

SPAN 20100 1, SPAN 20100 1 - Language, History, and Culture I - Instructor(s): Maria Lozada Cerna

Project Title: College Course Feedback - Autumn 2023

Number Enrolled: 10 Number of Responses: 6

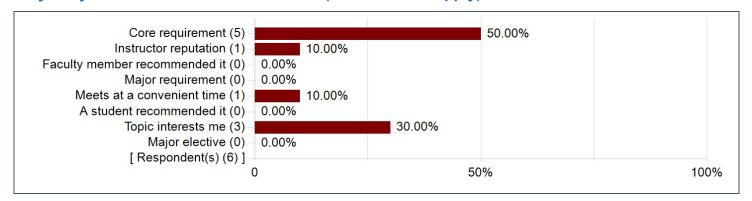
Report Comments

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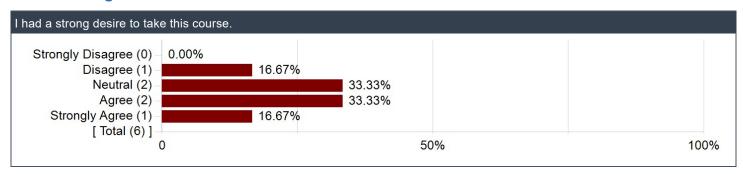
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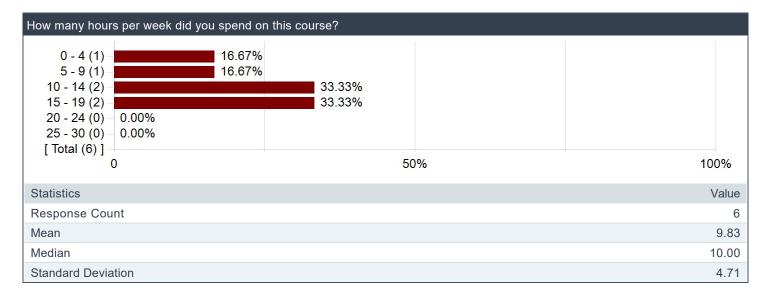


Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)

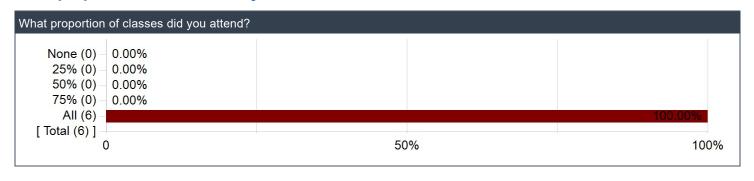


I had a strong desire to take this course.

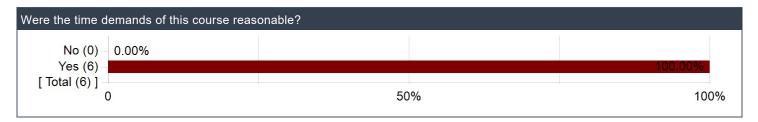




What proportion of classes did you attend?



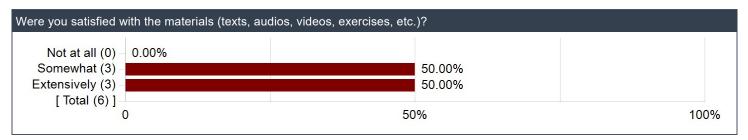
Were the time demands of this course reasonable?



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	4.33	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	33.33%	50.00%
Reading	4.17	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	50.00%	33.33%
Writing	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%
Grammar	4.17	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	50.00%	33.33%
Vocabulary	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%	50.00%	33.33%
Listening	4.17	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	50.00%	33.33%

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



Please explain:

Comments

The textbook was fantastic but I didn't love the online workbook: unhelpful and tedious!

I thought that homework was very well aligned with exams and in-class activities.

Lots of materials, very interactive, helpful in learning the language.

Most of the audio quizzes were good, but some were difficult for me to understand.

Textbook and other resources were useful

What did you learn about culture through language?

Comments

I definitely learned a lot about the similarities and differences between my life and the lives of people living in Spanish–speaking countries. The talkabroads were such a cool exchange!

