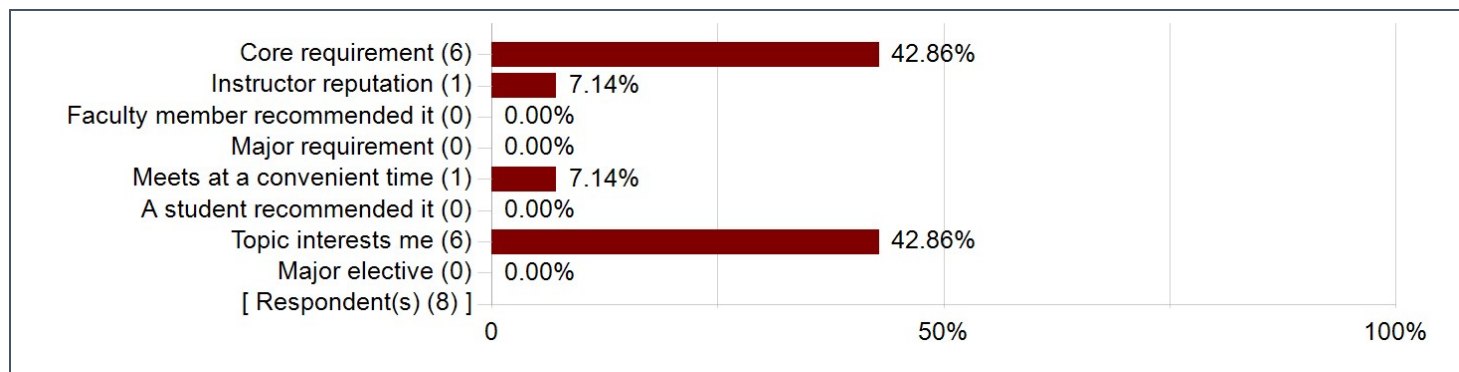**Report Comments**
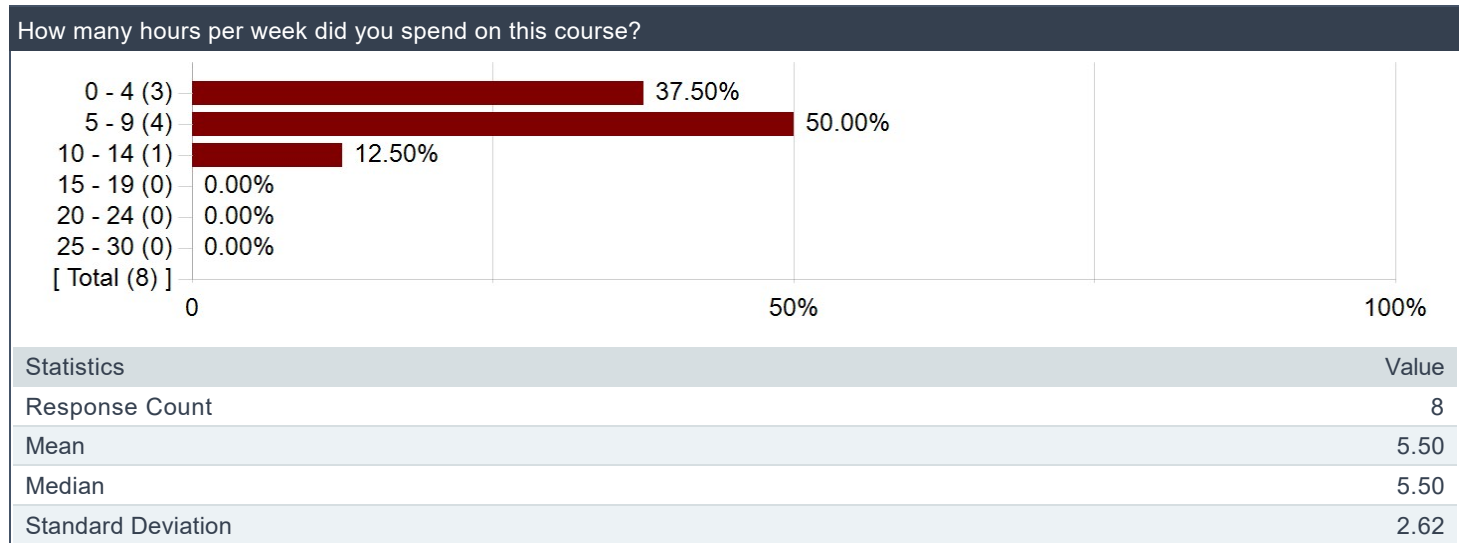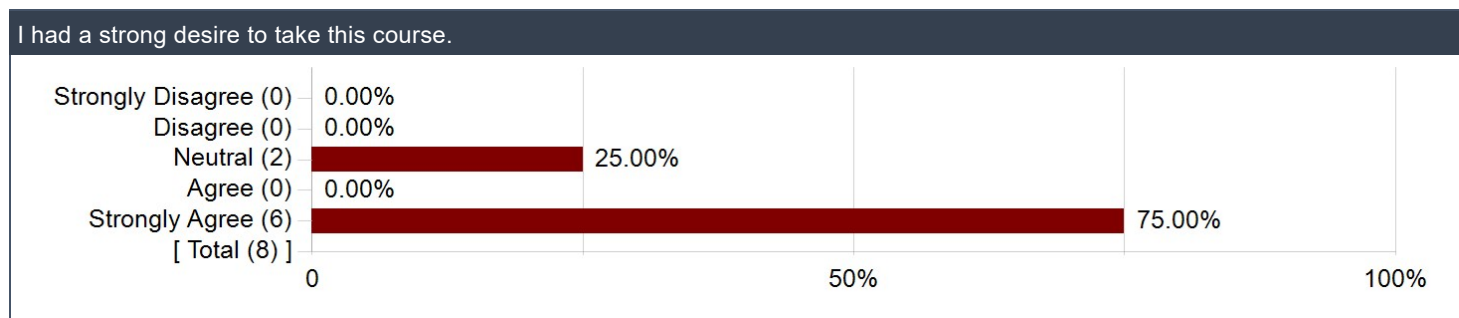
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Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)

