



# SPAN 20100 6, SPAN 20100 6 - Language, History, and Culture I - Instructor(s): Elizabeth ISSERT

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

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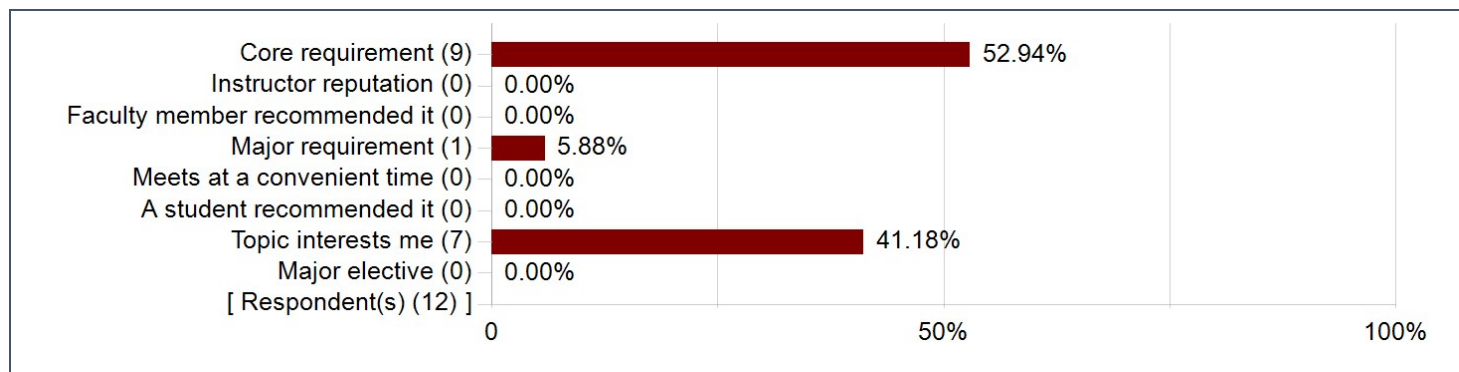
## Report Comments

