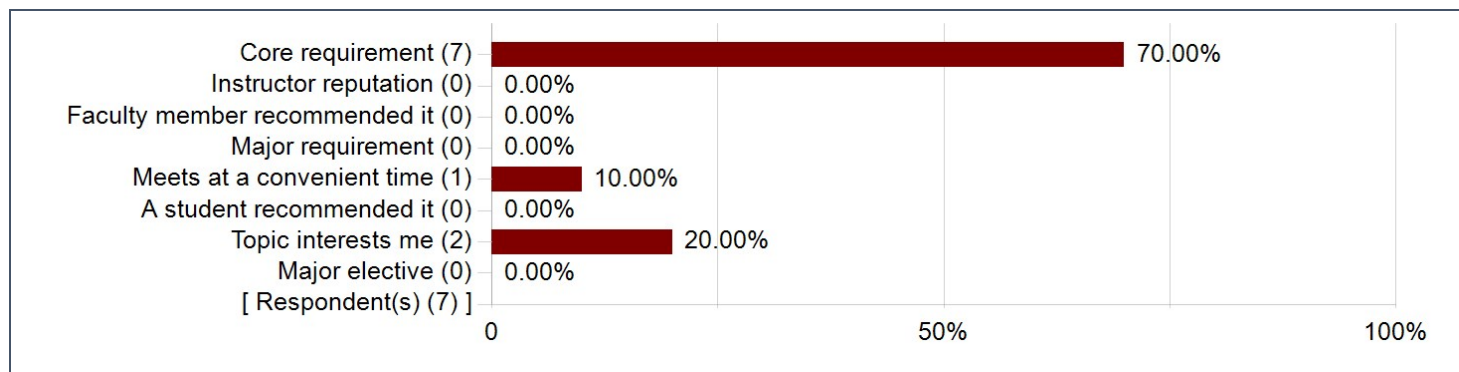
## Report Comments

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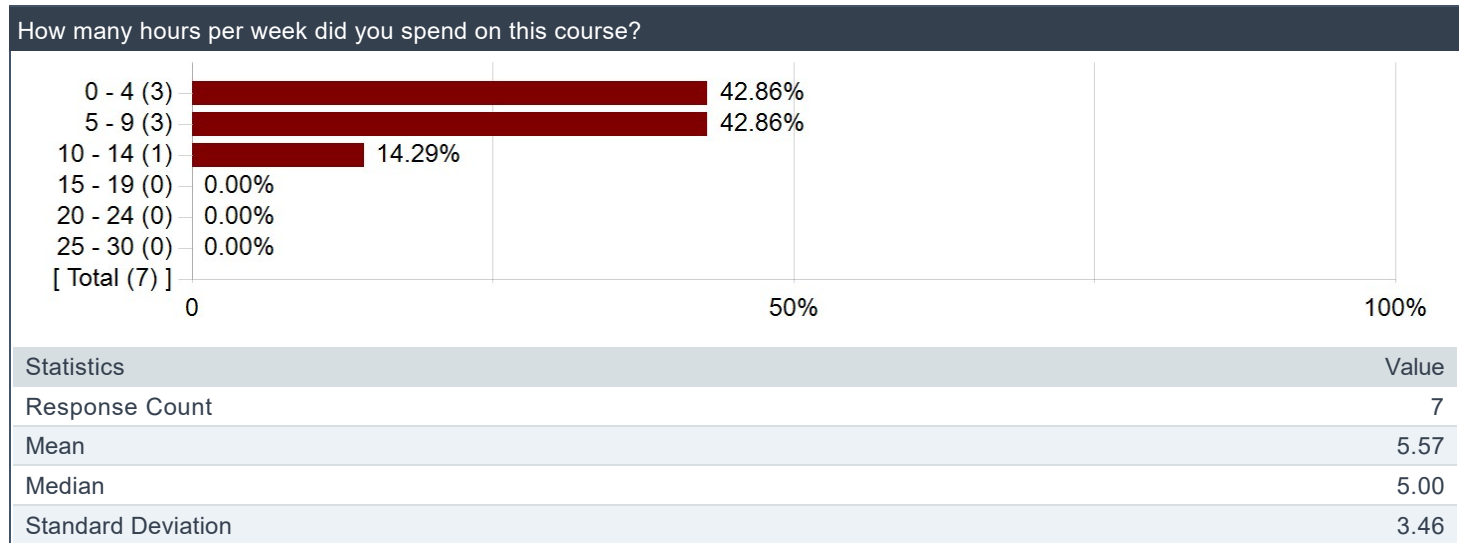