Core requirement (6)	42.86%
Instructor reputation (1)	7.14%
Faculty member recommended it (0)	0.00%
Major requirement (0)	0.00%
Meets at a convenient time (1)	7.14%
A student recommended it (0)	0.00%
Topic interests me (6)	42.86%
Major elective (0)	0.00%
[Respondent(s) (8)]	

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Strongly Disagree (0)	0.00%
Disagree (0)	0.00%
Neutral (2)	25.00%
Agree (0)	0.00%
Strongly Agree (6)	75.00%
[Total (8)]	

How many hours per week did you spend on this course?

0 - 4 (3)	37.50%
5 - 9 (4)	50.00%
10 - 14 (1)	12.50%
15 - 19 (0)	0.00%
20 - 24 (0)	0.00%
25 - 30 (0)	0.00%
[Total (8)]	

Statistics	Value
Response Count	8
Mean	5.50
Median	5.50
Standard Deviation	2.62

What proportion of classes did you attend?

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None (0)	0.00%
25% (0)	0.00%
50% (0)	0.00%
75% (0)	0.00%
All (8)	100.00%
[Total (8)]	

Were the time demands of this course reasonable?

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No (0) — 0.00%
Yes (8) — 100.00%
[Total (8)]

0   50%   100%

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	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%
Reading	4.13	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	62.50%	25.00%
Writing	3.63	4.00	0.00%	12.50%	0.00%	25.00%	37.50%	25.00%
Grammar	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%
Vocabulary	4.13	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	37.50%	37.50%
Listening	3.88	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	62.50%	12.50%

