



# CHIN 10200 4, CHIN 10200 4 - Elementary Modern Chinese II - Instructor(s): Shan Xiang

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

Number Enrolled: **13**

Number of Responses: **5**

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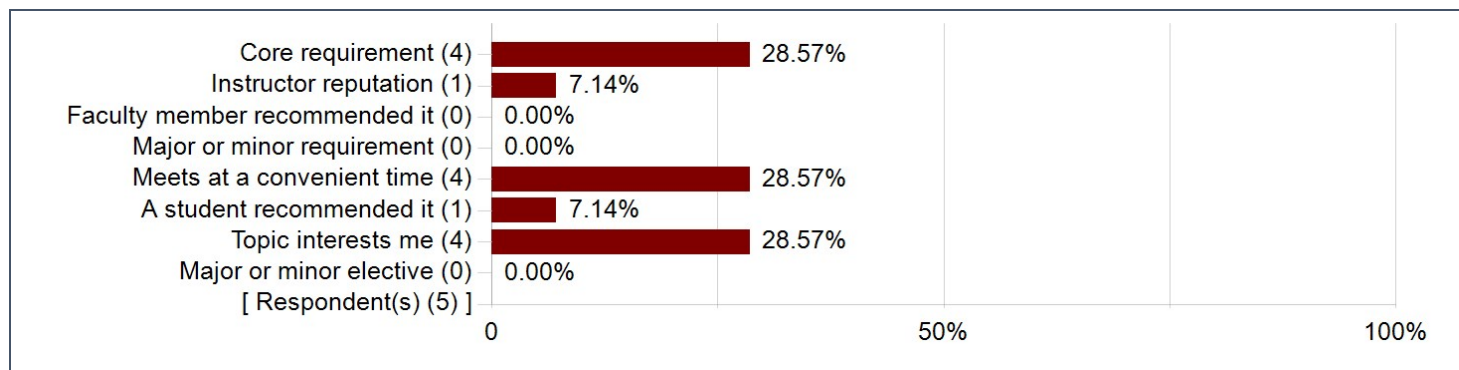
## Report Comments

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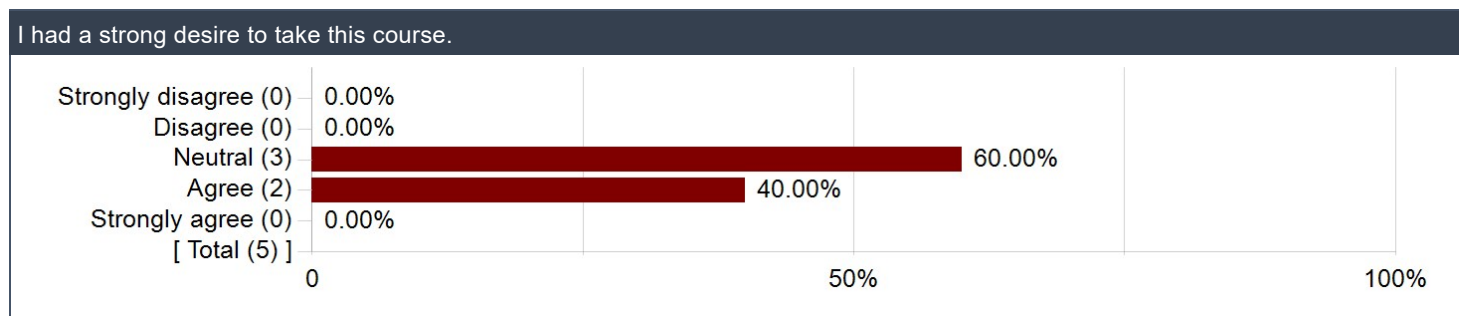
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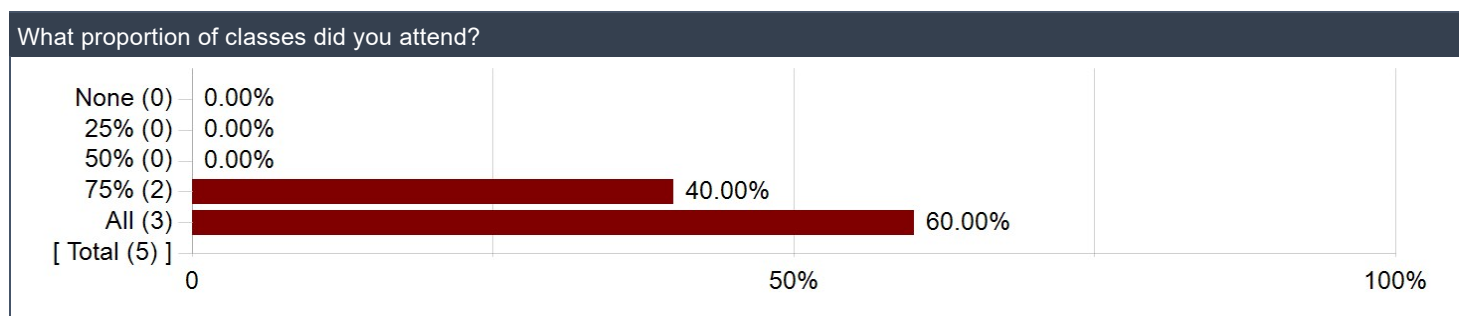
### Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