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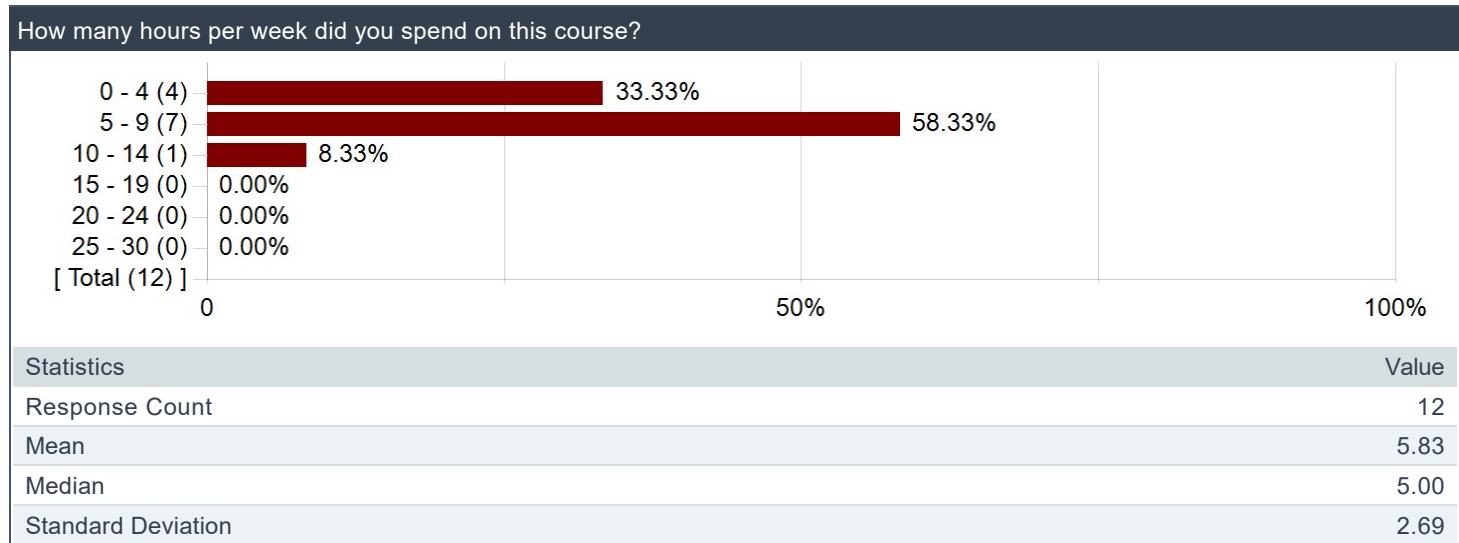
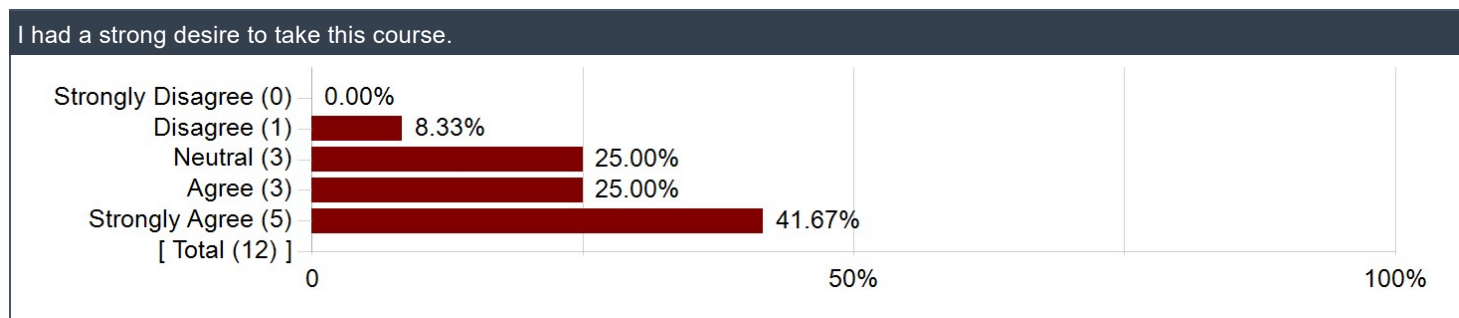
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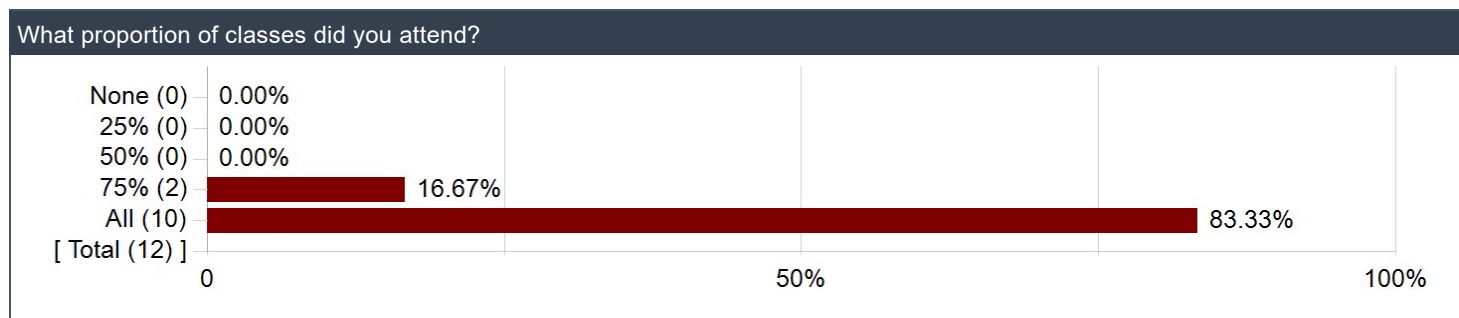
## Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