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

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Not at all (0) — 0.00%
Somewhat (1) — 12.50%
Extensively (7) — 87.50%
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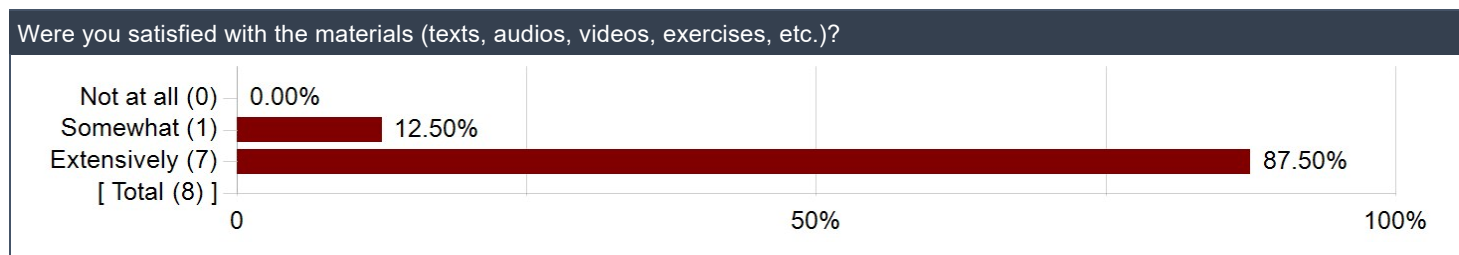
Please explain:

Comments
The textbook was good.
The audio exercises and reading homework were helpful and relevant, and I felt like all the materials we worked on contributed to my understanding.
The exercises created a holistic learning experience that helped me to better understand the course materials.
They were a lot more in depth and critical than 102, which I enjoyed
All of the materials were very helpful to my learned
The Mindtap exercises could be a little mindless, unfortunately. They could be helpful but because we did them on our own without discussion they were largely busy work.
I felt like there was a good variety of exercises which helped bolster different language skills.

What did you learn about culture through language?

Comments
Through in–class discussions and TalkAbroad conversations, I learned so much about Italian culture! I gained a significant awareness of the regions, traditions, and food of Italy.
The TalkAbroad conversations enabled us to learn about culture by speaking with native speakers, and we spent time in class learning about and discussing different aspects of Italian culture, regional geography, and traditions.
I learned quite a bit. Most units, there were cultural connections that were interesting. Sometimes we would watch videos or talk about them.
I learned about pressing issues in Italy such as social media and the environment (but specifically Italian POV)
I learned a lot about what life is like in Italy through TalkAbroad conversations, and I learned about different aspects of Italy through the podcast project
At the beginning of the quarter we had a few locally–specified areas in our study (Sardinia and Sicily) but beyond that not too much.
I learned a lot about the importance native speakers place on food and sustainability through vocab work.

Were the quizzes helpful?

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Not at all (0)	0.00%
Somewhat (5)	62.50%
Extensively (3)	37.50%
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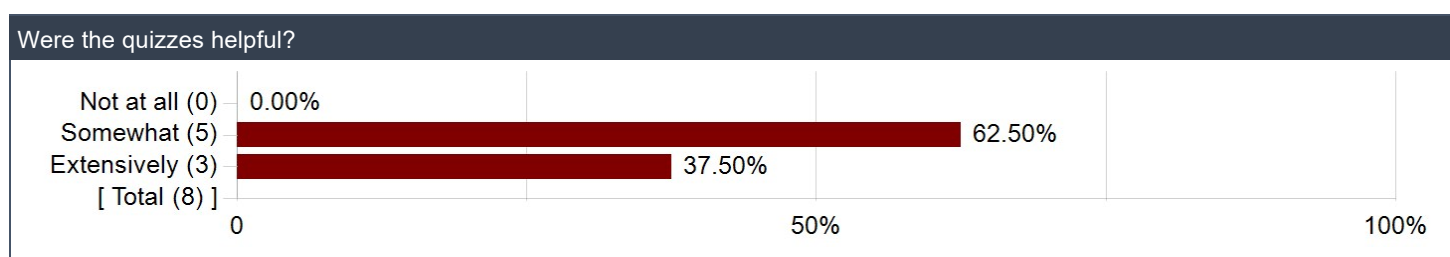
How helpful were the various types of homework?

