



# SPAN 20200 2, SPAN 20200 2 - Language, History, and Culture II - Instructor(s): Pablo Ottonello

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

Number Enrolled: **12**

Number of Responses: **11**

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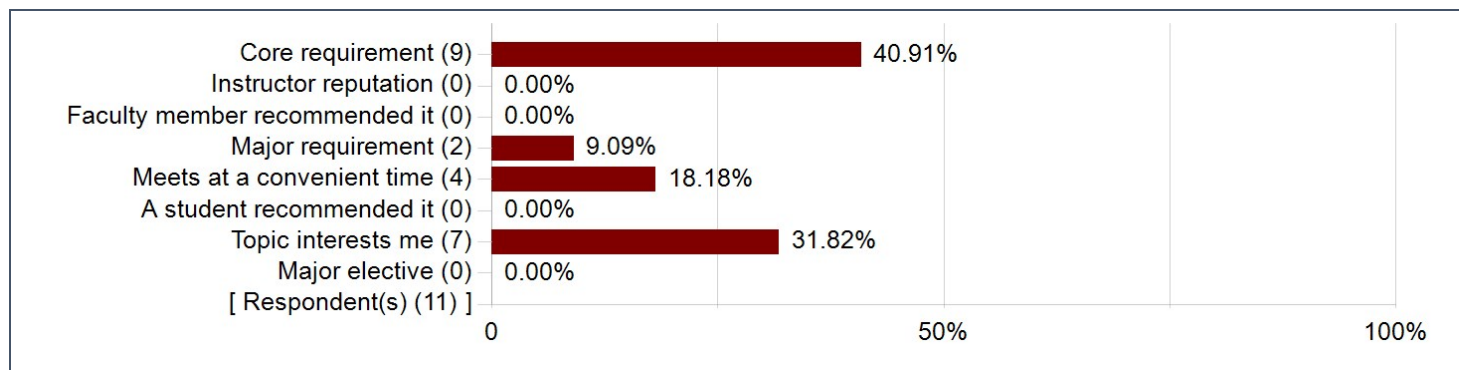
## Report Comments

