



SPAN 10200 5, SPAN 10200 5 - Beginning Elementary Spanish II - Instructor(s): Neringa Pukelis

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

Number Enrolled: **14**

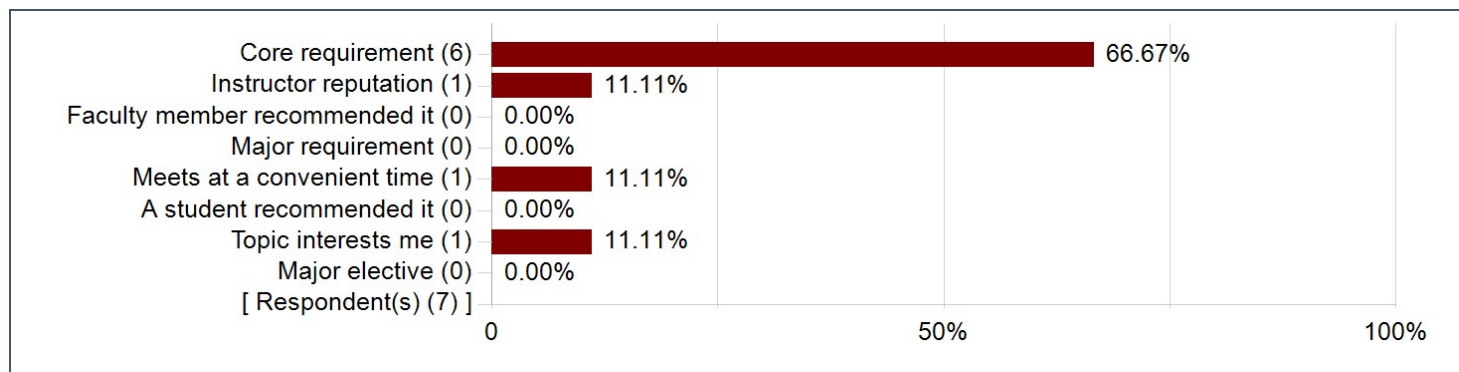
