



ARAB 20101 1, ARAB 20101 1 - Intermediate Arabic I - Instructor(s): Zainab Hermes

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

Number Enrolled: **14**

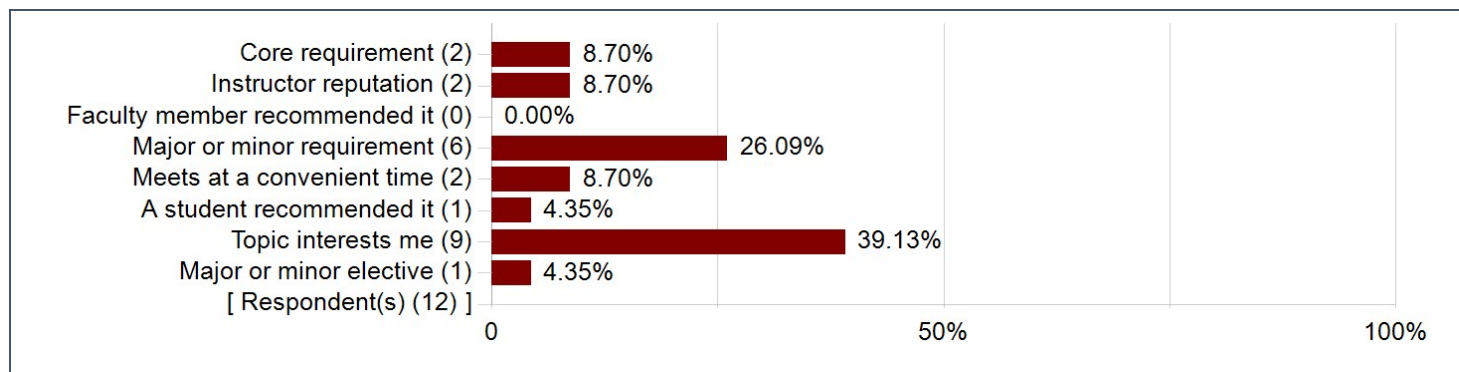
Number of Responses: **12**

Report Comments

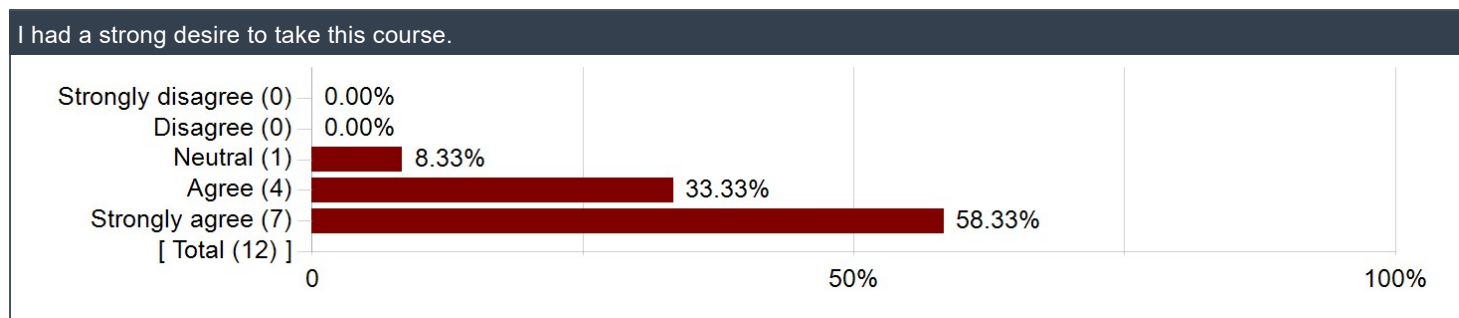
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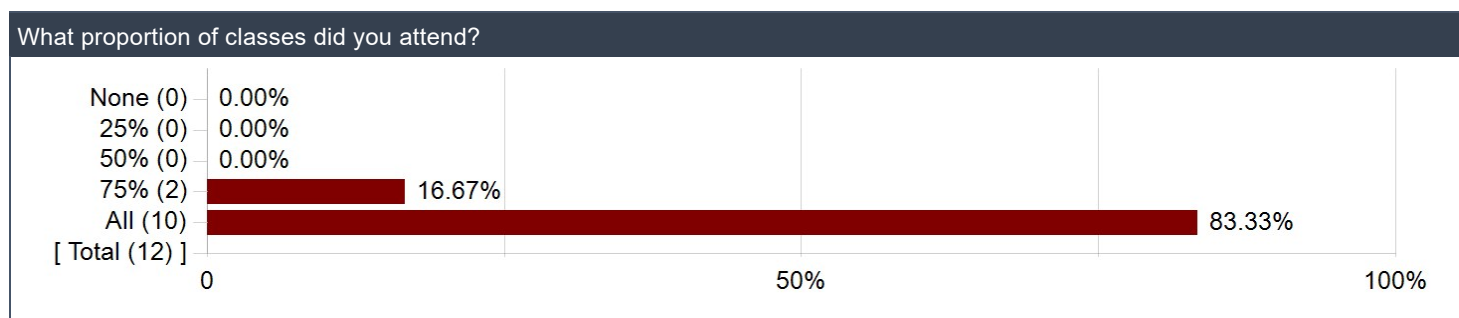
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