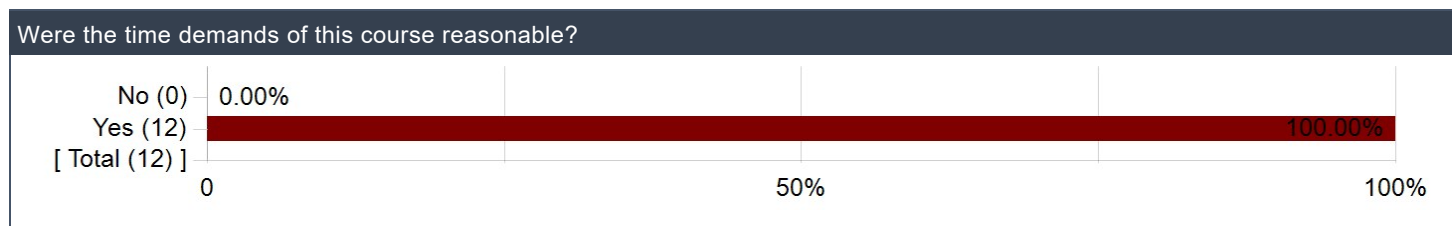
## I had a strong desire to take this course.



## What proportion of classes did you attend?



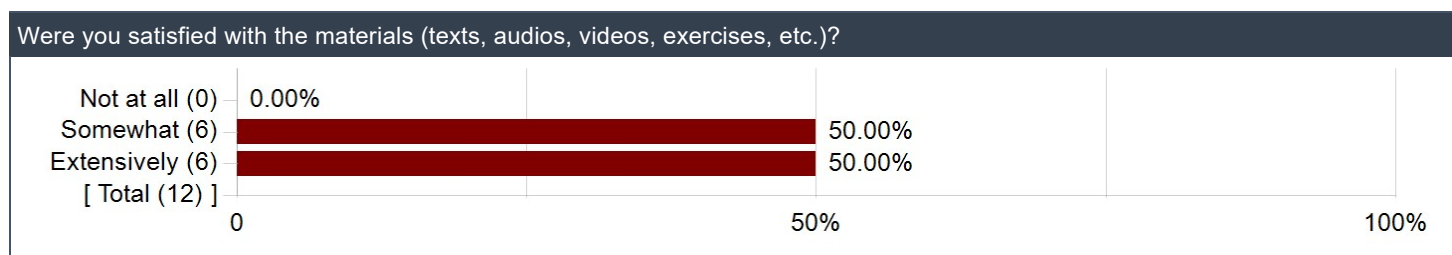
## Were the time demands of this course reasonable?



## 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   | 3.08 | 3.00   | 8.33%      | 0.00%    | 25.00% | 25.00% | 25.00%    | 16.67%     |
| Reading    | 3.17 | 3.00   | 0.00%      | 0.00%    | 25.00% | 41.67% | 25.00%    | 8.33%      |
| Writing    | 3.25 | 3.00   | 0.00%      | 0.00%    | 16.67% | 41.67% | 41.67%    | 0.00%      |
| Grammar    | 3.83 | 4.00   | 0.00%      | 0.00%    | 8.33%  | 25.00% | 41.67%    | 25.00%     |
| Vocabulary | 3.75 | 4.00   | 0.00%      | 0.00%    | 8.33%  | 16.67% | 66.67%    | 8.33%      |
| Listening  | 3.83 | 4.00   | 0.00%      | 0.00%    | 0.00%  | 33.33% | 50.00%    | 16.67%     |

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



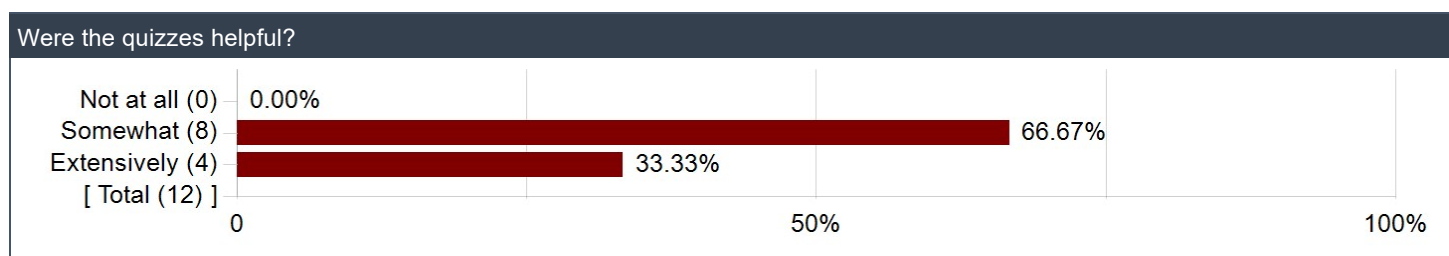
## Please explain:

| Comments  |
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| The online ebook was easy to use and the resources on canvas were very accessible.  |
| The course materials were challenging but helped me improve my Spanish.   |
| The vocabulary in the listening activities sometimes seemed a bit more difficult than that in the textbook  |
| I wasn't a fan of the insanely difficult readings with vocabulary we never covered.   |
| The activities we did were great practice and really helped me improve my listening, reading, and writing skills.   |
| I didn't really like our listening quizzes, because depending on the speaker their speech could be muffled, fast, or any other issues   |
| They were all quite good  |
| I felt like this class was a good balance of challenge and solidifying concepts in Spanish.   |
| We had to pay to access the online textbook and homework assignments.   |
| Some of the readings may have been too advanced for our level of Spanish. There were a lot of words in some of the readings that were too complicated for us to comprehend. Other than that, the material was interesting and engaging. |
| I think so of the listening audios could have been better associated with the vocab we had studied  |

## What did you learn about culture through language?

| Comments   |
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| I learned about the work culture, diversity, slang, and customs of many Spanish speaking countries.  |
| I learned about the family unit, education, and the workforce.   |
| We explored a variety of cultures and associated customs that furthered my understanding of the Spanish speaking world.  |
| I learned a lot about the different dialects in different spanish speaking countries. Profesora Issert told us a lot about how people interact with each other and how culture is different between different countries. |
| different cultural foods and social/political issues occurring in different countries  |
| I learned about the differences in stereotypes between different latin american people, as well as different ways they think about things through the way they use different terms                                       |
| Through TalkAbroad, I learned a lot about the cultures of native speakers. Additionally, we learned about some Hispanic festivals.   |
| We learned about different cultures across Latin America   |
| I learn a lot about the various cultural expressions of spanish and how they looked different in other countries.  |

## Were the quizzes helpful?



## How helpful were the various types of homework?

|           | Mean | Median | Not At All | Somewhat | Very   | N/A    |
|-----------|------|--------|------------|----------|--------|--------|
| Reading   | 2.17 | 2.00   | 16.67%     | 50.00%   | 33.33% | 0.00%  |
| Listening | 2.45 | 2.00   | 0.00%      | 50.00%   | 41.67% | 8.33%  |
| Writing   | 2.58 | 3.00   | 8.33%      | 25.00%   | 66.67% | 0.00%  |
| Speaking  | 2.60 | 3.00   | 0.00%      | 33.33%   | 50.00% | 16.67% |

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

| Comments  |
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| N/A   |
| N/A   |
| N/A   |
| Somewhat useful   |
| I didn't find it very useful b/c we we going to come to class to talk about our ideas anyways |
| They were ok  |
| Most of our discussions took place in class.  |

## 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   |
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| Very helpful for practicing  |
| The Talk Abroad was one of the best aspects of this course. Helped me gain confidence and improve speaking with a native speaker.  |
| 7/10   |
| If we had any I'm sure they were sufficient.   |
| they were very helpful in developing my language skill and knowledge if culture.   |
| talk abroads help to increase my confidence with speaking  |
| These were all pretty decent   |
| I thought they were the most helpful because I think speaking is one of the hardest aspects of learning a language, and only when you're forced to speak do you catch yourself making mistakes and learning more about the language.   |
| They were very challenging but it helps you long-term  |
| The cultural activity was interesting and I enjoyed it. In my opinion, the TalkAbroad's had too much writing attached to them, which prevented me from being fully engaged in the conversations. I feel as though there should be less writing attached to them and the emphasis should be placed on learning by talking to your conversation partner. |

