



ITAL 10200 2, ITAL 10200 2 - Beginning Elementary Italian II - Instructor(s): Sarah Jane Vincent

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

Number Enrolled: **3**

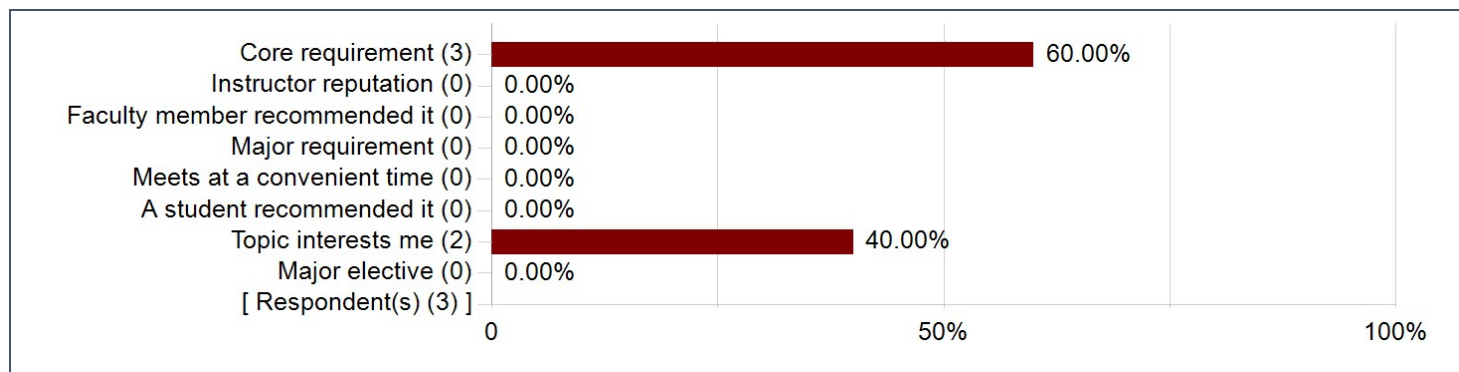
