



# FREN 10300 1, FREN 10300 1 - Beginning Elementary French III - Instructor(s): Etienne Labbouz

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

Number Enrolled: **10**

Number of Responses: **7**

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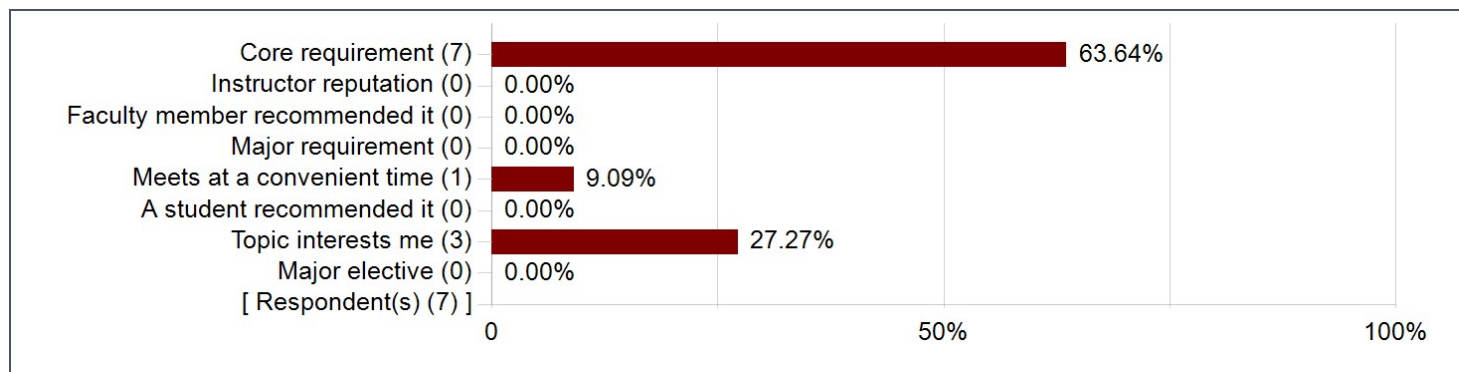
## Report Comments

