



ARAB 20102 1, ARAB 20102 1 - Intermediate Arabic II - Instructor(s): Hala Abdel Mobdy

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

Number Enrolled: **13**

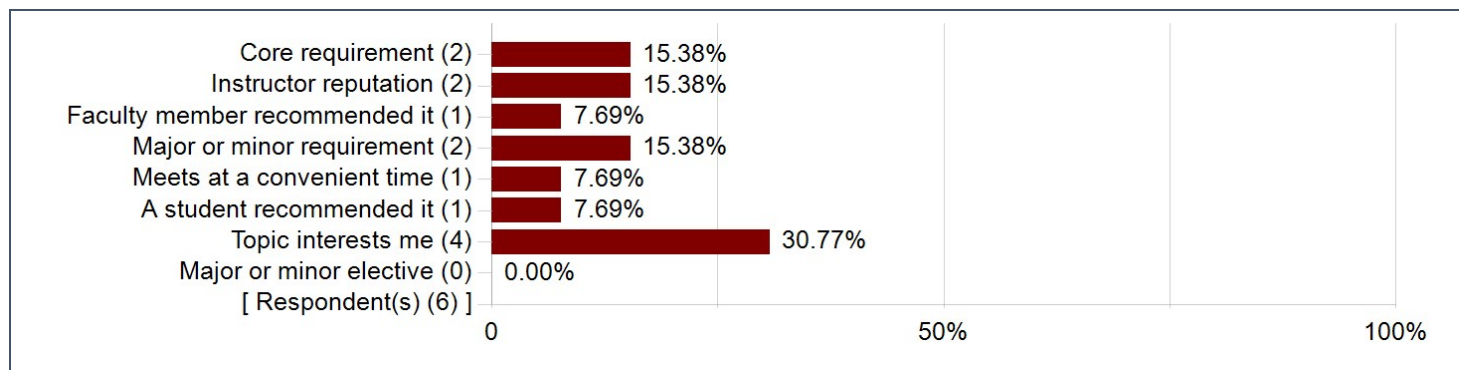
Number of Responses: **6**

Report Comments

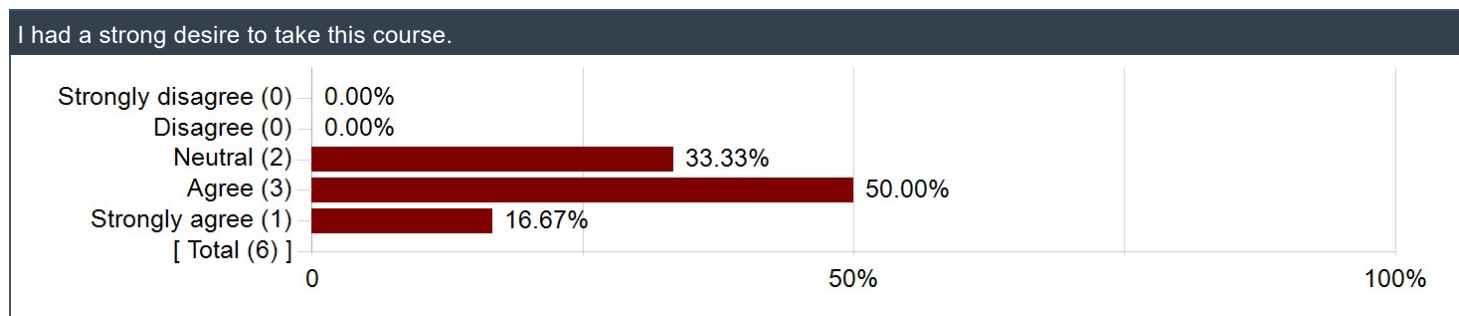
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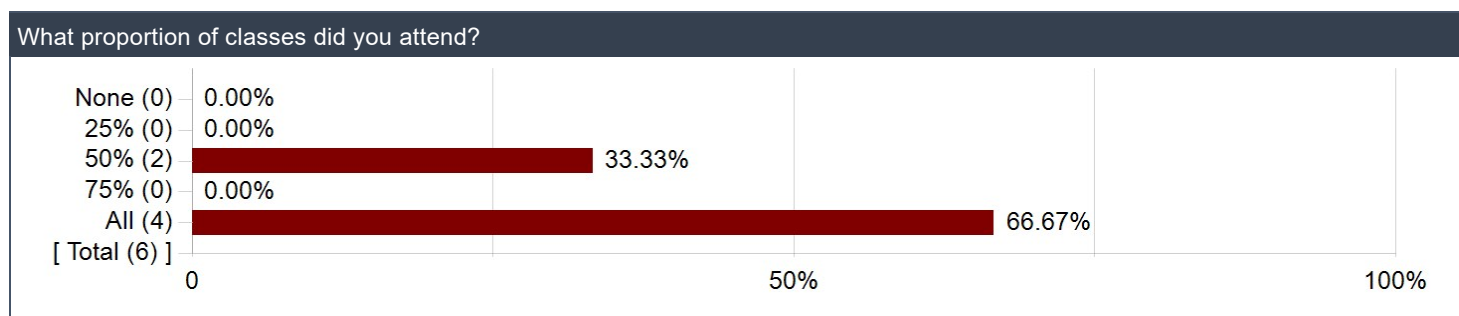
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



