



ARAB 20103 2, ARAB 20103 2 - Intermediate Arabic III - Instructor(s) - Aidan Kaplan

Project Title: **College Course Feedback - Spring 2024**

Number Enrolled: **14**

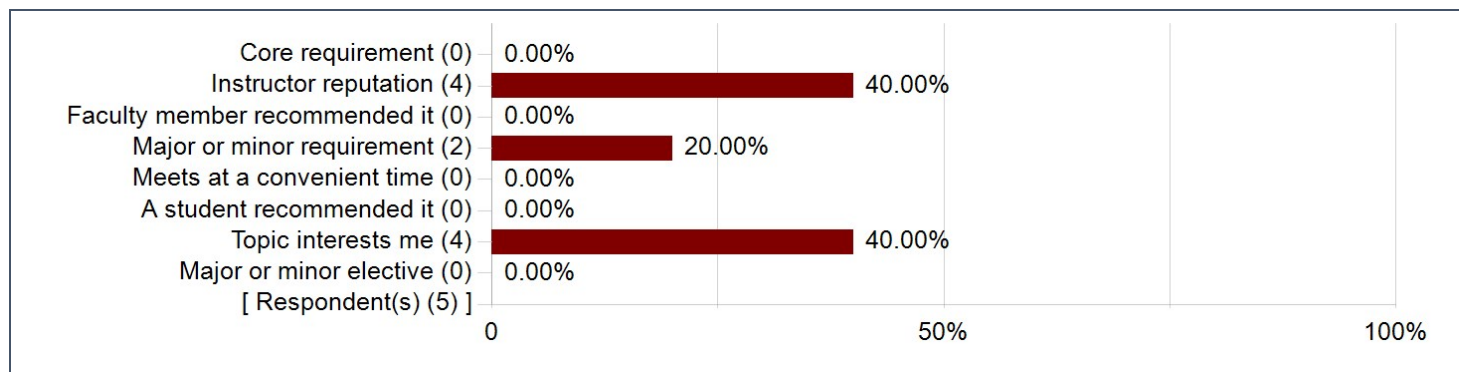
Number of Responses: **5**

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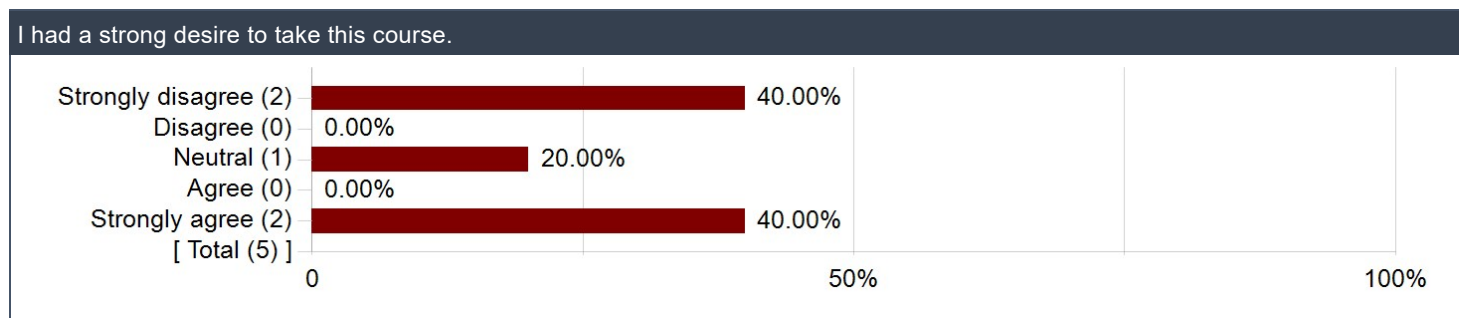
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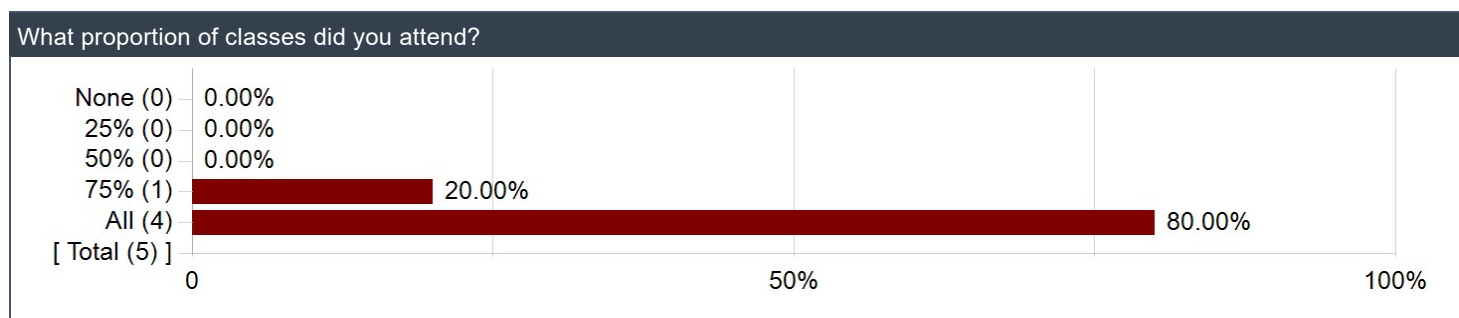
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



