



# GRMN 10100 2, GRMN 10100 2 - Elementary German For Beginners-1 - Instructor(s): Nicole Burgoyne

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

Number Enrolled: **13**

Number of Responses: **6**

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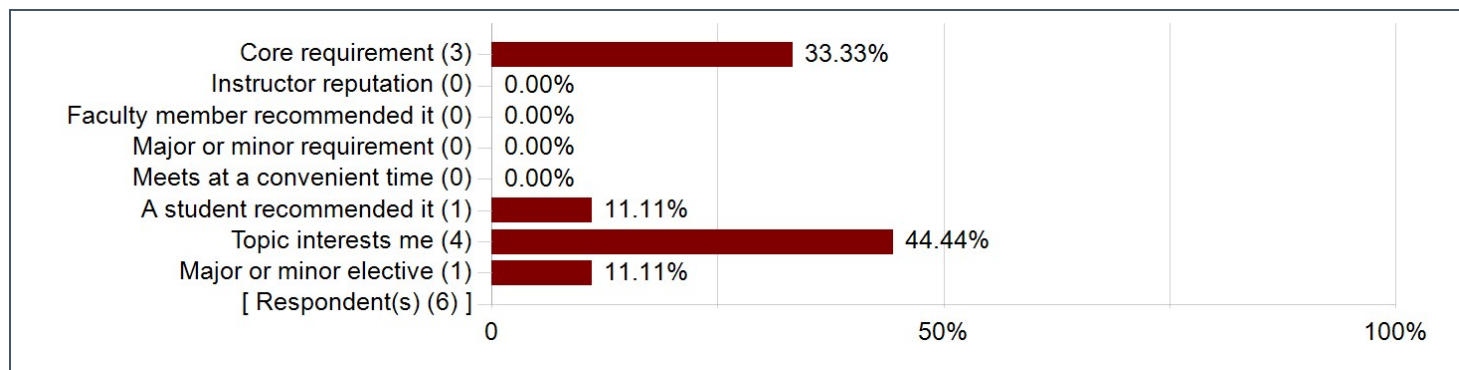
## Report Comments

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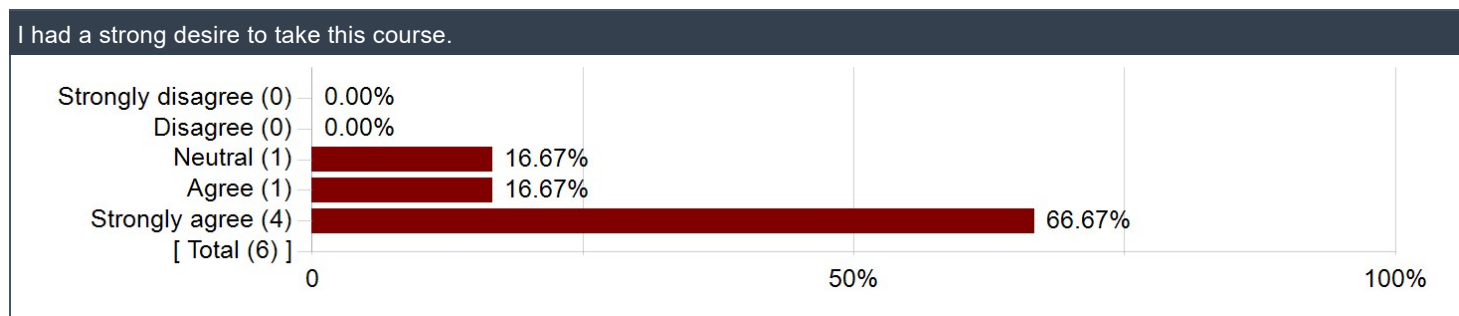
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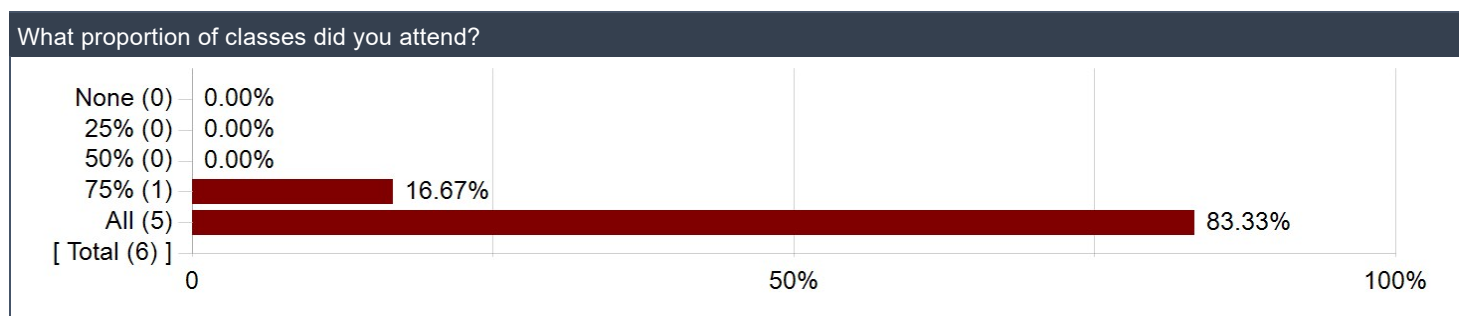
### Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