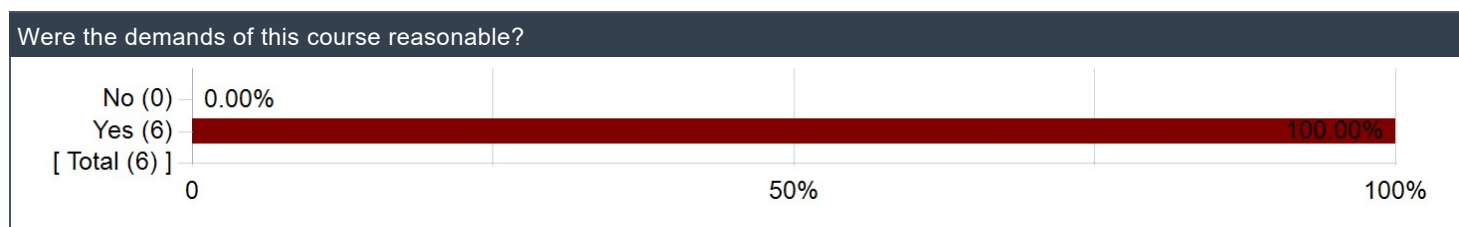
I had a strong desire to take this course.



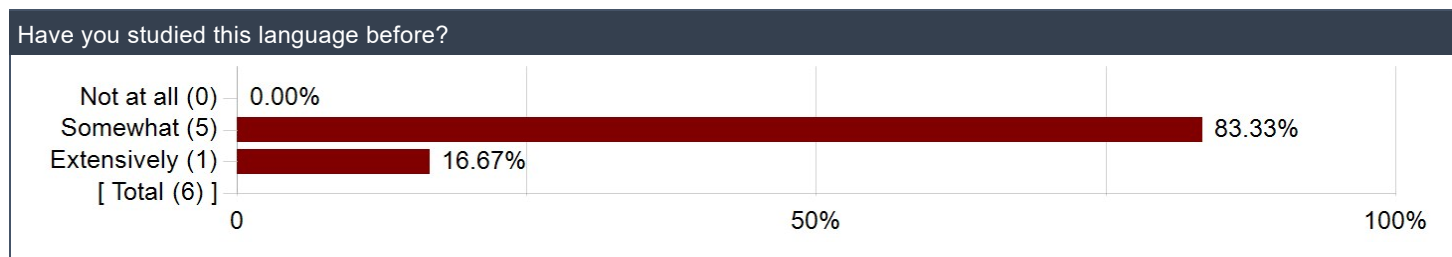
What proportion of classes did you attend?



Were the demands of this course reasonable?



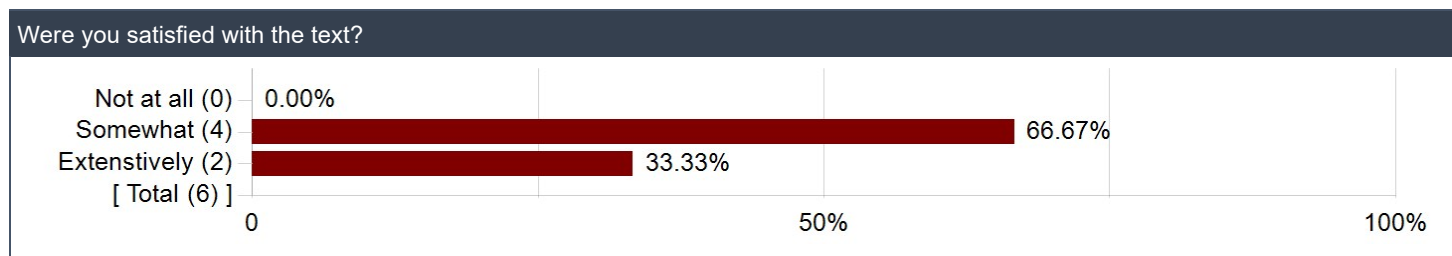
Have you studied this language before?



