



SPAN 20200 1, SPAN 20200 1 - Language, History, and Culture II - Instructor(s) - Linxi Zhang

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

Number Enrolled: **9**

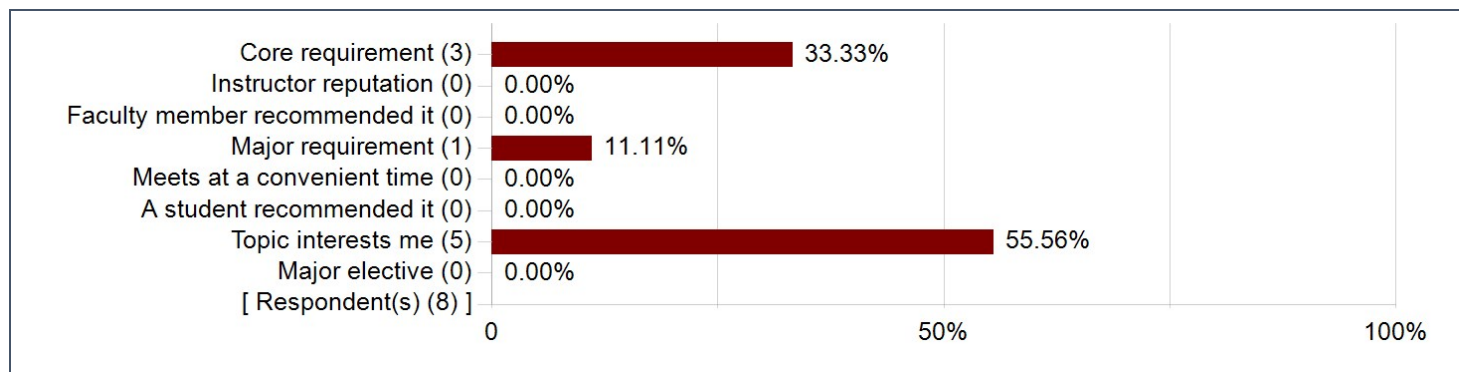
