



SPAN 10300 3, SPAN 10300 3 - Beginning Elementary Spanish III - Instructor(s): Andrés Rabinovich

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

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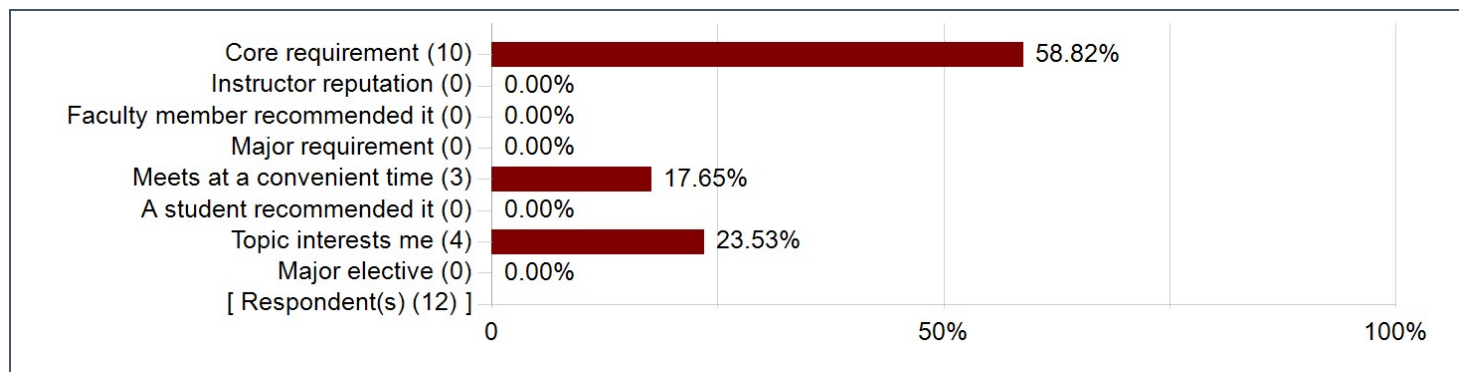