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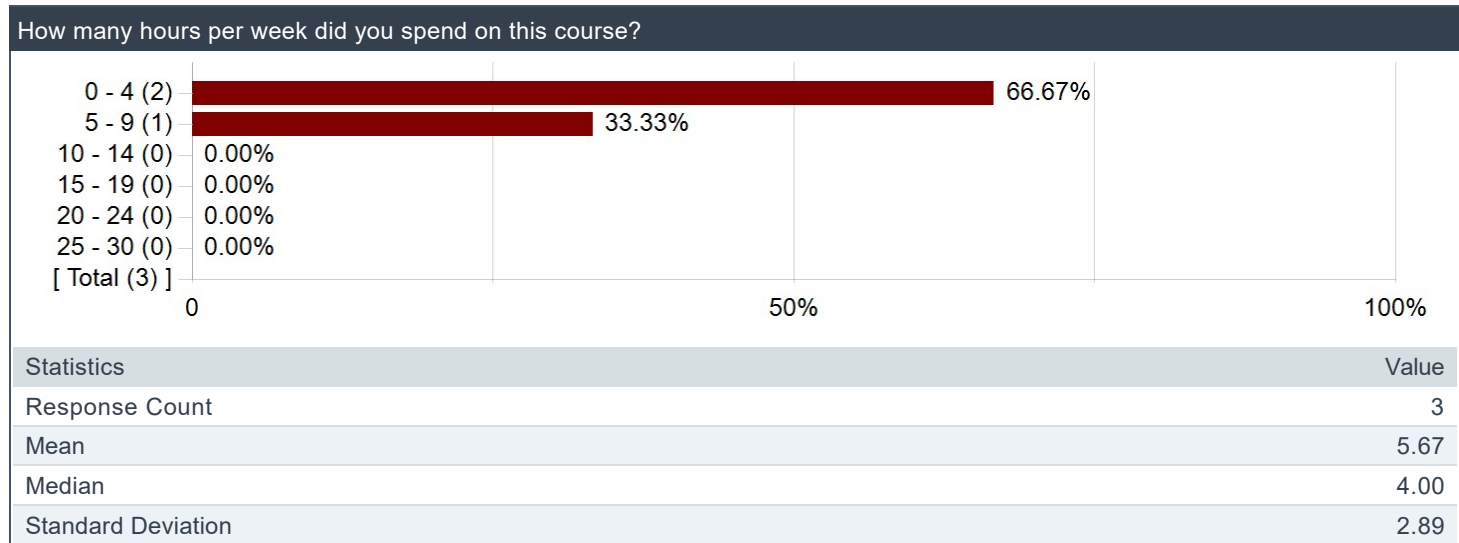
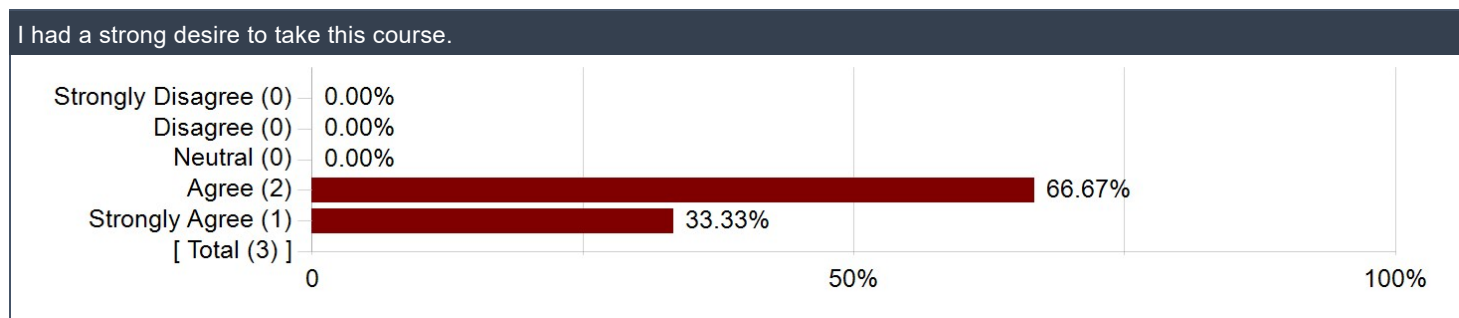
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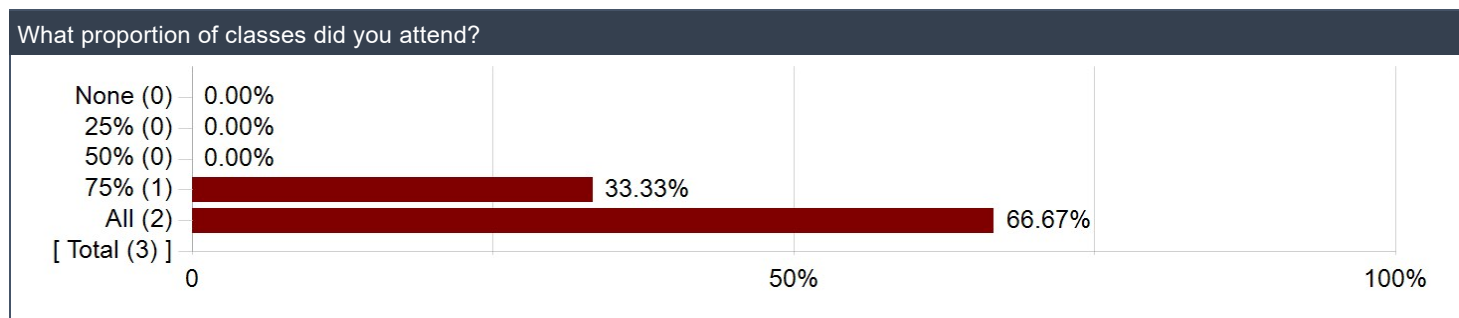
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