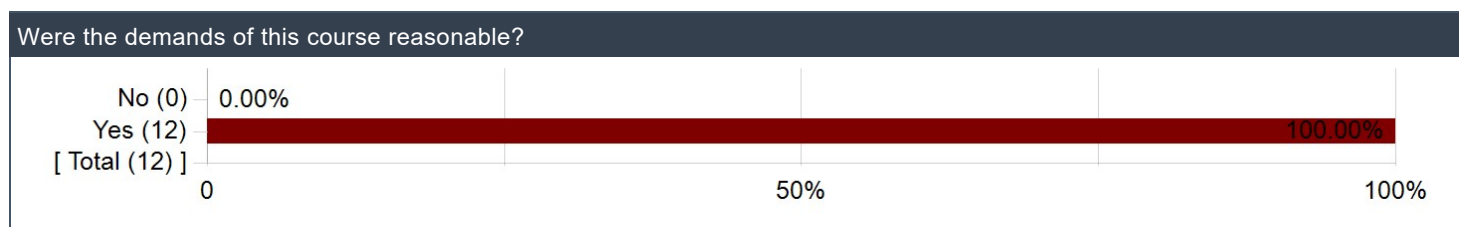
I had a strong desire to take this course.



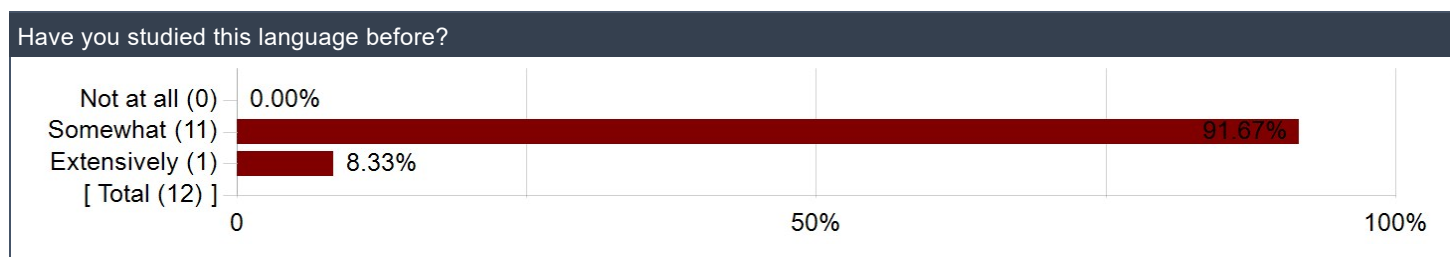
What proportion of classes did you attend?



Were the demands of this course reasonable?