	Mean	Median	Not At All	Somewhat	Very	N/A
Reading	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	87.50%	12.50%
Listening	2.88	3.00	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	0.00%
Writing	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Speaking	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%

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

Comments
The discussion posts were a great way to practice writing and speaking, especially regarding new content.
I thought the discussion board posts were a great way to practice my speaking and writing skills, and I liked that we got to rotate between posting first and answering our classmates.
I thought they facilitated good interaction between students to let us practice
NA
I found it useful to practice grammar structures and vocabulary.

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 really appreciated the opportunity to talk with an Italian regularly through TalkAbroad and to participate in the cultural activities.
I found the hands–on cultural activities very fun, but I found that I did not have many opportunities to participate in the Quattro Chiachierre in Compagnia event when I did not know the professor leading the conversation.
I thought that the out of class aural/oral activities really enhanced my learning abilities because they really helped to make sure that the stuff that I did in class was applicable to more realistic scenarios.
They were all nice and easy to do while practicing Italian
Very useful — helped me practice speaking and learn about Italian culture
The conversational practice with TalkAbroad was very helpful, but I think that as we only really wrote in our discussion posts to each other that interacting (speaking and writing) with the class in more formal ways would have been helpful. For example, once we had a little 'debate' discussion with people on different sides of the room and it was actually really great to organize thoughts around a topic and respond (!!) to each other's statements live. I think incorporating more of that would be helpful.
I found speaking in person a little stressful but it is definitely necessary to practice this skill.

Other comments:

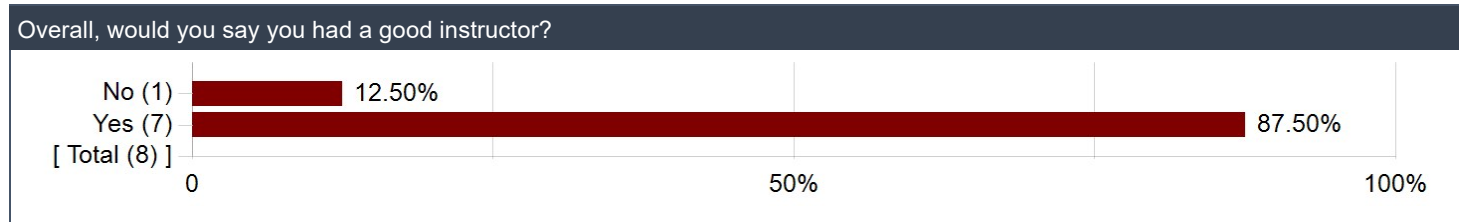| Comments |
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| Professoressa Dallavalle is such a fantastic instructor, and I would highly recommend taking a class with her if you're interested in learning Italian! She made learning the language very engaging and fun, and the workload of the course was reasonable and helped make learning Italian less stressful. |
| I do wish we had more opportunities to practice reading and writing with homework. Canvas posts were usually a little short to be super helpful but they were good mechanical practice. |

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	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
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 willingess to help	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Rate feedback on assignments and exams	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%

Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?

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No (1) — 12.50%
Yes (7) — 87.50%
[Total (8)]

Please explain:

Comments
Sara is truly the best – I have only good things to say! I have had an amazing time this year, and I am so happy to have had the opportunity to be her student! I learned so much about the Italian language and culture, and I am so thankful for her!
Prof. Dallavalle is the kindest, most fun professor I've had at UChicago so far– would highly recommend her classes to anyone!
Prof. Dallavalle is very nice and very helpful. GOAT!
Prof. Dallavelle was extremely helpful and caring– it is very clear she wants her students to learn and succeed, and will help you as much as she can
Prof. Dallavalle is the best language teacher I have had at this University and throughout my entire education.
She explained concepts very well and gave great feedback
Yes, Sara is very earnest and we learned quite a lot in the short weeks of the quarter! Sometimes the powerpoints or activities felt a little too structured –– if we were to do structured activities, I would have liked a bit more traditional practice with reading and writing in class perhaps.
My instructor is very understanding and easy to talk to. She also has great slides prepared for class which helps a lot.