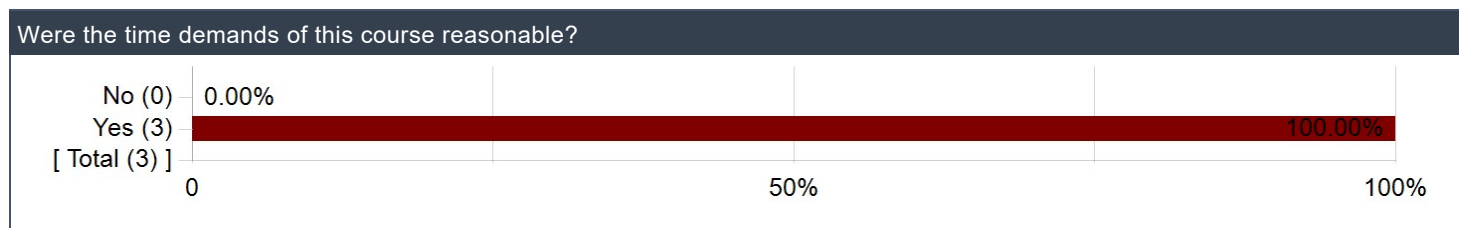
I had a strong desire to take this course.



What proportion of classes did you attend?



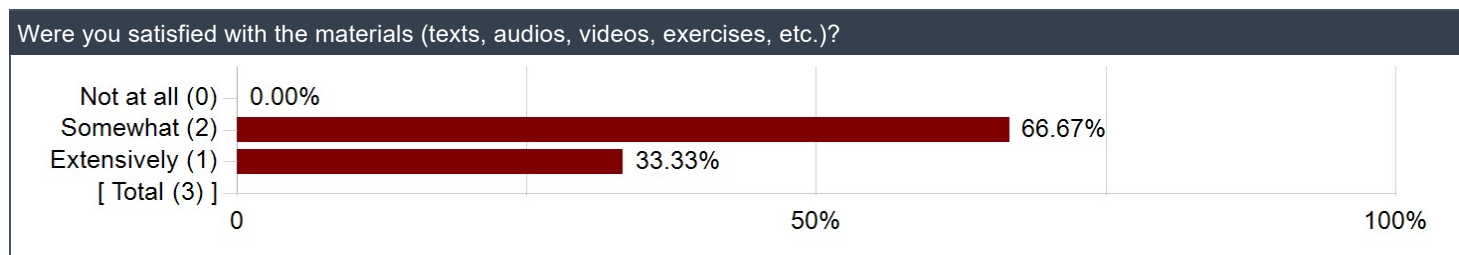
Were the time demands of this course reasonable?



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	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%	0.00%
Reading	2.33	2.00	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%
Writing	2.67	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%	0.00%
Grammar	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%	0.00%
Vocabulary	2.67	3.00	0.00%	33.33%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	0.00%
Listening	2.00	2.00	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%	0.00%	0.00%

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



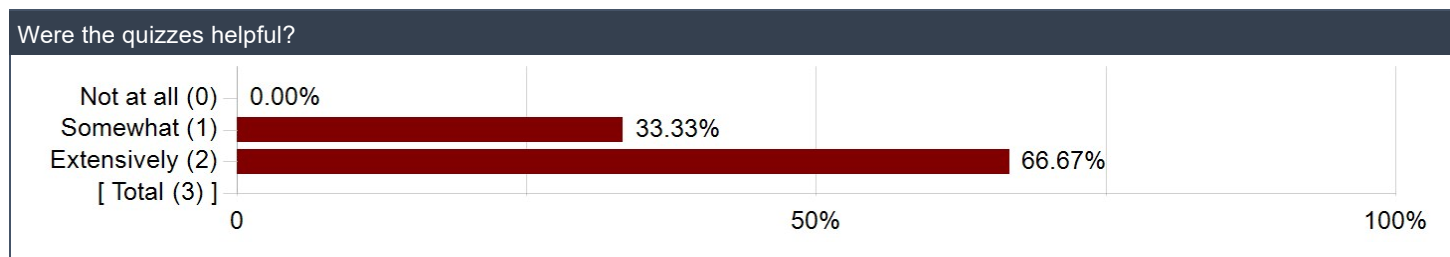
Please explain:

Comments
There was definitely a good variety of materials we practiced with, but there isn't that much emphasis on grammar due to the length of the quarter (as we focused mainly on speaking and reading), so I feel like there should be more exercises on free writing in class.
Everything was adequate and got the job done. Never felt like I was missing something.
I feel like some of the content we were given handled vocabulary that we were not familiar with, which makes sense, but I sometimes felt like the material we hadn't learned outweighed the amount of material we had learned, which made the assignments take much longer and took my focus to understanding vocabulary rather than learning the specific task at hand.

What did you learn about culture through language?

Comments
This semester we went a lot deeper into Italian cultural and I was able to learn a lot about Italian holidays and typical events that Italian people celebrate. Another student in the class recently studied abroad in Milan, so I learned a lot from him as well and his daily college routine in Italy.
The Italian culture is full of culturally relevant idioms that are fun to use, and the holidays also feature some interesting words and traditions.
I learned about new holidays and traditions, and some explanations as to why certain things are celebrated.

Were the quizzes helpful?



How helpful were the various types of homework?

	Mean	Median	Not At All	Somewhat	Very	N/A
Reading	2.67	3.00	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Listening	2.33	2.00	0.00%	66.67%	33.33%	0.00%
Writing	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	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
In our discussion board assignments, the students were meant to reply to one another and I found it really helpful. Not only did I learn something new about my peers, but the words that I gotten accustomed to were different than theirs, so I was able to be reminded of Italian vocabulary and new ways to answer the questions.
Useful, forced us to speak on the fly and practice new vocabulary.
I feel like they were a good way to learn more about how to think in Italian without the stress of speaking as the thoughts are formed.

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 really enjoyed the cultural activities and they're one of my favorite parts of the class. They were a great way to learn about Italian culture because it was more interactive and I could retain the information more effectively.
Great! Not at the level to fully appreciate the movies I watched without subtitles, but definitely still good for training my ears to the Italian sounds.
TalkAbroad really built my confidence speaking and calmed some of my anxieties regarding whether or not I was understanding the class.

Other comments:

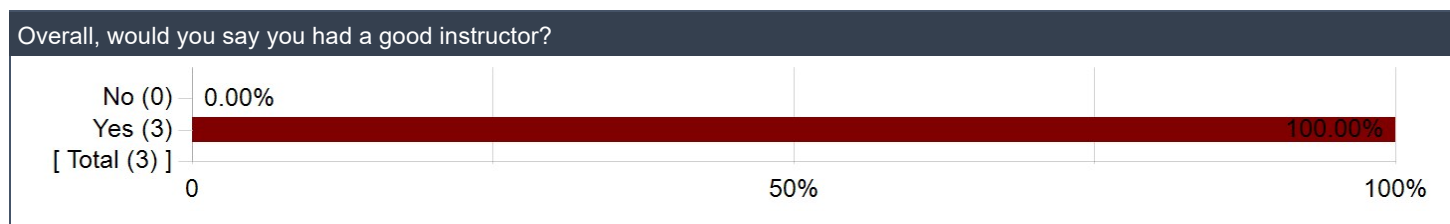
Comments
N/A

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	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Rate your instructor's ability to convey the subtleties of the language	2.67	3.00	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%	0.00%
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	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%
Rate feedback on assignments and exams	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	33.33%

