

ITAL 10200 3, ITAL 10200 3 - Beginning Elementary Italian II - Instructor(s): Sara Dallavalle

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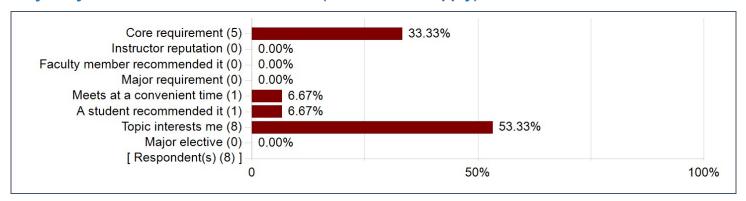
Report Comments

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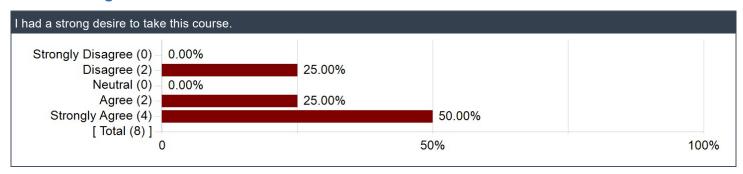
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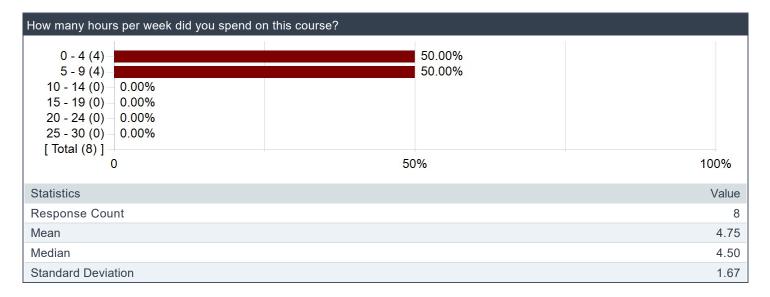


Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)

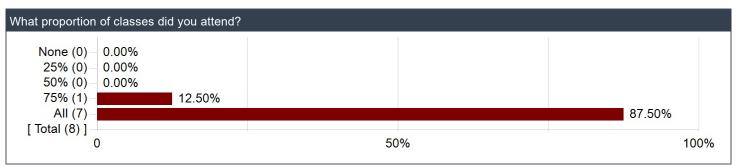


I had a strong desire to take this course.

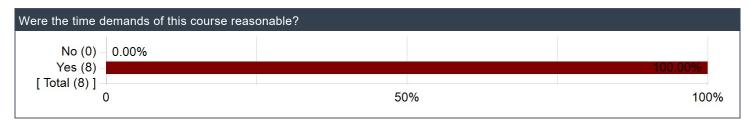




What proportion of classes did you attend?



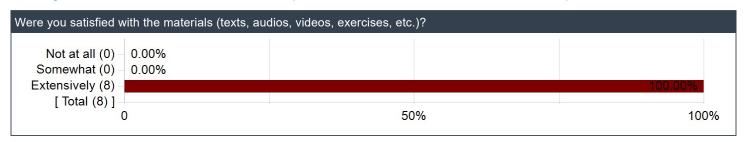
Were the time demands of this course reasonable?



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	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
Reading	3.88	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	62.50%	12.50%
Writing	3.88	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	12.50%	50.00%	25.00%
Grammar	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%
Vocabulary	4.13	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	62.50%	25.00%
Listening	3.75	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	25.00%	37.50%	25.00%

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



Please explain:

Comments They all helped with different parts of my learning. There was a wide variety of exercises and assignments on Canvas and MindTap that offered a wide array of situations in which to improve one's proficiency with the language the materials, particularly the in–class exercises and partner conversations yes I was satisfied All of the exercises were reasonable and very productive to learning properly Good range of reading texts, info videos, textbook exercises online, and other presentations

What did you learn about culture through language?

Comments

I learned a lot about Italian music, movies, and celebrations through my conversations on TalkAbroad. I also learned a lot about the tradition of Carnevale during the cultural event.

Quite a bit, though it was limited region to region

I learned a lot about food, film, and holidays.

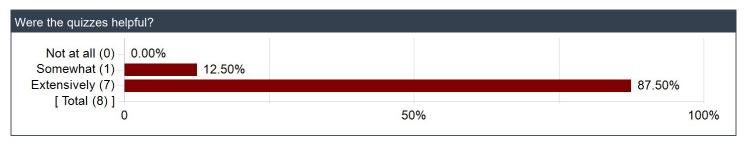
I learned a lot about Italian festivals, traditions, values, and foods. The units we discussed during this quarter were particularly helpful to help me learn this because they centered around traditions/holidays/foods, which provided lots of insights into Italian culture. The Italian dept. cultural events were also a valuable way to learn about Italian culture and were also very fun.

I learned a lot about how Italians prioritize quality and thoughtfulness, especially in relation to food.

I learned a lot about Italian customs, festivals, and food.

Multiple topics: movies, music, holidays and celebrations, and food and restaurants

Were the quizzes helpful?



How helpful were the various types of homework?