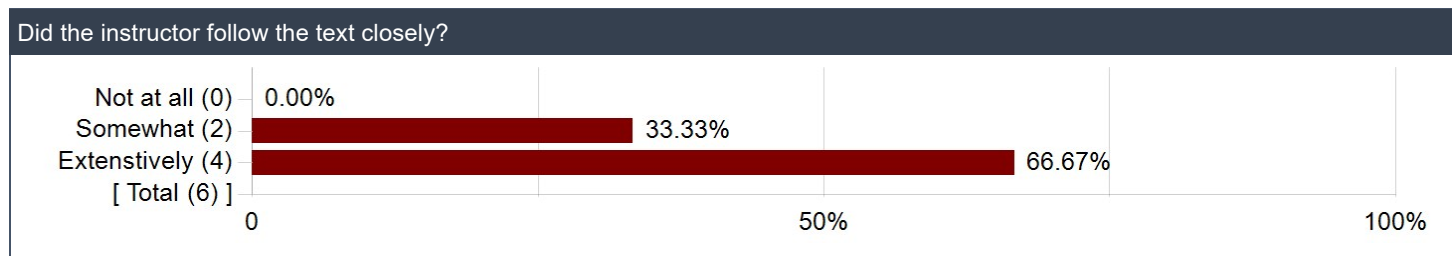
Rate the extent to which different aspects of the language were stressed:

	Mean	Median	Not At All	A Little	Some	A Lot	Extremely	Vigorously
Speaking	4.00	3.50	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	16.67%	16.67%	16.67%
Spelling	4.00	4.00	16.67%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	16.67%	16.67%
Reading	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%
Writing	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	16.67%	16.67%	33.33%
Grammar	5.50	6.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	16.67%	66.67%
Vocabulary	4.83	5.50	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%	16.67%	16.67%	50.00%

Were you satisfied with the text?



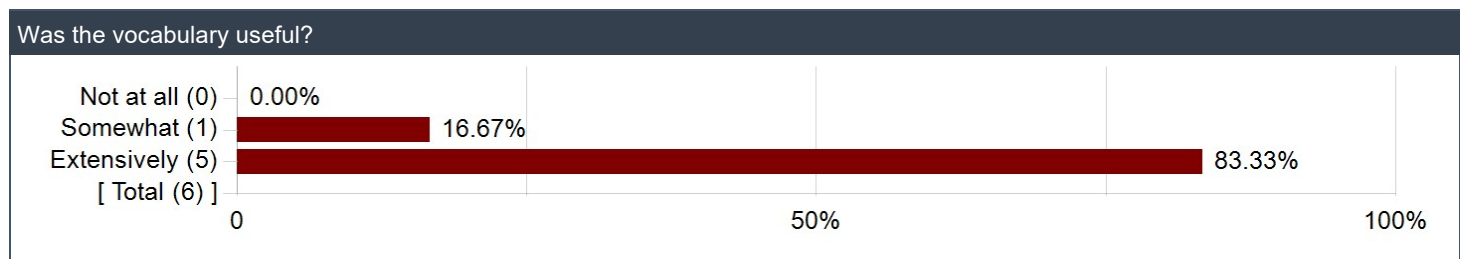
Did the instructor follow the text closely?



Explain:

Comments
Most in-class and homework assignments were directly drawn from Al-Kitaab
We followed the textbook wholly, and whenever we did not use the book, the lesson was based on something in the book.
Using al-Kitaab series is fine, I think its a good backbone. But the thing I like about this professor is that she incorporates a lot of outside supplementation and therefore makes the learning more comprehensive and practice

Was the vocabulary useful?