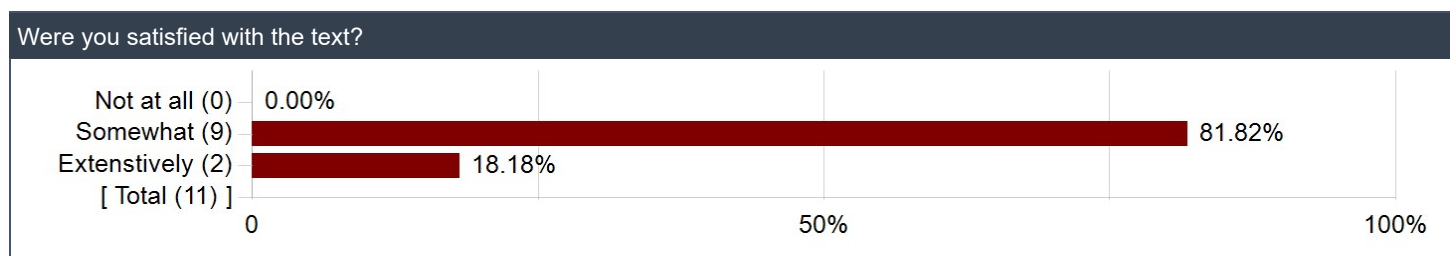
Have you studied this language before?



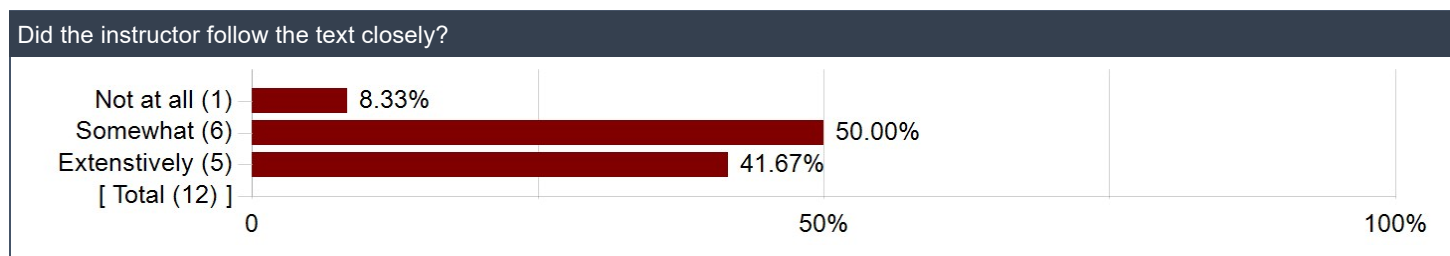
Rate the extent to which different aspects of the language were stressed:

	Mean	Median	Not At All	A Little	Some	A Lot	Extremely	Vigorously
Speaking	4.25	4.00	0.00%	8.33%	8.33%	50.00%	16.67%	16.67%
Spelling	3.25	3.50	0.00%	33.33%	16.67%	41.67%	8.33%	0.00%
Reading	4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	33.33%	33.33%	16.67%
Writing	4.33	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	50.00%	16.67%	16.67%
Grammar	4.75	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	25.00%	25.00%
Vocabulary	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	50.00%	25.00%

Were you satisfied with the text?



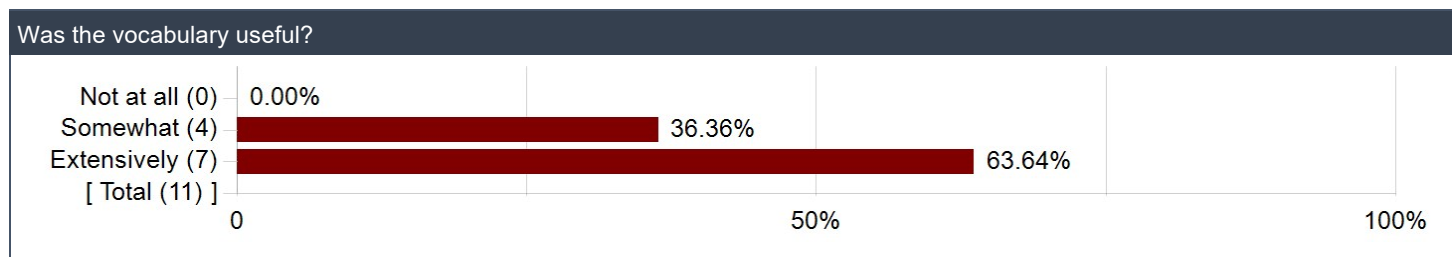
Did the instructor follow the text closely?



