



SPAN 20200 4, SPAN 20200 4 - Language, History, and Culture II - Instructor(s): James Leon Weber

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

Number Enrolled: **15**

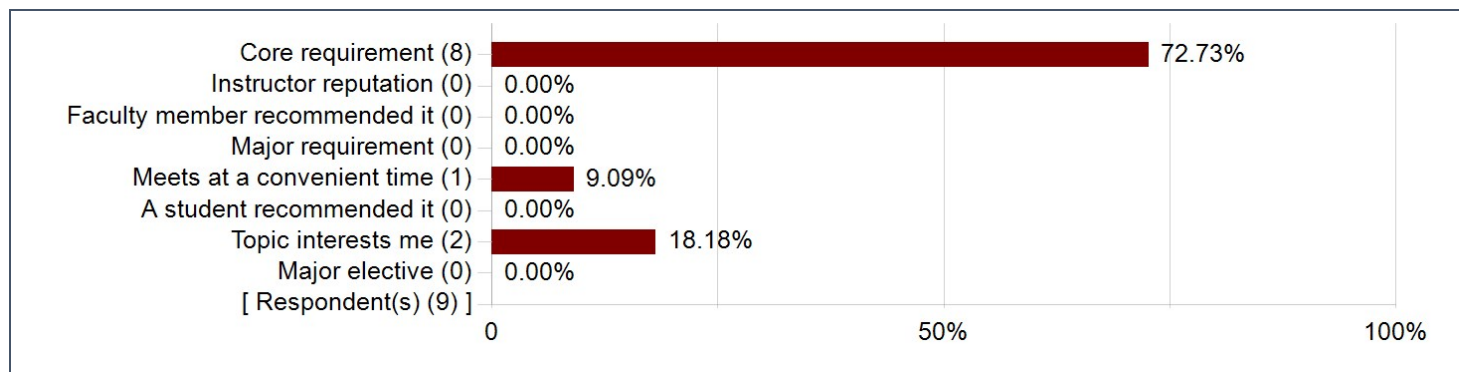
