



ITAL 20100 2, ITAL 20100 2 - Language, History, and Culture I - Instructor(s): Veronica Vegna

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

Number Enrolled: **7**

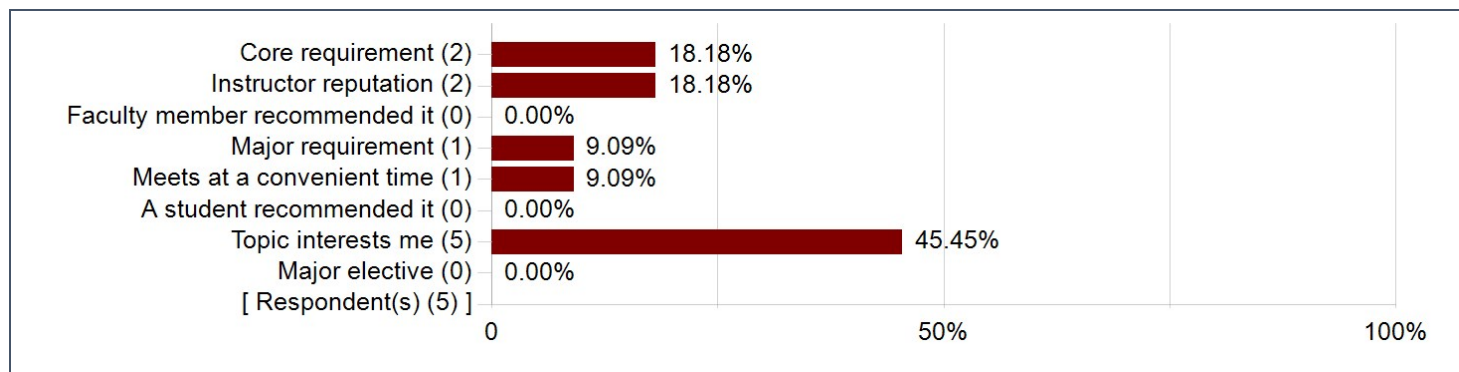