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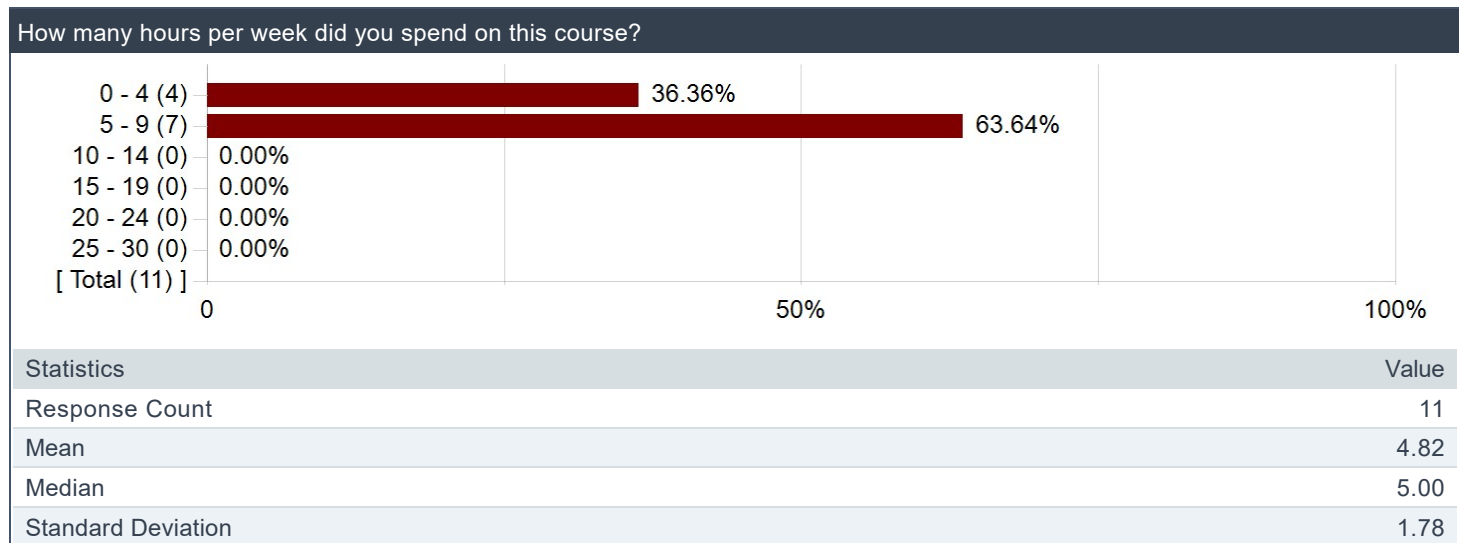
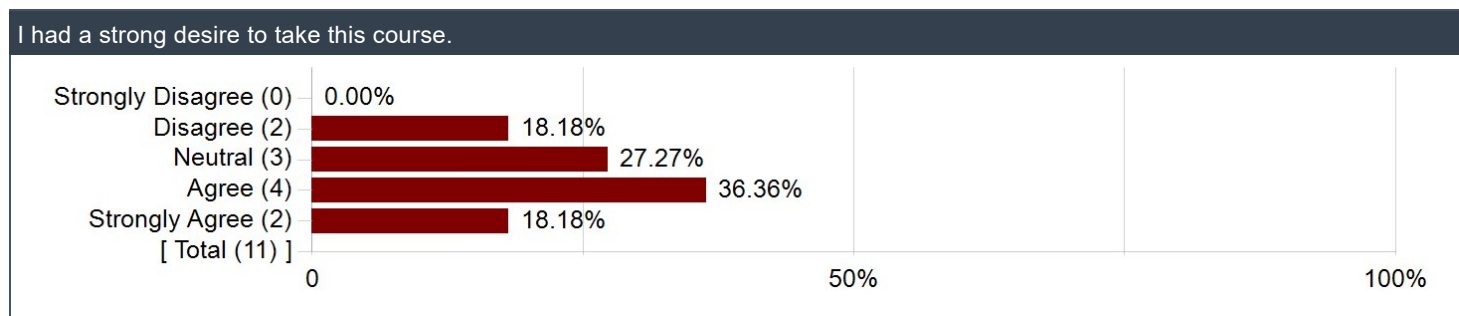
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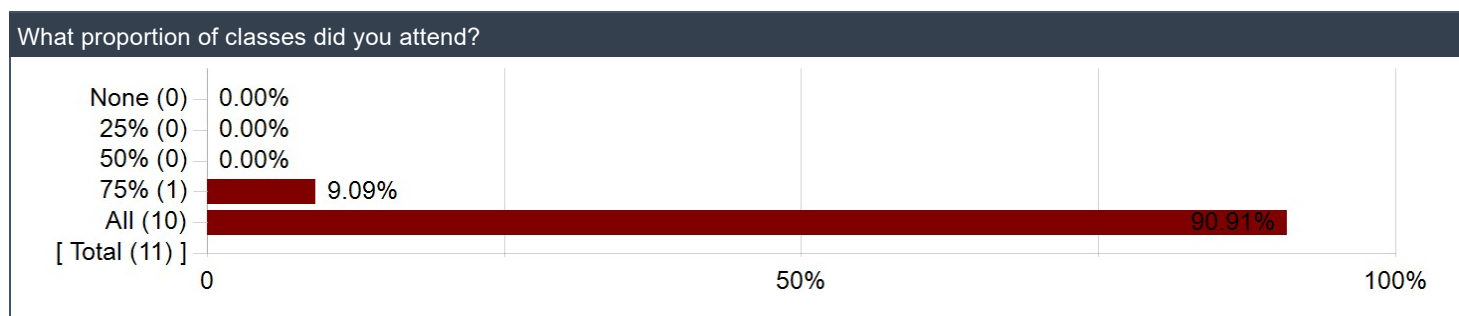
## Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



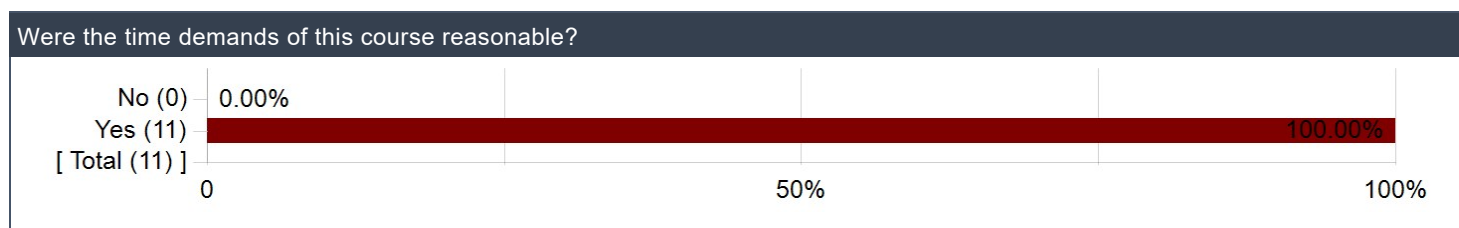
## I had a strong desire to take this course.