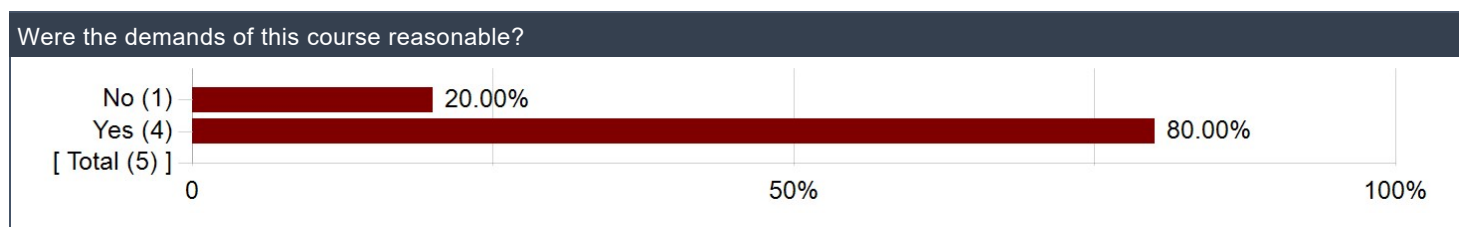
### I had a strong desire to take this course.



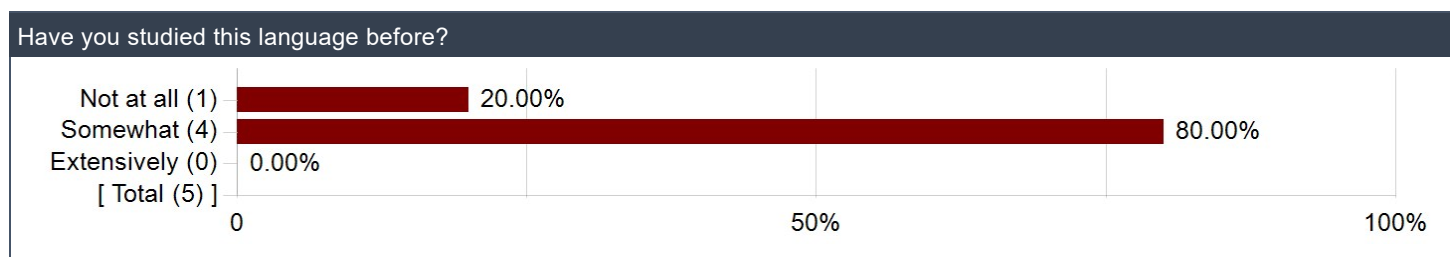
### What proportion of classes did you attend?



### Were the demands of this course reasonable?



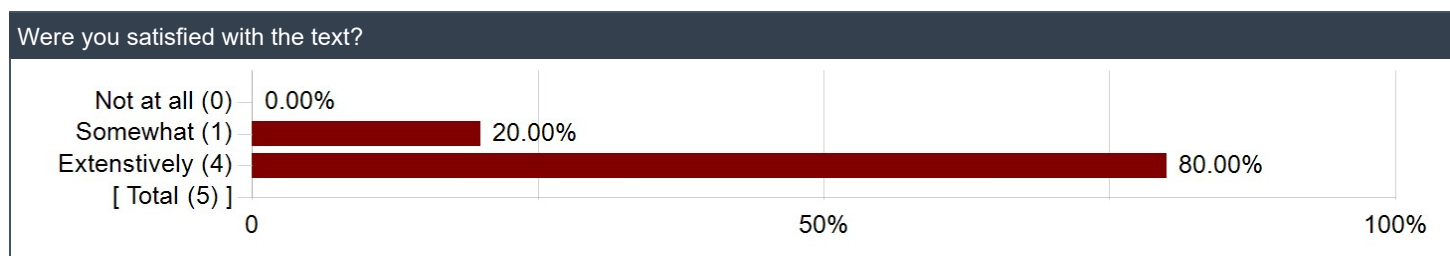
## Have you studied this language before?