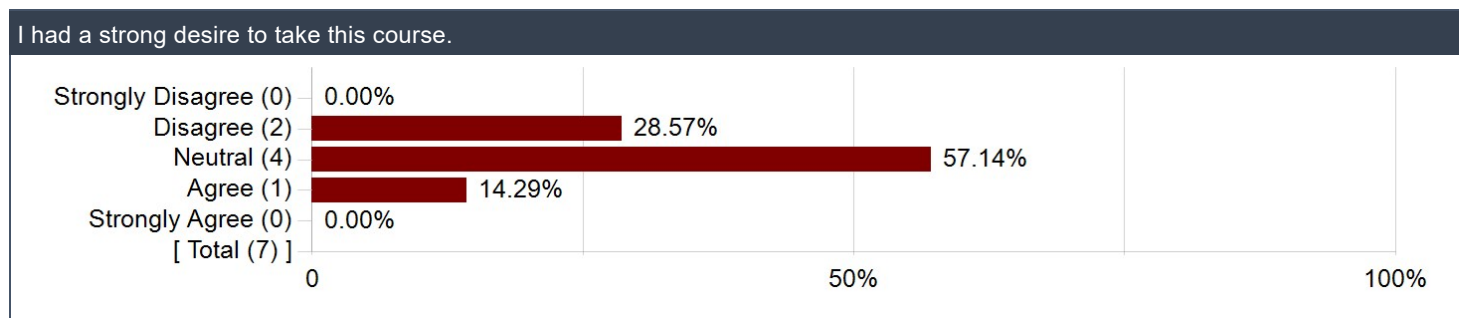
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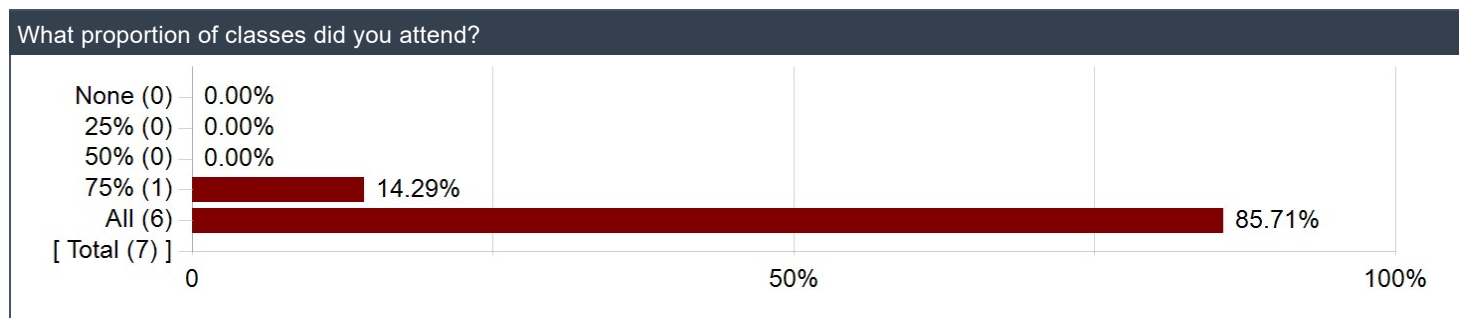
## Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