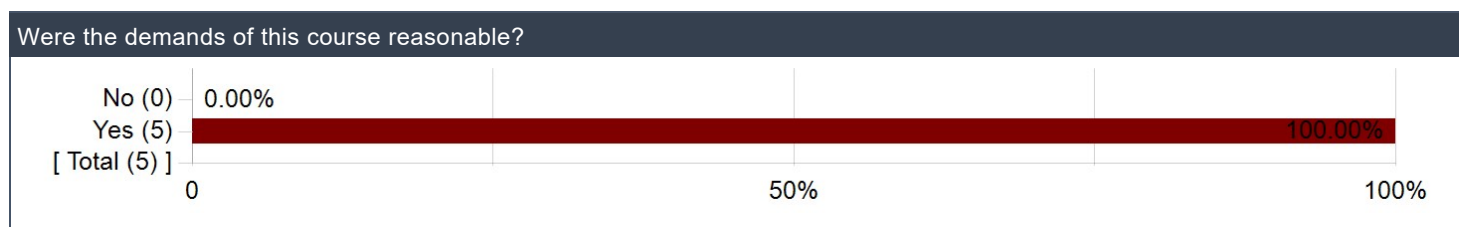
I had a strong desire to take this course.



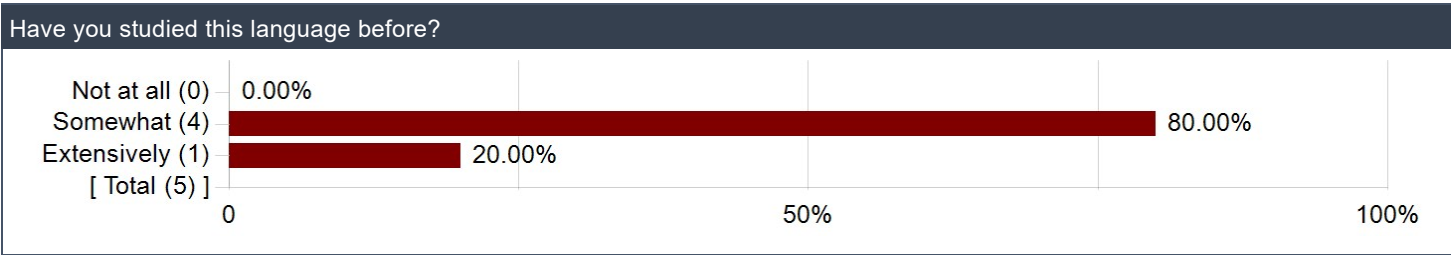
What proportion of classes did you attend?



Were the demands of this course reasonable?