Explain:

Comments
We referred to alKitaab for vocabulary but only made use of some of the drills and readings
We used the al-Kitaab book series, its ok, I've used it before. I have some problems with it, but Professor Zayneb uses great outside resources too, so she has a great balance.

Was the vocabulary useful?

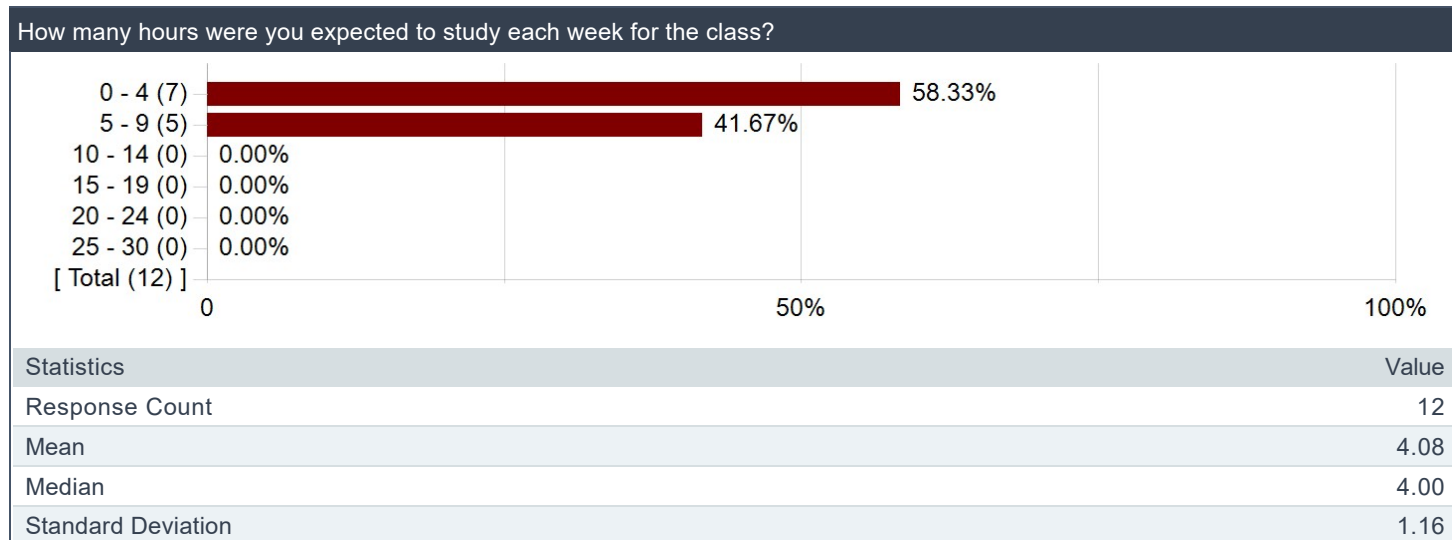


Why?

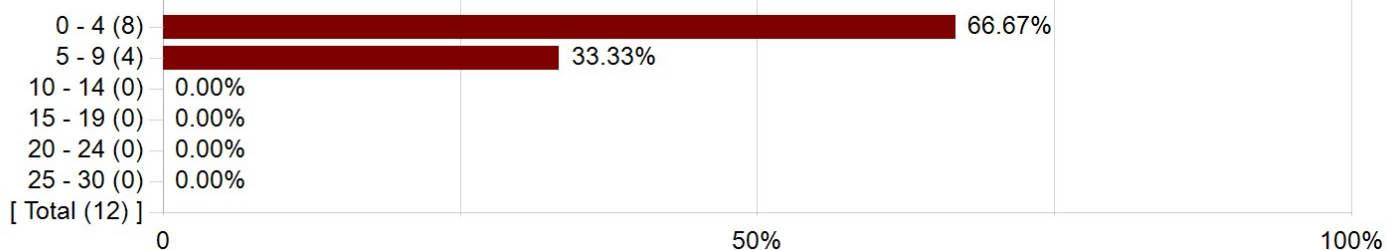
Comments
Some of the vocabulary could be pretty random, but most terms were applicable to everyday speech and we focused on words that were more commonly used.
It gives you the vocabulary for more elaborate descriptions such as place names, actions like cooking or hoping, more conjunctions, etc.
It's useful, I also think that the al-Kitaab series should focus more on Roots and Forms. Some of the vocab is more useful than others

Describe the format of the class (lecture, drills, etc.). Was this format productive? Please be specific.