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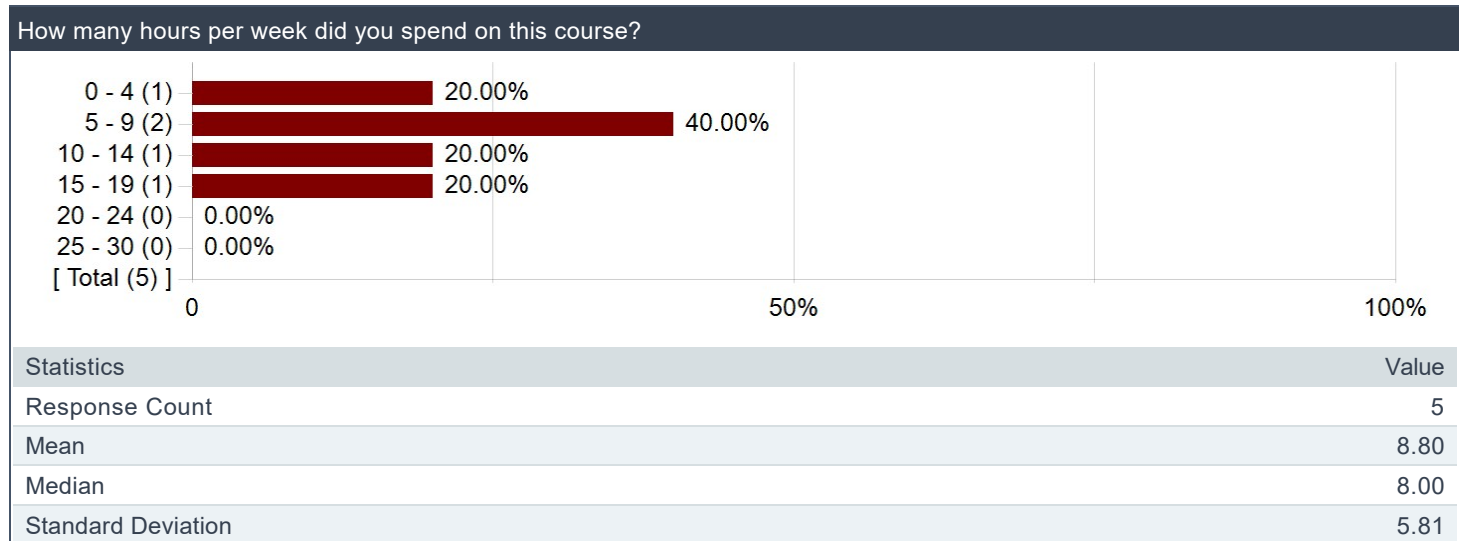
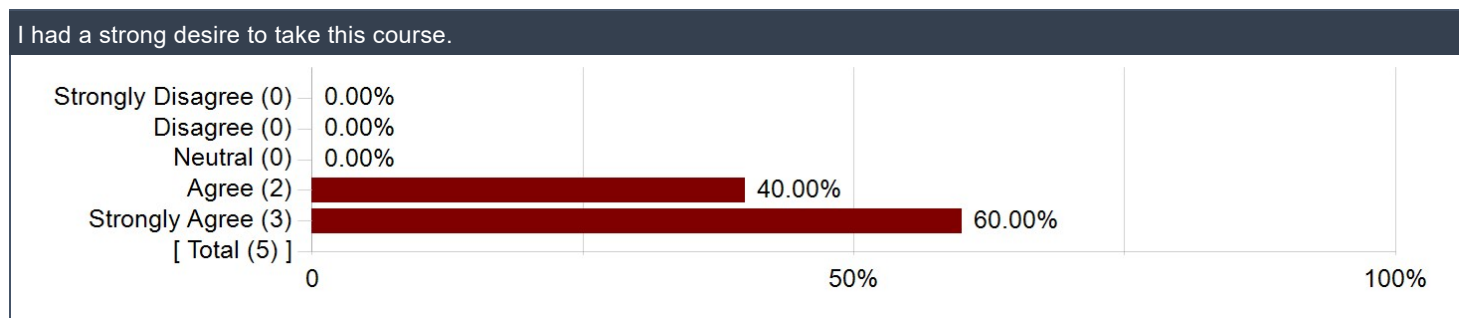
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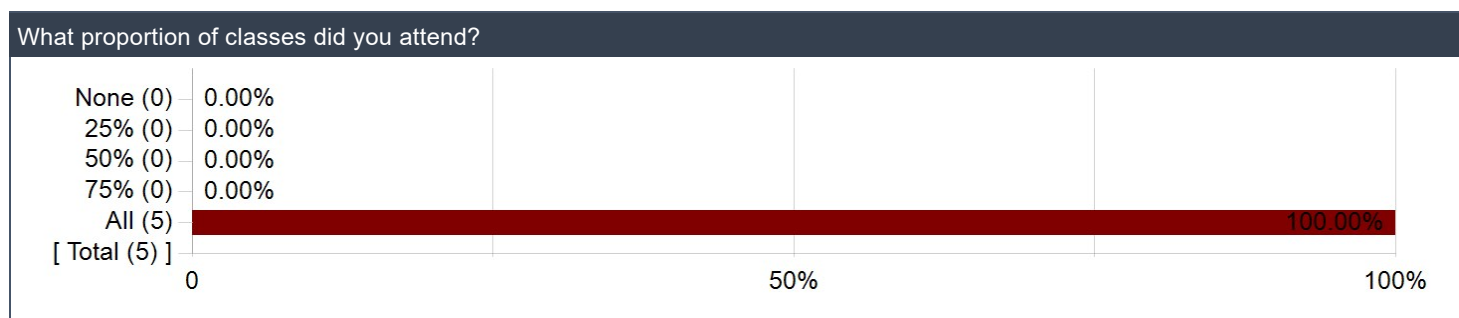
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