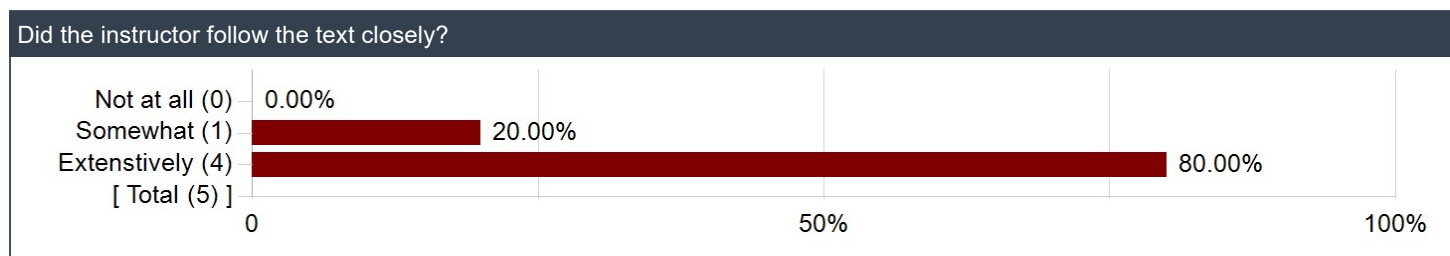
## Rate the extent to which different aspects of the language were stressed:

	Mean	Median	Not At All	A Little	Some	A Lot	Extremely	Vigorously
Speaking	5.20	6.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	20.00%	60.00%
Spelling	5.40	6.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	60.00%
Reading	5.80	6.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%
Writing	5.40	6.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	60.00%
Grammar	5.60	6.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%
Vocabulary	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	40.00%	40.00%

## Were you satisfied with the text?



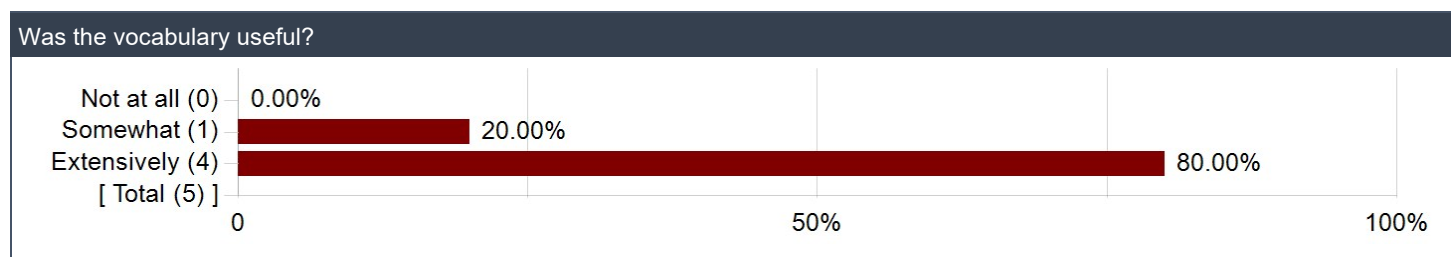
## Did the instructor follow the text closely?



## Explain:

Comments
Cheng and Tsui IC 3rd/4th editions, I and II
The lessons were followed on a strict schedule and to the letter, except in rare cases when the text used irrelevant or incorrect grammar/vocab.
You basically just follow the textbook and workbook.