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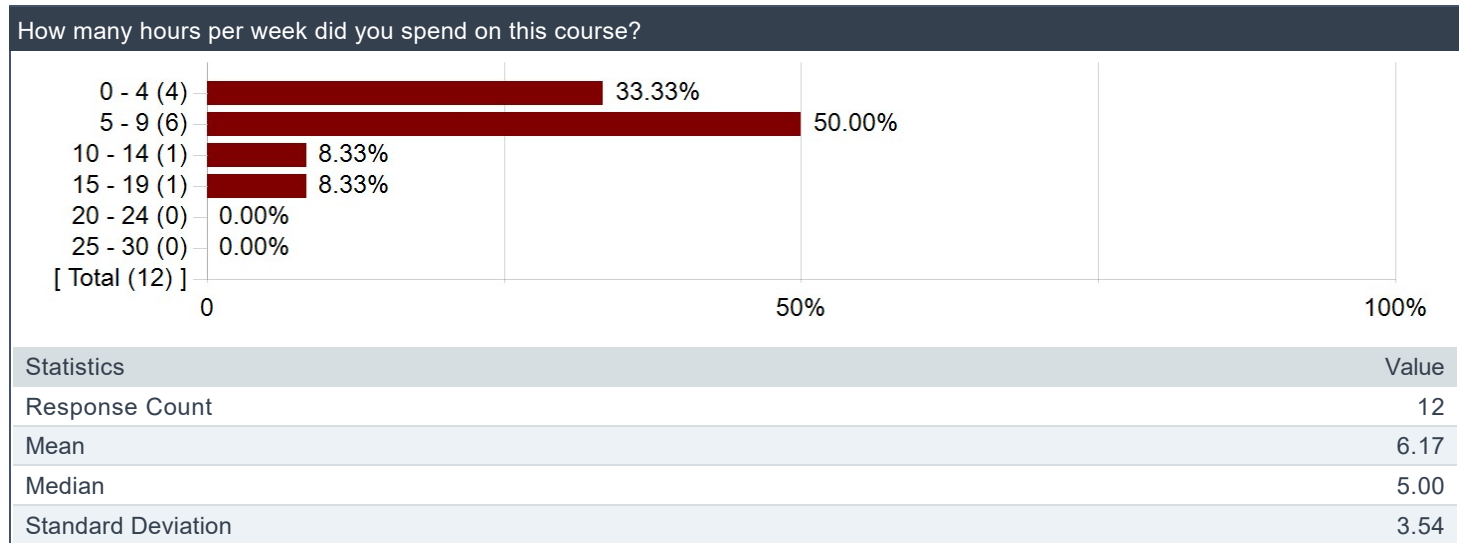
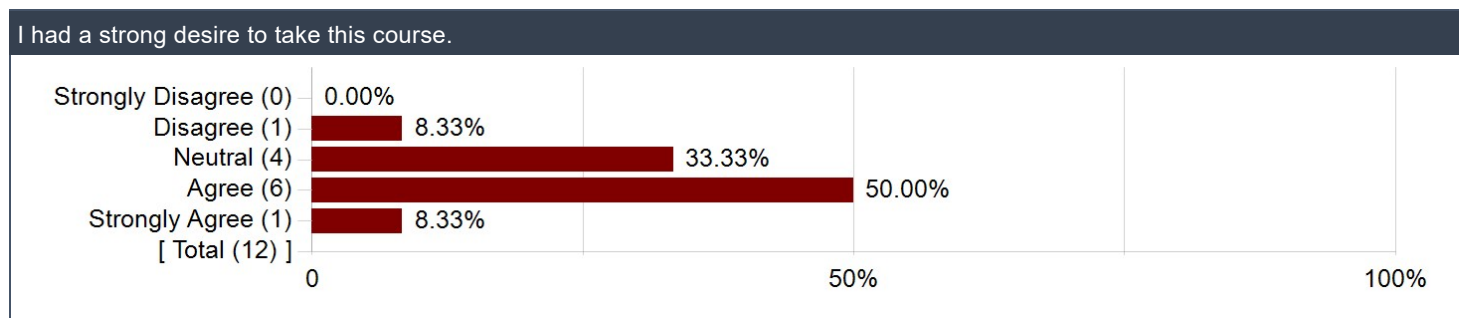
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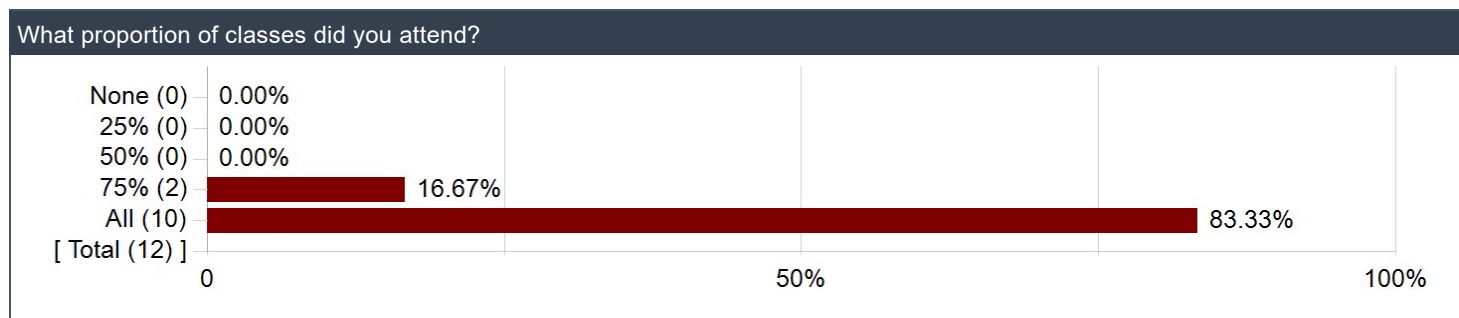
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