Comments
class time was primarily short lectures and group/collaborate work between students
Classes involved a combination of vocabulary games, grammar lectures, speaking or reading exercises, and listening comprehension. Overall, the exercises were pretty varied and covered all the major aspects of language learning, which was nice.
I enjoyed the class format. I have no comments
Each day we would either practice vocab, read through an article, or do a grammar lesson. It was a productive mix of activities.
Lecture, drills, and group work. This format was very productive and effective because it allowed us to practice more.
Class usually begins with speaking such as exchanging greetings and discussing your week/weekend/classes/etc, then maybe a grammar lesson or review and an activity to practice vocabulary such as playing jeopardy. It's very interactive and often really fun and low-stress
Study vocab slide shows, usually we play a vocab game as a class, then go over grammar lessons.
A great mixture of many formats, from drills to lecture to small groups to outside work.

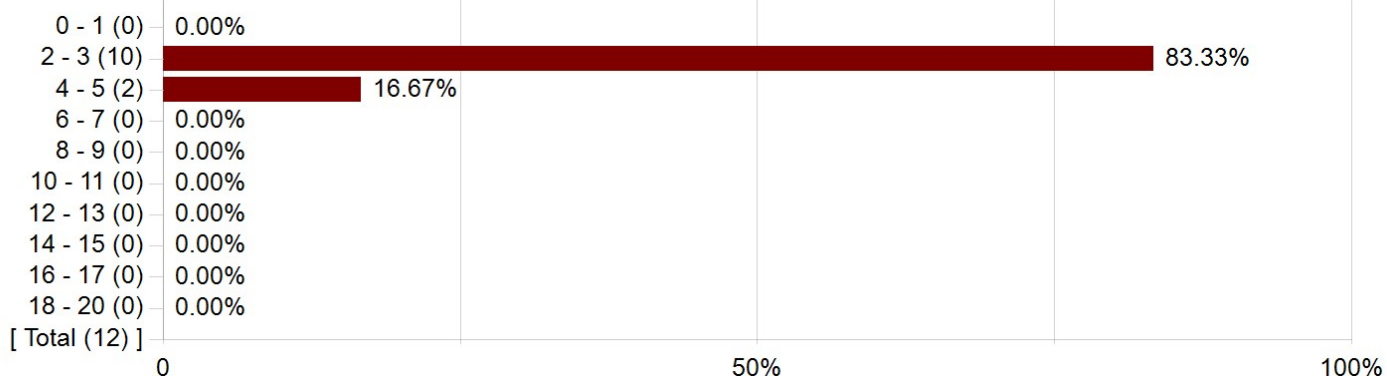


How many hours did you spend?



Statistics	Value
Response Count	12
Mean	3.75
Median	4.00
Standard Deviation	1.36

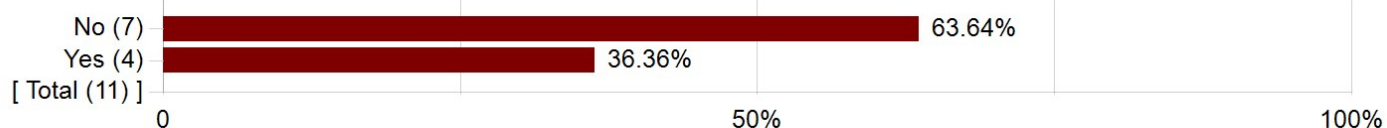
How many written quizzes were given?