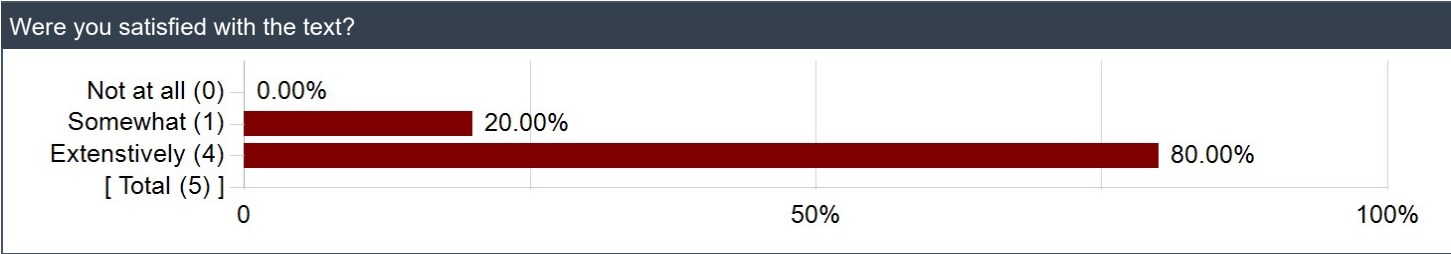
Have you studied this language before?



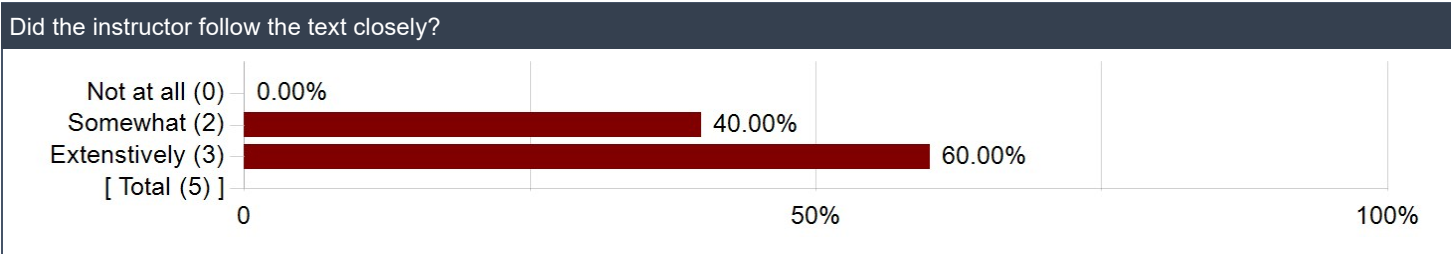
Rate the extent to which different aspects of the language were stressed:

	Mean	Median	Not At All	A Little	Some	A Lot	Extremely	Vigorously
Speaking	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	40.00%
Spelling	4.00	4.00	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	60.00%	0.00%	20.00%
Reading	4.60	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	20.00%	20.00%
Writing	4.60	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	20.00%	20.00%
Grammar	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	40.00%	20.00%
Vocabulary	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	40.00%	20.00%

Were you satisfied with the text?



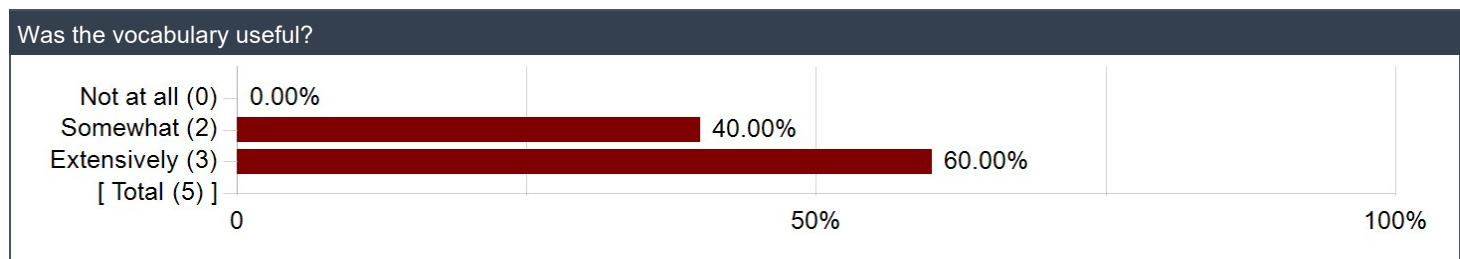
Did the instructor follow the text closely?



Explain:

Comments
Professor Kaplan's units were designed around the chapters of Al Kitaab and always made sure to extensively discuss the topics of the Al Kitaab chapters.
Aidan bases the units and most of his teaching off of the book, but he also incorporates other outside elements which makes the class more enjoyable.

Was the vocabulary useful?