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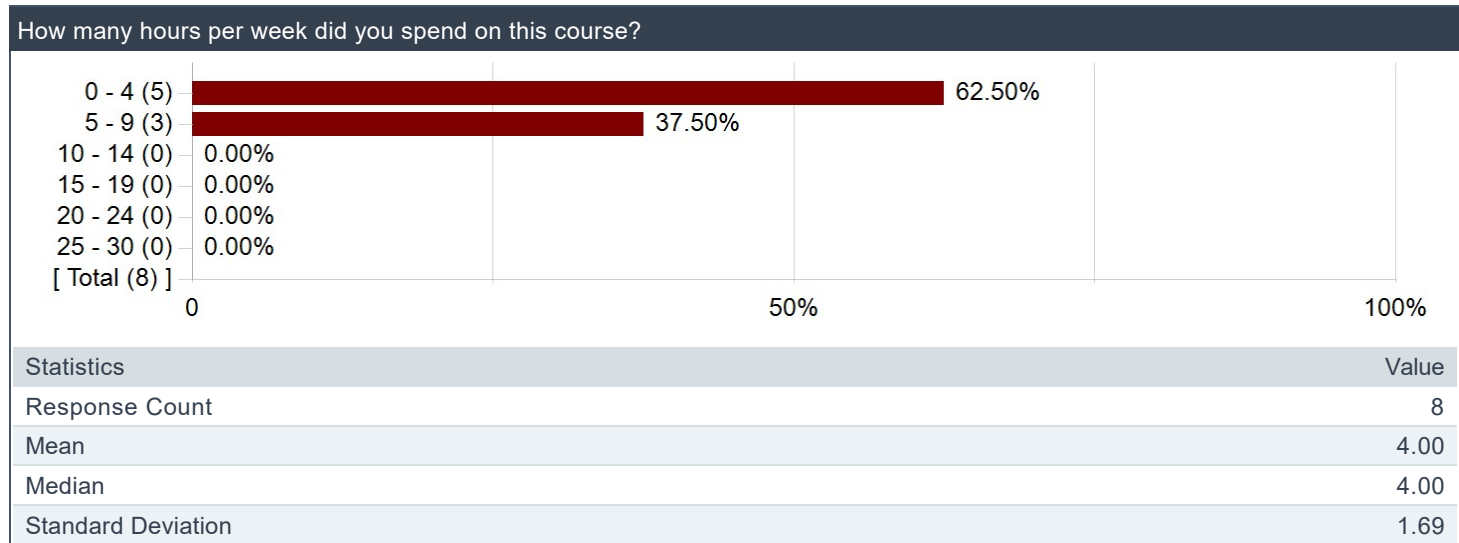
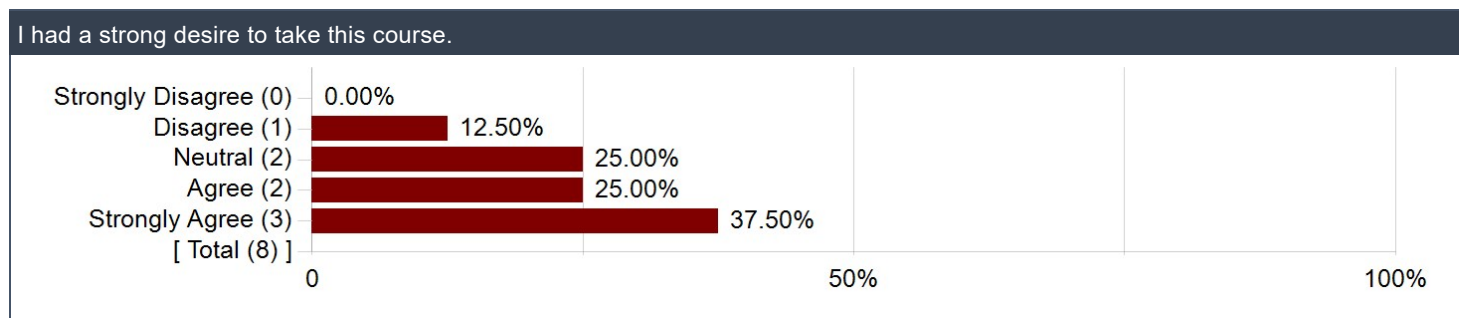
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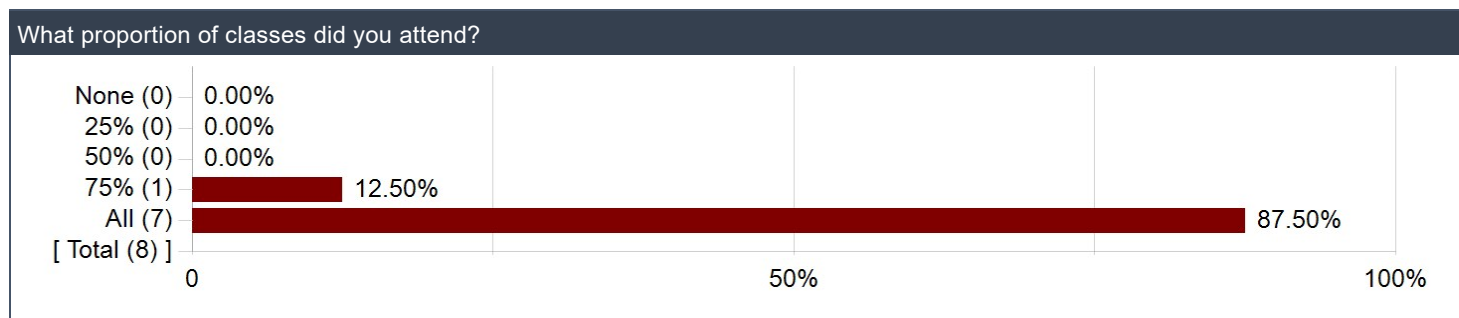
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