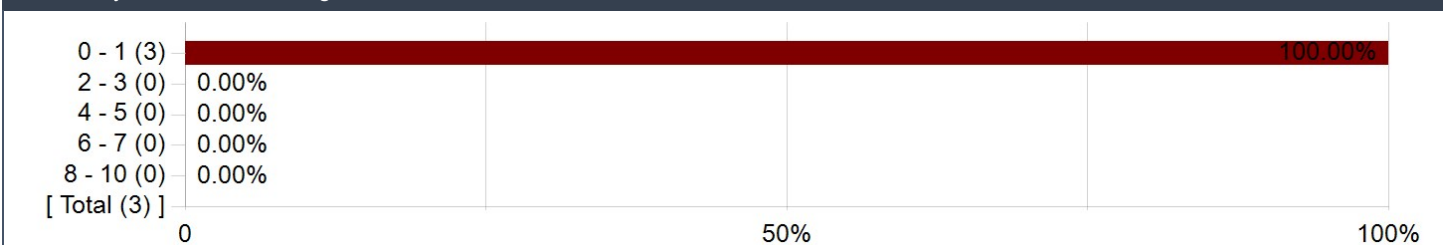
Statistics	Value
Response Count	12
Mean	2.83
Median	3.00
Standard Deviation	0.72

Were there daily assignments? (i.e., journals)?

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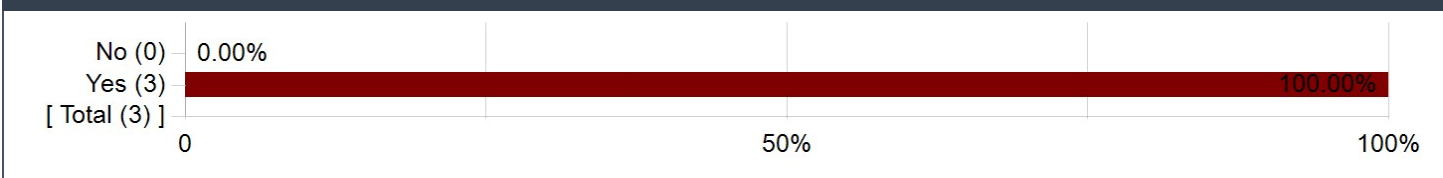
How many oral exams were given?



Statistics	Value
Response Count	3
Mean	1.00
Median	1.00
Standard Deviation	0.00

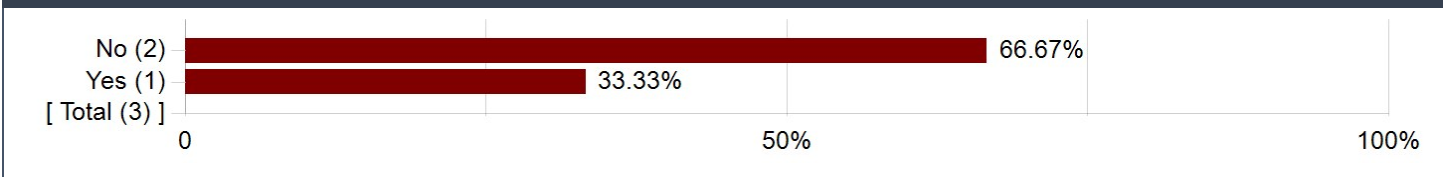
Were the oral exams fair?

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Were the oral exams challenging?

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Why? Please be specific.

Comments
The oral exam was a single recorded exercise using vocabulary we had recently learned. It wasn't particularly demanding, but felt like a fair way to demonstrate our oral abilities.
We prepared our oral presentations at home and were given ample time to prepare.
It was a mixture of oral exam and project, it was good

If there were required outside activities (i.e. foreign films or SCOLA), describe your experience.

Comments
Required attendance to 2 cultural events, and 3 conversations with native speakers via Natakallam
We were required to attend two cultural activities, which could be just about anything that the CMES offered. The individual activities were enjoyable and the write-up afterwards was very manageable.
good
We had to complete a few cultural activities and conversation sessions with a native speaker via Natakallam, which we then wrote a short summary about.
We had to attend or write about two cultural events, of which many were made available to us
Throughout the quarter, we were required to attend two cultural events and write 150 words in arabic about them. I felt like it was reasonable and not too difficult to do, given the large timeframe.
Natakallam and cultural events.
Talk abroad (Natakallam)
You have to attend 2 cultural activities related to Arabic or the Arab world such as attending talks in Arabic or watching movies related to the Arab world. You also have to do sessions with a native speaker via Natakallam. They can be challenging but especially the cultural activities can be interesting and insightful
We had to do two course activities a quarter. Zainab frequently reminded us about this and constantly keeps us up to date on Arab events going on around campus.
Yes two cultural activies and three meetings with native speakers