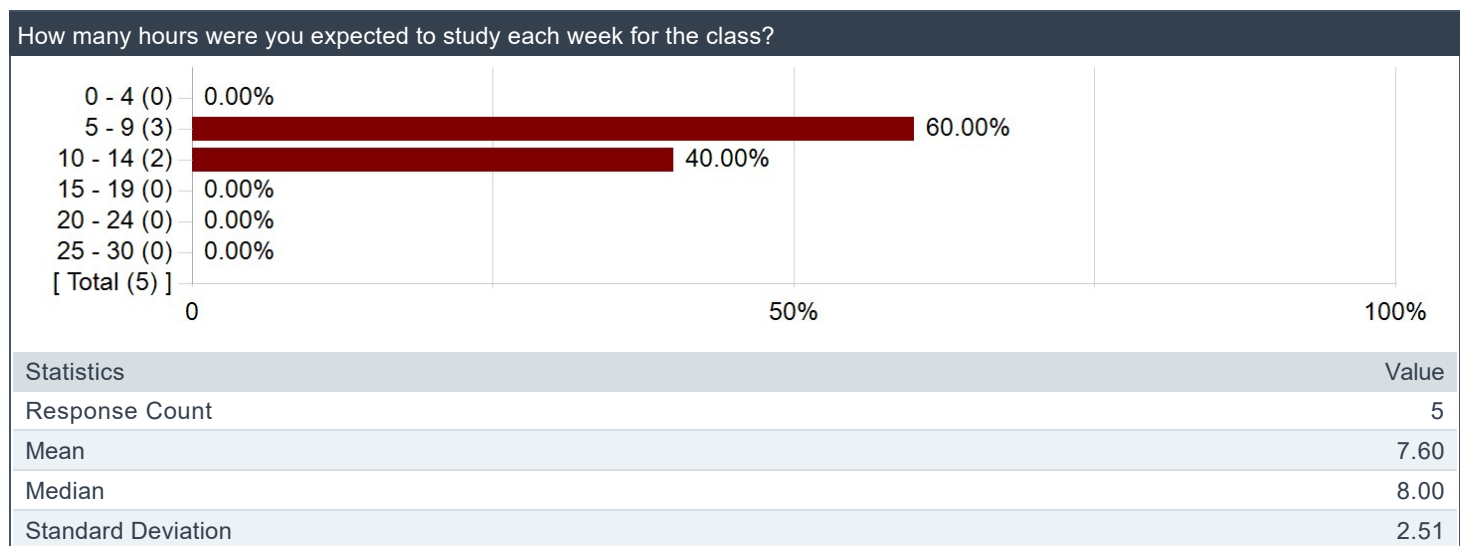


Why?

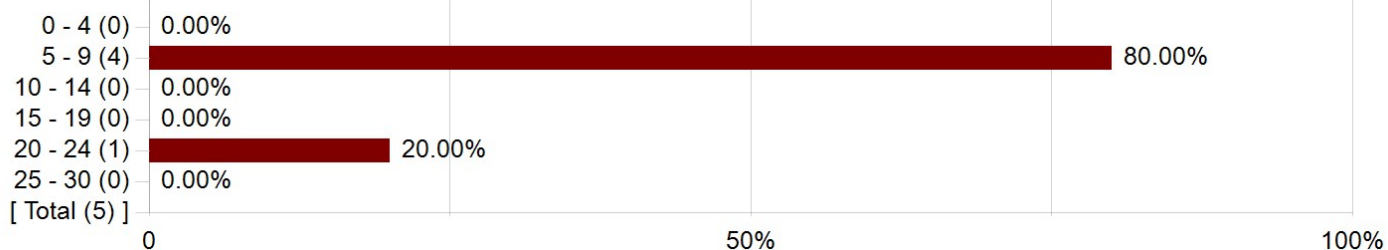
Comments
The vocab is a mix of things important in everyday life and words that show up in academic and other texts
A lot of the vocab is relevant, but I don't really understand why I need to be able to talk about the crusades... I would rather learn vocab more relevant to a basic conversation. This is no fault of Aidan's.

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

Comments
The class usually consists of lectures interspersed with other activities like discussions or worksheets. This was productive because it allowed us to learn new topics and then immediately gain practice using them.
We would have some vocabulary lessons, some writing drills, speaking with partners. I really liked doing partner drills. We would also watch videos in class. It was a very well structured course.