## What proportion of classes did you attend?



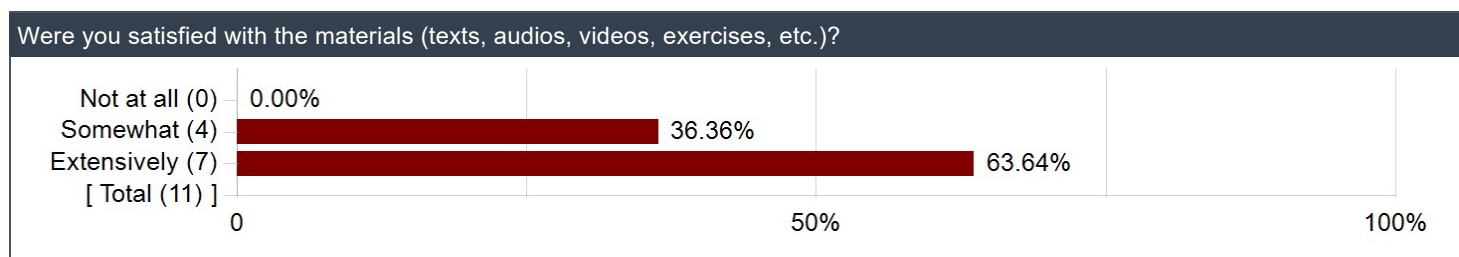
## Were the time demands of this course reasonable?



## 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	3.55	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	54.55%	36.36%	9.09%
Reading	3.09	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	27.27%	45.45%	18.18%	9.09%
Writing	3.55	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	45.45%	54.55%	0.00%
Grammar	4.09	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	9.09%	45.45%	36.36%
Vocabulary	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	27.27%	45.45%	27.27%	0.00%
Listening	3.18	3.00	0.00%	9.09%	0.00%	54.55%	36.36%	0.00%

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



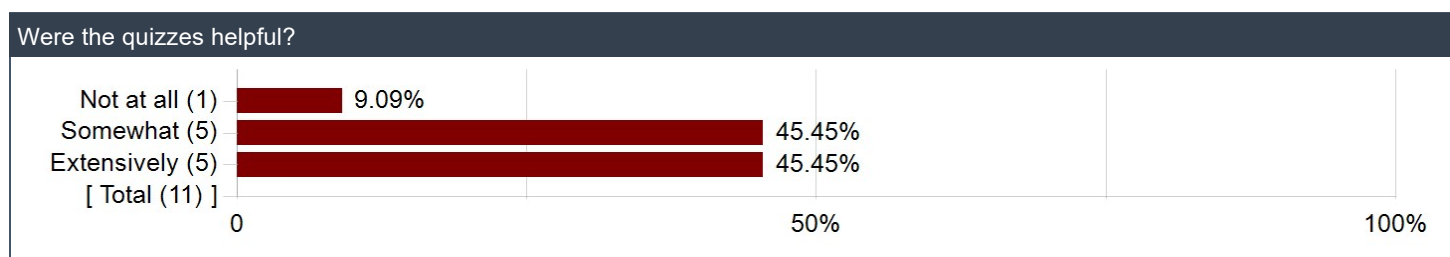
## Please explain:

Comments
Pablo provided a great mix of all of the above categories, and the graded assignments reflected that diversity as well.
All the materials that we were given were conducive to me improving my learning for Spanish (reading, writing, speaking, etc.)
Useful for grammar and served as good supplements for the cultural content
Completely satisfactory.
There were some good media access
Everything was good
All of the activities seemed helpful, and the course introduced me to a wide variety of content.
I felt like all of the course material adequately prepared me for the material that I would learn in class.
The breadth of materials was rewarding, from listening to songs for comprehension to reading essays on important social themes, I found it all to be very interesting.

