

SPAN 20300 2, SPAN 20300 2 - Language, History, and Culture III - Instructor(s) - James Leon Weber

Project Title: College Course Feedback - Spring 2024

Number Enrolled: 14
Number of Responses: 8

Report Comments

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

Comments

Complex grammar structures

I learned all of the verb tenses and when and where to properly use them. I always got to practice my listening, talking, and reading skills

South American political history, as well as the border between Mexico and the United States. I also learnt a lot of new grammar forms, including the subjunctive.

Use of subjunctive in many uses.

I learned a lot of new grammar tenses, vocab and improved my reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills

The subjunctive, the subjunctive, the subjunctive.

How to improve my circumlocution.

so much grammar I don't even remember it all

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

Comments

In-class activities were most helpful

I had the chance to learn more about the culture of spanish-speaking countries which broadened my perspective,

Classes definitely helped solidify grammar in my mind, and TalkAbroads also helped developed my spoken proficiency.

Good review of culture

There were a lot of different assignments, such as talk abroads, connect activities, lecturas, etc that all helped me in different ways with my learning and improve different skills

Class time was great for cementing grammar concepts through practice and asking questions. I also liked the TalkAbroads as I was able to practice my speaking.

I liked the discussion aspect of class, as well as going over examples in class.

lectures

Please respond to the following:

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
This course challenged me intellectually.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
I understood the purpose of this course and what I was expected to gain from it.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%
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.	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
I received feedback on my performance that helped me improve my subsequent work.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%
My work was evaluated fairly.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	12.50%	0.00%	0.00%	87.50%
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.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%

Additional comments about the course:

Comments

Love James 4 ever

It is not that each assignment is difficult, but some weeks you have 3 homework assignments and 2 tests.

A significant increase in difficulty compared to 202

I would recommend this course to:

	No	Yes
Highly-motivated and well-prepared students	0.00%	100.00%
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

In-class activities that mirrored what we saw on the exams

I really enjoyed his presentations about class and all the topics we went over

James was very open with answering questions, and switched to English sometimes to clarify harder topics which was very useful.

Class discussions and group discussions were very interesting.

He always came prepared with slideshows and super fun activities that taught us the material and made sure we were all speaking Call and response, as well as taking time to answer questions in detail.

he's really nice and the way he talks is super engaging. I also liked his weekly emails about what's due in class because it would get really overwhelming

What could the instructor modify to help you learn more?

Comments

Practice tests before the chapter exams to help study, and less partner activities and instead group class activities or more lecture. In the partner activities I sometimes felt a little lost and having more support from more people would have been a little more helpful.

I wish we had specific days to go over exams and correct them besides just looking them over for a couple minutes

I can't think of anything really... he did a great job of combining culture and language!

NA

space out the work so that some weeks aren't so packed with work

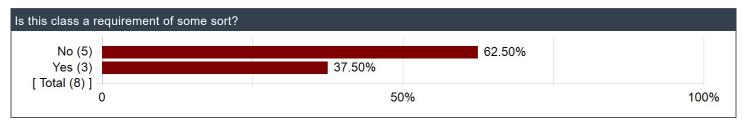
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only include vocab words from the current chapter. There was one question about pyramids. I don't even remember when we learned that word.

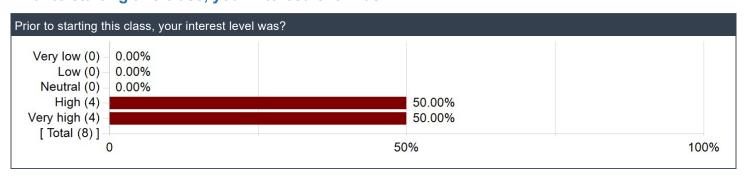
The Instructor . . .

	Mean	Median	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Organized the course clearly.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%	0.00%
Presented lectures that enhanced your understanding.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%	0.00%
Facilitated discussions that were engaging and useful.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Stimulated your interest in the core ideas of the course.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Challenged you to learn.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%	0.00%
Helped you gain significant learning from the course content.	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%	0.00%
Was available and helpful outside of class.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Motivated you to think independently.	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	25.00%	62.50%	0.00%
Worked to create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment.	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	0.00%
Overall, this instructor made a significant contribution to your learning.	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%

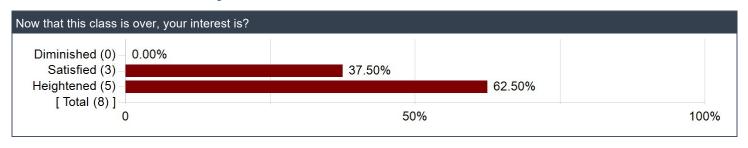
Is this class a requirement of some sort?



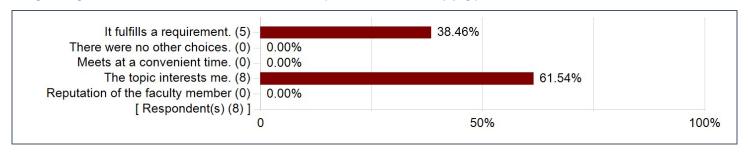
Prior to starting this class, your interest level was?



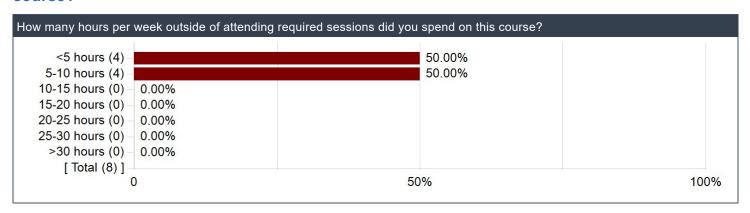
Now that this class is over, your interest is?



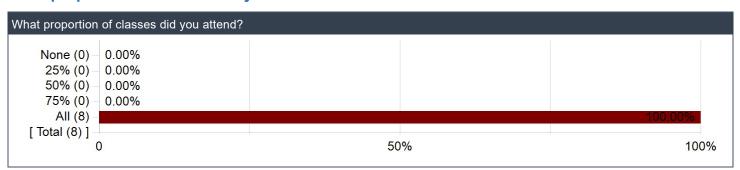
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



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

If you have taken prior classes in the 200s, it will be manageable, however the grammar constructions are significantly harder this time around. There are so many forms of the subjunctive you need to learn.

It wasn't very difficult as long as you paid attention and took notes/prepared for exams

Built upon all that I had learnt in 201 and 202

Work but able to do well if you complete all the assignments

It definitely helped having taken 201 and 202 because it is a continuation of that material and you use a lot of the knowledge that was previously taught especially with the subjunctive in this course

I started in Spanish 101 and I think after two years I'm not 100% positive if I'm at the level of other students who took Spanish in grade school for years.