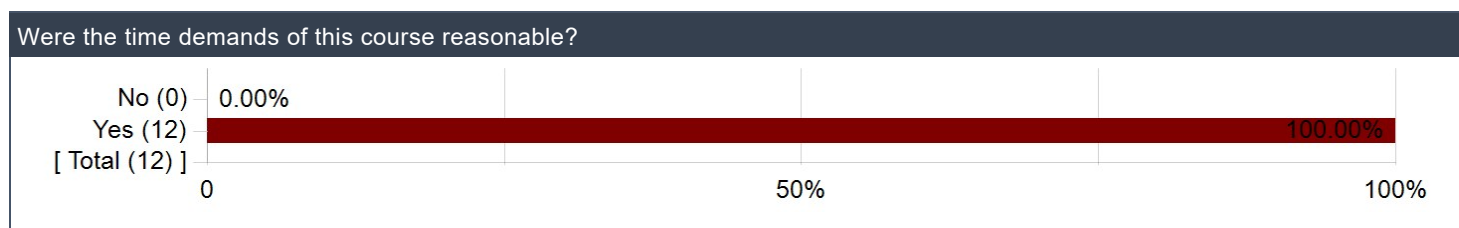
I had a strong desire to take this course.



What proportion of classes did you attend?



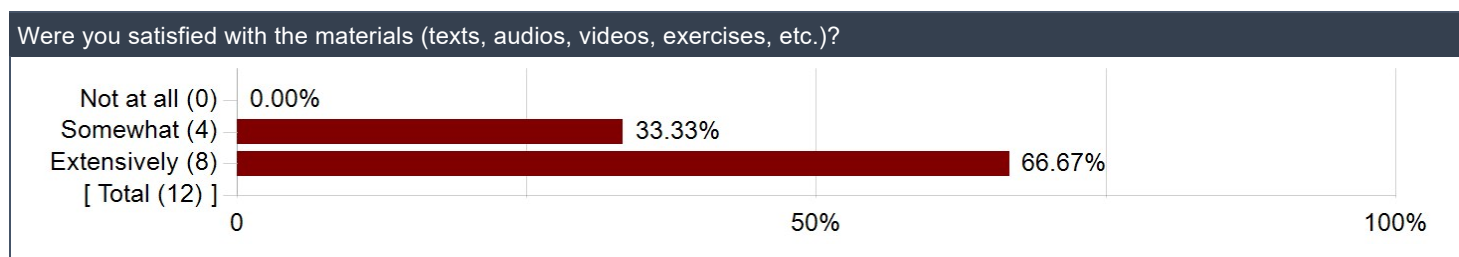
Were the time demands of this course reasonable?



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	3.58	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	33.33%	50.00%	8.33%
Reading	3.33	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	66.67%	33.33%	0.00%
Writing	3.67	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Grammar	3.83	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	50.00%	16.67%
Vocabulary	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%
Listening	3.08	3.00	0.00%	8.33%	16.67%	41.67%	25.00%	8.33%

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



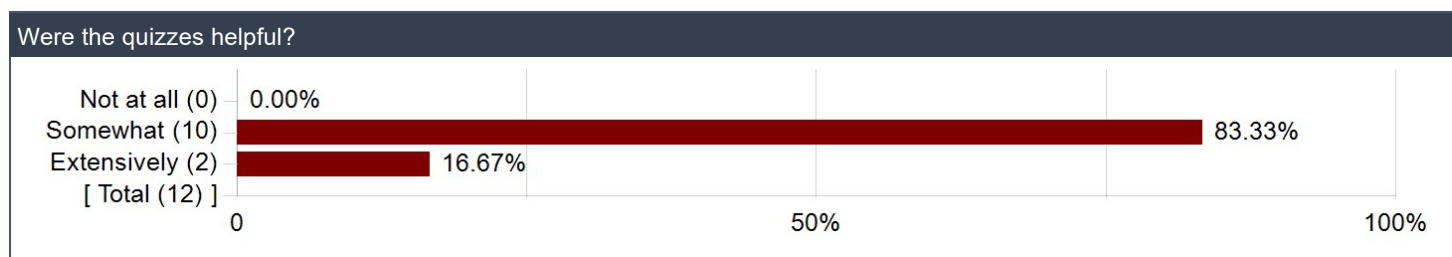
Please explain:

Comments
it was straightforward and what you would expect from a language course
I think sometimes it would have been useful to have more sources from outside the textbook, and primary sources, rather than artificial ones.
Yes, I found them to be intuitive to use they were well made.
The textbook was very helpful, along with the exercises. it was very clear what to do, and presented well.
They were rigorous but not so difficult that you could not understand them.
Materials used varying styles of Spanish which is useful for real-world application.
There is an extensive amount of material in this course. There were resources for all the chapters and the online activities definitely helped with practice using the material we just learned.
some of the online textbook exercises took a long time and were not hard but just busy work.
The online textbook and activities were really good for helping learn material
There were so many assignments from different places required to complete

What did you learn about culture through language?

Comments
different cultures and their accents while speaking
I think I learned about some elements of the vernacular in various culture, and learned a bit about sporting and food culture.
The different ways that people think about things due to language differences.
Slang does not translate across countries that speak the same language.
The culture is very interesting. Just like English, expressions can be formed in many different ways and have the same meaning. It's great to see how a native speaker speaks the language.
we read different articles in the textbook about different cultures but I would not say that there was an emphasis on learning culture in this class.
they are so deeply intertwined

Were the quizzes helpful?