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

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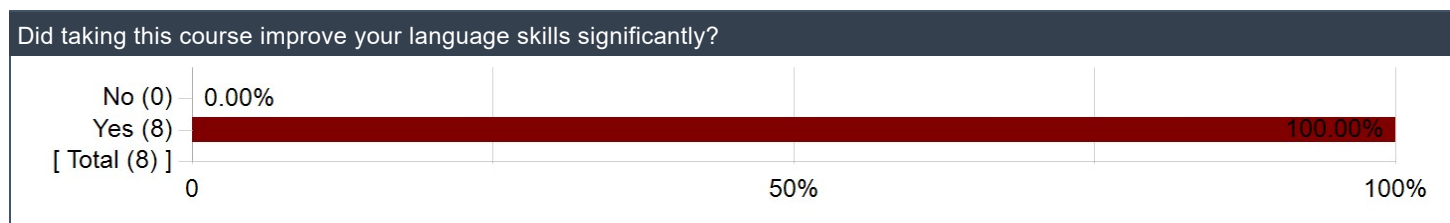
How would you improve this course?

Comments
The first quiz could've been a little easier since it covered so much more content than usual
NA
I'd reform/replace the Mindtap activities: it felt like busy work that one had to get through more than practice. I'd also have appreciated more writing and reading opportunities to practice. More structured in–class discussion –– like I said, the one time we had a silly debate proved to be really helpful because we forming our 'arguments' we used new vocab/grammar structures and had to respond to the people in our group and on the other side of the debate. I'd also have appreciated some more casual cultural learning, be it songs, phrases, etc.
I think the course is great.

In what way?

Comments
Every way.
I learned many new grammar structures and more advanced vocabulary, along with honing past mistakes
I feel that I can speak much more fluidly now and have a good understanding of the language and the culture
I am able to speak and write Italian much better than I could at the beginning of the course.

Would you recommend this class to another student?

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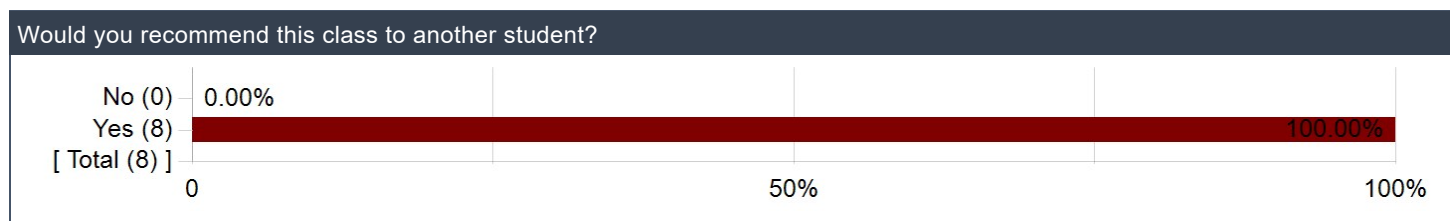
Why?

Comments
Italian is an oft–overlooked language but the language and culture are both very enriching to learn about.
Prof. Dallavelle is extremely organized and helpful, and if you want to learn and enhance your Italian you should take this class!
Very helpful for getting comfortable with speaking and very interesting material
The teachers are great and it is always nice to learn a language.

In this course, you completed a video-podcast group project. What aspects of the project did you enjoy the most? How do you think the project could be improved for future students?

Comments
I appreciated how the work for the podcast project was divided up over multiple weeks! This allowed me to lighten the work load at one time and put more thought and time into making the podcast as interesting and informative as possible!
I liked the video–podcast discussion, where students asked each other questions, and the experience of watching other people's podcasts and coming up with things to ask was really nice. I don't really know how I would improve the project.
The project was quite fun, the main way it could be improved is by making the checkpoints a little more work so that the final project isn't as much of a leap.
I really enjoyed working with other students and learning about a new topic that somewhat interested me. The project is very well organized.
I loved researching my topic, working together with my group, and discussing it as a class after. I don't have any suggestions for how it could be improved.
Honestly, because the final product had to be done 'live' and with other people, I did not feel like I was able to get a good recording because we did it in only one take, which was disappointing.
I enjoyed working with my peers on subjects we were genuinely interested in. The freedom and creativity that is allowed within this assignment is great,