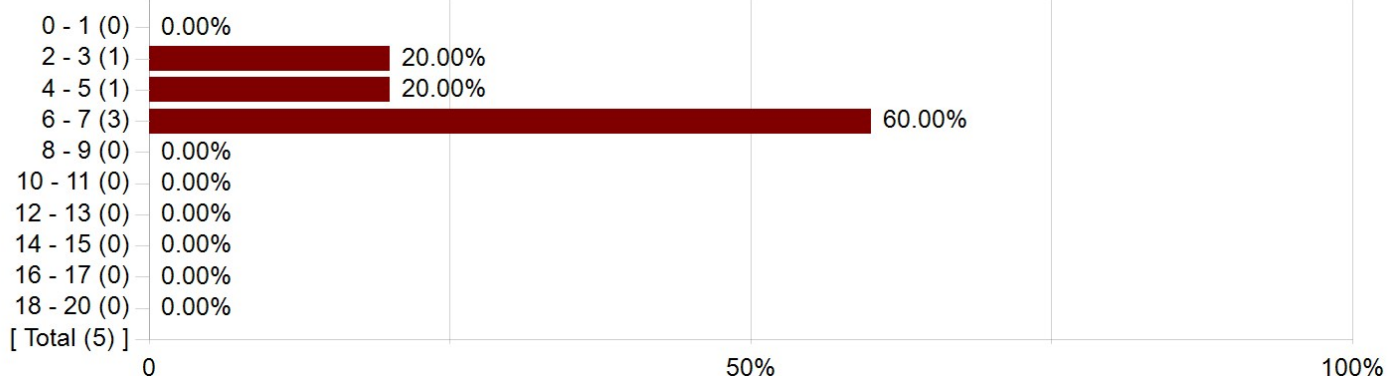


How many hours did you spend?



Statistics	Value
Response Count	5
Mean	9.00
Median	7.00
Standard Deviation	6.28

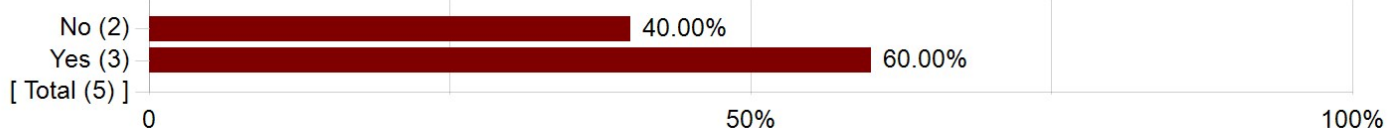
How many written quizzes were given?



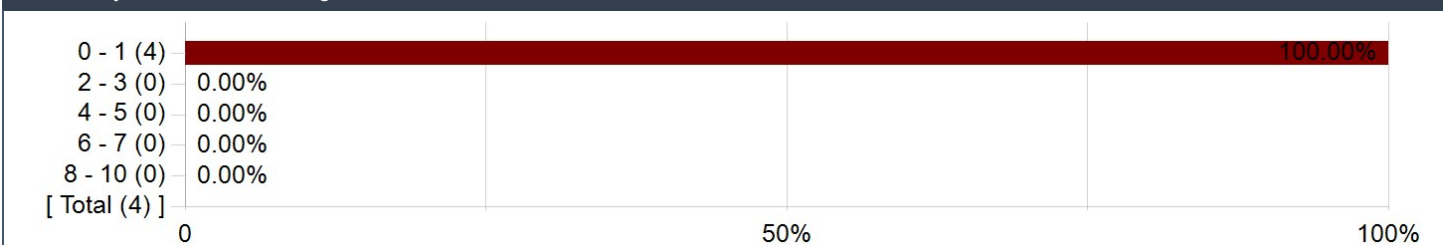
Statistics	Value
Response Count	5
Mean	5.00
Median	6.00
Standard Deviation	1.41

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

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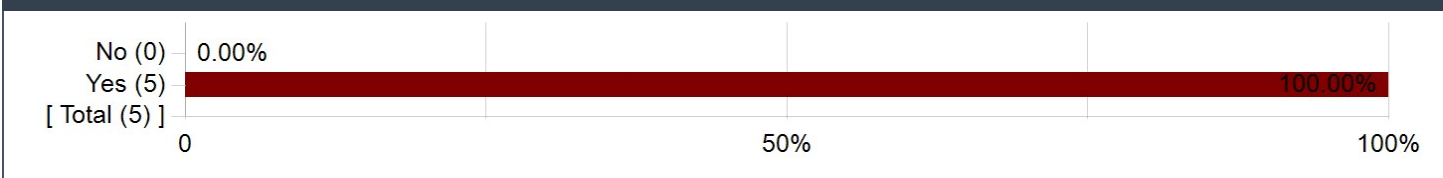
How many oral exams were given?