How helpful were the various types of homework?

	Mean	Median	Not At All	Somewhat	Very	N/A
Reading	2.33	2.50	16.67%	33.33%	50.00%	0.00%
Listening	2.42	2.50	8.33%	41.67%	50.00%	0.00%
Writing	2.67	3.00	16.67%	0.00%	83.33%	0.00%
Speaking	2.25	2.50	25.00%	25.00%	50.00%	0.00%

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

Comments
N/A
N/A
N/A
N/A
not that useful
The extensive notes on what to do for each class were extremely helpful.
n/a

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
definitely very educational for those who know nothing about latin culture
The LinguaMeetings I found very helpful, though the cultural experiences were not particularly helpful to me.
They were fine. I enjoyed the meetings with a native Spanish speaking but everything else was kind of meh.
The Linguameetings were very helpful for getting comfortable with casual conversation. I really enjoyed them.
They were so useful. I have always been uncomfortable with speaking but all of the oral activities fostered a comfortable environment.
I enjoyed them.
They were somewhat useful, just very time-consuming for not a big portion of the grade.
not useful; the activities themselves did not really help me, i only used the textbook for the vocabulary that was required for the chapter.
Cultural activities were unhelpful, conversational practice didn't happen.
LinguaMeeting was useful, the Cultural Experiences were cool but didn't add much to the class
i loved linguameeting

Other comments:

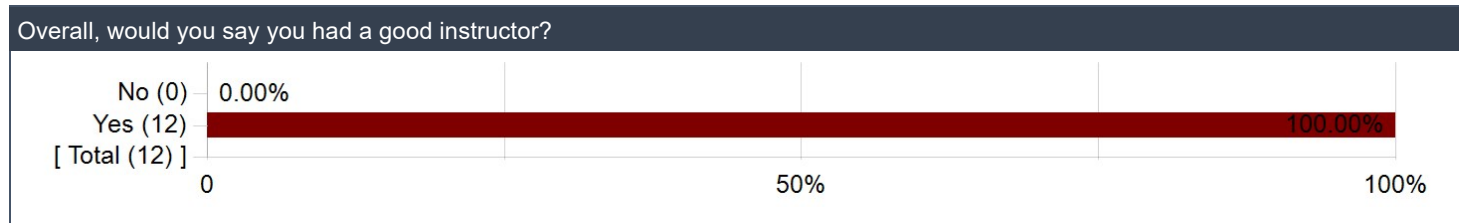
Comments
This class has a lot of different coursework. Presentations, online quizzes, online homework, cultural experiences, online Spanish speaking meetings, participation, in-person exams, etc. There is A LOT to keep up with. It can take a while to get everything done and a lot of the grades are not weighted fairly on canvas. I'd spend an hour or two working on a Tarea (presentation) that we only had about 2 days to work on, and each one only counts for 1% of the total grade. These different activities would be way more rewarding if they counted more towards the grades, instead of the in-person exams making up basically the whole grade.

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	4.92	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%	91.67%
Rate your instructor's ability to convey the subtleties of the language	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%
Rate your instructor's ability to encourage class conversation and participation in this language	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%
Rate your instructor's availability outside of class and willingness to help	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
Rate feedback on assignments and exams	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%

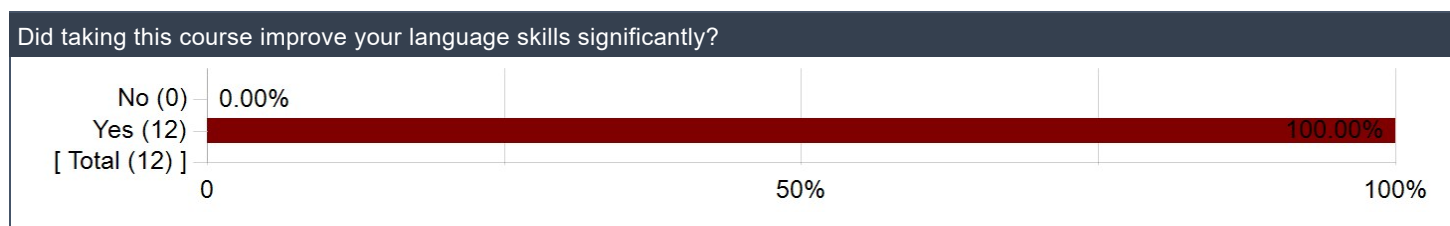
Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