## Was the vocabulary useful?

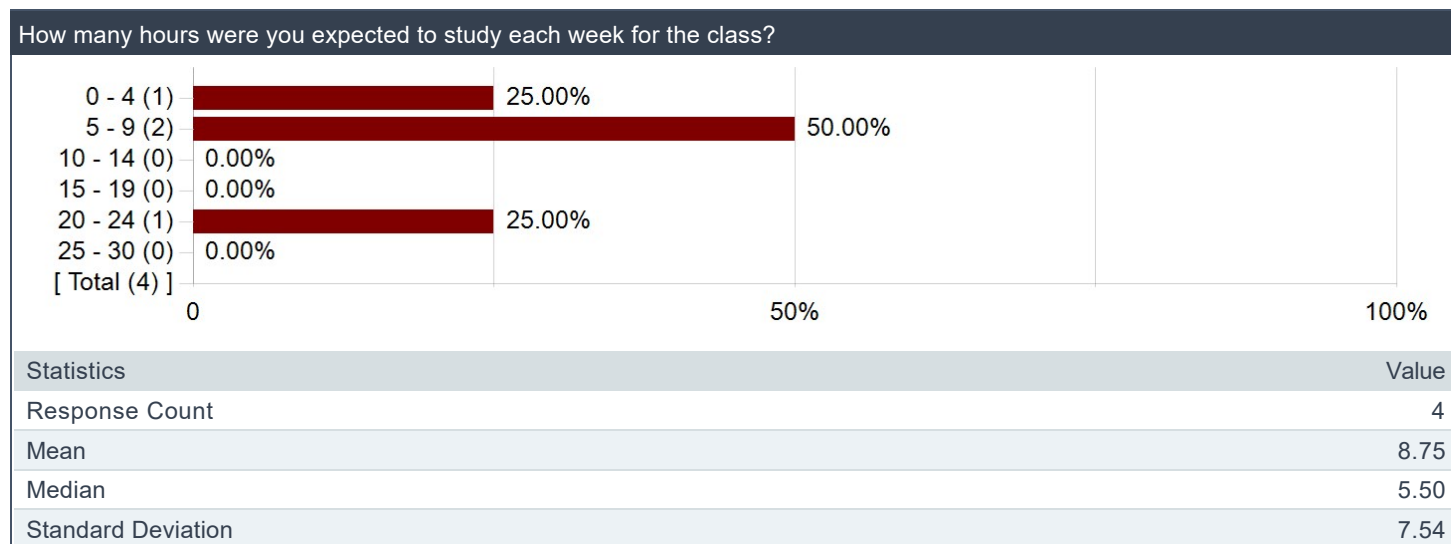


## Why?

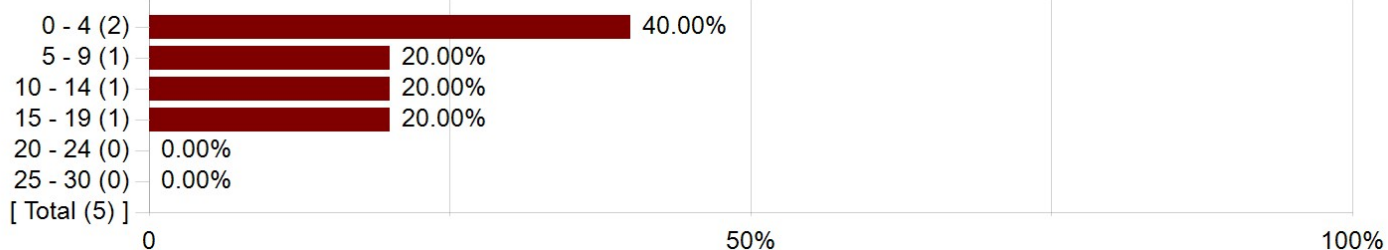
Comments
The vocabulary we were taught is super useful in conversational and survival Chinese. I feel like if I were set down at some random point in a major Chinese city, I could successfully have a rudimentary conversation with a native speaker and be able to navigate home.
Some of the vocab seemed superfluous, and I didn't understand why we only seriously learned like three colors instead of being tested on all of them.

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

Comments
Lots of in class speaking and grammar exercises, with regular written homework and written quizzes. It was very productive and conducive to learning.
Xiang Laoshi expects a lot of class participation and isn't afraid to cold-call. It's extremely scary and also extremely effective. I learned so much.
Five lectures a week. Very intense and always lots of work.