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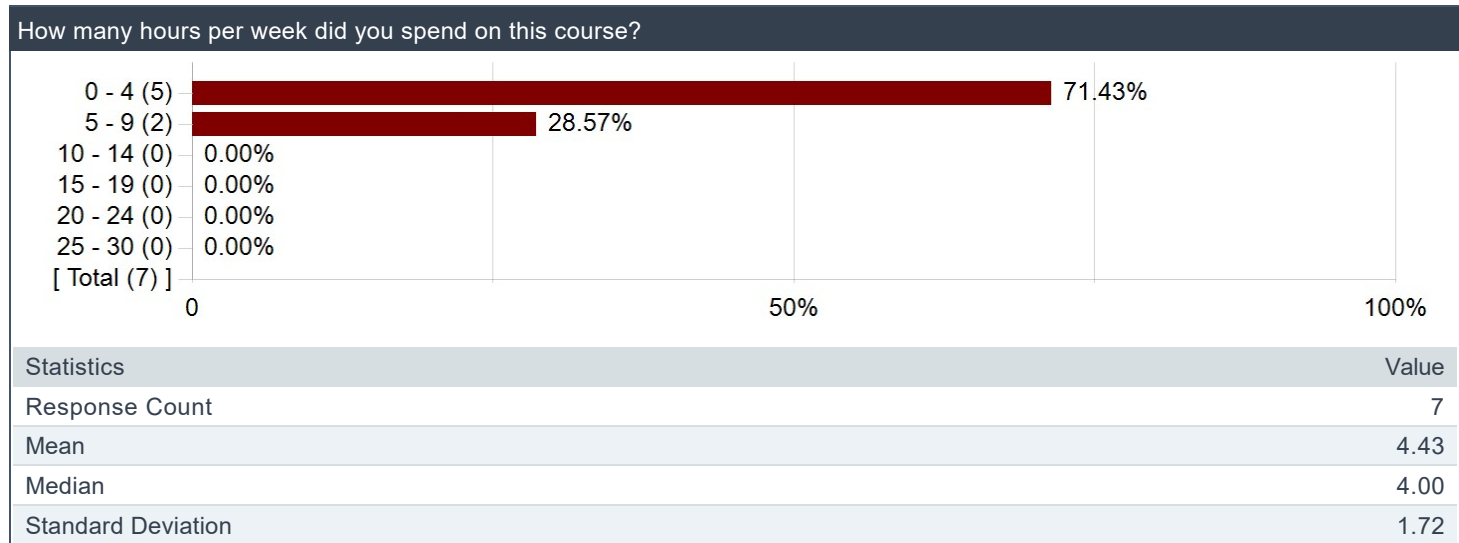
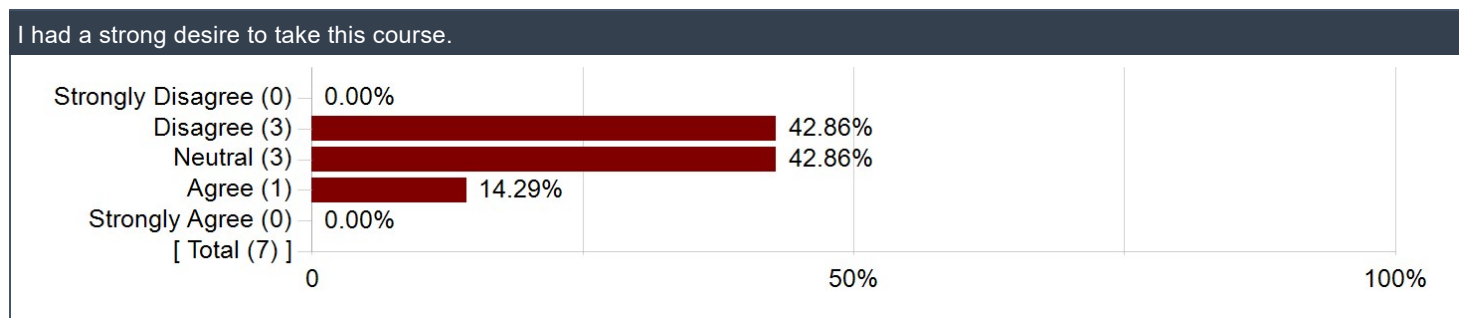
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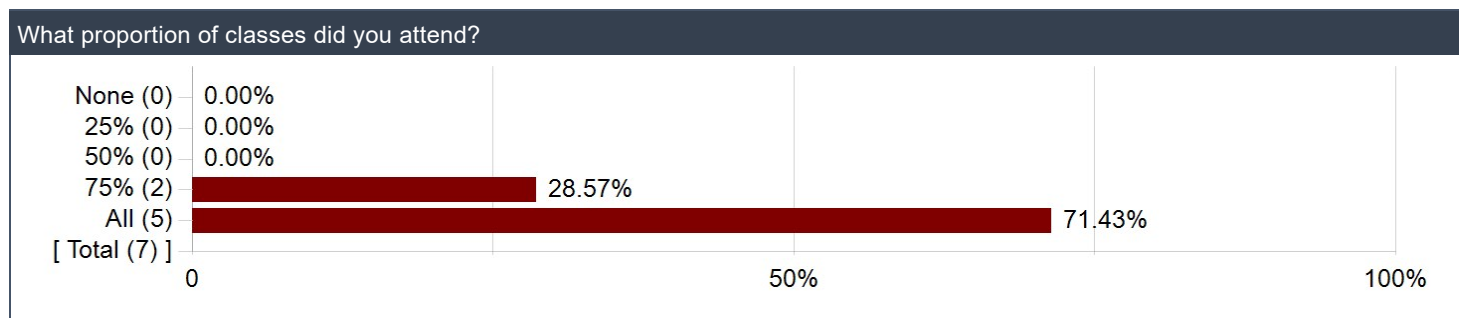
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