Please explain:

Comments
dr rabinovich is very educated and made the class interesting and light-hearted, looked forward to coming to class
The instructor was well organized and managed class time well. I do think that I learned some Spanish, which is the most that I can ask for, and I found class to be engaging.
He made expectations clear and provided the class with resources and help when they needed it.
Andres was very helpful, and very nice when correcting mistakes. He made it feel much more like a learning experience rather than a mistake.
He was the best. If we made a mistake, we may joke about it and then he would teach us the proper way of doing/ saying something. I felt comfortable participating without fear of error.
He was attentive and engaging. He was flexible which I personally appreciated. He clearly communicated and emphasized the overall takeaways of the course so students had a good idea about what we should be learning.
Andrés was the best instructor I've had at this school so far. Funny, lively, encouraging, and passionate about what he teaches. He was so enjoyable to be around and had a great classroom environment. He was fantastic and I would recommend him to anyone taking a Spanish class. I met up with him during office hours a couple of times and he is very patient and willing to teach at a pace that's best to understand him. UChicago has students take a lot of classes that are forgettable over time, this class was not one of them. I cannot describe in words how much I enjoyed this Professor and how much more interesting he made learning Spanish than any other professor I've had in the past.
he really cares that students understand the concepts and makes class a safe learning space where we are comfortable to make mistakes
Andres runs a tight ship!
He was great, really helpful in and outside of class, really cared about how we were doing in the class and challenged us to learn. Couldn't really think of anything he could do better!
ANDRES IS PHENOMENAL IF YOU HAVE THE CHANCE PLEASE TAKE HIM

Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?



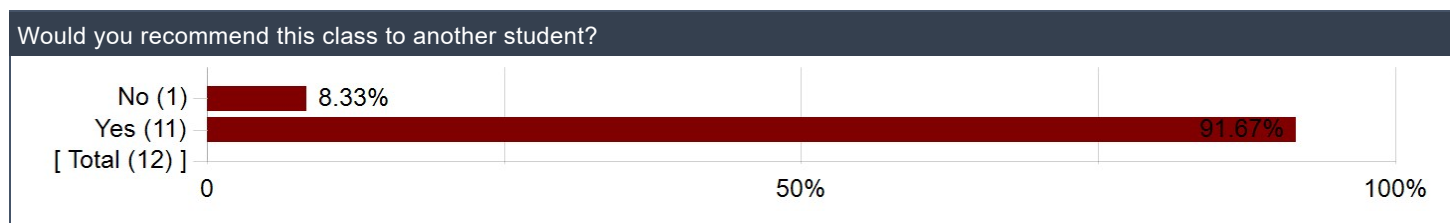
How would you improve this course?

Comments
no improvements
I would want to course to be more speaking based, and have longer and slower explanations of important grammatical concepts.
Some of the homework assignments felt a little like busywork, perhaps have less of them.
I would probably include more listening activities.
Being more clear about what needs to be submitted to Canvas or what needs to be done on BlinkLearning or both
It's a lot of busy work. Granted this is not the instructor's fault but just the structure of the language classes. There isn't anything you can do about it but just know that a lot of your week will be spent completing many different assignments for this class
limit the amount of homework in the textbook, they are not very helpful
More time spent speaking
I thought it was organized very well
less assignments overall

In what way?

Comments
not significantly; having background in the language it helped to reinforce some grammar/vocabulary that i had known before
I think I got a much greater understanding of language use, and managed to learn more about grammar.
My vocabulary and grammar skills have been expanded. I am also slightly better at listening comprehension.
Grammar structures
I think my listening and speaking improved.
I became more comfortable speaking Spanish and my vocabulary expanded.
I got better at thinking on the spot and my vocabulary use improved
it helped with my vocabulary
I became much more confident in my speaking
Vocab and Grammer
i can be more conversational

Would you recommend this class to another student?



Why?

Comments
easy-going, useful, helpful
It fulfilled its purpose and I learned Spanish.
If you want to learn Spanish at an early intermediate level, its a good class for doing that.
Although the class structure is frustrating at times, the professor was so outstanding that the class was extremely memorable.
it is a pretty easy class to fulfill your core requirement
really engaging