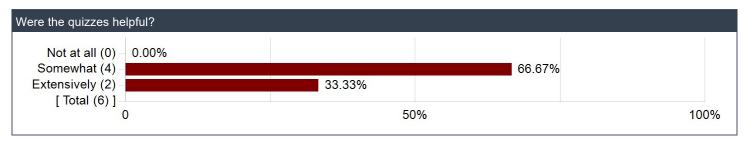
I learned most from our readings, since they were often taken from real world events

Through talk abroad meetings, I learned about the cultures of a variety of different South American countries, as well as through the cultural readings we did in class.

I learned about life in various Latin American countries through our TalkAbroad assignments and in the readings.

That most cultures are very similar to eachother

Were the quizzes helpful?



How helpful were the various types of homework?

	Mean	Median	Not At All	Somewhat	Very	N/A
Reading	2.33	2.00	0.00%	66.67%	33.33%	0.00%
Listening	2.20	2.00	0.00%	66.67%	16.67%	16.67%
Writing	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Speaking	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	83.33%	16.67%

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

Comments	
N/A	
Not very useful	
not used	

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 didn't find the Cafecito particularly useful (although it was interesting). Not all the content was as engaging, but I enjoyed talking with other students during them Very useful – informative and helpful in learning the language I feel that I learned most from the oral activities. They challenged me to speak, which I'm not usually comfortable with. very useful. Helped me get much better at speaking

Other comments:

Comments

I understand that our assignments were there to help us move forward with the course but it felt like I didn't have time to relax between assignments sometimes.

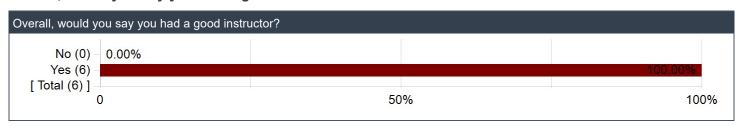
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The Instructor

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	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%
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	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	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%	83.33%
Rate feedback on assignments and exams	4.67	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%	83.33%

Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



Please explain:

Comments

Nene is fantastic: she's a really good teacher and sets up the pace of the class well. I had a lot of trouble in the first bit of this class keeping up because I couldn't find where assignments were located, but that was mostly my own fault.

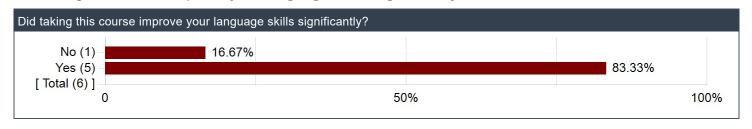
I started this course dreading Spanish and now I want to take more courses because of my experience with this professor

My instructor was excellent – she was engaging, energetic, and while her grading was a little difficult, she made the class fun.

I liked her. She was very easygoing and pushed me to engage with the material.

Great teacher but I just wish she was more available

Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?



How would you improve this course?

Comments

I think the sheer volume of work for this class is a bit much. The material is not particularly difficult, but there's just so much of it. Through the quarter we had some form of assessment every week (whether a quiz, test, midterm, or final) to study for, as well as 4 talkabroads, and three readings and discussions. I think scaling back just a hair—maybe one less talkabroad and quiz? would really improve the class.

The Canvas page could be simplified, sometimes it's hard to find really important links.

Less work, more organized, less assessments.

More time for in class activities.

none

In what way?

Comments

I hadn't spoken spanish in a while and had forgotten most of it. This course compressed about 8 years of Spanish into 10 weeks: an impressive feat!

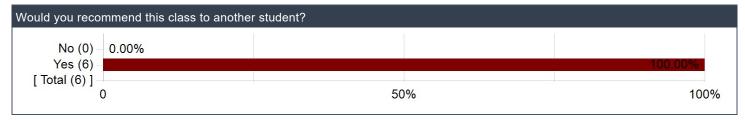
I can speak more fluidly without thinking as much

I can now speak to a much higher degree, right with more advanced vocab and grammar structures, and understand the language better

I feel more comfortable speaking Spanish now than I did before I took this course.

Speaking, writing, and reading

Would you recommend this class to another student?



Why?

Comments

Excellent learning, nice teacher, a genuinely fun class.

Good pace and class environment

Enjoyable class, engaging, you will learn a lot, the instructor is excellent.

I think the instructor is good and very understanding.

Because it fully immerses you in language