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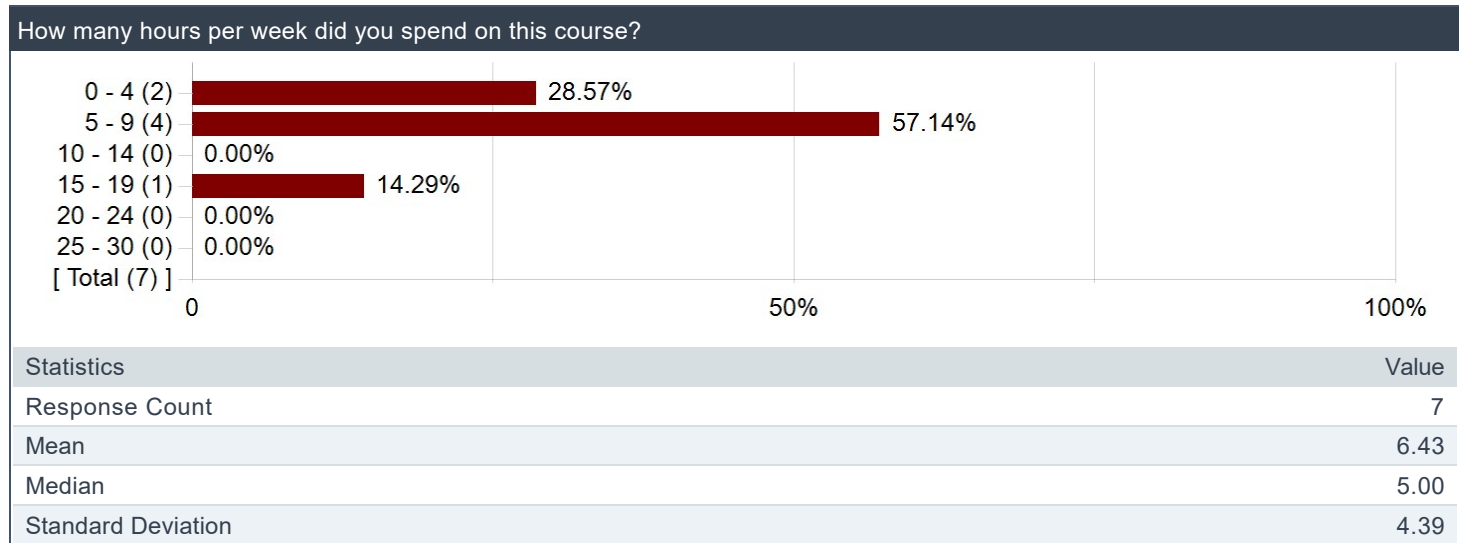
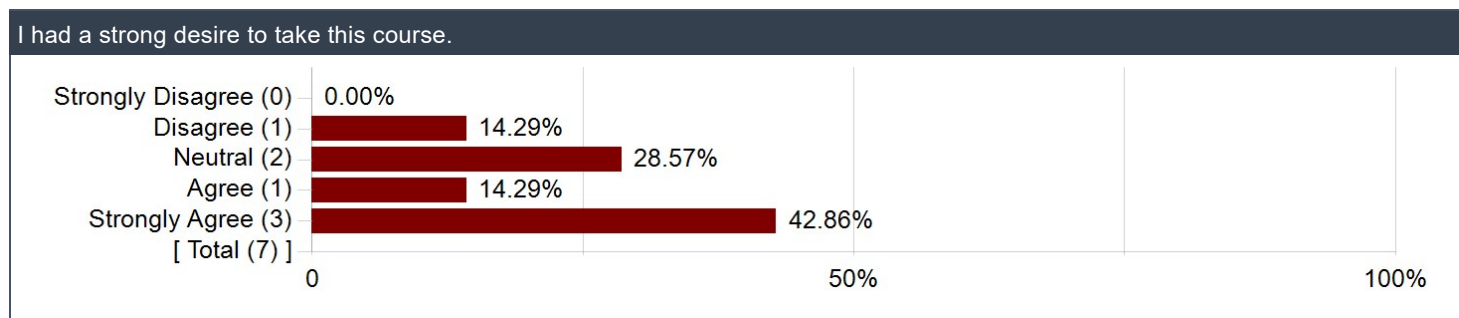
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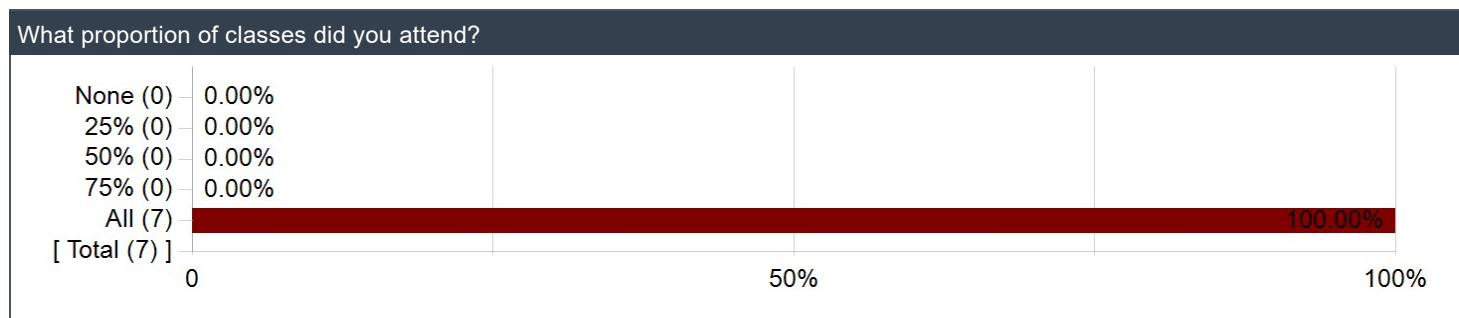
## Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



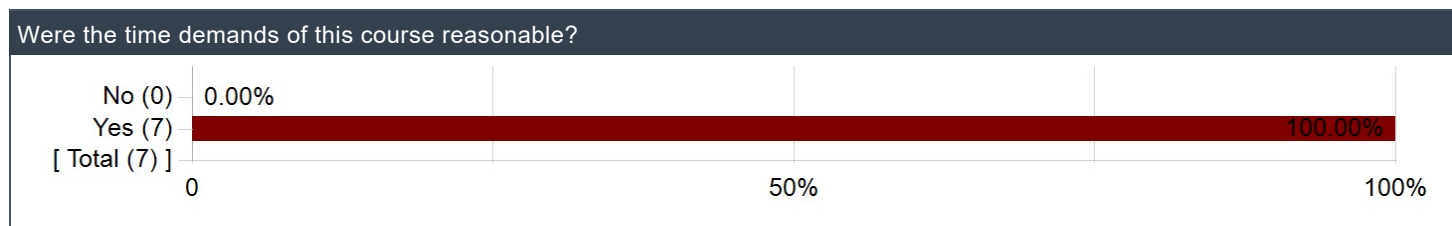
## I had a strong desire to take this course.