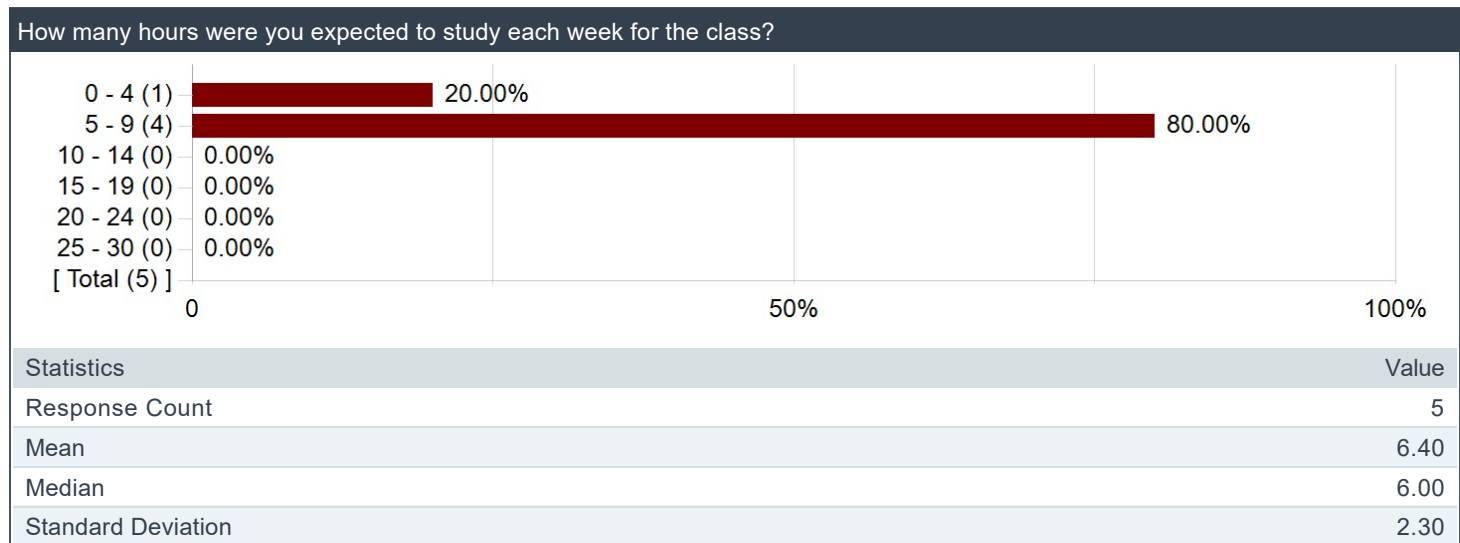


Why?

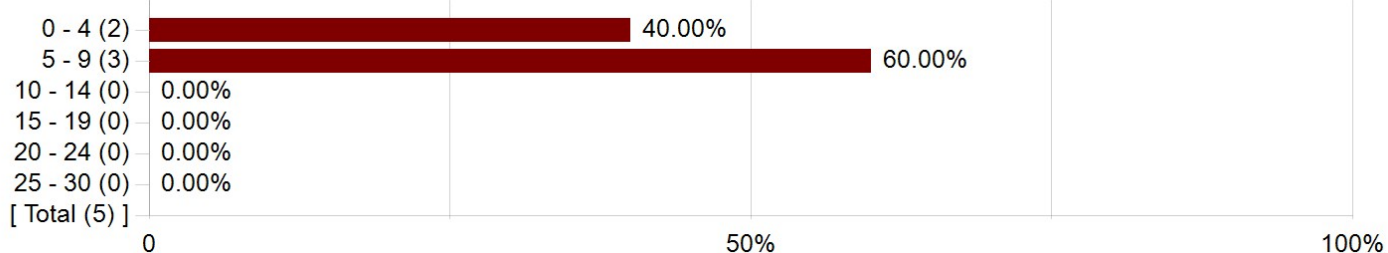
Comments
I learned many basic terms, as well as many colloquialisms, that seemed helpful to know
If you want to understand your peers and the teacher, then understanding the vocabulary is essential.

