



GRMN 10300 1, GRMN 10300 1 - Elementary German For Beginners-3 - Instructor(s) - Matthew Stahlman

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

Number Enrolled: **5**

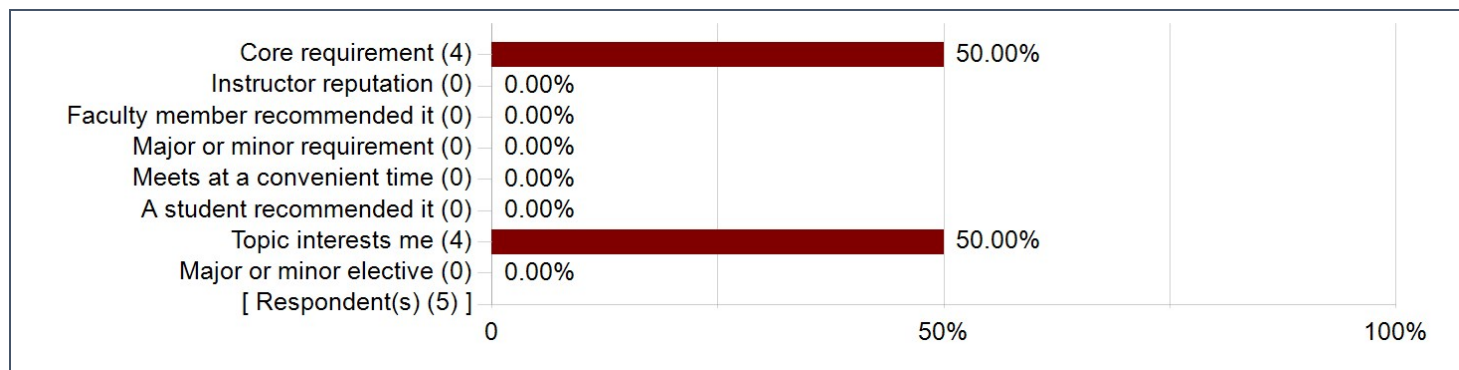
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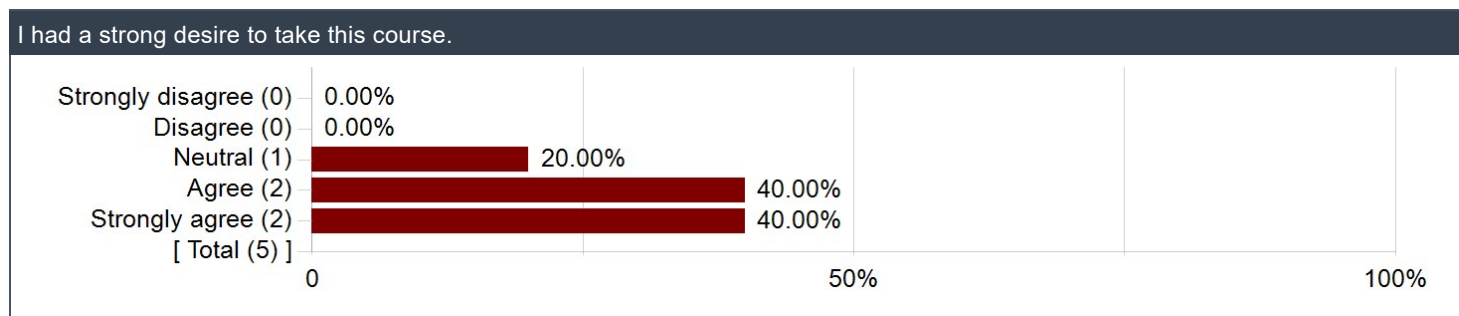
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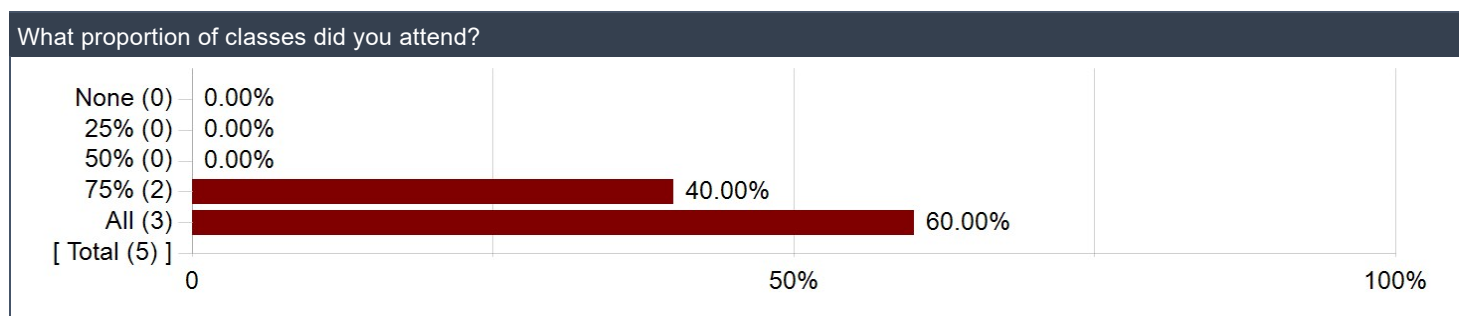
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