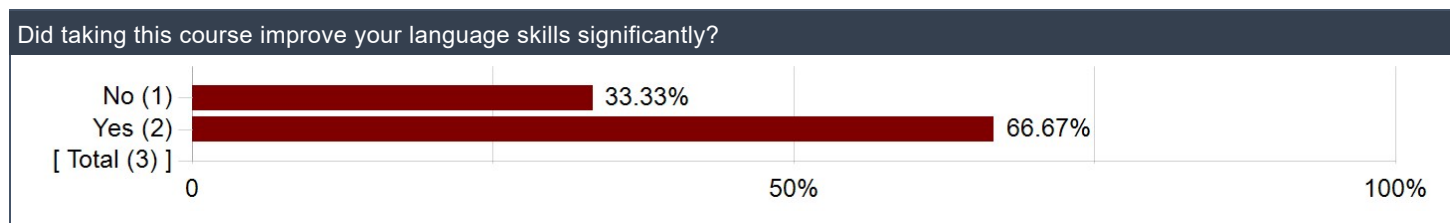
Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



Please explain:

Comments
Because my instructor wasn't a native Italian speaker, there were some areas that could've been discussed more clearly. However, she was understanding of our process when it came to learning and made the environment really comfortable.
For her first language class, there were fewer bumps than expected. A little too hard on herself at times, but over the course of the quarter I did really develop a much stronger grasp of the language. One thing I would recommend is to give us a little more time to get to the right answer organically. Sometimes I felt that if we expressed hesitation, the answer was to immediately reveal the correct word or phrase. While this gets the class moving faster, it feels a little rushed and doesn't allow us to generate the connection between why we were wrong and what steps we needed to take on our own to be right. We had a substitute one day and we spent a good three minutes on getting the right conjugation down because, instead of telling us what the answer was, she guided us to where we ought to go. Needless to say, I never forgot how to conjugate that verb again!
She had all the right materials and was trying her best to convey everything, but overall just lacked experience, which isn't a flaw.

Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?



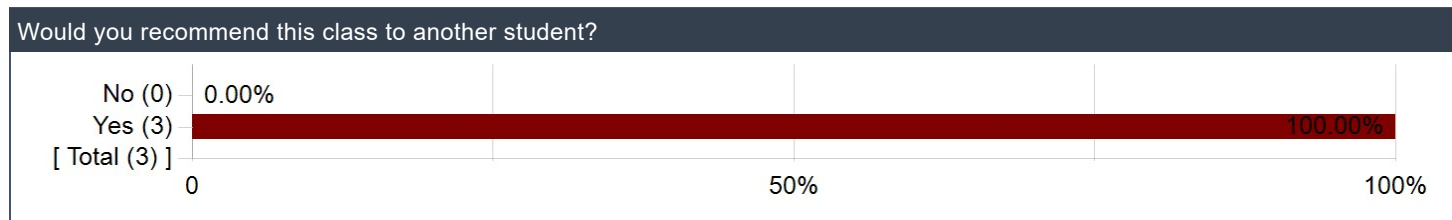
How would you improve this course?

Comments
I think the course is well balanced in all areas of learning language, but I'd prefer if there were more audio activities. Compared to last semester, there was a big jump in pace and vocabulary in listening assignment's, so listening to native speakers more would be beneficial to get more accustomed to the language.
I do really think it would help for the course to move towards being totally in Italian. Would help us learn instructional vocabulary.

In what way?

Comments
Lat semester, I wasn't able to truly form sentences, however, with all of the practice and learning the past principle allowed me to
Better flexibility in speaking, interweaving different tenses in stories, and expanded vocabulary.

Would you recommend this class to another student?



Why?

Comments
It was really exciting learning a new language as you don't only learn how to converse in it, but. about culture and the people as well (plus its really fun as well).
Good blend of grammatical lessons and cultural applications. Feels like a course that sets one up well if they want to visit Italy one day.
Italian is an interesting language and isn't too difficult to navigate if you took basic Spanish or French in high school or have background in another romance language.