## What proportion of classes did you attend?



## Were the time demands of this course reasonable?



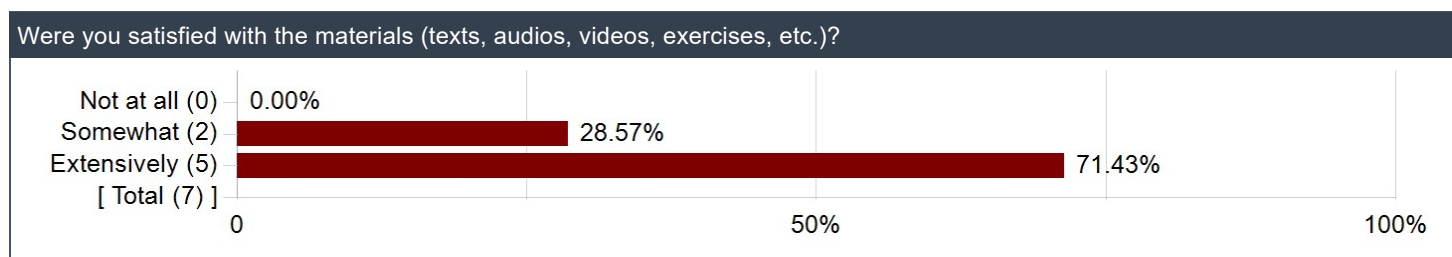
## Rate the extent to which different aspects of the language were stressed:

	Mean	Median	Not At All	A Little	Some	A Lot	Extremely	Vigorously
Speaking	3.71	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%
Reading	2.57	2.00	0.00%	0.00%	57.14%	28.57%	14.29%	0.00%
Writing	2.57	3.00	0.00%	14.29%	28.57%	42.86%	14.29%	0.00%
Grammar	3.14	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	28.57%	42.86%	0.00%
Vocabulary	3.14	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	57.14%	28.57%	0.00%
Listening	3.86	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	57.14%	14.29%

## For French Classes Only:

	None At All	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	All Of It
How much self-correcting grammar homework did you do?	28.57%	14.29%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	28.57%
How much self-correcting audio homework did you do?	42.86%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	28.57%

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



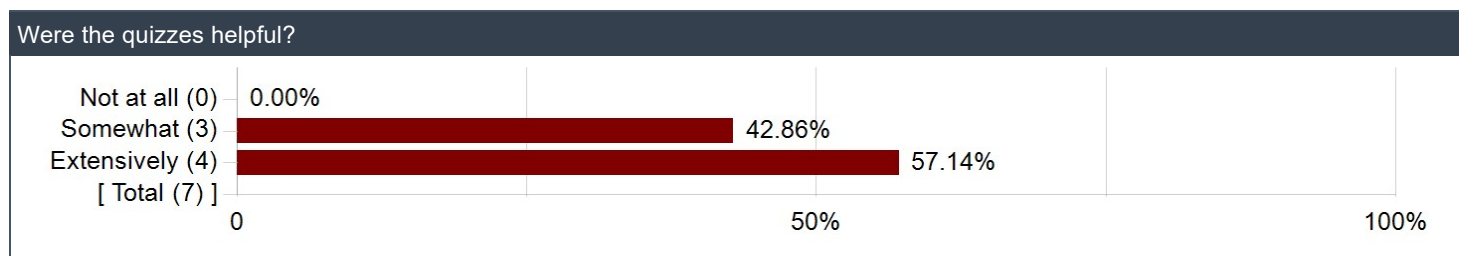
## Please explain:

Comments
Overall, it was very good. For a few audios, I could not either hear or distinguish the words, which was hard when the questions were based on them, but besides that all the materials were very good.
I enjoyed the class and the content, however the textbook is incredibly disorganized and confusing. It would be helpful if the rules were at least introduced in English, so students can better understand. All the different homework things, Lingco, TalkAbroad, Rédaction, etc. seemed very scattered and disorganized. I wish there was just a single platform used.
I was overall satisfied with the assignments for this class and felt that they helped to further my understanding and comprehension of the language.
There was a variety of interesting material.
Lots of work on grammar audio and speaking helped to improve my language skills.