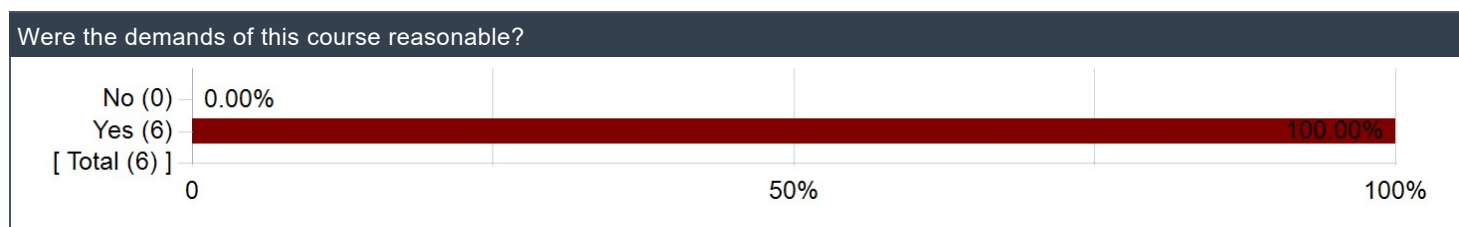
### I had a strong desire to take this course.



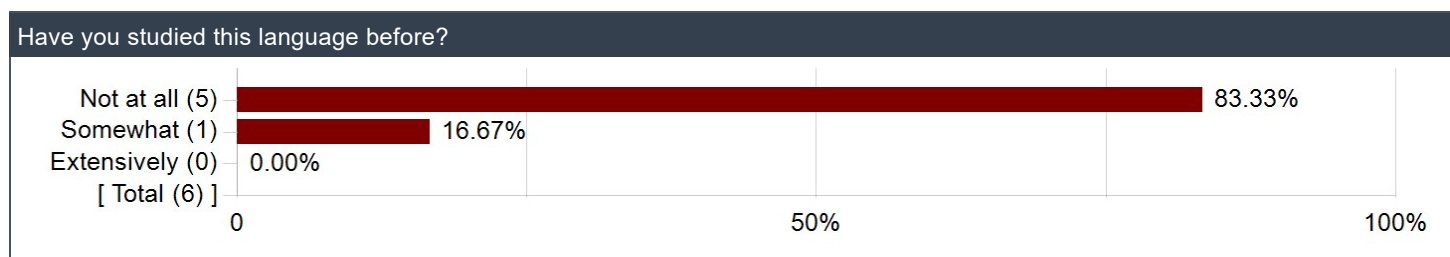
### What proportion of classes did you attend?