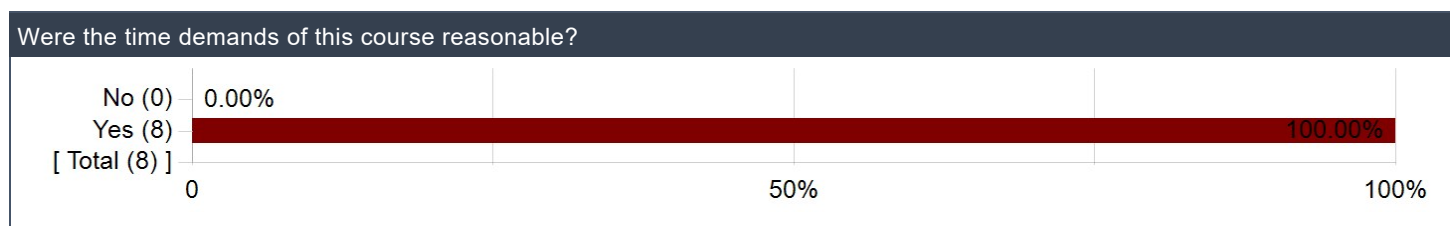
I had a strong desire to take this course.



What proportion of classes did you attend?



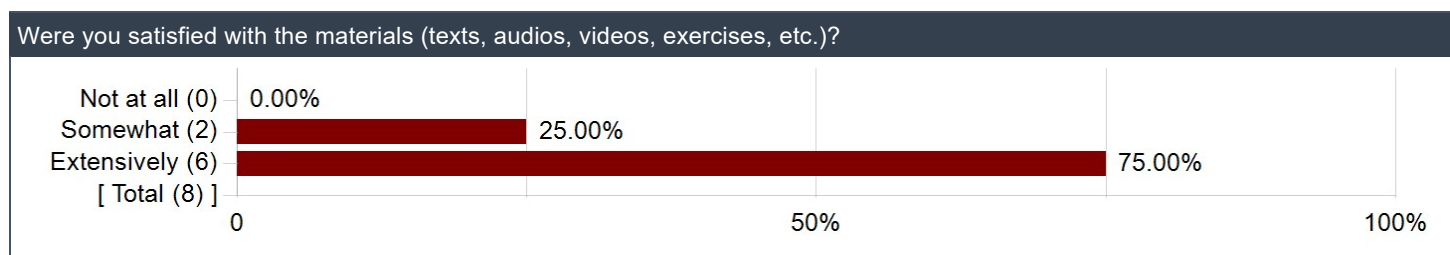
Were the time demands of this course reasonable?



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	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	25.00%	37.50%
Reading	3.00	3.00	0.00%	12.50%	12.50%	37.50%	37.50%	0.00%
Writing	3.75	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	25.00%	37.50%	25.00%
Grammar	4.13	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	37.50%	37.50%
Vocabulary	3.50	3.50	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%	25.00%	25.00%
Listening	3.50	3.50	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	37.50%	37.50%	12.50%

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



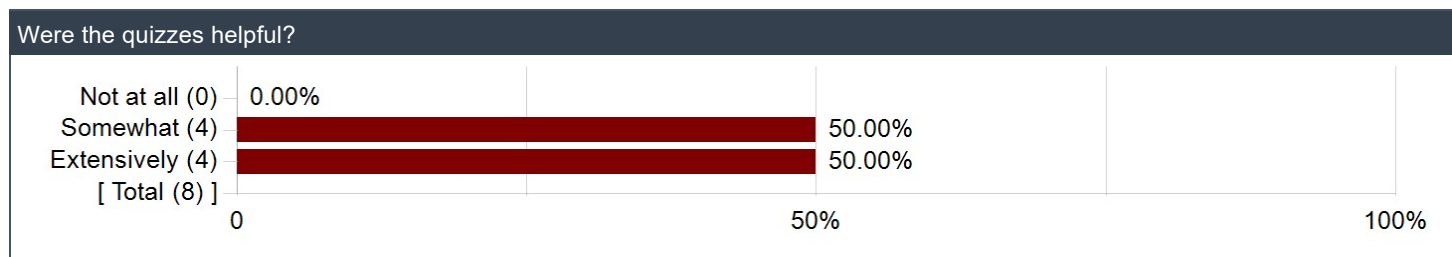
Please explain:

Comments
I think the material were great, but having to pay \$150 for the textbook and Connect on top of everything we already pay is a financial burden
I thought the readings in particular were well chosen. It was a good in between where the content was interesting but I was also able to parse out what it was saying.
We did a lot of activities, I think they were very diverse and helpful in expanding vocab

What did you learn about culture through language?

Comments
I think the TalkAbroads and Lecturas were great ways to learn about the culture in Spanish speaking countries
I learned about a handful of random festivities, holidays, and cultural values within various hispanic countries.
I learned about Holy Week traditions in different countries in Latin America, the Little Villiage in Chicago, and the immigrant experience.
While culture of various Spanish countries as well as latino communities in the U.S. were discussed, it was very surface level information most of the time.

Were the quizzes helpful?



How helpful were the various types of homework?

	Mean	Median	Not At All	Somewhat	Very	N/A
Reading	2.63	3.00	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%	0.00%
Listening	2.88	3.00	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	0.00%
Writing	2.75	3.00	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Speaking	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	87.50%	12.50%

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

Comments
NA
N/A

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.)?

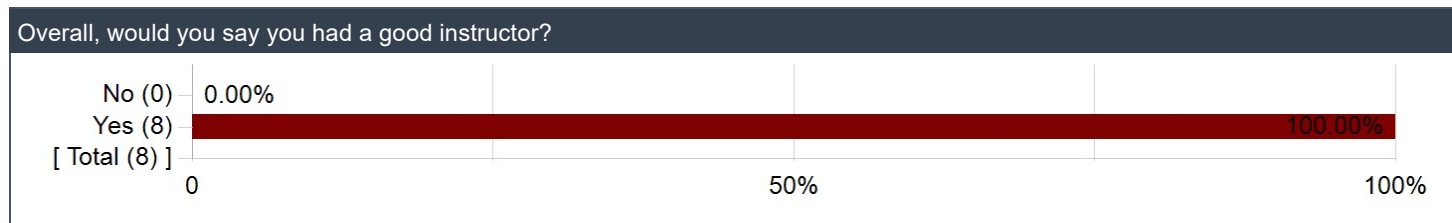
Comments
I think TalkAbroads were very useful, and connect was a helpful tool for studying
I thoroughly enjoyed the required TalkAbroad sessions where we had the opportunity to talk to people from various spanish-speaking countries and not only practice listening and speaking, but also learn about their cultures and ways of life.
Very useful
I found the TalkAbroad conversations were helpful, but didn't get a ton out of the cultural activity I chose although it may have been because it was a bit beyond my Spanish ability level.
I always really love doing talk abroad
Outside of class cultural activities were not very interesting