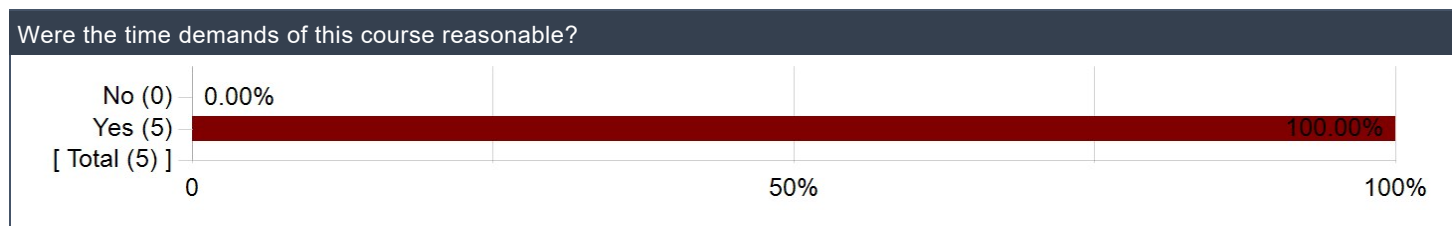
I had a strong desire to take this course.



What proportion of classes did you attend?



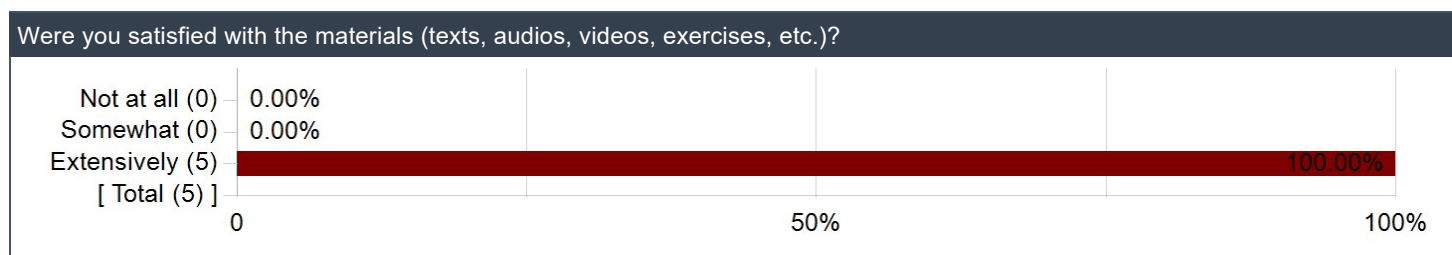
Were the time demands of this course reasonable?



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	4.40	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	40.00%
Reading	3.80	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	40.00%	20.00%
Writing	3.80	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	40.00%	20.00%
Grammar	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	60.00%	20.00%
Vocabulary	3.80	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	40.00%	20.00%
Listening	4.20	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	40.00%	40.00%

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



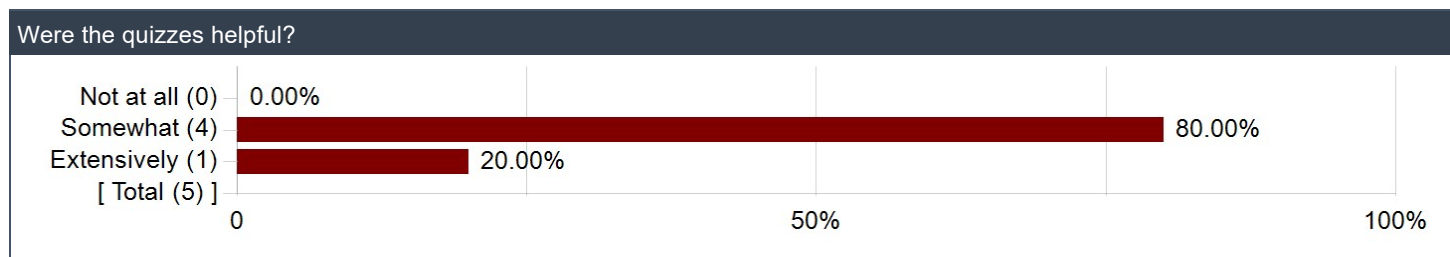
Please explain:

Comments
Absolutely loved this class
This was a truly excellent course, and really helped me gain a comfort level with the language, although I still have much work to do. Veronica is an absolute joy to have as a teacher, and one of the kindest, if not the kindest people I've met as a student at UChicago. She is invaluable.
The assignments were all clearly intentioned. I felt there was a better mix between reading, writing, and listening than there was in the elementary sequence, which I really appreciated!

What did you learn about culture through language?

Comments
Phrases, different regional accents, different customs and why things are ordered/written the way they are.
I learned a ton about Italian mannerisms, ways of life, cultural differences, and even dialects/linguistic nuances
Biggest things were, I think, how Italians express themselves (we talked a bit about hand gestures and dialect) and some of the socioeconomic / political background behind Italian and how each region interacts with it!

Were the quizzes helpful?



How helpful were the various types of homework?

	Mean	Median	Not At All	Somewhat	Very	N/A
Reading	2.80	3.00	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Listening	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Writing	2.80	3.00	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	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
Very useful, so peers can interact online as well.
Quite useful
I liked that we talked about our discussion posts in class, too. It gave us a chance to practice our speaking, while still bringing up things that interest us!

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
Extremely useful
I found the talk abroad activities really helpful because they gave me an opportunity to use the grammar and vocabulary we learned in class in an authentic conversation.
Extremely useful
The cultural activities are always fun! I think the department does a good job of hosting multiple activities throughout the quarter, and still, if you can't make these, there are a bunch of things to do, regardless.