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Response Count	4
Mean	1.00
Median	1.00
Standard Deviation	0.00

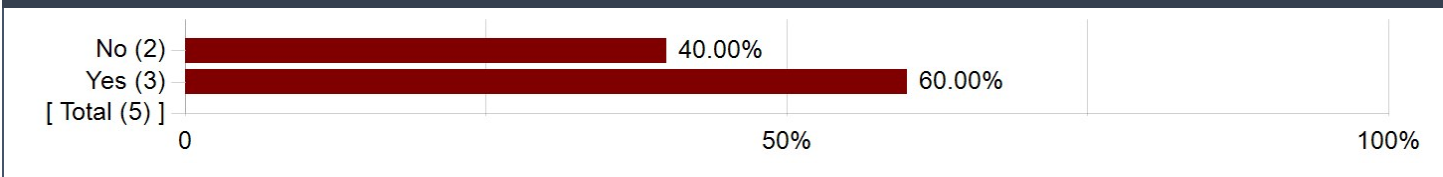
Were the oral exams fair?

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Were the oral exams challenging?

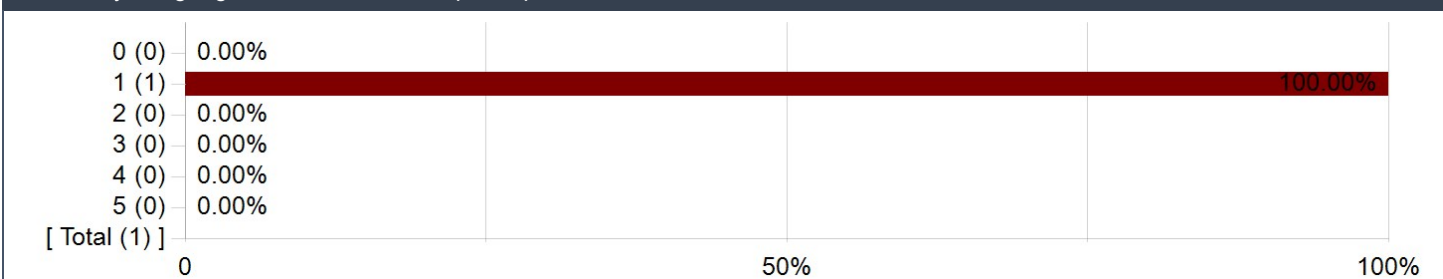
Were the oral exams challenging?



Why? Please be specific.

Comments
They tested all the topics we have learned but asked for a reasonable level of proficiency
It was challenging because we didn't do that much speaking for long periods of time in class, but the test was very fair.

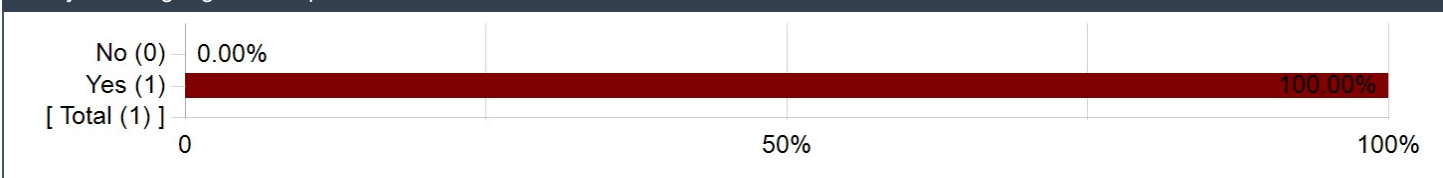
How many Language Lab hours were required per week?