## What did you learn about culture through language?

Comments
A lot of the vocabulary, speaking, listening, and writing assignments centered around lessons on the cultures of different latin–american countries.
I learned a lot about the different traditions of Latin American countries, as well as a bit of the political scene as well
We learned about the food, environment, and other things.
I learned a lot about other countries
A lot
I learned a lot about the linkage between language and culture, more specifically about the multitude of different cultures that are all bound by the same language.
We mostly talked about the influence of technology, what it means to have an identity, ways to care for the environment, and more.
I learned about the importance of language through studying cultures' music, being able to engage in conversation with native speakers on Talk Abroad about the environment, social aspects, and politics. Our numerous Talk Abroad projects enabled us to utilize our Spanish to establish connections and learn about different cultures. Also, through reading essays and stories in Spanish, I was able to learn a lot about South/Central American cultures.

## Were the quizzes helpful?



## How helpful were the various types of homework?

	Mean	Median	Not At All	Somewhat	Very	N/A
Reading	2.70	3.00	0.00%	27.27%	63.64%	9.09%
Listening	2.50	2.50	0.00%	45.45%	45.45%	9.09%
Writing	2.80	3.00	0.00%	18.18%	72.73%	9.09%
Speaking	2.67	3.00	9.09%	9.09%	63.64%	18.18%

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

Comments
N/A
N/A
I may be misunderstanding this question, but I am not sure that this applies.
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
They were only a bit helpful. Interesting though.
Very
Not
Helpful
Talk Abroad was useful, the cafecito cultural activity was not
I actually really liked doing the oral activities. I got to talk with people from Spanish-speaking countries, and it was nice to have casual discussions with them.
I found them to be very useful and enjoyed all of them thoroughly. Talk Abroad, the cultural activity, etc. all helped my Spanish acquisition and practice.

## Other comments:

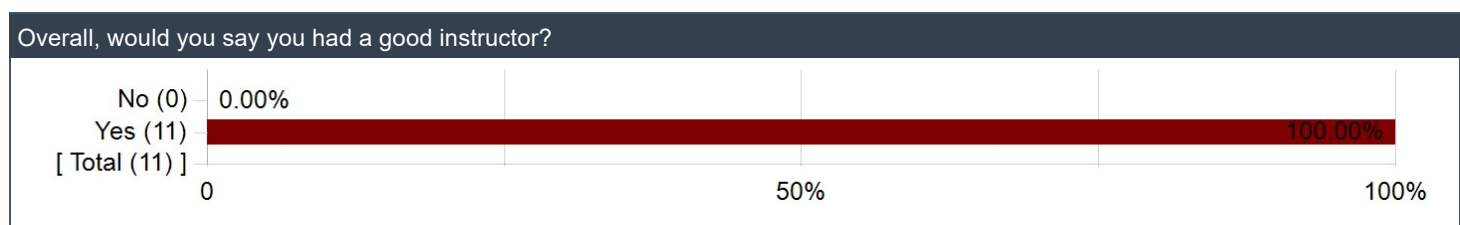
Comments
N/A
I would have preferred to only have one, maybe two Lectura projects, because on the 3rd we were unable to discuss in groups or share with the rest of the class. I think the activity was valuable, though! Overall, I really enjoyed this class and Professor Ottonello is fantastic.

## 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	4.64	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	36.36%	63.64%
Rate your instructor's ability to convey the subtleties of the language	4.91	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	90.91%
Rate your instructor's ability to encourage class conversation and participation in this language	4.82	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	18.18%	81.82%
Rate your instructor's availability outside of class and willingness to help	4.73	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	9.09%	81.82%
Rate feedback on assignments and exams	4.73	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	9.09%	9.09%	81.82%

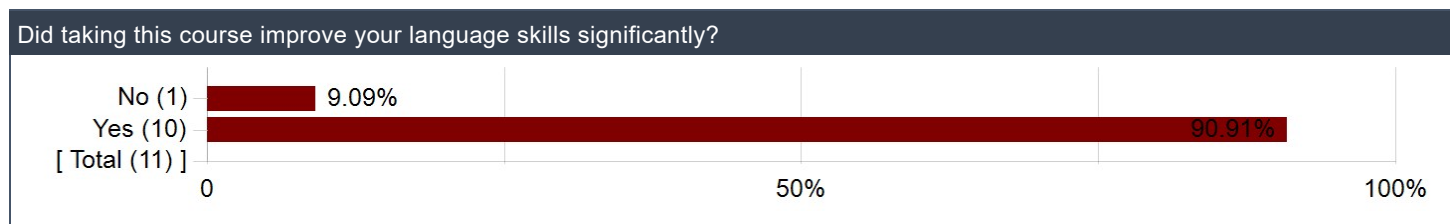
## Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