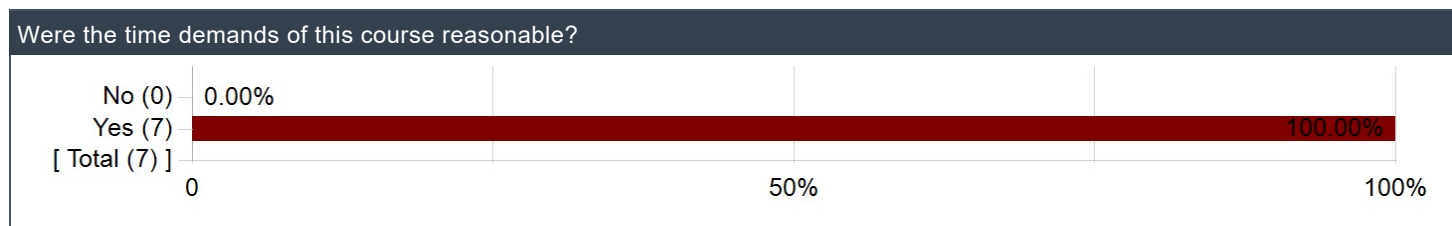
## I had a strong desire to take this course.



## What proportion of classes did you attend?



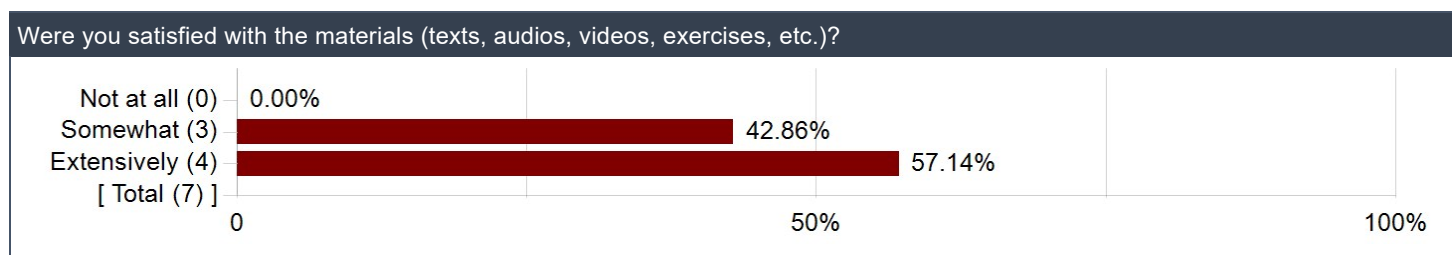
## Were the time demands of this course reasonable?



## 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	3.43	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	42.86%	28.57%	14.29%
Reading	2.71	3.00	0.00%	14.29%	14.29%	57.14%	14.29%	0.00%
Writing	2.86	3.00	0.00%	14.29%	28.57%	28.57%	14.29%	14.29%
Grammar	3.14	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	42.86%	14.29%	14.29%
Vocabulary	3.14	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	71.43%	0.00%	14.29%
Listening	2.86	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	57.14%	14.29%	0.00%

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



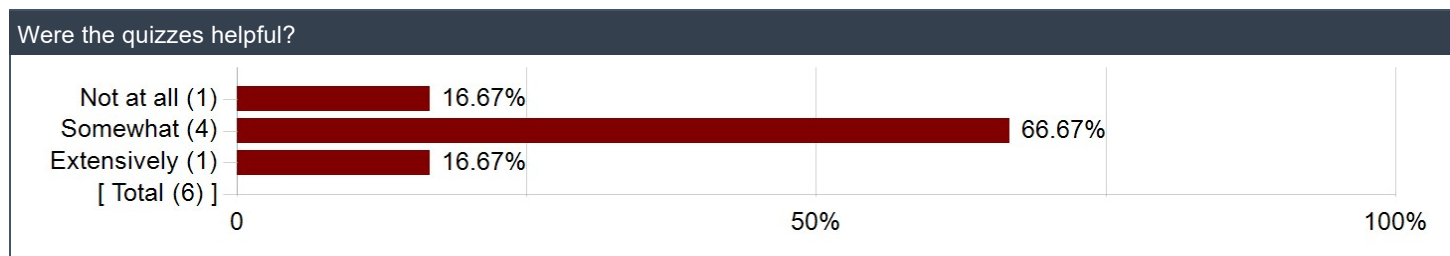
## Please explain:

Comments
BlinkLearning platform was helpful, although it was new so the system changed somewhat.
I found the variety of materials provided (texts, audios, videos, writing exercises, speaking exercises, etc.) to be useful and contributive to my learning experience. In particular, I enjoyed the focus on short-form text which, at most, spanned a couple of paragraphs; especially at the beginner level, I find that there is no need to dive deeply into long-form texts or videos.
I liked the materials however I wish we would have practiced grammar more in class.
The textbook was too much but the exercises on blinklearning were helpful.
I wish there had been more listening materials available to practice. I also didn't like the way the textbook taught the preterite early and then dropped it for the rest of the course, which made it hard to remember.
Yes I was

## What did you learn about culture through language?

Comments
The required cultural experiences helped enhance my understanding of Hispanic culture.
I learned mostly about other cultures through the vocabulary; that is (as pointed out in the textbook), how different Spanish-speaking countries use different words for the same concepts (e.g. "departamento" versus "apartamento" for apartment). Professor Ovalle in particular made sure to discuss vocabulary and grammar in the context of Colombia and the country's culture.
I learned about where people live, what their houses are like and what their cities are like.
we did cultural experiences which forced us to learn more about the cultural context of things we were learning.
How the Spanish live

## Were the quizzes helpful?



## How helpful were the various types of homework?

	Mean	Median	Not At All	Somewhat	Very	N/A
Reading	2.43	2.00	0.00%	57.14%	42.86%	0.00%
Listening	2.57	3.00	0.00%	42.86%	57.14%	0.00%
Writing	2.57	3.00	14.29%	14.29%	71.43%	0.00%
Speaking	2.29	2.00	0.00%	71.43%	28.57%	0.00%

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

Comments
Somewhat
N/A
Were not

## 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.)?

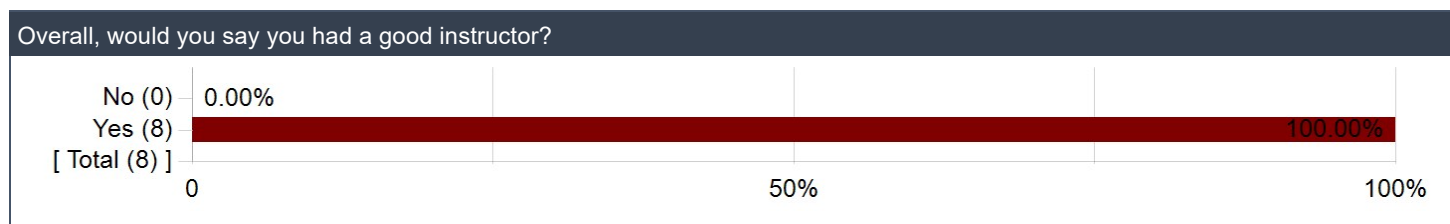
Comments
Fairly helpful, although at times it felt like busy work (and one of my LinguaMeetings was on Thanksgiving so I missed it)
I found the LinguaMeetings to be an overall useful experience, although I believe that #5 required meetings is far too much; ultimately, I believe I would get about as much value out of them as I would need in only 2–3 required meetings. I did not find the LinguaMeeting Experiences to be useful; while they were quick experiences to get through, they did not contribute much to my learning (no work on speaking or writing skills, and the experiences in the large Zoom meetings were too short and laggy to allow me to learn much about the cultural topic at hand).
The lingua meetings were somewhat helpful.
they were every useful if you had a good partner.
I found LinguaMeeting sessions semi-helpful: more useful for getting over my anxiety than actual advice, but still useful. I found the cultural activities in person interesting and good for listening, but the ones online too easy to tune out of.

