



SPAN 20302 1, SPAN 20302 1 - Language, History, and Culture for Heritage Speakers II/III - Instructor(s): Vianny Anaya Amado

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

Number Enrolled: **14**

Number of Responses: **8**

Report Comments

Opinions expressed in these evaluations are those of students enrolled in the specific course and do not represent the University.

Creation Date: **Friday, February 2, 2024**

What are the most important things that you learned in this course? Please reflect on the knowledge and skills you gained.

Comments
I learned more about the background and history of many cultures in Latin America, including my own. There were numerous things that I was unaware of before this class and that I've learned throughout the quarter.
I learned to be much more comfortable in speaking and i've learned more formal phrases and new vocabulary to add variety to my speech and writing.
I learned a lot about different cultures in the spanish speaking world and I enjoyed learning about how my experiences with spanish played a role in the class. There was a little bit of grammar, which was perfect, because it let the class be less stressful and focus more on having everyone speak in spanish together, regardless of correctness.
This course taught me more about the culture of Spanish-speaking countries outside of Mexico and focused a lot on immigration in Chicago.
I've learned how to communicate better in spanish, how to have discussions on various topics. I also learned a lot about other cultures and about my own culture. I've learned from my peers perspectives, and I was able to expand my vocabulary
Solidified my understanding of grammar, learned how to have intellectual discussions in Spanish, learned about a number of different Latin American movements, historical events, and political issues.
Writing, reading, speaking Spanish, learning about issues dealing related to our heritage and Latino community
Spanish grammar and application to cultural topics through working on proficiency in speaking.

Describe how aspects of this course (lectures, discussions, labs, assignments, etc.) contributed to your learning.

Comments
The course discussions were always so enlightening and everyone was given the opportunity to talk and share their thoughts about a topic. The discussions were always very interesting and I heard new perspectives that I've never contemplated before.
lectures were great and i loved the topics. constant writing assignments seemed tedious at first, but they help a lot.
I loved going to discussions, I really liked the people in the class and I think it's group dependent.
I liked the discussions and chosen texts.
Discussions in class, and the interviews we had to make for HW were very helpful because it challenged us to speak and use the vocabulary
Assignments helped me practice my writing in Spanish and understanding academic papers/language/literature in Spanish. In class discussions were useful and helped me implement the new vocabulary I learned. Overall the environment created by Profesora Amado in the classroom is very comforting, friendly, and forgiving. If you forget a word in Spanish, need clarification, or don't understand something, she and the rest of the class are sympathetic and do their best to help.
Constant flow and routine of homework made for good practice
Class discussions were extremely useful for working on my verbal skills

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.25	4.50	0.00%	12.50%	0.00%	37.50%	50.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
I understood the standards for success on assignments.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%
Class time enhanced my ability to succeed in graded assignments.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
My work was evaluated fairly.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
I felt respected in this class.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Overall, this was an excellent course.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	0.00%	87.50%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments
It was a very fun class overall and I always enjoyed going to class.
Really great course! Makes me want to take more Spanish courses honestly
NA

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	12.50%	87.50%
Anyone interested in the topic	0.00%	100.00%

Thinking about your time in the class, what aspect of the instructor's teaching contributed most to your learning?

Comments
Vianny was always engaging and she made class a fun learning environment, without judgement and just allowing us to share our ideas.
She had really good feedback on our writing and speech. She also had so many resources and interesting things for us to look at
Vianny was very nice and was always trying to get us to speak about our opinions. She did a great job of moderating the amount of presentation from her and the amount of discussion from the class.
I think the instructor had well-thought-out texts for the class that covered relevant topics.
My professor would always send detailed feedback on every assignment we submit. She was also available outside of class, and incredibly supportive.
Going over vocabulary/ common mistakes she sees in our writing were very helpful. Prompting us to speak and creating a comfortable discussion environment was also very helpful.
Our professor was really passionate, kind, and understanding. She created a great environment for learning and was always willing to correct us with our mistakes.
The instructor was very knowledgeable about cultural issues and very engaging with the class, making it a very enjoyable experience.

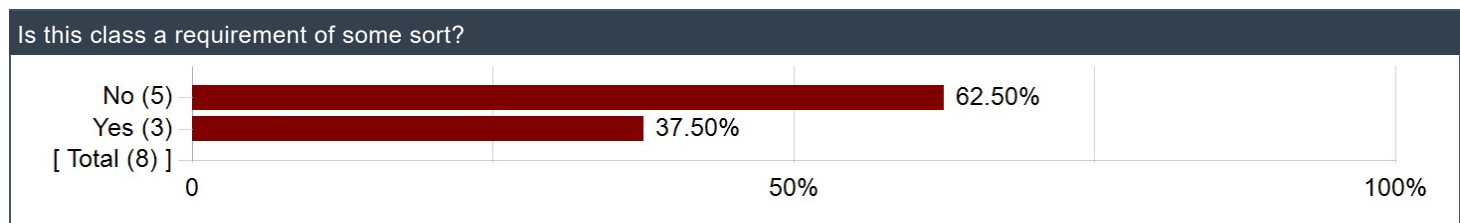
What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments
I don't think there is much to modify, but I do think the TalkAbroads should be kept to 3–4 instead of 4–5. Additionally, it was a little hard having the interview paragraphs due that same Wednesday, but Vianny was very flexible so if it was genuinely an issue she'd definitely find a solution or alternative.
I think if there were less topics and we did deeper dives into the topics we covered I would've learned more about one thing instead of a little about a lot of things, but I'm glad with what I've learned and I enjoyed this class.
I wish the texts and content were more challenging.
It was very good.
N/A, I have no critiques the class ran perfectly.
The feedback we received was great on our writing, but maybe some ideas on how to implement those changes in our future writing?
Nothing