### Other comments:

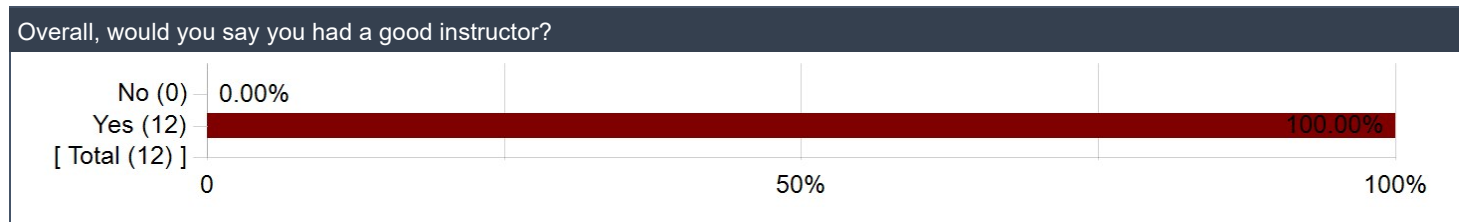
| Comments  |
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| Work load was heavier than expected, but I learned a lot  |
| Overall, the course felt very heavy on actual work outside of class (mostly tests, reading etc.) and speaking was less emphasized |
| Take the class. She is very nice and will help you regardless of skill level.   |

## The Instructor

Select one option for each statement (1 lowest - 5 highest):

|   | Mean | Median | 1-<br>Lowest | 2     | 3     | 4      | 5-<br>Highest |
|---|------|--------|--------------|-------|-------|--------|---------------|
| Rate your instructor's organizational skills  | 4.50 | 5.00   | 0.00%        | 0.00% | 8.33% | 33.33% | 58.33%        |
| Rate your instructor's ability to convey the subtleties of the language                           | 4.75 | 5.00   | 0.00%        | 0.00% | 0.00% | 25.00% | 75.00%        |
| Rate your instructor's ability to encourage class conversation and participation in this language | 4.92 | 5.00   | 0.00%        | 0.00% | 0.00% | 8.33%  | 91.67%        |
| Rate your instructor's availability outside of class and willingness to help                      | 5.00 | 5.00   | 0.00%        | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00%  | 100.00%       |
| Rate feedback on assignments and exams  | 4.67 | 5.00   | 0.00%        | 0.00% | 8.33% | 16.67% | 75.00%        |

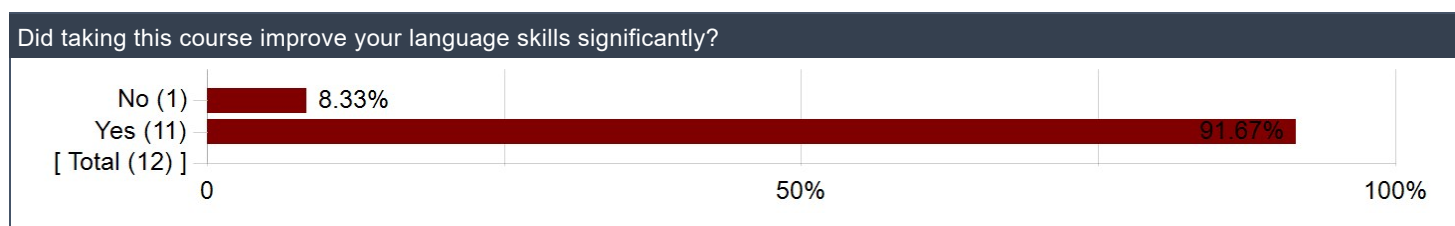
Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



## Please explain:

| Comments  |
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| My instructor was very helpful at helping me improve with my grammar throughout the course. She was also very encouraging when I was nervous about certain topics.  |
| Very nice and wants everyone to have fun while learning. Kept class interesting everyday with new activities. I especially enjoyed activities with music.   |
| She is a very good beginner–intermediate level instructor and I was always confident that she would be willing and available to help me if I needed it. She was very good at explaining concepts and helping students utilize circumlocution.   |
| I think this was the only really engaging class I had this quarter even if there were small difficulties that come with a new teacher. I really enjoyed this class even if I don't like the subject.  |
| I was very nervous for this class because I hadn't taken a spanish class in a while, but Profesora Issert has made this class my favorite by far. She makes class so engaging but also a very comfortable, safe, fun, and supportive environment. She is super helpful and understanding and really wants to give us whatever we need to succeed. She goes above and beyond with feedback and help for us. I wish she could be my teacher in every class. She obviously knows spanish very well and has so much knowledge of culture that she frequently shared with us. I gained a lot from her in this class. |
| My profesora was extremely patient and helpful. Always available to assist me with any problems that I have about the course. She also implemented some of my ideas and suggestions about the class which was great.  |
| She was a wonderful teacher, nothing but praise   |
| She is very solid and easily the best Spanish teacher I've had. This is coming from someone who took Spanish for 4 years and had 3 different teachers excluding Sra. Issert.  |
| Prof. Issert was very nice and an extremely helpful teacher. She always did her best to teach us the language while also ensuring that we were not stressed out. Overall, I learned a lot from the class. The only negative was that the grading system was a bit stricter than what I saw from other SPAN 201 classes. Specifically, our writing activities would be graded much more strictly than those of other sections.   |

## Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?



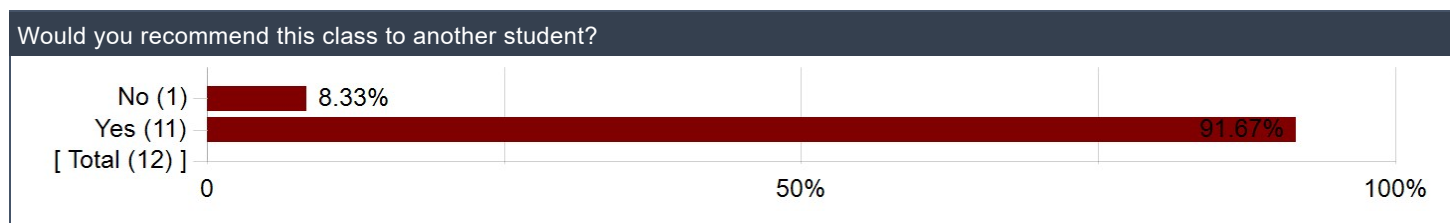
## How would you improve this course?

| Comments  |
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| I would put more listening practice instead of quizzes, as the quizzes are stressful. I would also spend more time practicing grammar in class.   |
| Spread out the Talk Abroads and maybe less Chapter tests, it felt like there was a huge assignment every week.  |
| I would add more constant low–stakes listening activities. The ones that were assigned were usually quizzes, but It would be more helpful if we had longer activities as in–class assignments and corrected them together. The ones that we do in class now are usually songs, which is a good warm–up, but it creates a difficulty jump for the quizzes. |
| Maybe a bit more organization and better readings.  |
| more vocab review in class would be helpful   |
| I would probably not do as many tests, since there were 2 oral, 4 listening, 4 chapter, it ended up being a lot. I would probably reduce the number of chapter quizzes  |
| I would add a higher emphasis on speaking and reading.  |
| Better feedback on assignments.   |
| Less strict grading on writing assginments. The grading was too difficult for the level of Spanish necessary for SPAN 201.  |
| I think speaking needs to be stressed more in this class not enough time was given to practicing speaking in a helpful way  |

## In what way?

| Comments   |
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| I learned a lot more vocab and was able to practice more grammar.            |
| I was forced to speak in Spanish a lot so it became more natural.            |
| Reading comprehension  |
| I think it expanded my vocabulary quickly.                                   |
| I am much better at listening and grammar.                                   |
| Becoming more comfortable w the language                                     |
| pronunciation, speech, etc   |
| My speaking and listening went way up  |
| I think it improved my foundation in Spanish.                                |
| I became a better speaker.   |
| I learned a lot more about grammar and vocab that I previously did not know. |

## Would you recommend this class to another student?



## Why?

| Comments  |
|---|
| The class was very enjoyable and I feel that I learned a lot during the course.   |
| Definitely improved my Spanish skills so I recommend it to anyone that wants to become fluent   |
| Very good course if you like using immersion to learn language and if you took Spanish 2/3 in highschool  |
| I enjoyed it quite a bit.   |
| great teacher, good amount of work  |
| To broaden your language skills   |
| The instructor was amazing! Love professora Isert!  |
| It is a fun class to take as a sort of break from other rigorous classes, especially if you're interested in the language.                        |
| Very good way to fulfill the requirement and she is very nice as well.  |
| The class will help you learn a lot about vocab and grammar in Spanish, while also teaching you about the cultures of Spanish-speaking countries. |