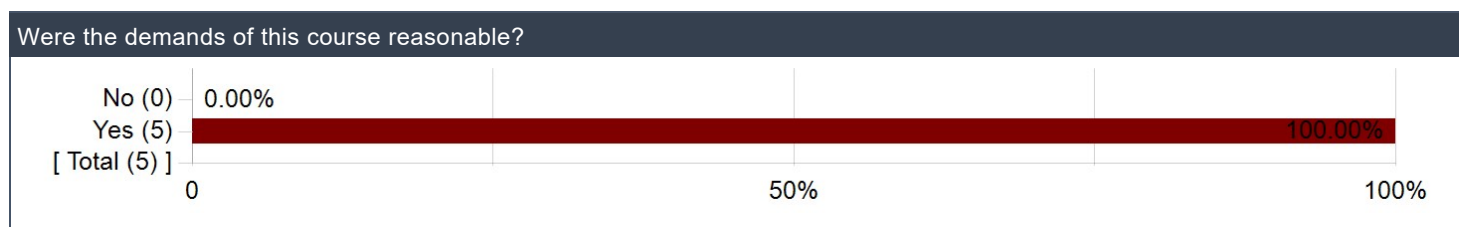
I had a strong desire to take this course.



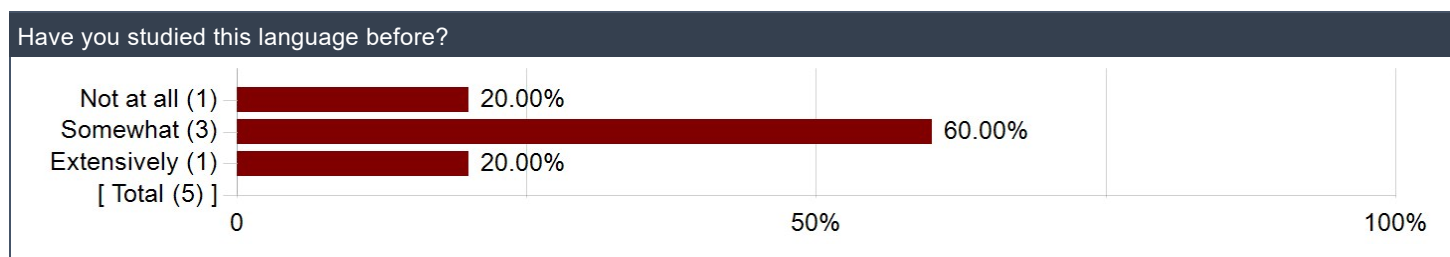
What proportion of classes did you attend?



Were the demands of this course reasonable?