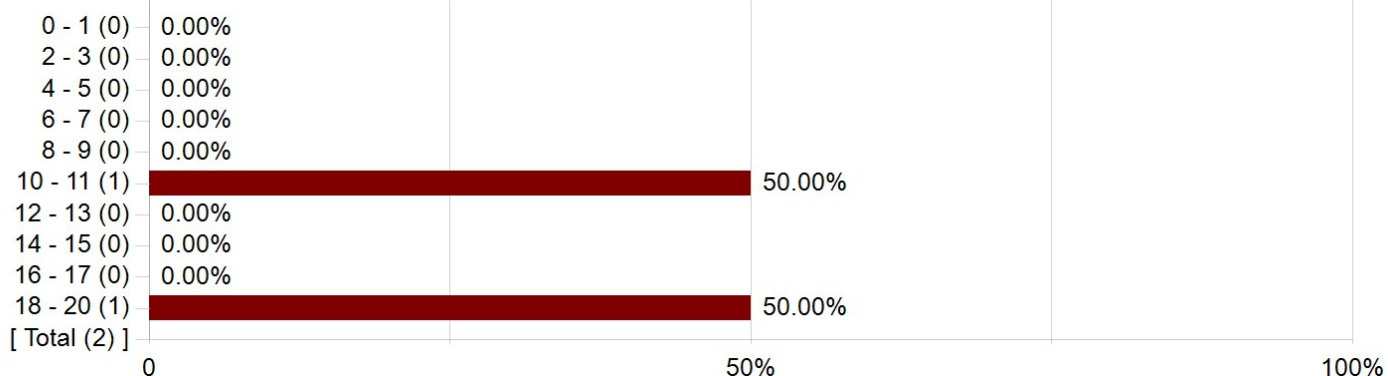


### How many hours did you spend?



Statistics	Value
Response Count	5
Mean	7.40
Median	5.00
Standard Deviation	5.03

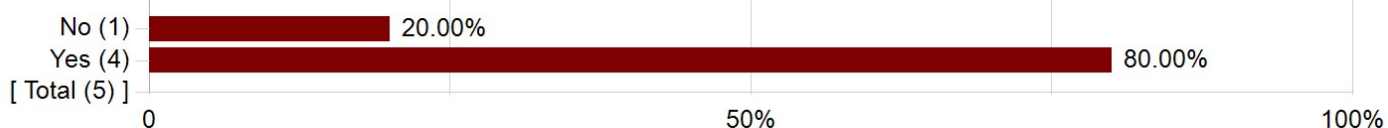
### How many written quizzes were given?



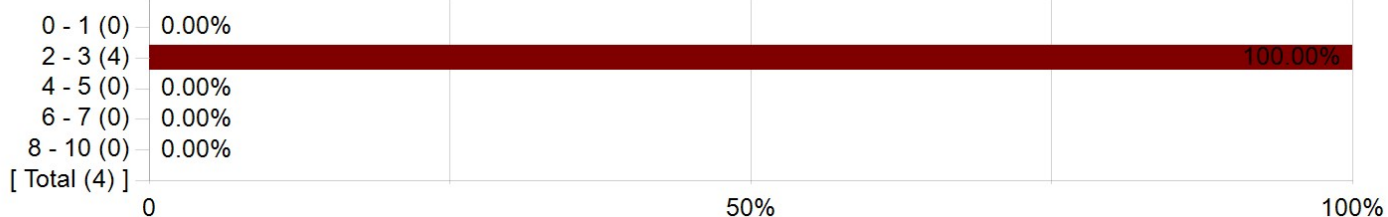
Statistics	Value
Response Count	2
Mean	15.00
Median	15.00
Standard Deviation	7.07

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

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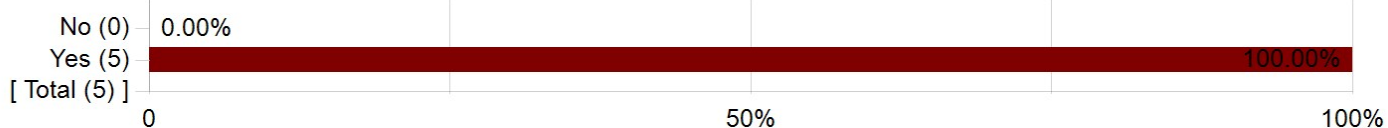
#### How many oral exams were given?



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Response Count	4
Mean	3.00
Median	3.00
Standard Deviation	0.00

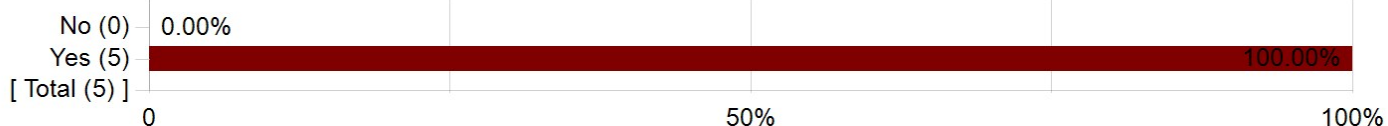
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#### Were the oral exams challenging?