## What did you learn about culture through language?

Comments
Through the language itself, I didn't learn as much. I did learn that in terms of describing how you look to friends, the culture dictates a much more honest opinion than the American.
There were short previews of French culture during class, but that was not the focus of this course. Most of the exploration came through our own discovery in "cultural activity" assignments.
Throughout the course, we discussed different countries where French is a national language. I also was able to have conversations with native speakers from different countries which helped increase my understanding of their cultures.
I learned more about french cuisine.
Different foods of different regions

## Were the quizzes helpful?



## How helpful were the various types of homework?

	Mean	Median	Not At All	Somewhat	Very	N/A
Reading	2.71	3.00	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%
Listening	2.71	3.00	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%
Writing	2.71	3.00	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%
Speaking	2.57	3.00	0.00%	42.86%	57.14%	0.00%

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

Comments
"Forced discussion" always has a general tone, but I enjoyed being able to read other students' responses.
We used discussion boards in my class to discuss the cultural aspects of the course. I found them useful for this purpose, as it allowed us to engage with each other's cultural experiences and not just our own.
I really liked our cultural activity discussion board assignments.
I found them useful as we shared cultural activities we did.
Useful

## 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
The speaking and listening exercises for homework were very helpful, especially when with a conversation partner. The cultural activités were not so helpful and did not impact me as much
They were fun because we got to choose our own activity. I wish we had time in class to discuss/share.
Outside of class, we had conversations with native speakers as well as self–selected cultural activities. I found the conversations with native speakers to be very helpful, as they exposed me to different speaking patterns and topics of conversation. I think the cultural activities can be more or less helpful depending on the chosen activities.
I really liked our cultural activity discussion board assignments. They encouraged me to watch french films, which I ended up loving and perhaps would not have explored were it not for this aspect of the course. It was neat to hear about what my peers did for their activities, and helped me get to know people in the class.
Very
Useful

### Other comments:

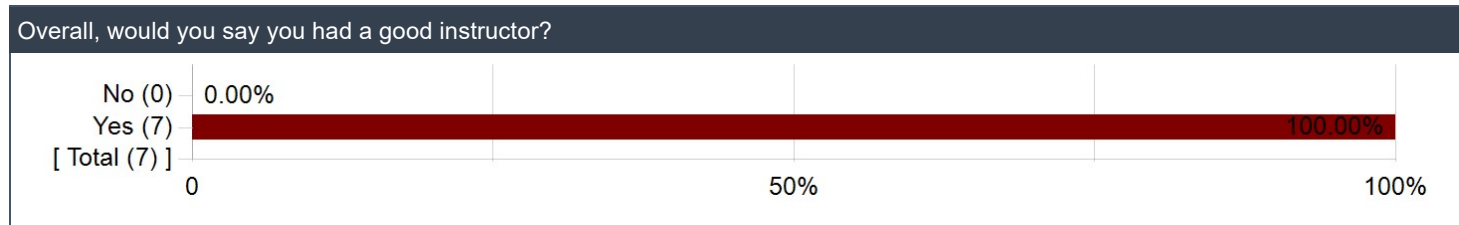
Comments
Class time is understandably limited which makes it feel as a lot of time spent outside of class is actually learning (like self–study) rather than discussing, doing projects, etc.

## 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	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%
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	4.57	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	14.29%	71.43%
Rate feedback on assignments and exams	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%

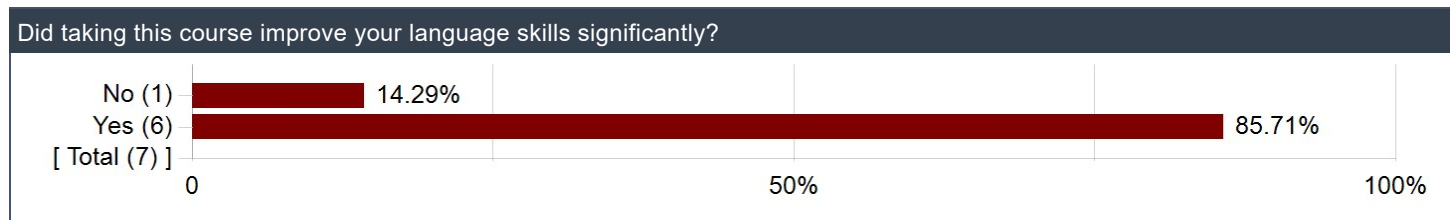
## Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