### Were the demands of this course reasonable?



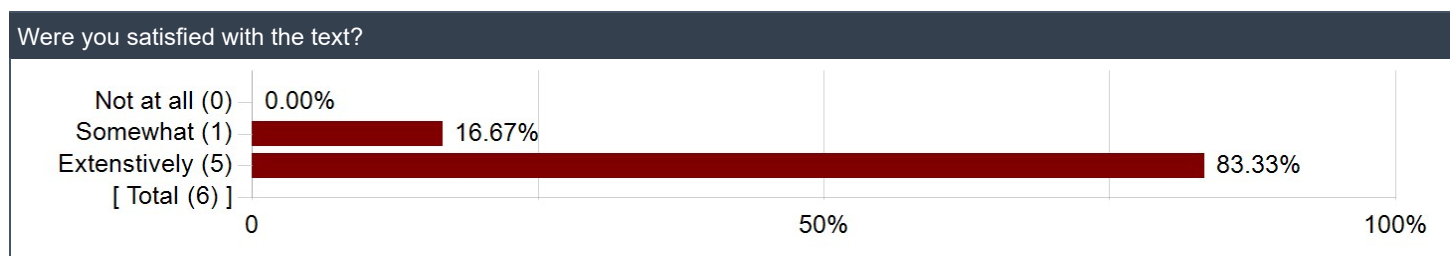
## Have you studied this language before?



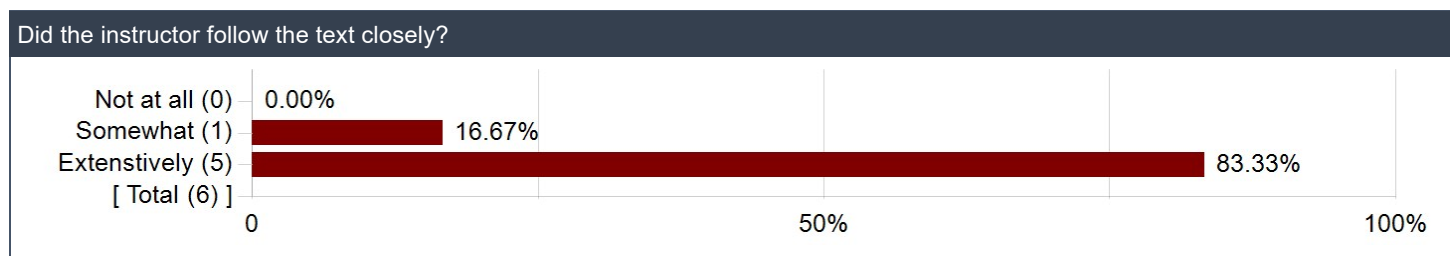
## Rate the extent to which different aspects of the language were stressed:

	Mean	Median	Not At All	A Little	Some	A Lot	Extremely	Vigorously
Speaking	4.50	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	50.00%	0.00%	33.33%
Spelling	3.83	3.50	0.00%	16.67%	33.33%	16.67%	16.67%	16.67%
Reading	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	40.00%	40.00%
Writing	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	0.00%	33.33%
Grammar	5.17	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	50.00%	33.33%
Vocabulary	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%

## Were you satisfied with the text?



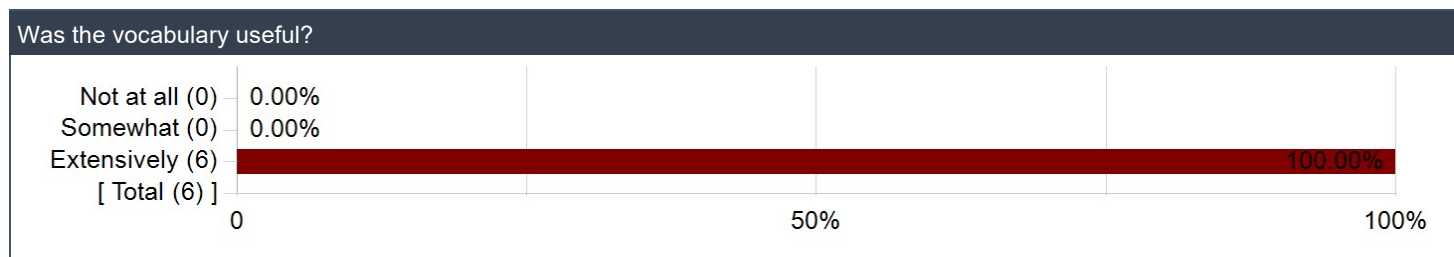
## Did the instructor follow the text closely?