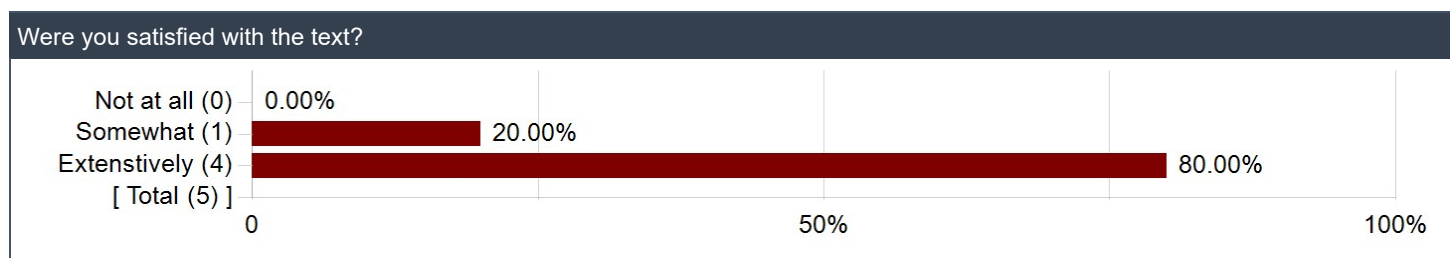
Have you studied this language before?



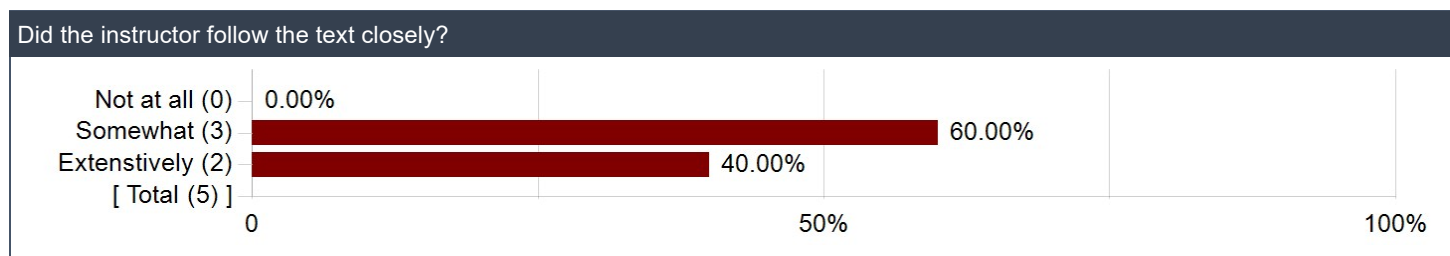
Rate the extent to which different aspects of the language were stressed:

	Mean	Median	Not At All	A Little	Some	A Lot	Extremely	Vigorously
Speaking	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	60.00%	20.00%
Spelling	4.20	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	0.00%	60.00%	0.00%
Reading	5.20	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	40.00%	40.00%
Writing	5.20	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	40.00%	40.00%
Grammar	5.20	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	40.00%	40.00%
Vocabulary	5.20	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	40.00%	40.00%

Were you satisfied with the text?



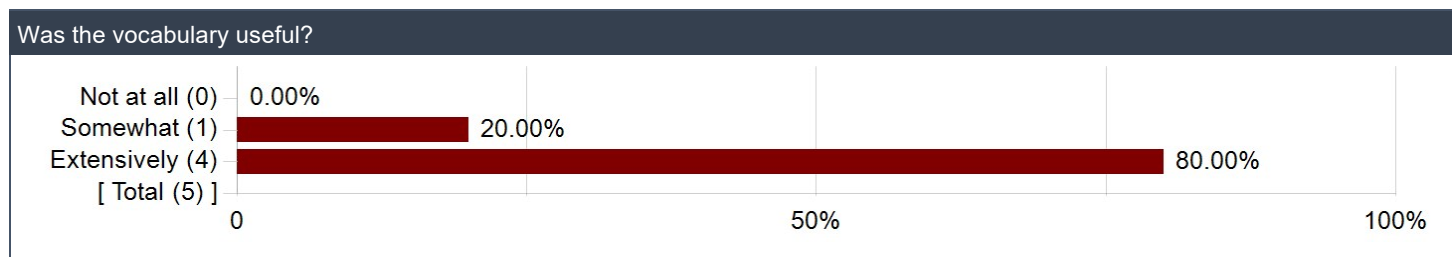
Did the instructor follow the text closely?