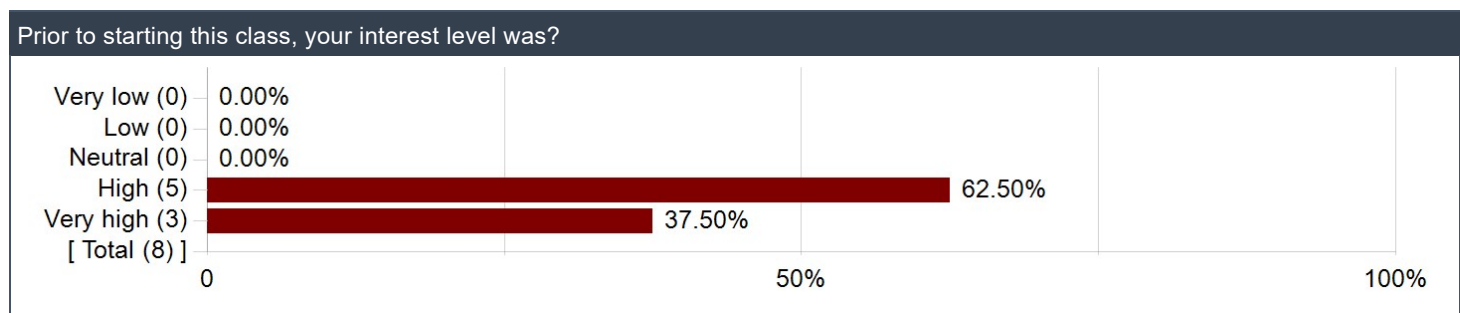
The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	87.50%	12.50%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%

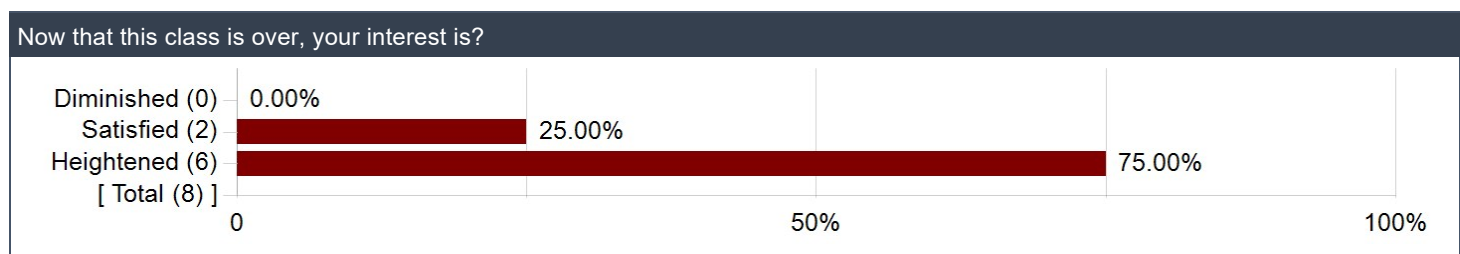
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



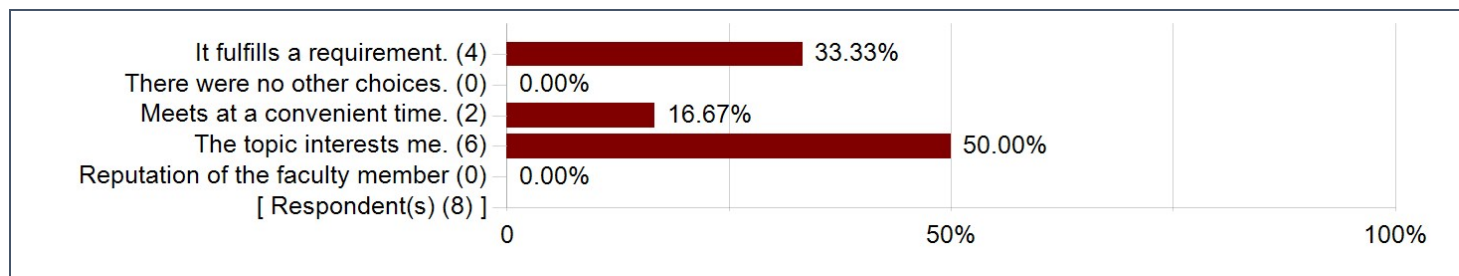
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