## Explain:

Comments
I felt that the textbook was very approachable and had a variety of exercises helping with spelling/grammar, reading, and listening (listening was particularly helpful!). We worked through the textbook sequentially, not skipping any sections, and we would review in class exactly what was in the previous night's homework to reinforce it. Professor Burgoyne would also provide additional resources and supplements for particularly tricky grammatical structures (e.g. declensions in different cases), which were super helpful.
There was no textbook
Lectures were based around derdiedas but there were some extra (usually fun) topics added to the textbook

## Was the vocabulary useful?

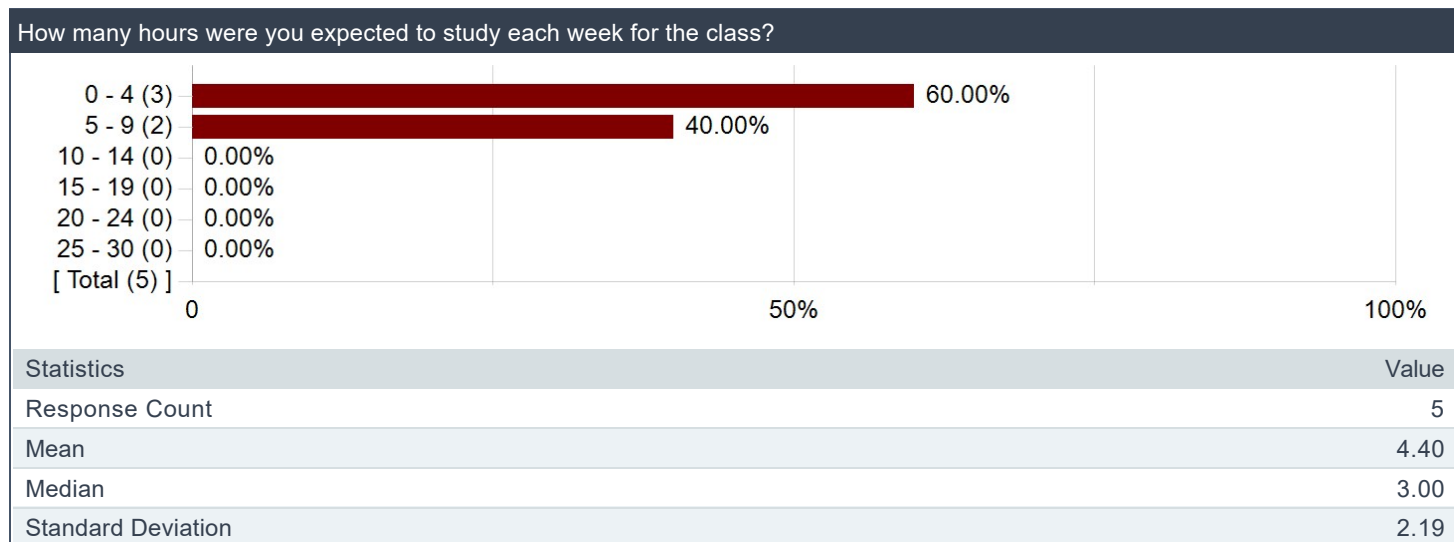


## Why?

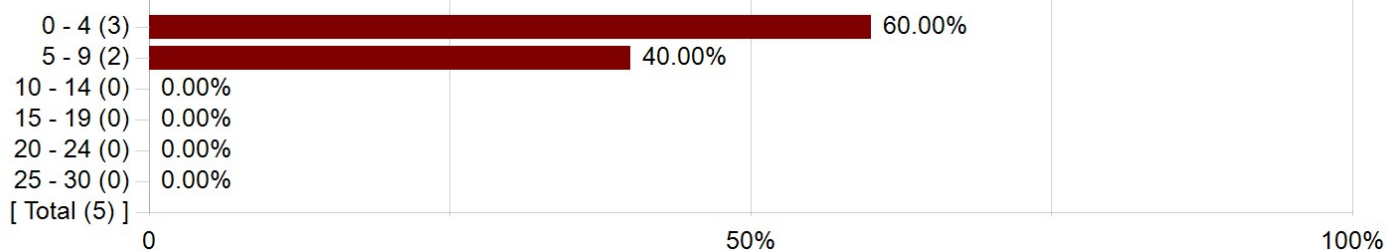
Comments
I really like the approach of the textbook of prioritizing the words most commonly encountered in "real" German (while remaining appropriate for the current grammar known). I feel like I can watch a German TV show or listen to a song in German and actually get the gist of a good part of it, even with my still very limited vocabulary/grammar knowledge.
A lot of very common words.
Learn the most commonly used words in German