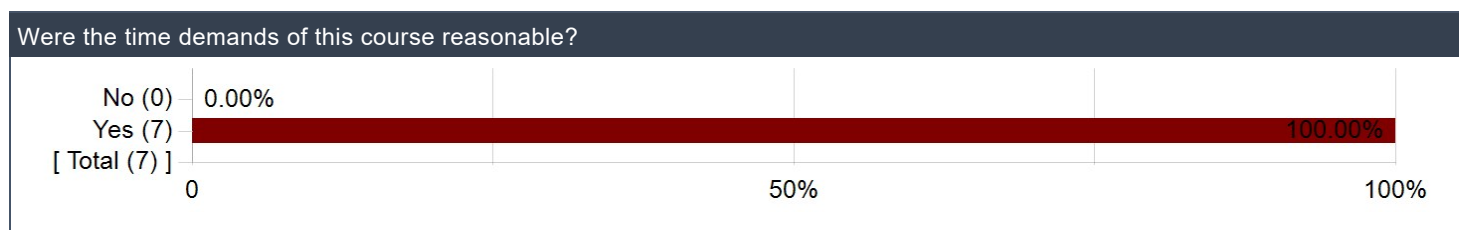
I had a strong desire to take this course.



What proportion of classes did you attend?



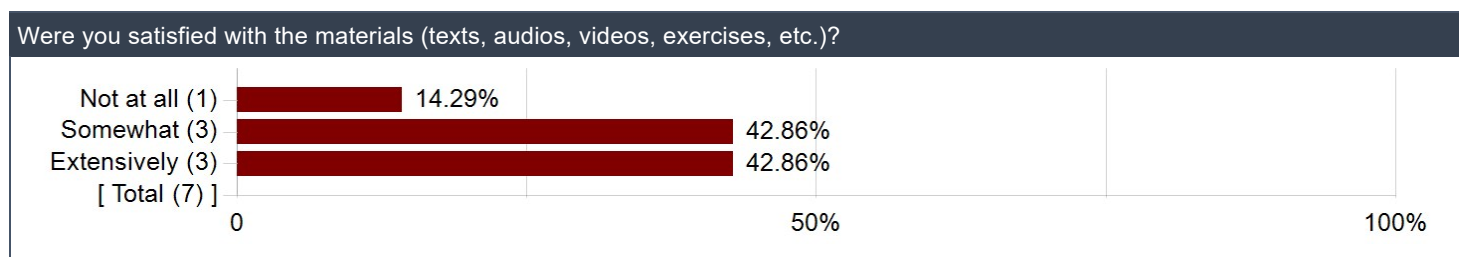
Were the time demands of this course reasonable?



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	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	14.29%	42.86%
Reading	3.29	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	57.14%	14.29%	14.29%
Writing	3.29	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	71.43%	28.57%	0.00%
Grammar	2.86	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	28.57%	28.57%	0.00%
Vocabulary	3.43	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	42.86%	28.57%	14.29%
Listening	3.43	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	0.00%	71.43%	0.00%

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



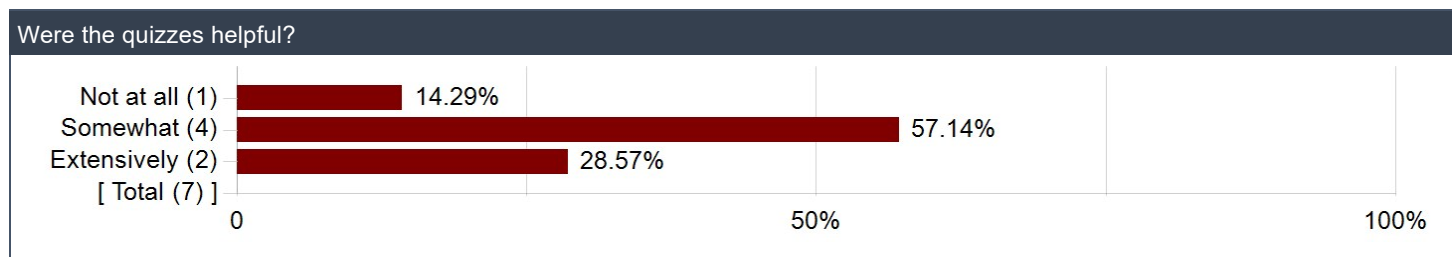
Please explain:

Comments
I think a lot of the in-class materials were great, and there isn't much I would change about the professor. But i think the blink learning materials were glitchy and not a great software platform to use.
No complaints and I think blinklearning was very good for practicing the concepts and vocab
The texts could be boring/very repetitive at times, however it always helped me learn.
I liked how much speaking practice we had through the LinguaMeetings and in-class discussion, but felt ill-prepared for listening sections. I would've also benefitted from more reading exercises.
The Blink textbook was helpful, and the lingua meetings were engaging as well.
The materials were fine overall, but some of the audios were quite difficult to understand just because they were so fast

What did you learn about culture through language?