Explain:

Comments
We always were introduced to the material before class and then reviewed in class.
Followed online textbook dddgerman.org – roughly 5 sections per day on average.
We used DDD (der–die–das), as per usual. It works as a textbook and is quite easy to follow. Sometimes I have issues with the way the grammar sections flow but no notes otherwise.

Was the vocabulary useful?

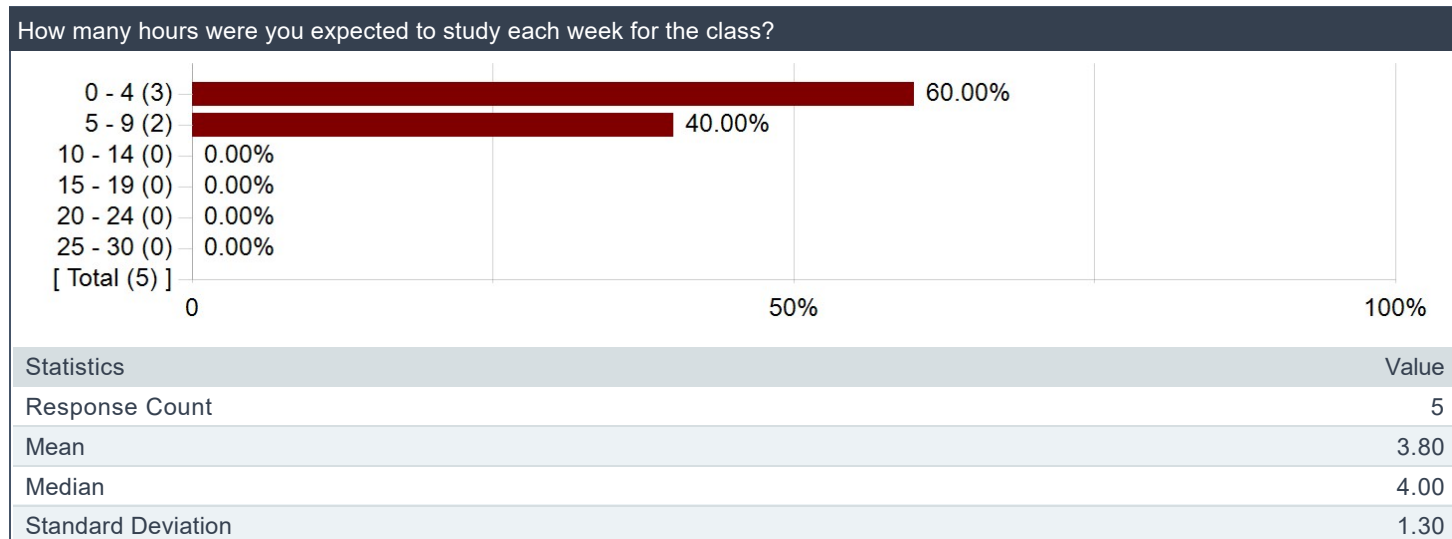


Why?

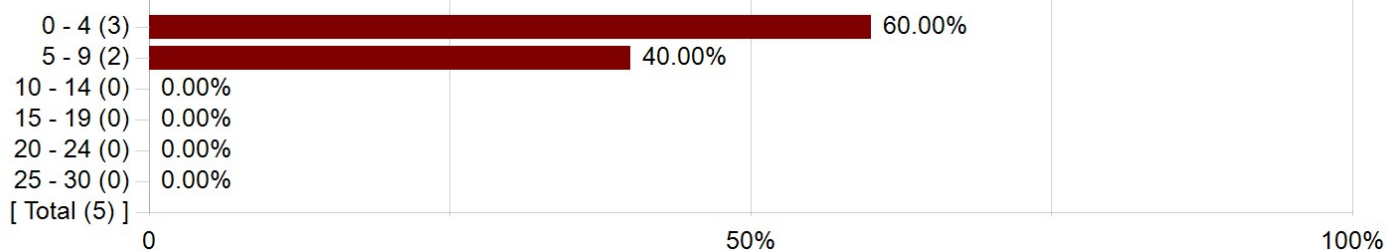
Comments
The vocab was very useful to understand the theme of the text and applicable to conversations I might have in German if I ever visit. MY only complaint is that the vocabulary requirement was a lot and hard to achieve with all of grammar we also learned.
Consisted largely of common words that would be encountered in everyday life.
One needs vocabulary to learn a language...
Helpful, common place verbs