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

Comments
The format was a flipped lecture (do homework first to introduce new concepts, then discuss in class) with many in-class partner/group speaking exercises, listening exercises, and the occasional written exercise. I felt this was a very productive format, because that way concepts were getting reinforced rather than introduced, and because I had already been exposed to the concepts I was able to really engage in the listening/speaking in a way that is more difficult if you are trying to orient around a brand new concept AND apply it at the same time.
Partner activities, then a solo activity, then some kind of class competition(often kahoot or quizlet). I think it was productive, it helped reinforce the stuff we did during hw.
Flipped. Learning during homework and practice in class. Very helpful to actually learn the content and to more organically form sentences and use the language.

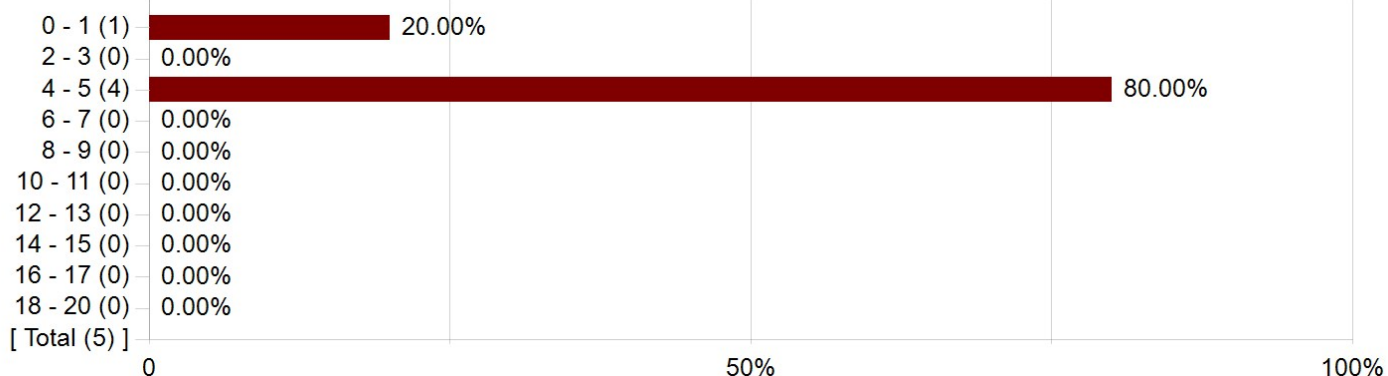


### How many hours did you spend?



Statistics	Value
Response Count	5
Mean	4.40
Median	3.00
Standard Deviation	2.19

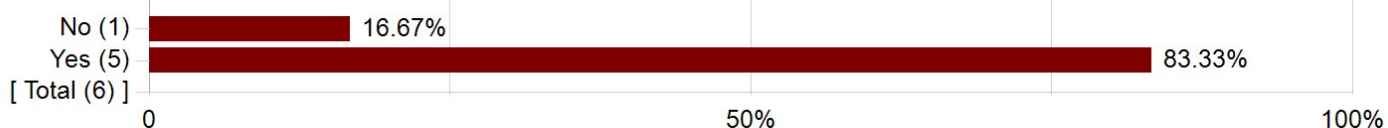
### How many written quizzes were given?