Comments
All about the different Spanish neighborhoods, which was super cool!
about different neighborhoods and areas of different spanish speakibng countries
I learned about some specific neighborhoods and cities in Spanish-speaking countries and a few details about holidays and celebrations.
That there is a whole world out there that I have little exposure to as an American who speaks english.
I learned a lot about the different types of housing and neighborhoods in Latin America.

Were the quizzes helpful?



How helpful were the various types of homework?

	Mean	Median	Not At All	Somewhat	Very	N/A
Reading	2.57	3.00	0.00%	42.86%	57.14%	0.00%
Listening	2.29	2.00	0.00%	71.43%	28.57%	0.00%
Writing	2.57	3.00	0.00%	42.86%	57.14%	0.00%
Speaking	2.57	3.00	0.00%	42.86%	57.14%	0.00%

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

Comments
n/a
interesting to see what other classmates had to say but no more useful then any other writing assignment we were given
N/A
They were interesting but not used very often, so it didn't contribute much to my experience.

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
Super helpful! I think the linguameetings were a good part of the course which should continue to be utilized.
they were fun and definitely engaging. they gave us good practice for our final oral exam
In class activities were contributed the most to my learning.
Conversational practice was very helpful in allowing me to apply what I learned and what I could say in Spanish on the spot.
I found the Lingua meetings really insightful
The LinguaMeetings were very helpful in building my confidence and teaching me vocabulary about things that I really wanted to talk about but weren't yet covered in class.

Other comments:

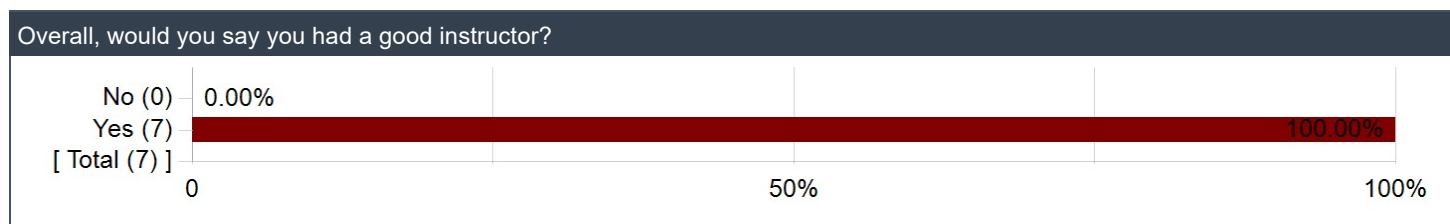
Comments
Thank you for a great quarter!

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	4.29	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	42.86%	42.86%
Rate your instructor's ability to convey the subtleties of the language	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	85.71%
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	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%
Rate feedback on assignments and exams	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%

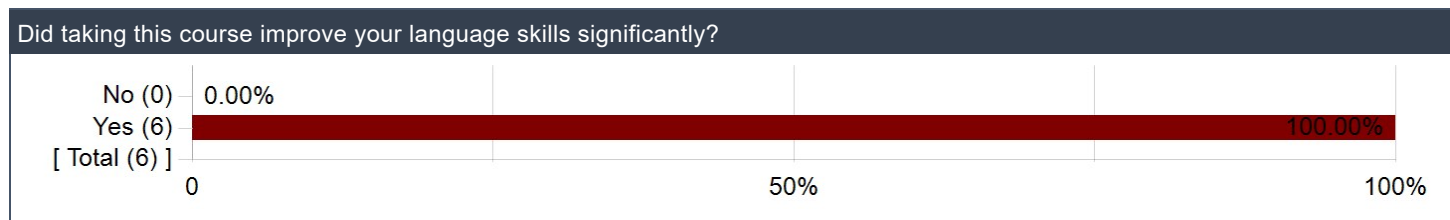
Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