Describe the format of the class (lecture, drills, etc.). Was this format productive? Please be specific.

Comments
it was extremely productive! This was a reverse classroom, so we were introduced to content for the first time at home and then the professor reviewed what we read the night prior in class.
Class periods were mostly discussion based, with questions prepared beforehand as guidance. Various cultural topics were discussed. Frequent partner work and sentence production. Felt productive at most times – feedback was readily provided and exercises gave opportunity to use the language in a way not achievable only through the textbook.
It was really more of an in-class discussion that was German themed. So we worked on grammar principles, learning vocabulary, and discussing culture.
Group dynamic that really shined for a language course.

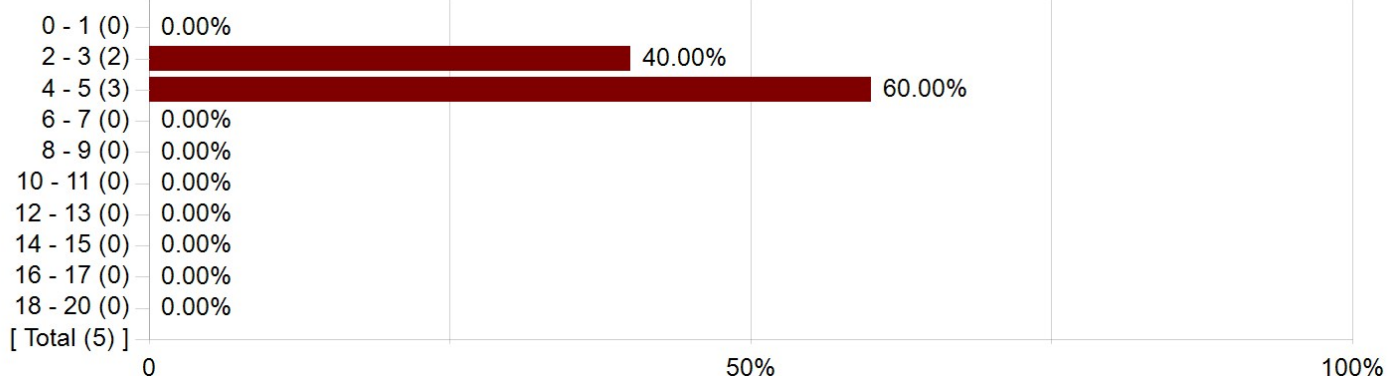


How many hours did you spend?



Statistics	Value
Response Count	5
Mean	3.20
Median	4.00
Standard Deviation	2.05

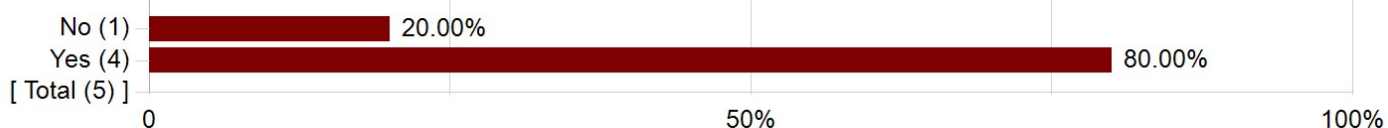
How many written quizzes were given?