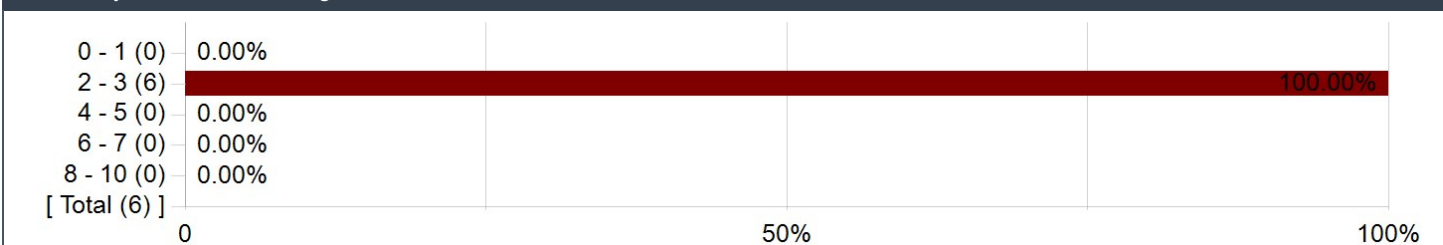
Statistics	Value
Response Count	5
Mean	3.20
Median	4.00
Standard Deviation	1.79

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

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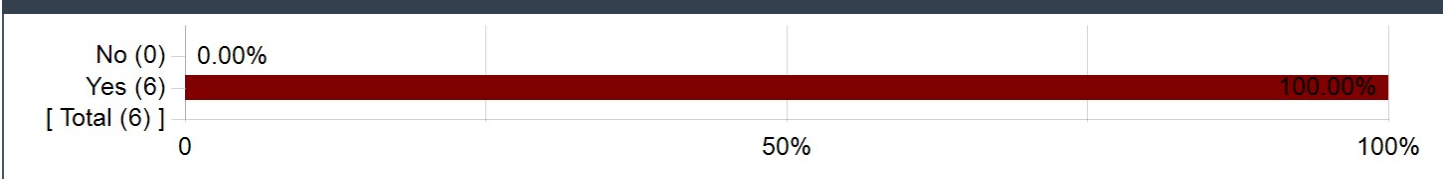
### How many oral exams were given?



Statistics	Value
Response Count	6
Mean	2.00
Median	2.00
Standard Deviation	0.00

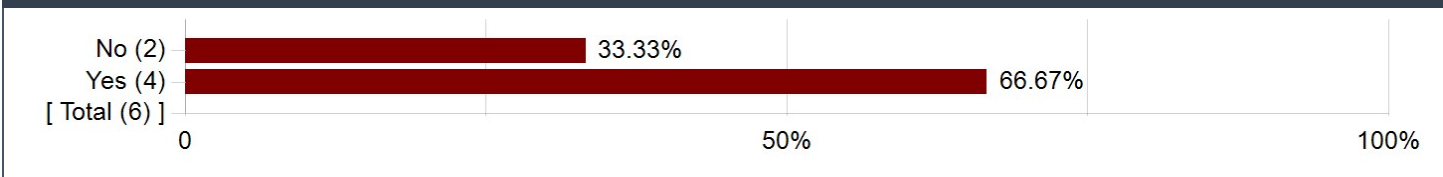
### Were the oral exams fair?

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### Why? Please be specific.

#### Comments

They were very low stakes but a good opportunity to be provided feedback on pronunciation.