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

Comments
There were readings, listenings, drills, studying, etc. Its a great mix of various types of Arabic media and practice. From pop culture to Qur'an

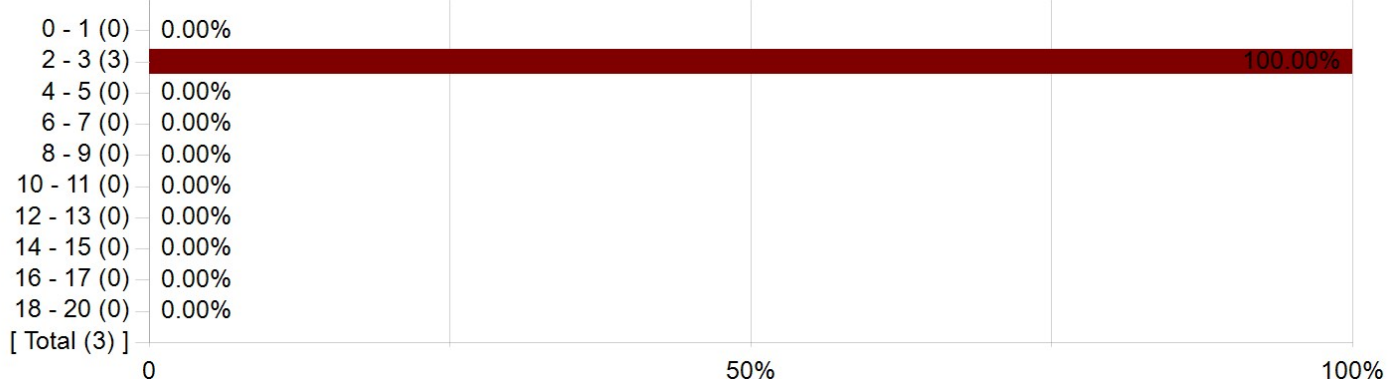


How many hours did you spend?



Statistics	Value
Response Count	5
Mean	5.20
Median	6.00
Standard Deviation	2.77

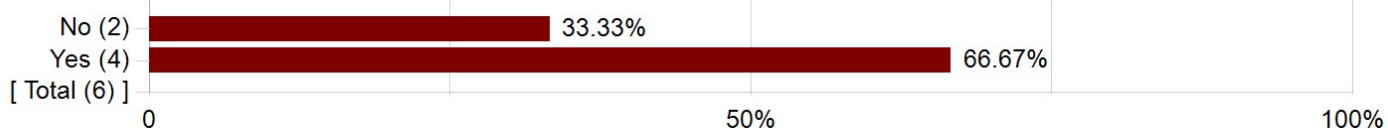
How many written quizzes were given?



Statistics	Value
Response Count	3
Mean	2.33
Median	2.00
Standard Deviation	0.58

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

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

Comments

We were required to submit a short write-up on one outside activity

It was nice to watch an arab movie and just write about my thoughts on it

There were plenty of outside activities that one could engage with to practice their Arabic and associated skills. Especially if one was committed to do so

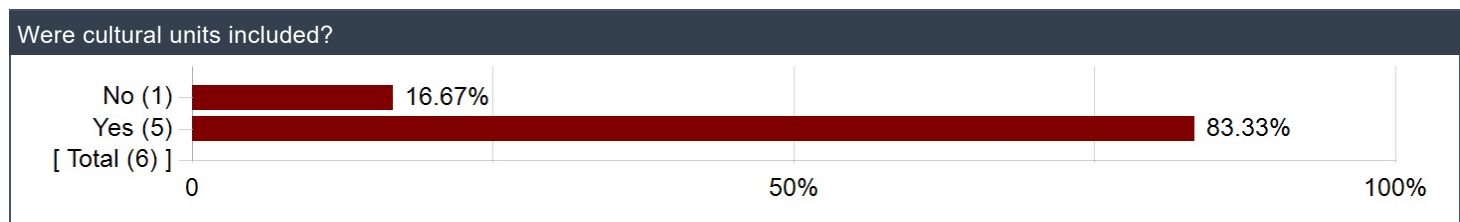
Was your instructor organized?