## 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	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%
Rate your instructor's ability to convey the subtleties of the language	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
Rate your instructor's ability to encourage class conversation and participation in this language	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	0.00%	87.50%
Rate your instructor's availability outside of class and willingness to help	3.88	4.00	12.50%	0.00%	12.50%	37.50%	37.50%
Rate feedback on assignments and exams	4.00	4.50	12.50%	0.00%	12.50%	25.00%	50.00%

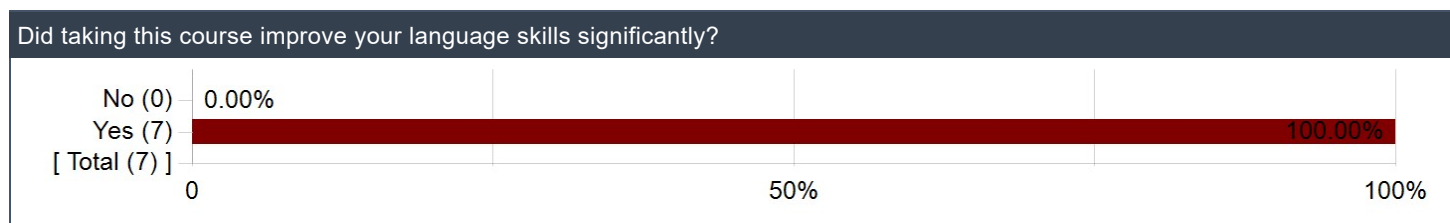
Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



Please explain:

Comments
Using the provided textbook, Professor Ovalle did well in efficiently deriving all of the relevant content at hand during class time and in such a manner as to ensure that I was prepared for any upcoming exams.
My instructor was very helpful however I would have liked a little more grammatical practice.
Super nice and good with the language/teaching it. I found the flipped classroom model vaguely frustrating, but obviously she didn't do that.

Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?



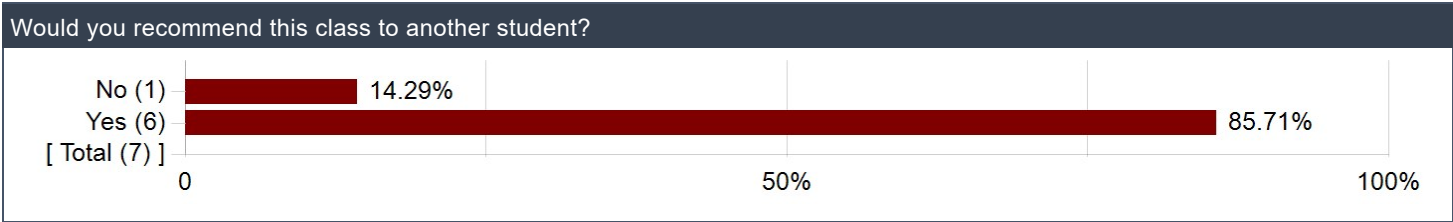
How would you improve this course?

Comments
I would improve this course by cutting down on the extra busy work required outside of the course. For example, I would recommend cutting the number of required LinguaMeetings from 5 to 2–3. In general, I find that most helpful exercises for learning the language are when I take time outside of class to review the textbook (either in preparation for next class or as a review of what was discussed during the last class). While the BlinkLearning exercises can be helpful, I largely find them unnecessary (outside of a few of the writing and speaking exercises).
Get a better textbook—one that doesn't teach skills, then stop using them for two months.

In what way?

Comments
While I have had experience with Spanish in the past (such as during HS), I found my previous classes too disorganized to allow me to effectively learn the language. Since this class pretty strictly followed the required textbook, I found this class much more helpful.
I gained more confidence in my skills.
More refreshed my memory than anything else.

Would you recommend this class to another student?



Why?

Comments
If another student needs to complete their language Core requirement, I would recommend that they take the Spanish sequence as the Spanish sequence is an overall solid and well-organized language sequence.
The class gave me more confidence in my spanish skills.
beginner friendly but time consuming. If you can afford to take it, you should because it helps strengthen your comfortability in the language.
Just kind of boring. I wish I had taken accelerated Spanish.