Statistics	Value
Response Count	1
Mean	1.00
Median	1.00
Standard Deviation	N/A

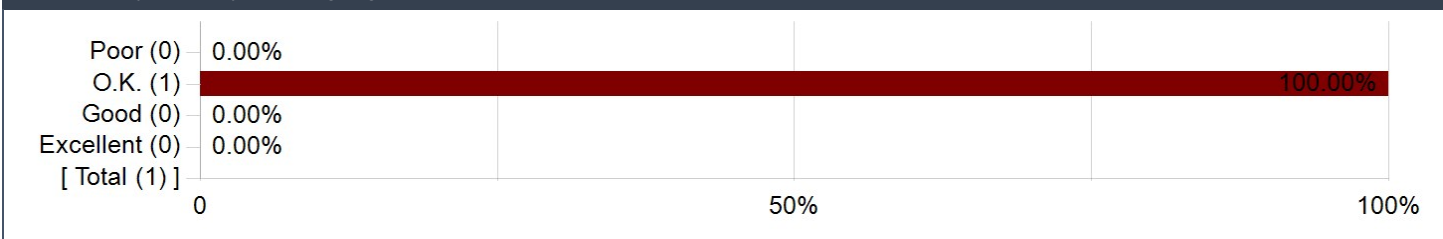
Was your Language Lab experience useful?

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How would you rate your Language Lab experience?

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Why? Please be specific

Comments

NaTakallam is useful but I would rather have more time to speak in class than have to do NaTakallam

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

Comments

I was required to attend two extracurricular activities, the first being a Dabke performance and the second being Arabic conversation table; I also had to do three meetings with an Arabic speaking partner via Natakallam; all of these contributed to my appreciation and understanding of Arabic language and culture.

We have to go to 2 cultural events for the class. We get to pick what events we want to attend so you can go to the ones you like the best/find the most enjoyable

We had two activities we did on our own time and chose, it was enjoyable and a good way to force us to seek out language community on campus

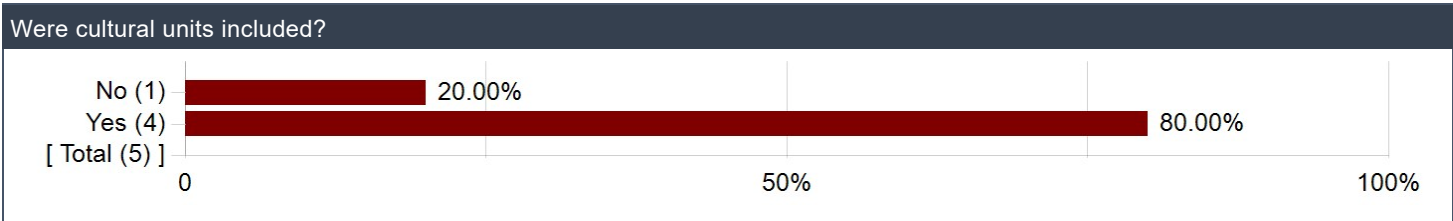
Was your instructor organized?

Mean	Median	Very Unorganized	Somewhat Unorganized	Fairly Organized	Somewhat Organized	Very Organized
4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%

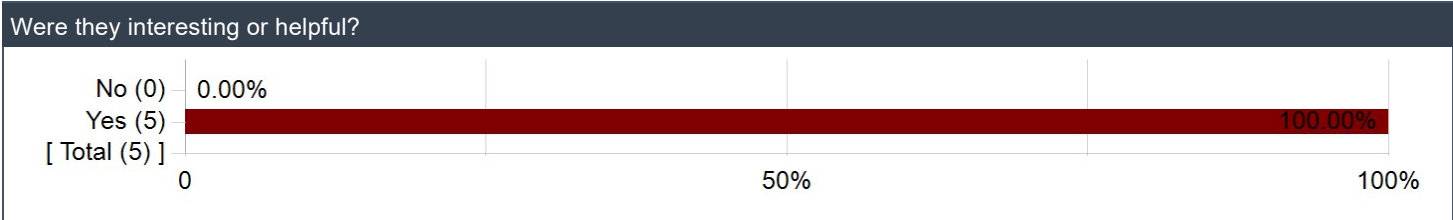
Explain

Comments
Professor Kaplan always had a strong, well laid out class plan.
Aidan is amazing. Every minute of class time is well spent and extensively planned out
Professor Kaplan is pretty organized, but as he was working to be in sync another professor, the coordination sometimes caused delays

