

SPAN 20100 2, SPAN 20100 2 - Language, History, and Culture I - Instructor(s): Pablo Garcia Pinar

Project Title: College Course Feedback - Winter 2024

Number Enrolled: 4
Number of Responses: 4

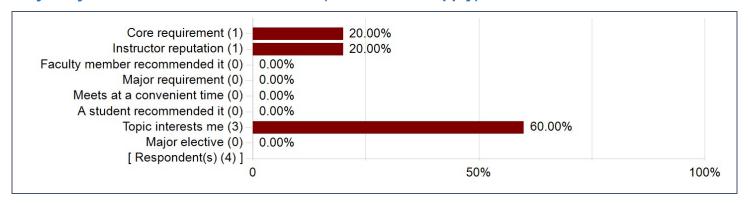
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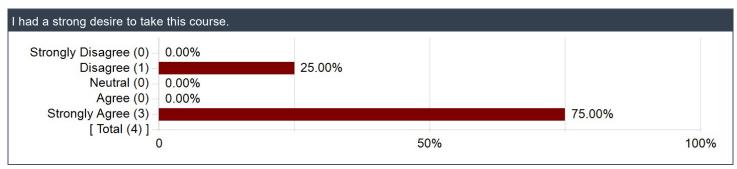
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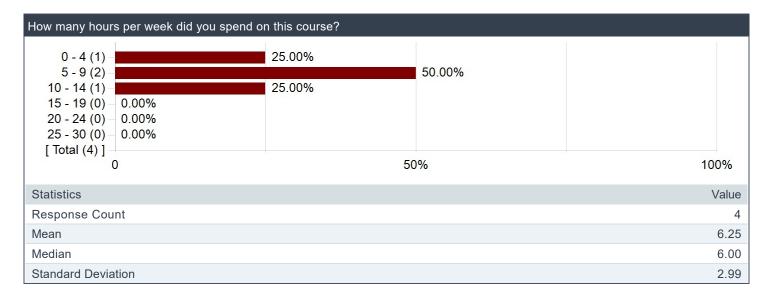


Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)

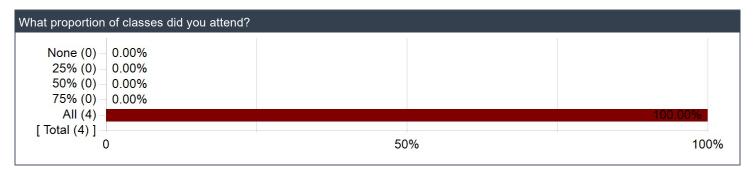


I had a strong desire to take this course.

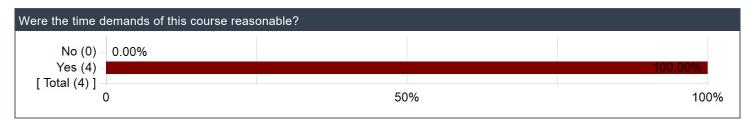




What proportion of classes did you attend?



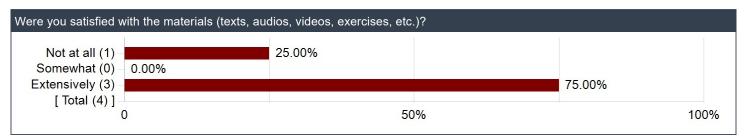
Were the time demands of this course reasonable?



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	4.25	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%	50.00%
Reading	4.75	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%
Writing	4.25	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%	50.00%
Grammar	4.25	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%	50.00%
Vocabulary	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	50.00%
Listening	4.00	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	0.00%	25.00%	50.00%

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



Please explain:

Comments

I have never learned this much from a Spanish class in such a short amount of time! All of the resources from the listening activities to the textbook questions to the assigned readings were INCREDIBLY helpful. I always felt prepared for the tests and there was a very fair amount of work assigned.

Everything was great except the physical book was not bound, it was loose leaf

Class structure was so rushed that we covered a lot of material, but did not get adequate practice in any aspect.