Please explain:

Comments
Neringa is AMAZING; my favorite instructor out of all my classes! I was super disappointed to learn she wouldn't be staying with us next quarter. Her grading was fair, her feedback was clear, and she was open and transparent about what we needed to do to learn the material and get the result we wanted. She was engaging, and always tried to apply the material to our lives through oral conversation. She never felt too fast paced, always making sure we understood content and being willing to review things with us. Super professional and educational instructor; we were lucky to have her.
She was very helpful in teaching us the important grammar clarifications. She provided us with good discussion questions in class that kept everyone engaged and interacting with other classmates which many of my other classes dont have at all.
My Professor Neringa Pukelis was amazing, she made class fun and I was excited to come to class to learn. I didn't dread the class like other classes, it was a fun and safe learning environment.
My professor was encouraging within the classroom and facilitated discussion, but the course felt somewhat disorganized and I felt I had to figure some things out myself because my professor wasn't fully informed and prepared to help me with issues related to assignments and the course materials.
Very insightful classes and she encouraged extensive engagement in class through spoken and written activities.
She was excellent! She was always very encouraging during class and all of her explanations were clear. She also made sure that we felt prepared for all of our quizzes and that we never stressed too much in her class. I would definitely recommend her class.

Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?



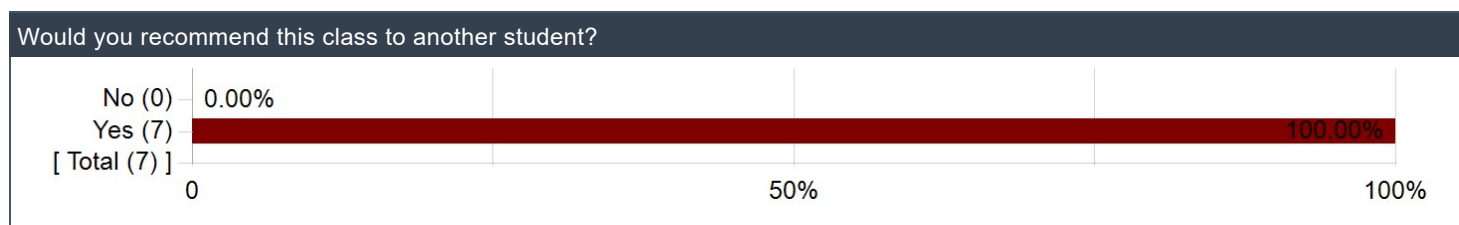
How would you improve this course?

Comments
I don't think Blinklearning was great; there seemed to be too much structure and some of the exercises weren't always productive. I don't know if there is another platform to use? But i think it merits some review.
no suggestions
Make less quizzes in relation to the textbook.
I would have liked the use of slides in this course rather than using only the textbook even in class, and I would create more opportunities for listening exercises.
Maybe some more cultural things like spanish movies, TV shows, music, etc.

In what way?

Comments
I think I came in with a shaky understanding of the basics, despite the amount of spanish I had taken. It was helpful to go back and relearn some stuff that I needed.
Learning new vocabulary that helped my ability to speak the language a lot
I can speak it more fluently now.
I learned new grammar structures, particularly the past preterite tense, and I grew more comfortable with my speaking and writing skills.
Strengthened my vocab, ability to conjugate, and speak more completely.
I feel much more comfortable speaking and I learned a lot about different verb forms.

Would you recommend this class to another student?



Why?

Comments
Wonderful way to get the language requirement done with a good professor. Quiz structure meant that I was never super stressed about my grade, and my learning and studying was divided into bite-sized chunks. Great for a first year looking to transition to UChicago life.
A good class to to engage with other classmates and learn some important grammar and vocabulary for your spanish speaking future
You are able to learn while being in a safe environment that is fun to come to every day.
It builds upon the foundation of Spanish I and is definitely helpful in expanding your range in vocabulary and usage of sentence structures.
If you want to learn Spanish, this a great instructor with helpful class resources.