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	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%
Rate your instructor's ability to convey the subtleties of the language	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	25.00%	62.50%
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 willingness to help	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Rate feedback on assignments and exams	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%

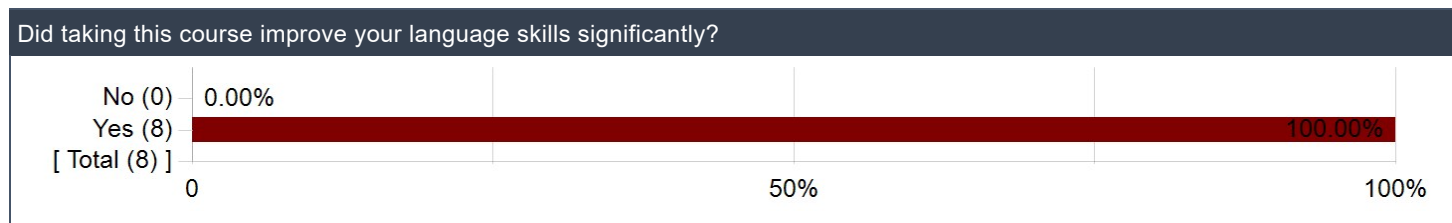
Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



Please explain:

Comments
Linxi was great! She was understanding and helpful and ensured the class wasn't an overwhelming burden as some language classes tend to be
Our instructor was encouraging and considerate. She had a great attitude and was super supportive and understanding. She consistently stayed cool, calm, and collected.
Graded things very promptly which I liked a lot. Passionate about the subject. Willing to help.
I was honestly a little scared to take this course but Linxi was really kind and made the expectations/requirements clear so that I still wanted to come to class and she really got me up to speed even though I came in not at a super high level for Spanish.
I think Linxi did a good job at teaching, though it can be difficult with speaking at times since it's not her native language so occasionally words were mispronounced or misused
Linxi seemed like she cared about our individual improvement with the Spanish language. Classes were very organized and she was nice and helpful always in class. Because I am someone who sometimes struggles with speaking, her kindness was important because I was never afraid to participate or mess something up when speaking. She is an excellent professor.

Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?



How would you improve this course?

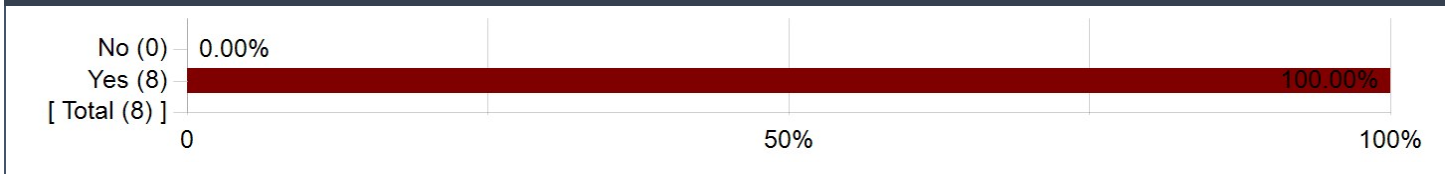
Comments
I think we were tested quite often which was a bit stressful but there's only so much that can be done about that
N/A
I think that having one less unit would allow us to go more in depth with vocabulary and themes. I also think that activities could be more engaging or varying instead of the usual partner work and heavy focus on grammar.

In what way?

Comments
I can speak more fluently and use the subjunctive tense during conversation
My speaking and writing improved extremely. Also, it helped me with my usage of the subjunctive mood
My speaking and listening got much better and my grammar a bit as well.
The intensity of our language classes is always helpful in expanding experience and understanding
Because I took a lot of Spanish in high school, this course was a good refresher and had interesting units. Because of that I learned new vocabulary and some new grammar rules and tenses.

Would you recommend this class to another student?

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Why?

Comments

Because it was a minimally stressful class and I improved a lot

If you want to learn Spanish and you have the time , you really will get better without it being too stressful.

The course is very fair and covers pretty basic units and the grammar was not incredibly hard.