What did you learn about culture through language?

Comments

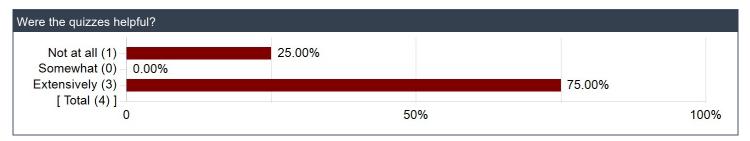
The readings taught me a lot about different perspectives

I learned a lot about culture from my Talk Abroad sessions as well as conversations in class. We discussed various countries and their celebrations, careers, stereotypes, job markets, etc.

Workers rights, families, schools in spanish speaking counties

A lot

Were the quizzes helpful?



How helpful were the various types of homework?

	Mean	Median	Not At All	Somewhat	Very	N/A
Reading	2.75	3.00	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	0.00%
Listening	2.00	2.00	25.00%	50.00%	25.00%	0.00%
Writing	2.50	2.50	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Speaking	2.75	3.00	0.00%	25.00%	75.00%	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	

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 thought they were helpful, but there were a lot and not all of them felt extremely necessary Very very useful. I have never done a Talk Abroad chat before and I really enjoyed being able to practice for a long period of time. Same for other activities. Great Good

Other comments:

Comments

Discussions and lessons are incredibly lively and engaging. I am really interested in continuing Spanish after this course and I now have the perfect foundation to do so.

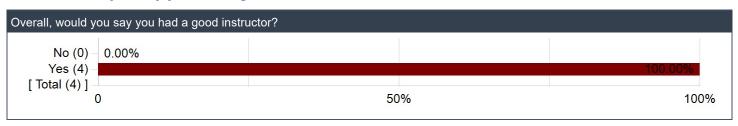
Grading was harsh

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	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Rate your instructor's availability outside of class and willingess to help	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Rate feedback on assignments and exams	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%

Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



Please explain:

Comments

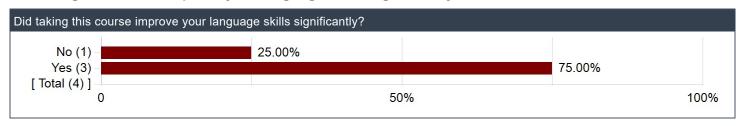
He was super helpful in explaining concepts and encouraging us to participate, he was a wonderful instructor. His teaching was truly exceptional and he seemed like a very nice person.

I can't stress how amazing of a teacher Professor García Piñar is. If you have the opportunity to take the class I highly highly recommend you to do so. He genuinely cares about his students and wants them to learn and succeed. Best UChicago Professor I have had thus far.

Very helpful and caring. Did a great job explaining difficult grammar topics

Pablo was goated in every aspect. He was very conversational, funny, and tried to get class to participate. The only thing is that he grades very harsh and the class structure is quite rushed....

Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?



How would you improve this course?

Comments

I wouldn't change anything.

More class meetings

Please slow it down. Give more time for practice and not tests. Having 1–2 tests every week was ridiculous, especially when we have other classes to study for.

In what way?

Comments

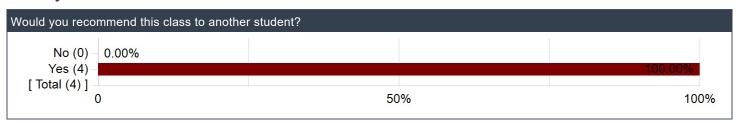
Lots of speaking in class

I have learned a lot about grammar and tenses and improved my vocabulary. I have also gotten a lot more comfortable conversing in Spanish.

Confidence

It did not teach me a lot. Pacing was too rushed to get adequate practice.

Would you recommend this class to another student?



Why?

Comments

I got so much out of the course. I genuinely looked forward to class every week.

If you had to fulfill a language requirement, this is probably the best teacher to do it with. Again, make sure you have the time in your schedule to practice in your own time because this class is rough,