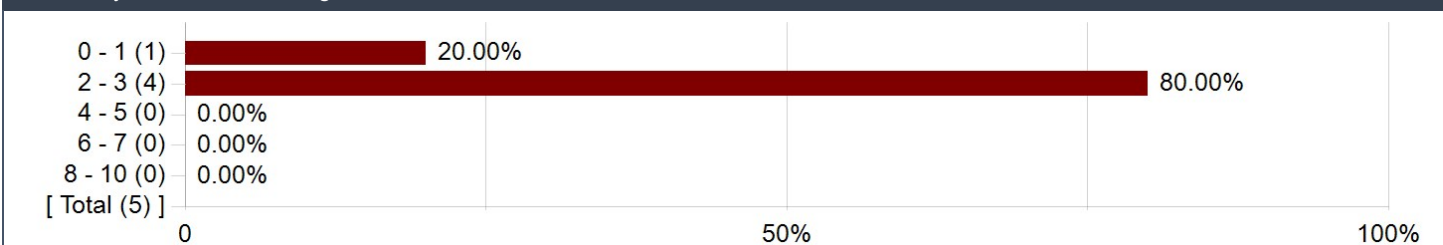
Statistics	Value
Response Count	5
Mean	3.40
Median	4.00
Standard Deviation	0.89

Were there daily assignments? (i.e., journals)?

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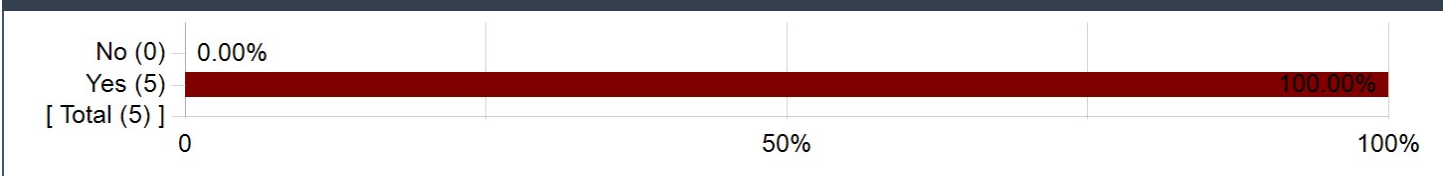
How many oral exams were given?



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Response Count	5
Mean	2.20
Median	2.00
Standard Deviation	0.84

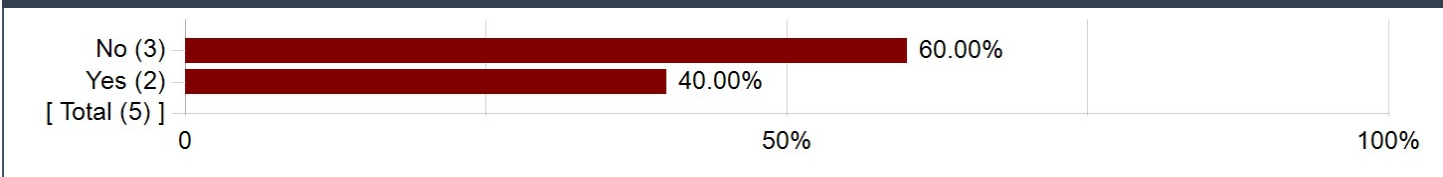
Were the oral exams fair?

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Were the oral exams challenging?

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Why? Please be specific.

Comments
I have taken German 201, so they were a little easier for me, but it was still great speaking practice and an opportunity to get individual feedback.
They were the only graded assignments based on on-demand production of language. Speaking is generally more challenging than other aspects, and these reflected that.
It's basically chit-chatting in German.

If there were required outside activities (i.e. foreign films or SCOLA), describe your experience.

Comments
One film was required to be watched for the last week of class. It was enjoyable and we were not held to too high of a standard of understanding the material.
Yes! We watched Goodbye Lenin and were asked to attend events outside of class, such as Kaffeeklatsches and Konversationstundes, to aid our comprehension and speaking.