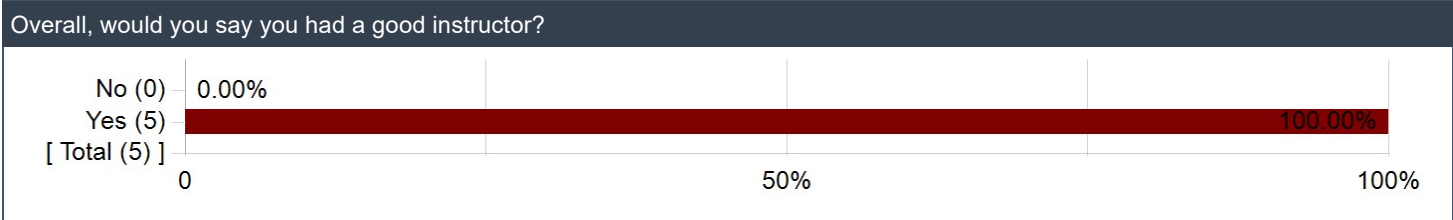
Were cultural units included?



Were they interesting or helpful?



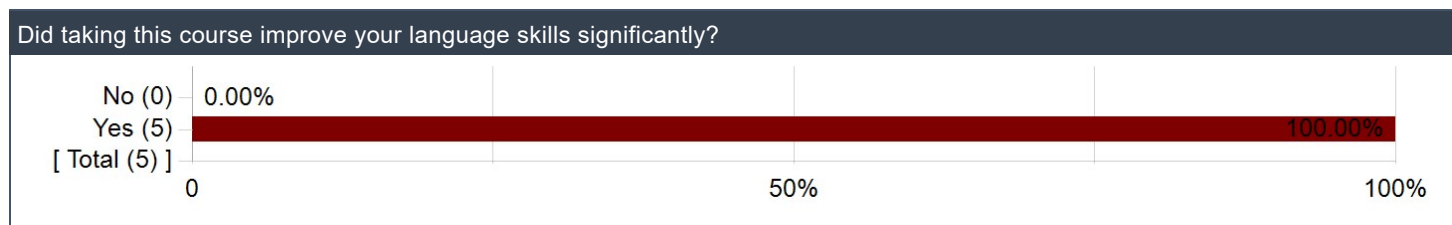
Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



Why?

Comments
Aidan does an excellent job of ensuring all language skills are taught well.
He is amazing! Makes everyone feel very welcome in class and really encourages you to use Arabic more and gets the whole class excited about learning. I really think he is the best arabic instructor at the school
He really cares about students learning and has a genuine passion for the language and grammar

Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?



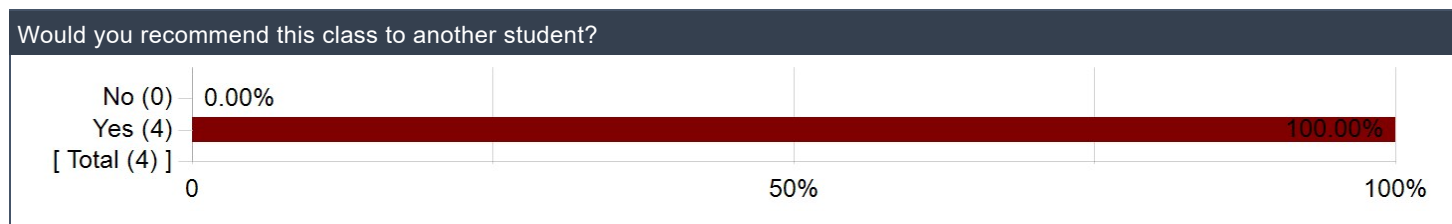
In what way?

Comments
I gained experience with reading texts, conversation, and especially grammar
I now feel that I can hold a basic conversation in arabic as opposed to how I was feeling at the start of the year. I also have significantly improved my writing skills.

How would you improve this course?

Comments
I might add more vocab if time permits
Maybe include more speaking exercises.

Would you recommend this class to another student?



Why?

Comments
because it taught me Arabic well????? I just explained this lol
Aidan is amazing. He is always available for questions outside of class and really cares about his students success.