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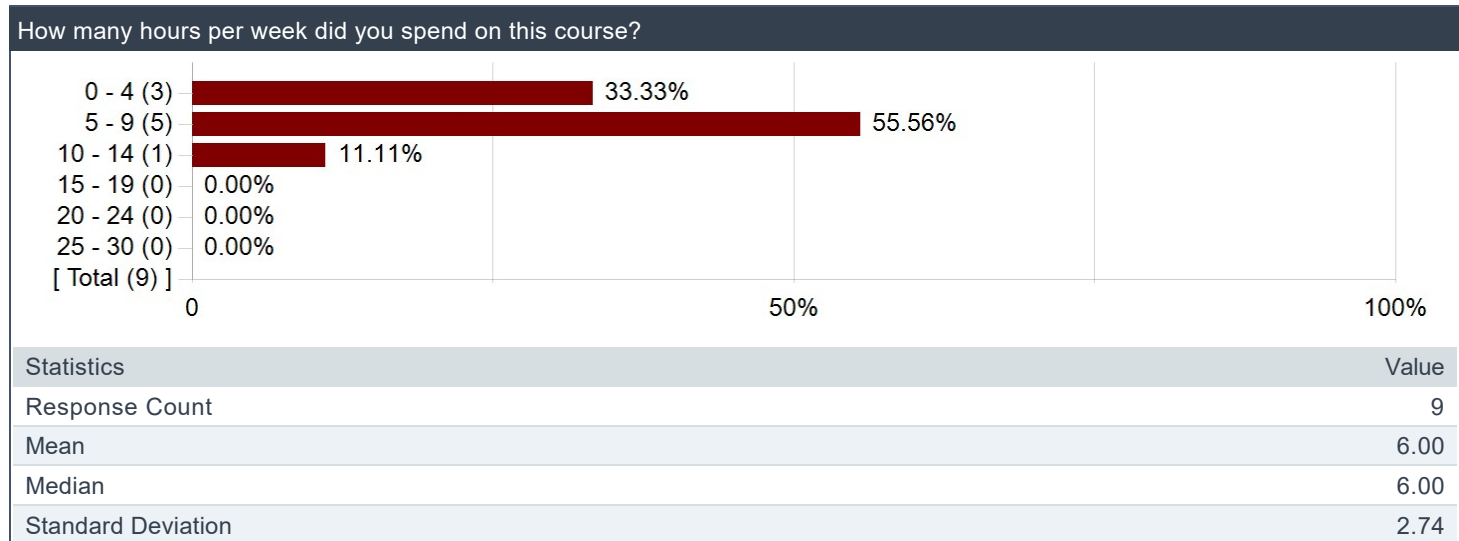
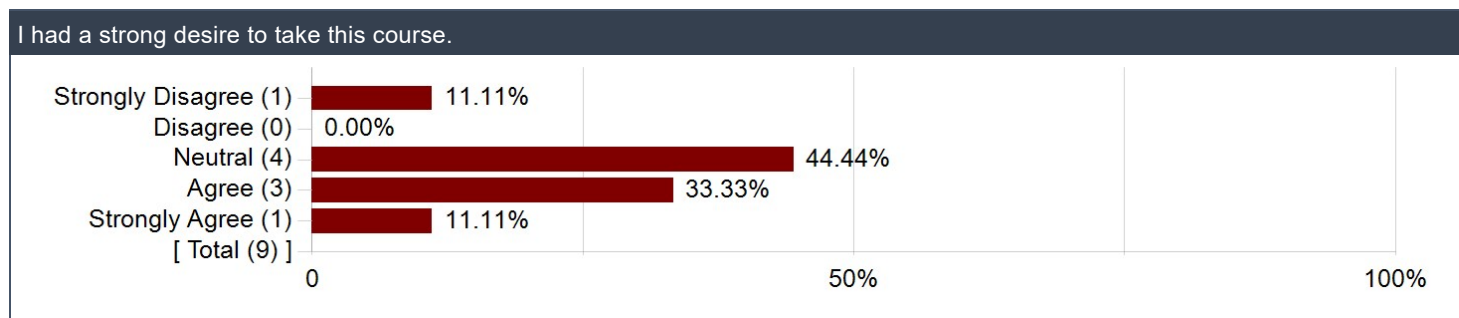
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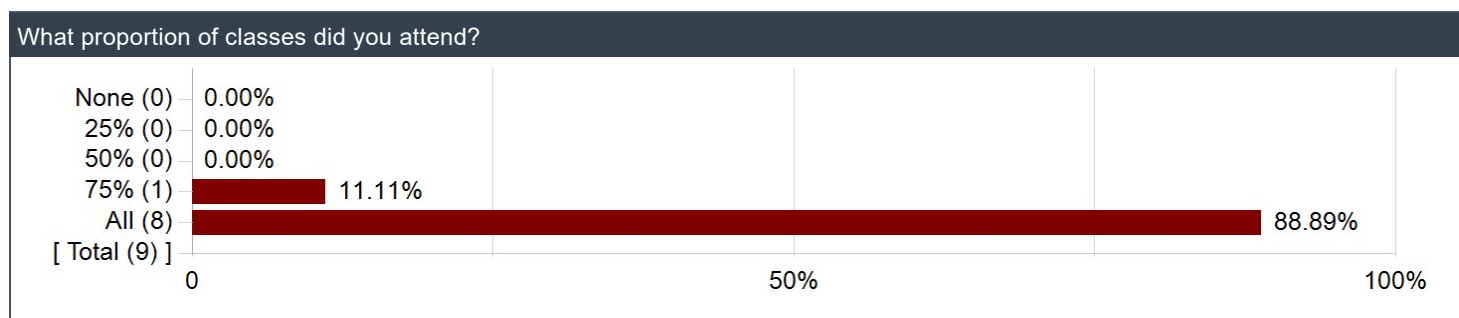
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