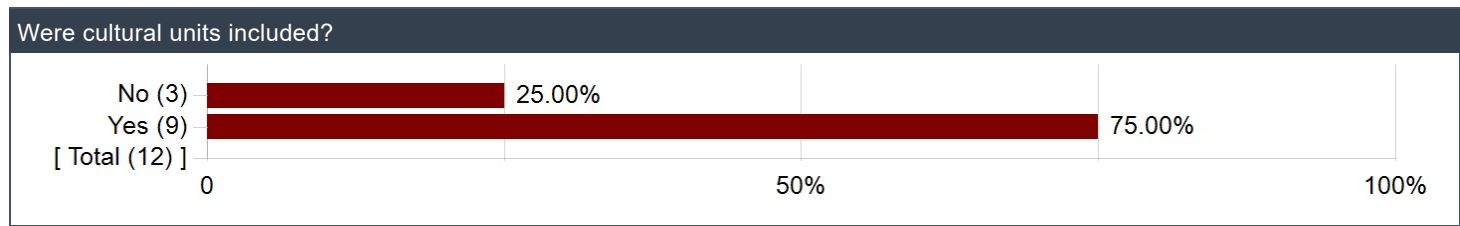
Was your instructor organized?

Mean	Median	Very Unorganized	Somewhat Unorganized	Fairly Organized	Somewhat Organized	Very Organized
4.25	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	8.33%	58.33%

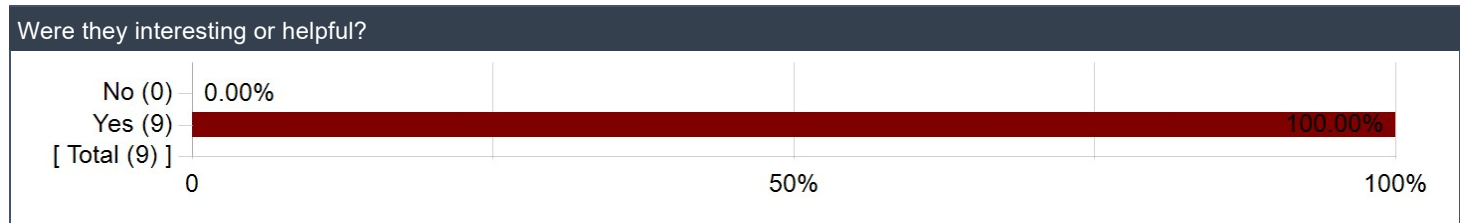
Explain

Comments
Assignments took a long time to be graded, but she always felt prepared for the lessons and moved through the content efficiently.
Zainab always had a plan for the direction of class and mostly adhered to the syllabus in terms of assignments, but would generally communicate/discuss any changes
I always knew what was coming and what was expected

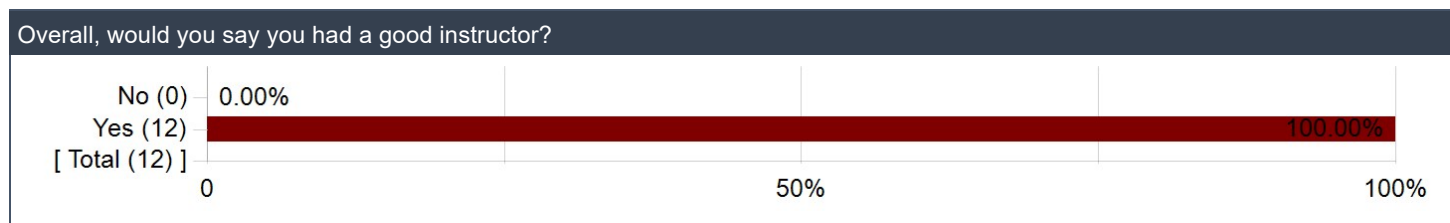
Were cultural units included?