## Please explain:

Comments
Professor Labbouz is one of the kindest teachers I've ever met. He's always willing to answer questions and help you with your assignments. He's very understanding and always tries to help us succeed. In class, participation and being called on is expected (as it's a language class) and he's always willing to converse with students. The class is also taught in French which makes the experience more immersive. He is very flexible with students' needs and understands working with deadlines/due dates.
I loved taking class with Etienne this quarter! I found him to be very helpful both inside and outside of class. He was also a very patient instructor and was able to convey information about the language in an effective way.
Etienne is a wonderful instructor. He made every class fun and engaging. I improved so much during the quarter thanks to him. I wasn't looking forward to taking French at all, but I ended up loving this course and was excited for every session. His office hours were very helpful and he took the time to answer lots of questions about French culture and cinema, about which he is incredibly knowledgeable. He made the course very accessible with extensions and the like. I would absolutely recommend my friends take a class with Etienne if they want to learn french.
He was very patient, kind, and helpful.
Good teacher

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



## How would you improve this course?

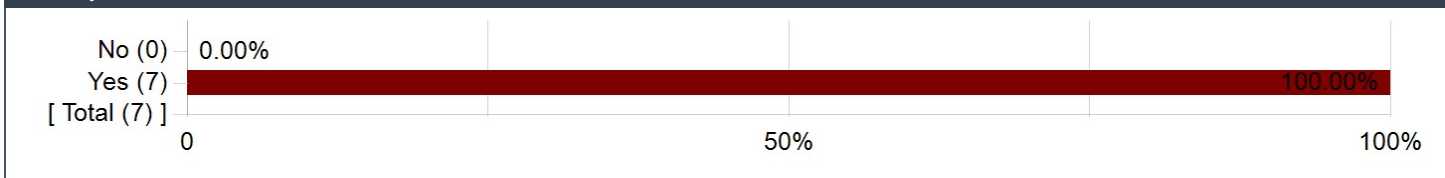
Comments
Pronunciation was not as emphasized in the class. If you didn't understand how the overall French pronunciation system worked, you probably would not pick it up, or at least, it would not be spelled out for you. Some of the listening assignments were hard to hear, which made things difficult. Also, some of the Lingco assignments were really hard to get perfectly, so changing that would be helpful
The course is incredibly confusing with all the assignments spread across so many platforms and the textbook not being very organized. We're constantly jumping around in the textbook and everything feels very scattered. Because it's a fill-in-the-blank textbook, if I want to study for finals or review my notes, I can't because nothing is filled in and everything is in French! The class feels much more "self-taught" because time is so limited. I wouldn't mind attending more classes or having more discussion sessions rather than learning French on a educational video in my bedroom.
I can't think of anything — it was great.
n/a

## In what way?

Comments
It improved my listening, as the entire course was in French. I can see the progress from my first day in class. I also know the imperfect tense now
Most of the rules and vocabulary I had previous learned in high-school French. If I was taking 101–102–103 as a sequence, I'm sure it would help me much more.
I feel much more confident in my speaking and listening skills and am also more knowledgeable about grammar.
I became much more confident with speaking, learned how to speak in the past tense with confidence, learned lots of important new vocabulary.
I learned more about grammar rules and feel a lot more confident speaking and understanding French.
I speak better and understand grammar better and comprehend more

## Would you recommend this class to another student?

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## Why?

### Comments

It definitely improves your French listening skills. Very helpful if you're wanting to learn more!

This is still an excellent and rigorous course in French it simply needs some organization and clarity. The homework can get very tedious and unbalanced. I wish there was more clarity over assignment types and learning procedures.

I think this was a great introduction to the French language, I feel like I learned a lot in a short period, and the time commitment for the class was not too much.

I looked forward to every class and learned a ton. This course was a rare mix of very educational and very fun.

I had a great time and genuinely enjoyed learning more French.

helpful in learning french