## Please explain:

Comments
Pablo is a great teacher and is very available outside of class for those who want help during office hours or even outside those times.
He was a very helpful and friendly instructor, which made the classroom environment inviting and comfortable.
really helpful and easy going but also made sure we learned everything we needed to. created a good learning environment
He was very kind and open, cultivated a low-stress environment. Made class fun which made it easier to learn. Extremely understanding. Focused on our ability to communicate.
Pablo is great and very personable
Pablo was good
Pablo is a king and deserves the world
Pablo is such an amazing teacher. I could tell that he truly cares about us improving and enjoying the spanish language, and he was always so encouraging and energetic.
My professor was very attentive and understanding for this class. He made sure that our priority was understanding the material rather than regurgitating information to pass a test, which I found to be very admirable.
Pablo was by far the best spanish teacher I've ever had. He made his class feel low stress while drilling down on specific grammar and cultural lessons we were learning.
Professor Ottonello is very knowledgeable from his culture, Argentina, as well as the rest of Spanish-speaking countries, and brings that into the classroom. He is clear, communicative, and easy-going, which makes it easy to talk to him. He is amenable if difficulty completing an assignment arises. He is focused on teaching students for retention and ability to apply the lesson than simply to memorize grammar and vocabulary. Overall, he is a fantastic professor!

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



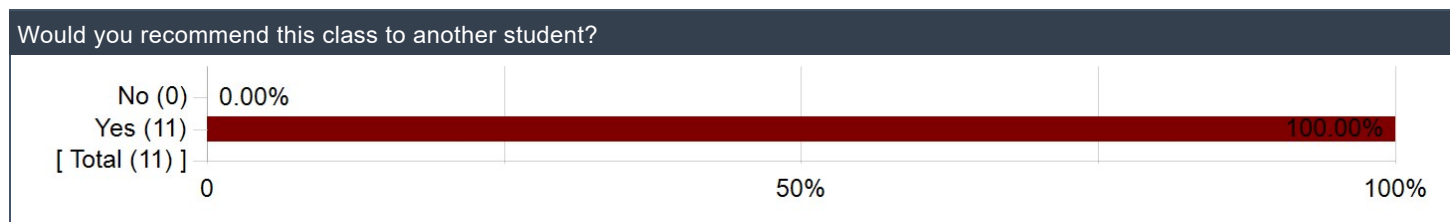
## How would you improve this course?

Comments
Maybe having more in-class activities.
I would have us read more Spanish.
Projects to work on
Connect is busywork and silly.
Get rid of the cafecito/ out of class cultural activity.
I don't think that I would change anything about this course.
I'm not sure, I would potentially suggest like I said before less Lecturas so we have time to get to all of them. Otherwise, everything was great.

## In what way?

Comments
I am definitely a much better Spanish writer and speaker after taking this class. It made me more fluent in general.
I can speak, write, and listen better and I know more grammar.
Lots of practice
I feel more comfortable speaking
I can now conduct discussions with Spanish-speaking dog park friends far more fluently and fluidly
I got more comfortable speaking and using complex grammar structures.
I only say no because I felt pretty confident in the Spanish language before I took this course, so there was not much more that I learned that I hadn't already been exposed to.
The course helped me very much on a grammatical level. I also learned a lot of new vocabulary and was able to speak to a lot of native-speakers through the projects which helped with language retention.

## Would you recommend this class to another student?



## Why?

Comments
Good class, and is effective in doing it's job (making the students better at spanish)
It's fun and makes your Spanish better. And is low-stress, at least with Pablo.
Super fun and easy going class that will increase your skill
It made me think in a unique way
Pablo
This course was a great way to improve spanish-speaking skills while learning about history and current events as well.
Learning a language is always useful, and I had a great time in this class getting more comfortable with it.
I thoroughly enjoyed this class and learned a lot. I think it was a great course that allowed a lot of opportunity to grow in language acquisition in a fun way.