The oral exams consisted of reading a text (initially read off of paper, the second time reciting from memory), which I didn't find particularly challenging, but then that was followed by a conversation which I found more challenging. It was challenging in the sense that having a conversation (even a simple one) in a new language is stressful when you can't put your thoughts directly into words, but not challenging in the sense that the bar was unattainable.

Speaking in a language I didn't know a few months ago is always challenging.

So long as you studied the vocab and some basic sentences you were done during the Gespräch.

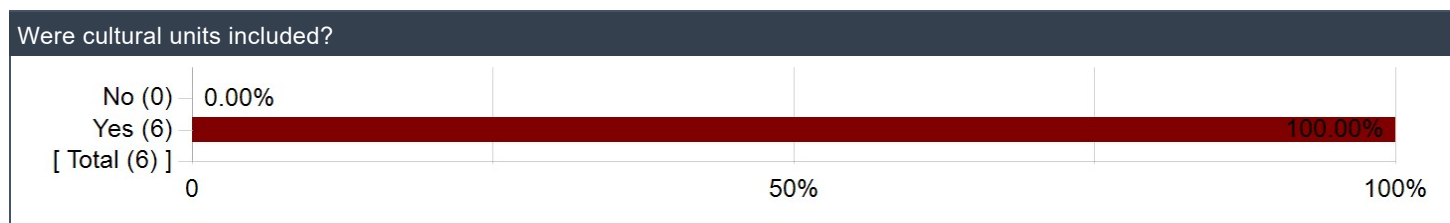
### Was your instructor organized?

Mean	Median	Very Unorganized	Somewhat Unorganized	Fairly Organized	Somewhat Organized	Very Organized
4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%

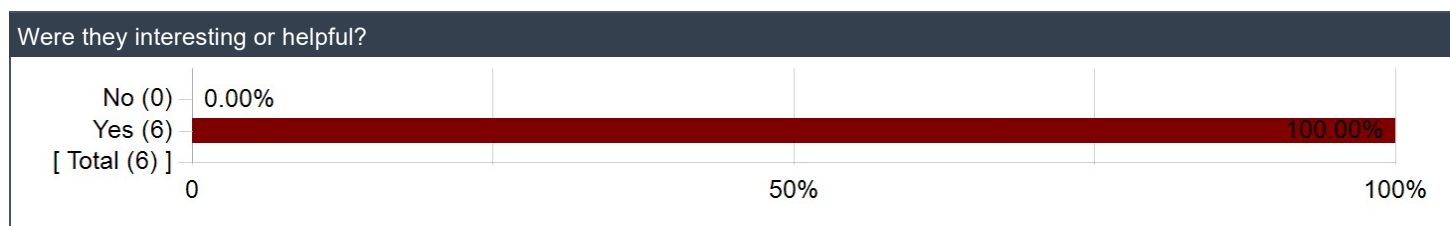
## Explain

Comments
Professor Burgoyne was amazing.
Professor Burgoyne always came to class with slides to discuss grammar, printouts for the reading/speaking/listening activities for the day, and kept us on track for the full class period.
She always had a defined daily plan and a ton of materials for each day.
Professorin Burgoyne was great! She knew exactly when to re-lecture some topics from the textbook and/or when to skip to practice.

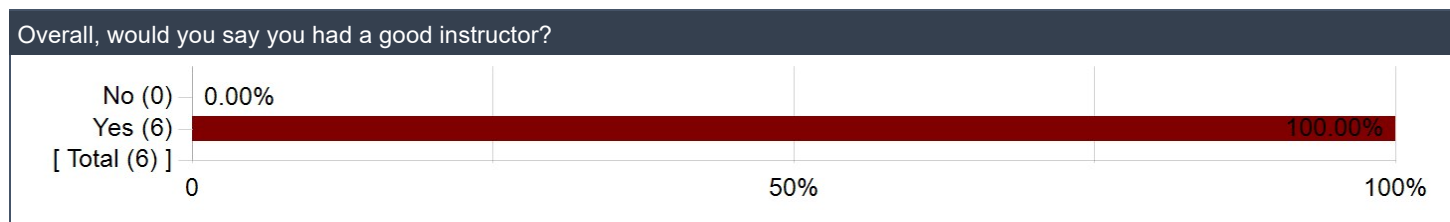
## Were cultural units included?