Mean	Median	Very Unorganized	Somewhat Unorganized	Fairly Organized	Somewhat Organized	Very Organized
4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	66.67%	16.67%

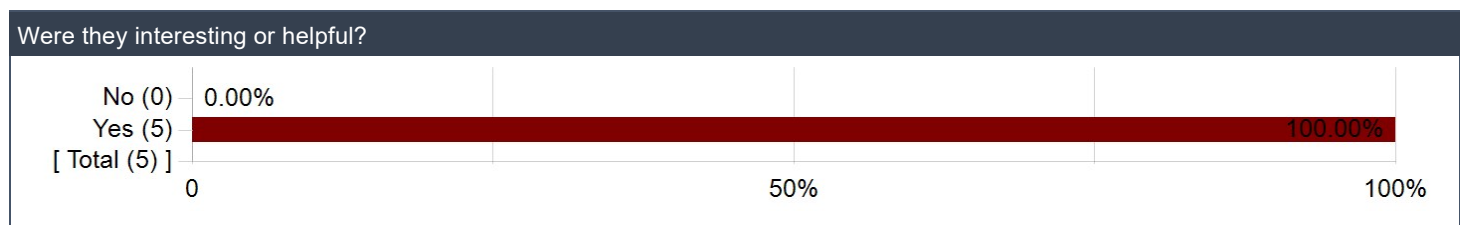
Explain

Comments
There isn't always a clear syllabus or outline of expectations in advance for homework, but she is also very flexible!
Sometimes things were posted late or things like this. However, if you showed up to class and talked to the professor about this it was never a problem.

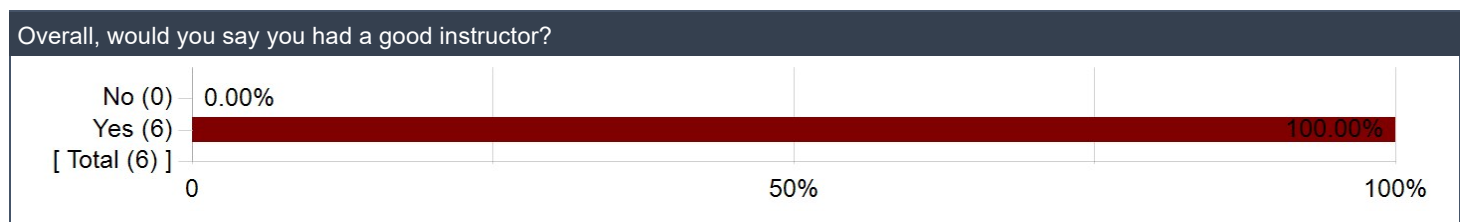
Were cultural units included?



Were they interesting or helpful?



Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?

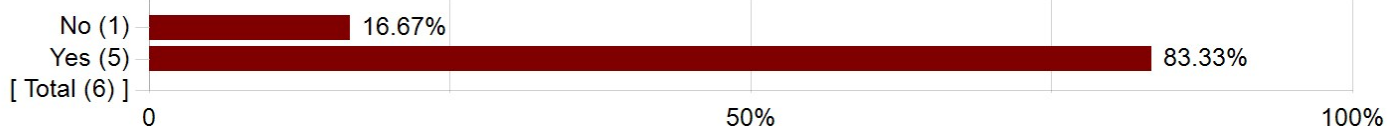


Why?

Comments
Ustaadha Hala is so caring and flexible! She listens to what her students ask for. It's not the most colloquial/speaking-heavy course, but you learn a lot of grammar and she had us interacting with a lot of real world material, which was hard but still valuable.
I love professor Hala. I truly think the way she teaches Arabic is not only engaging but it is applicable. Her focus on comprehension over outright preformative memorization is something that I think a lot of language instructors can learn from. Her wide range of topics in helping the students to understand important concepts was truly outstanding. She was able to accurately understand the composition of her class and realize that for students to understand important sections it is crucial to stay on them for a little longer – but in the long term it will help them. The variety of instruction was great too. Some students will gravitate more to pop culture, some to politics, some to culture, and some to religion. By bringing these into her lessons each student had something that they could use as their cornerstone in understanding different lessons.
Professor Abdelmonem is kind and open to questions. She is more than happy to change her class schedule based on the needs of her students, while also skillfully returning to the textbook.

Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?

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In what way?

Comments

I really feel like I strengthened my understanding of Arabic grammar

I feel much more proficient in reading, writing, and grammar. For the first time I can truly pick up a text and start breaking it down to understand and comprehend. Whether its a religious, political, or news text.

How would you improve this course?

Comments

more speaking activities

Personally, I would like to see more work with the Qur'an. Its such a wealth of grammar, vocabulary, and Arabic usage. Though I understand why it plays less of a role at a secular university with students taking this class for a variety of reasons.

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