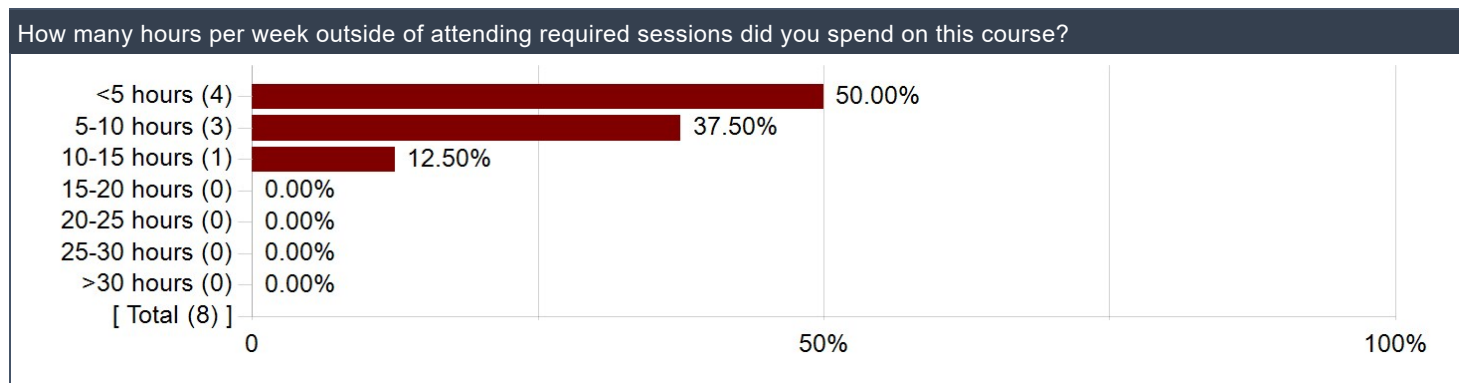
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



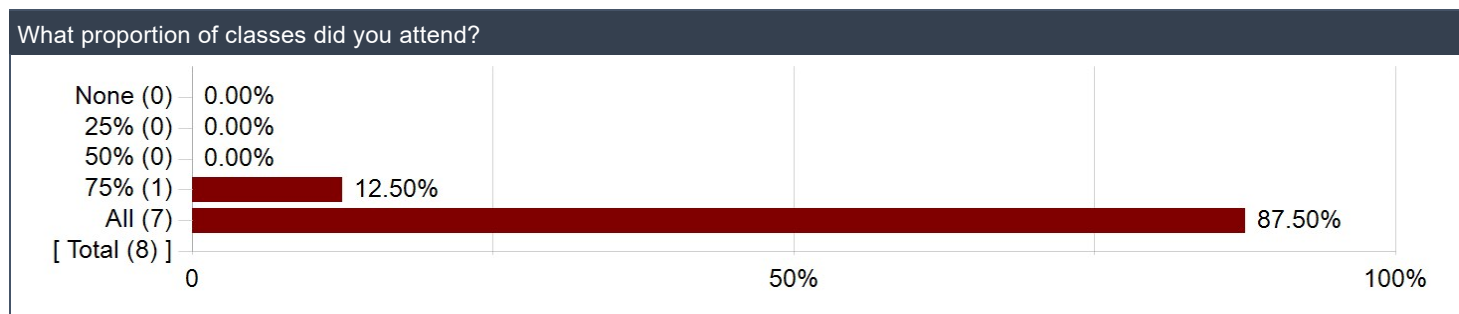
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



How many hours per week outside of attending required sessions did you spend on this course?



What proportion of classes did you attend?



Please comment on the level of difficulty of the course relative to your background and experience.

Comments
I already had prior knowledge on spanish, but no so much on the history and background of many latin american countries, so it was challenging enough to learn new things.
You get placed in so you can rely you'll be able to do the course work. It wasn't super hard and you have so many online resources, plus the professor is very kind and helpful.
As this was a heritage speaker class you needed to have experience speaking Spanish. I also had taken AP Spanish in high school and I think it's not too hard and really manageable, if you get placed into this class you should definitely take it.
I am a native speaker and I found the level of the course very manageable.
A bit hard for me since I don't speak a lot of spanish at home. For those who does, it isn't hard.
I'm a heritage speaker who mostly speaks Spanish at home but has gone through formal Spanish classes in high school where I learned grammar and syntax. For me, this class was not too difficult and the things I had the hardest time with were academic readings and papers that took a bit longer to understand but I'd recommend the course to people with a similar relationship to Spanish. The class doesn't spend much time on grammar because it's mostly about refining and deepening your understanding of Spanish as it is so the course may be a bit more difficult for those who don't have that understanding. Profesora Amado is very helpful and available if you need someone to explain a grammar concept one on one though.
More than manageable level
Tolerable