Other comments:

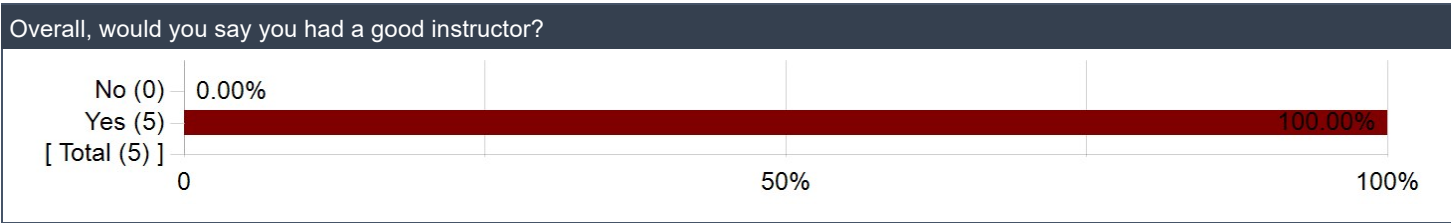
Comments
Loved it.
I loved Veronica so much! She was the greatest teacher
This course is excellent and is expertly taught, I think students should definitely be aware of the fact that coming in mist vocabulary and grammar studies should be done on your own time.

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	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%
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 willingness to help	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Rate feedback on assignments and exams	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%

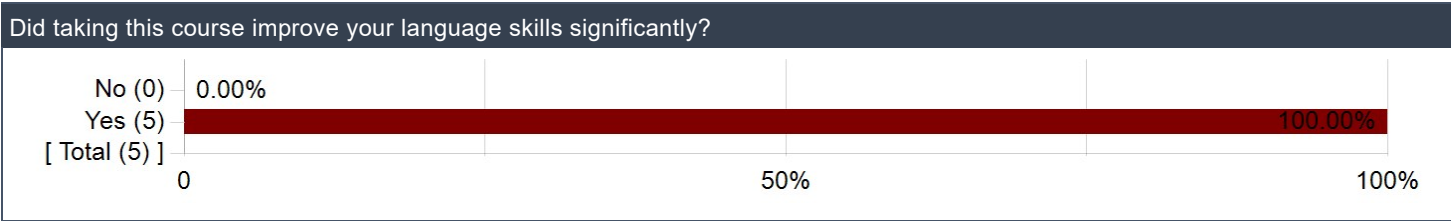
Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



Please explain:

Comments
She is amazing, very detailed oriented swell so it helps us improve
Veronica is an excellent professor and is very helpful in and outside the classroom. She makes every class engaging and designs lessons that build on each other so that we are always strengthening our skills.
Professor Vegna is truly excellent, I couldn't think of a better style of teaching or person for the job.
I loved Veronica! You can just really, really tell that she loves what she does — she's enthusiastic and super supportive! If you make a mistake while speaking, she's really good about correcting it quickly while still being kind and empathetic. She's also just really funny???? Class was never boring with her!

Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?



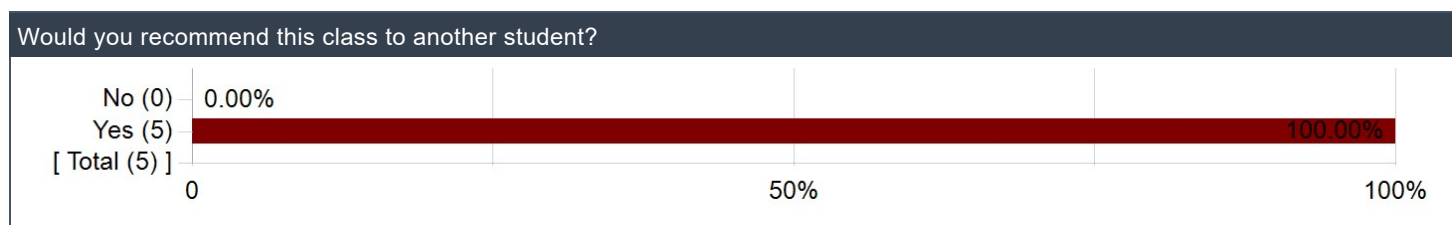
How would you improve this course?

Comments
Have more orals imbedded.
I'm not sure.
N/A

In what way?

Comments
Gaining more vocabulary and learning grammatical rules
I am much more comfortable speaking now, and I feel that I have a good roadmap for how to improve and build on language skills going forward.
I feel SO much more confident about my Italian! While I would stress about Talk Abroads and oral exams last year, I realized, this quarter, I became much more "chill." Learning a language is scary, but Veronica does a good job of fostering a really supportive environment.

Would you recommend this class to another student?



Why?

Comments
It's great
I loved this course, it was the best part of my week
It's genuinely not too time consuming, yet you learn so, so much. I fully believe Italian is one of the school's better language departments.