## Were they interesting or helpful?



## Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



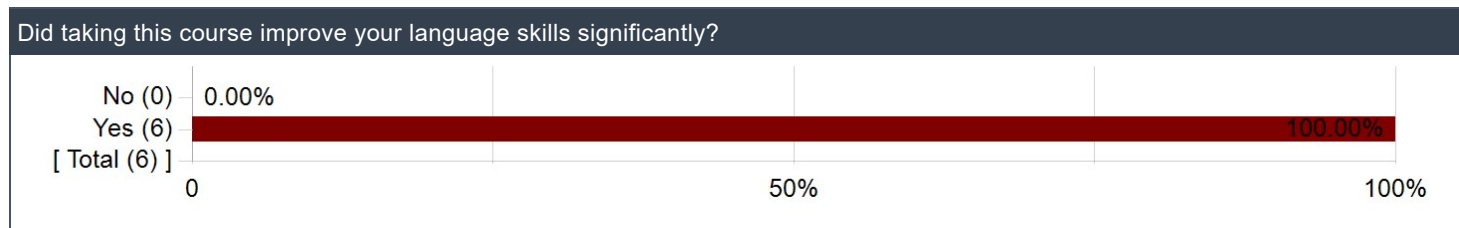
## Why?

Comments
In addition to being well-organized, Professor Burgoyne also made herself very accessible via office hours and email, was very patient and understanding during the oral exams, and knew the content well.
I feel like I learned more in a quarter of german than I did in 3 years of high school spanish.

## Please provide your TA's name. Did the TA answer your questions fully and clearly?

Comments
Jose Vasquez. Yes, the TA answered questions fully and clearly and provided useful feedback on homework assignments!
Jose, yes
Jose. I never went to any of his office hours so N/A

## Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?



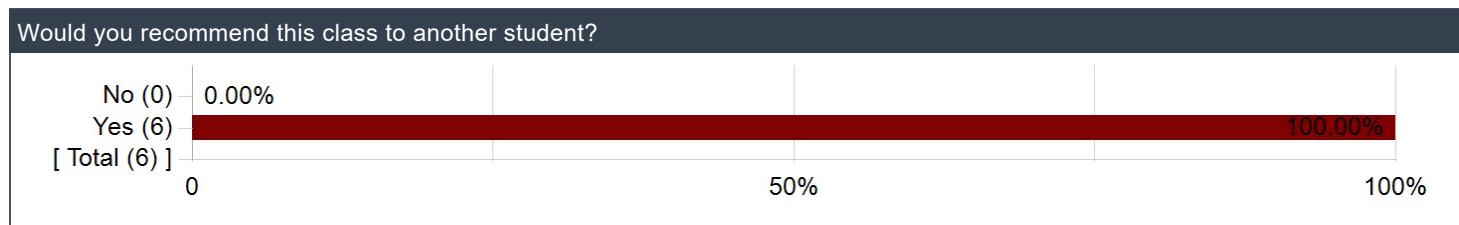
## In what way?

Comments
I had been taking Duolingo German for ~1 year gradually, and while I was getting vocabulary I was not really understanding any of the grammar. In this class I was able to actually learn and understand the grammar I had been exposed to via Duolingo but not taught, in addition to new grammatical structures I hadn't seen yet. Also, the speaking and listening practice was invaluable and I'm starting to get more comfortable expressing my thoughts in German (or at least trying to), which I definitely was not before.
I couldn't speak German at all. Now I can speak some German.
Went from no German to some very basic German!

## How would you improve this course?

Comments
N/A
Honestly, not sure. It was pretty good.
N/A

## Would you recommend this class to another student?



## Why?

Comments
If they are interested in learning German, I thought this course was a well-paced introduction that nonetheless goes pretty far in helping one understand the language.
As per my last response, it was pretty good.
Great way to learn quite a lot in 9 weeks!