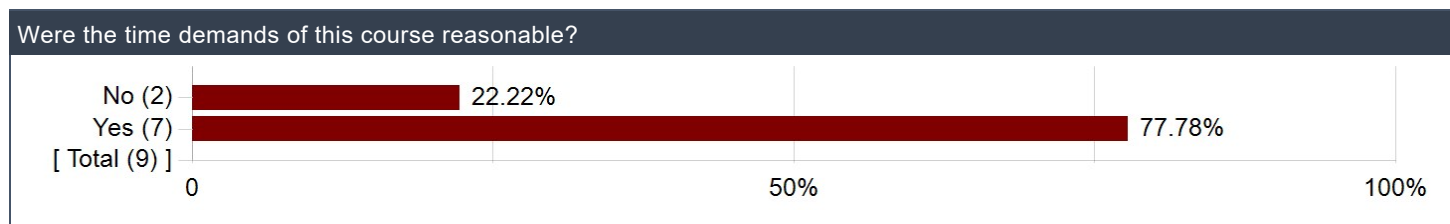
I had a strong desire to take this course.



What proportion of classes did you attend?



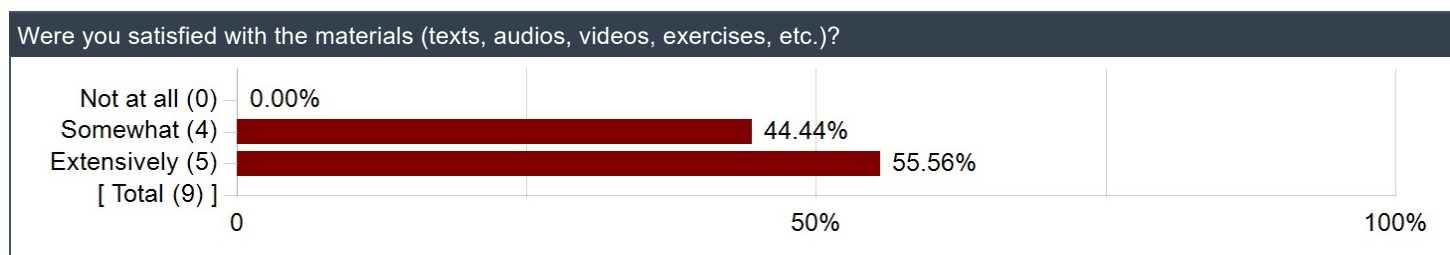
Were the time demands of this course reasonable?



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	3.44	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	33.33%	55.56%	0.00%
Reading	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	44.44%	11.11%	44.44%	0.00%
Writing	3.22	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	55.56%	33.33%	0.00%
Grammar	3.89	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	44.44%	22.22%
Vocabulary	3.56	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	44.44%	55.56%	0.00%
Listening	3.67	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%

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



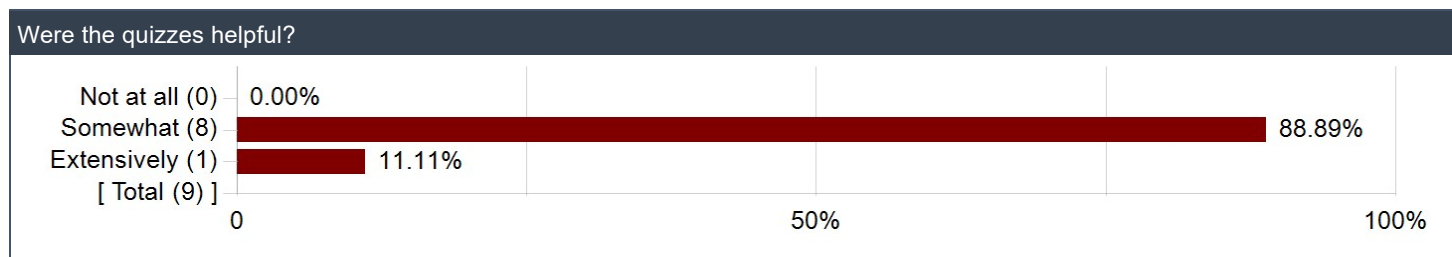
Please explain:

Comments
the textbook (especially the grammar sections) helped a lot
MH Connect is overpriced
I was pretty satisfied with the materials and variety of forms we could use our spanish for.
Everything we did had a purpose and was genuinely interesting!
I think I enjoyed the way this course was taught because it was so interactive and exercise-heavy – we were always completing activities and solving problems in class and it was a great way to imprint the language in my mind.
Some of the texts to read were pretty challenging but also not in that fulfilling of a way, and these texts were my least favorite task to do.

What did you learn about culture through language?

Comments
i learned a lot about culture through the talkabroad meetings (a lot about Guatemalan culture, how they greet each other, how they celebrate holidays, etc)
James was great about connecting language lessons to culture and the world. We learned a lot!
The TalkAbroad experiences were vital to learning about our chapter topics in real-life settings. Conversing with and learning about the perspectives of people from Spanish-speaking countries was very valuable to my learning.
A lot about various spanish speaking culture in a broad sense, which I was already pretty familiar with for most countries

Were the quizzes helpful?



How helpful were the various types of homework?

	Mean	Median	Not At All	Somewhat	Very	N/A
Reading	2.56	3.00	0.00%	44.44%	55.56%	0.00%
Listening	2.44	2.00	0.00%	55.56%	44.44%	0.00%
Writing	2.67	3.00	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%
Speaking	2.78	3.00	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%	0.00%

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

Comments
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
the most useful activity was talkabroad by far
Very useful!
The conversational practices were a little stressful to prepare for, but they were all actually very relaxed and I ended up learning a lot with each activity. The cultural activity was also really relaxed and quite fun.
Conversational practice was probably what gave me the most practice

Other comments:

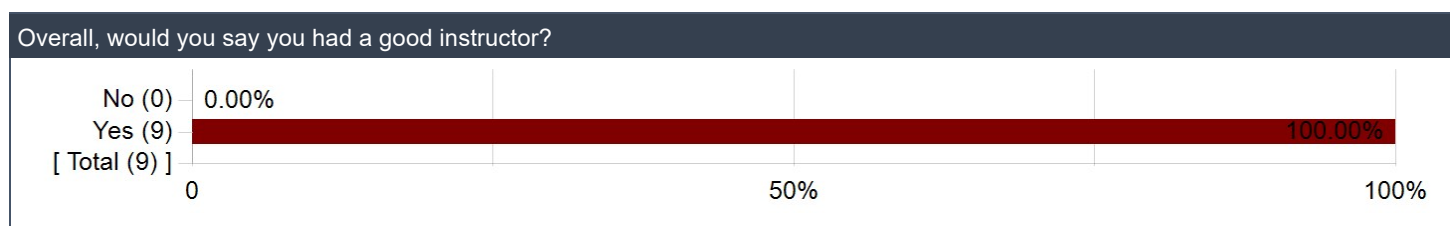
Comments
I feel like there was a lot of work one week and then like none the next and this was pretty difficult. Also a lot of the homework assignments felt pretty tedious.

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	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	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%
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 willingness to help	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%
Rate feedback on assignments and exams	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%

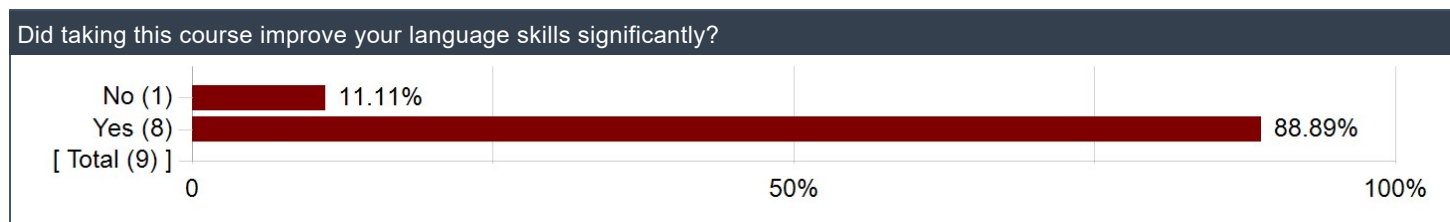
Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



Please explain:

Comments
james is amazing – he answers questions with so much detail and gives really thorough feedback on assessments/essays. He is also such a nice person and asks us about how we are doing every class
This was my second course with Prof Leon Weber. He's great!
James is the best! He's such an approachable professor and he brings his own excitement for our topics to the classroom, making it a fun and welcoming environment!
James was very understanding of our inaccuracies and always helped correct us – he really created a positive learning environment and I learned a lot in these 10 weeks because of him. His hands-on teaching style worked really well and it was a pleasure learning Spanish this quarter.
The instructor was very good and during class time I always felt engaged

Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?



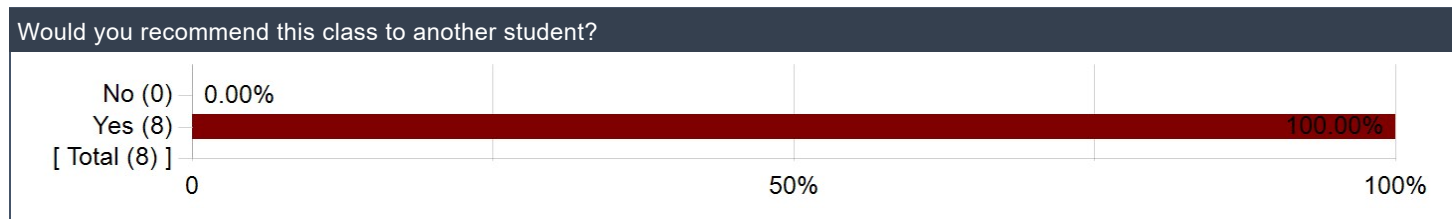
How would you improve this course?

Comments
nothing to say
The work tends to pile up every other week, so I would spread out the major assignments.
It did feel a little work-heavy at times, but I don't think I would make any changes to it since all the work was really helpful.

In what way?

Comments
i have more knowledge about grammatical structures
I was able to practice more and acquire a more expansive vocabulary (especially one that can be applied to topics in my life today).
I learned a lot of grammar and new vocabulary this quarter.
Mainly in speaking and listening, and feeling more comfort in a full spanish conversation

Would you recommend this class to another student?



Why?

Comments
it improved my spanish more than all my high school classes combind
While there is an emphasis on grammar, this course has placed a unique focus on the culture and conversation of different Spanish-speaking countries, allowing me to immerse myself far more than I've been able to in previous language courses.
It's a great way to learn a language and it provides a really positive learning space, so there was rarely a lot of stress associated with the class.
If they were interested in learning spanish, I think this class is helpful