	Mean	Median	Not At All	Somewhat	Very	N/A
Reading	2.88	3.00	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	0.00%
Listening	2.63	3.00	0.00%	37.50%	62.50%	0.00%
Writing	2.88	3.00	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%	0.00%
Speaking	2.71	3.00	0.00%	25.00%	62.50%	12.50%

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

Comments

Very useful — they helped me practice my speaking/writing.

The discussion posts were a great way to practice vocabulary and grammar about a topic that is relevant to my life.

The discussion boards were a good tool to force you to improve your skills at speaking to a camera and writing.

I enjoy the format of our discussion posts where one group posted first and the other group responded because it allowed me to learn from my classmates while also learning through practice.

I thought it was very helpful for my vocabulary and grammar to do the speaking videos. I also found it useful to hear other students speak.

They were useful as additional practice interacting with classmates in Italian.

They were good in combining student-recorded videos and writing discussion posts in response

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

Very useful — it was great to get to practice my speaking.

The week TalkAbroad conversations were very helpful, and it was great to see my language ability evolve over time!

Cultural activities were great, I would have liked more opportunities for conversational practice outside of TalkAbroad

I thought that the conversation practice was exceedingly helpful, and the cultural activity I attended was very fun.

I found the mandatory cultural activities to be particularly interesting, but I did find that when I attended the quattro chiacchiere in compagnia events, since I am not one of Leo's students, I did not get to speak as frequently, but he was still incredibly kind and engaging.

I thought these were incredibly useful to gain insight into Italian culture. They were also very fun.

Talk Abroad and cultural activities outside of class were both very pleasant and conducive to my instruction. I really enjoyed doing the Talk Abroads, the people are very kind and excited to speak with you in Italian

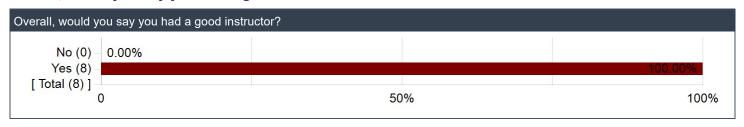
Not hugely useful but nice to do cultural activities

The Instructor

Select one option for each statement (1 lowest - 5 highest):

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	Mean	Median	Lowest	2	3	4	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	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Rate your instructor's ability to encourage class conversation and participation in this language	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%
Rate your instructor's availability outside of class and willingess to help	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%
Rate feedback on assignments and exams	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%

Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



Please explain:

Comments

She was extremely helpful when she gave feedback and answered questions and encouraged us to practice the language in a variety of different ways.

Sara is the BEST! For the first time in my life, I feel that I am truly learning a language (and having a great time doing it)!

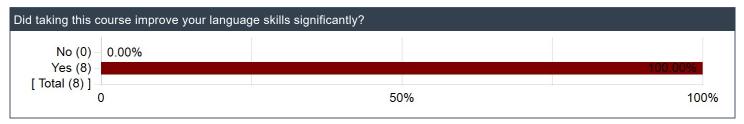
Prof. Dallavalle is always very helpful with feedback and has well organized and understandable slides and assignments.

Professoressa Dallavalle is so fantastic and has really made me fall in love with the Italian language. I have already completed my language requirement via Spanish and I took this class expecting to just take one quarter to learn about the Italian language, but I've had such a great time learning alongside my peers from Prof. Dallavalle that I took a second quarter and hope to continue! Cannot say more positive things— I feel like I learn a lot but I'm also excited to come to class and interact with everyone

Sara is always very prepared, her presentations are very thoughtfully put together and offer great opportunities for learning. She is also very kind and understanding. It is easy to make mistakes in her class without feeling pressured, which makes it easier to participate and in turn makes it easier to rectify those mistakes.

Professor Dallavelle is extremely helpful, organized, and lenient. It's very clear that she cares a lot about the Italian program at the school, and spends a lot of time and effort in trying to make the learning experience as fluid as possible. Learning new languages is really hard, but Professor Dallavelle is an excellent teacher that understands this and is willing to work with everyone, giving great amounts of feedback and assignments. Grading is lenient but helpful as well. Overall, one of my favorite professors at university.

Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?



How would you improve this course?

Comments

NA

Less assignments

Not sure how much more I could improve.

Maybe if it was a little slower at the very beginning, but besides that tackling the learning curve from 101–102 was not bad at all.

In what way?

Comments

I now feel that I know much more vocabulary and can speak much more fluidly.

You get through a lot of verbs/tenses, lots of practical use

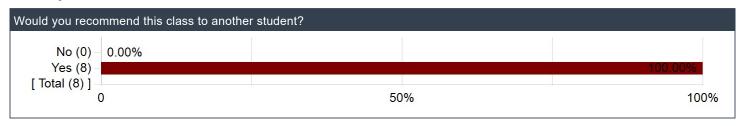
I improved my ability to speak, read, write, and understand grammar, vocab, etc.

lots of opportunities to practice and I appreciated that we spend our in-class time practicing and doing engaging activities

My speaking and vocabulary have improved immensely.

I have become much more fluent and confident in my Italian speaking skills

Would you recommend this class to another student?



Why?

Comments

It was super interesting and I think it improved my Italian a lot.

Great way to build on the first course on the sequence and develop Italian language competency!

Italian is a very good language to learn, and the curriculum is extremely helpful for doing so.

good pacing, approachable content, and a great professor!

It is very fun and somewhat relaxed, which is nice.

Great way to learn a really cool language with a really cool history.