Were they interesting or helpful?



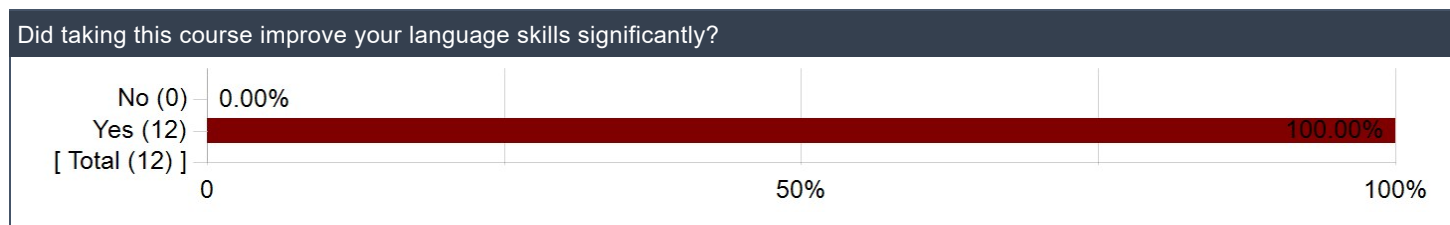
Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



Why?

Comments
Ustaadha Zainab is a wonderful teacher – she explains things very clearly and wants her students to learn! I would recommend taking a class with her.
Zainab is great – enthusiastic, impeccably knowledgeable, and very engaging. She was careful to answer all and any questions and gave good feedback on our work. It was a lot of fun!
I really appreciated that she explains the linguistic concepts behind the words and grammar in a clear way. She is very receptive to questions and very kind and understanding.
Zainab's class is a very welcoming and fun environment, she explains things very well and is always happy to elaborate or answer questions. She is very friendly and understanding, so it is easy to approach her if you need help or have an issue with something
Ustadha Zainab is very understanding and an entertaining teacher. Of the Arabic professors, she assigns the least amount of work but you are still expected to come to class prepared with vocab. If you can hold yourself accountable and prefer not to have daily assignments then Zainab is a great professor for you.
I really enjoyed my time with Professor Zayneb and will take classes with her in the future if available

Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?



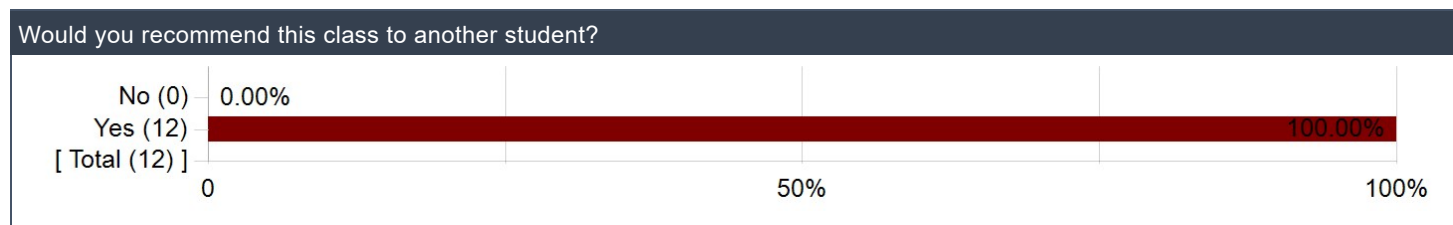
In what way?

Comments
It strengthened and built on my existing skills and I feel more comfortable speaking
The reader assignments have made me more comfortable with summarizing and comprehension.
Building my confidence, and a good review

How would you improve this course?

Comments
more focus on reading and classical ways of teaching grammar. Perhaps outside reference grammars could be introduced.
N/A
N/A

Would you recommend this class to another student?



Why?

Comments
It is challenging because Arabic is challenging but it is not too stressful, you are well-supported in class and the workload is very manageable
You take out of this class what you put in. Zainab's class can be very entertaining too. 100% recommend.
Professor Zayneb is great, and it is more focused on learning than performing reducing stress which can often lead to focusing on grades rather than comprehension