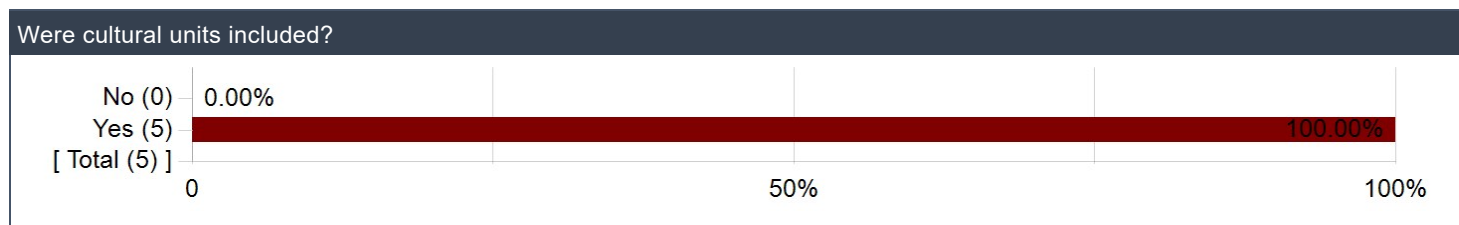
Was your instructor organized?

Mean	Median	Very Unorganized	Somewhat Unorganized	Fairly Organized	Somewhat Organized	Very Organized
4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	80.00%

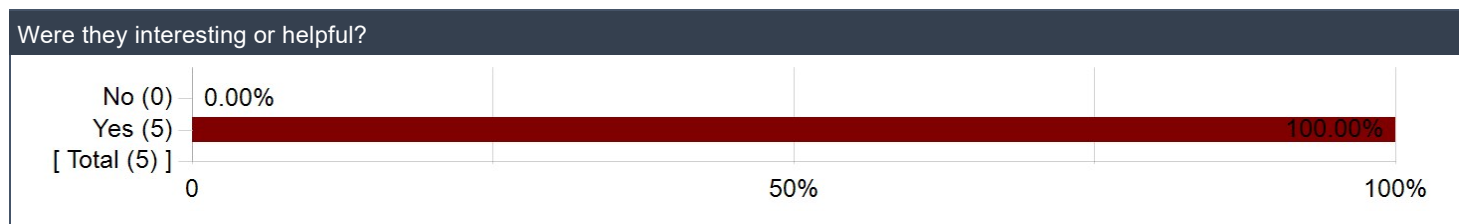
Explain

Comments
He was always prepared for class and was well rehearsed.
Always came to class with well-prepared slides, numerous worksheets/activities available – often apparently had more available than we would end up using on a given day. Canvas was very clearly and intuitively laid out.
Matthew was quite organized! And was very understanding and flexible when life-events came up.

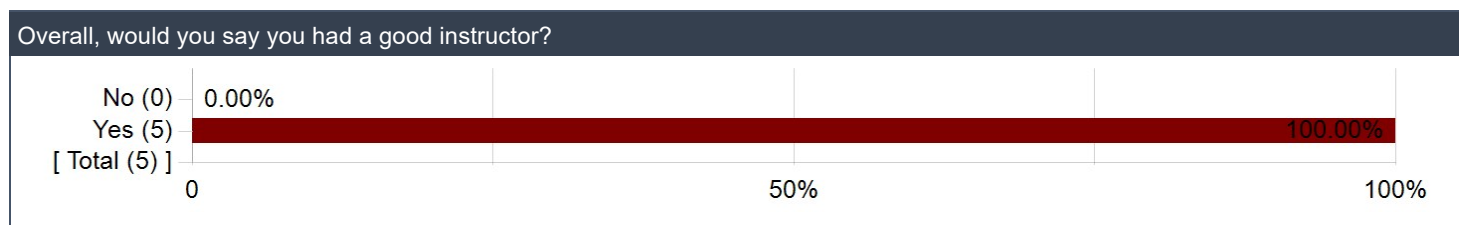
Were cultural units included?



Were they interesting or helpful?



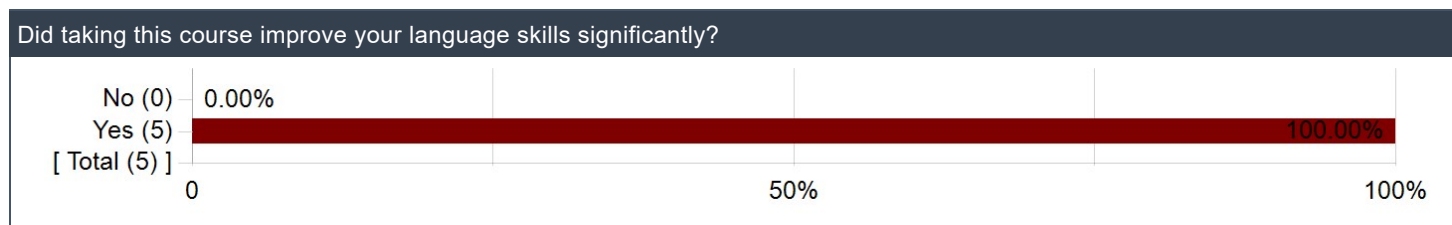
Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



Why?

Comments
Matthew was phenomenal! He kept class interesting and engaging and was very helpful. He always challenged us to speak German as much as possible while also ensuring we understood each other.
As previously stated, he was very organized, and material was always presented effectively. The effort he put into the course was also extremely apparent, and he had a clear interest in the success of all students. He was very understanding of emergent situations and extremely available outside of class.
Matthew really took the time and effort to make sure his students understood the German language and culture. He was always available for office hours and was extremely good at explaining and providing examples for the grammar sections.
Matthew is great. There is not much to say except that he is a top-shelf teacher.

Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?



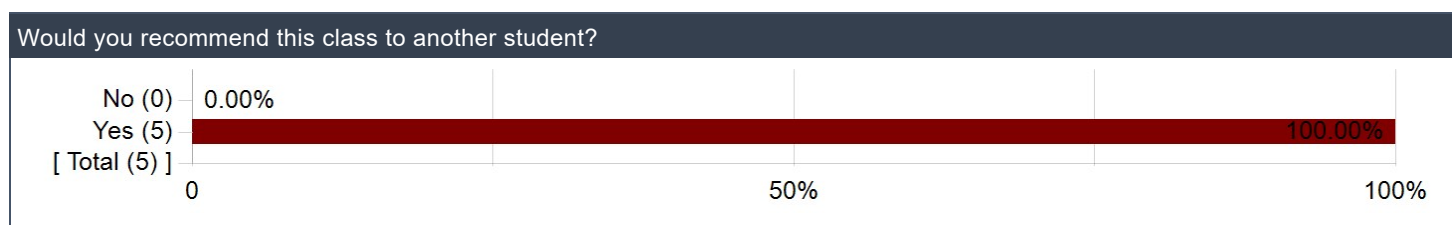
In what way?

Comments
I feel I have a much better grip of German grammar and sentence structure. While I've taken the class after this, I still felt challenged in this class.
New grammar introduced in this quarter opened up a lot of German that was not readily understandable previously. As with past quarters, there was a great stress on being able to produce new information in essay format that was greatly beneficial.
I can form more complicated sentences and have a strong familiarity with the language that is certainly helpful with interacting with German people and the country.
I learned German

How would you improve this course?

Comments
I think some more practice in correct pronunciation would be helpful. I find that my pronunciation is not where I'd like it to be.
There is no aspect of this course that I think can be greatly improved in any way. Everything presented was effective and engaging. The only somewhat frustrating issue I had run into was recalling specific grammar rules from previous quarters (prepositions for each grammatical case, for example), but I do not see this as an issue with the course so much as with my own failure to review this material outside of class.
The vocab expected to be learned for each chapter is really quite astronomical – up to 80 words per quiz is quite a bit. I think it would be better if a certain selection of the vocab words were chosen to test on.
Sadistically, I would emphasize the speaking aspect.
I cannot.

Would you recommend this class to another student?



Why?

Comments
I have learned so much and grown so much as a German speaker that I have told multiple students at U of C that if they want to take a language they absolutely should while they are here.
It was enjoyable and effective. I am very glad to have taken this sequence with this instructor for my core requirement.
I would recommend this class if they have a desire to learn German. After going through the entire sequence, one really does have the ability to work with and read the language. I think the class gives an excellent foundation.
It was a great way to learn the language.