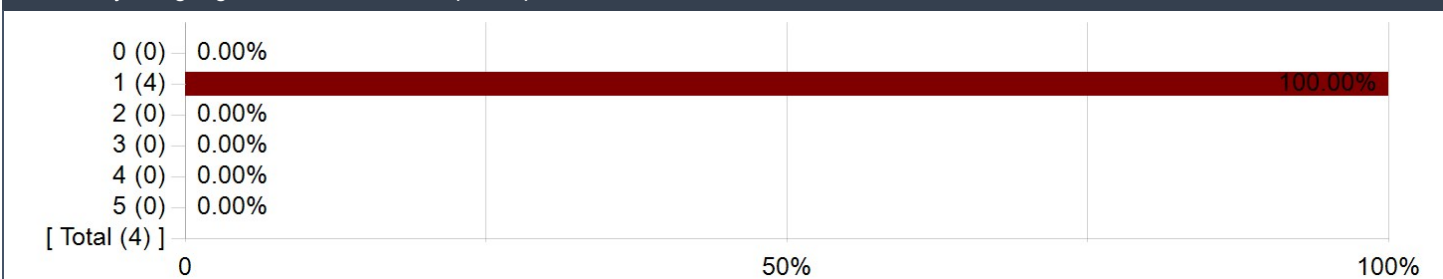
##### Were the oral exams challenging?



#### Why? Please be specific.

Comments
The oral exams were conducted asynchronously. To make up for this, the subject material was quite challenging.
The chapter test oral sections were not too difficult since they were recordings, they just required good knowledge of the text, and you could do a couple different takes until you got it right. The final oral exam was in-person, so if you got nervous and panicked, it was over. Fortunately, it's not a huge portion of your final grade.

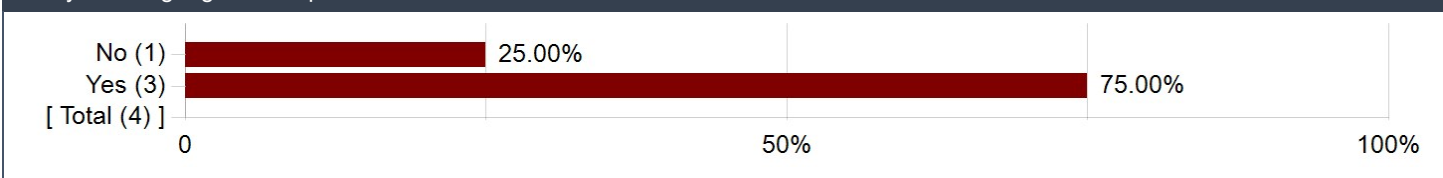
### How many Language Lab hours were required per week?



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Response Count	4
Mean	1.00
Median	1.00
Standard Deviation	0.00

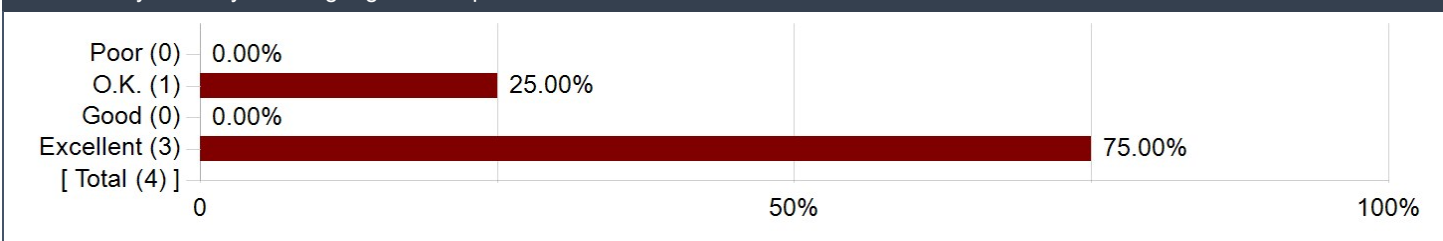
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### Why? Please be specific

#### Comments

I'm assuming that an LA session qualifies as a language lab? They were very helpful for getting additional speaking experience

My language assistant, Evonne, was very nice and good about correcting my pronunciation. LA hours really help prepare you for the final oral exam.

I felt that balancing daily class and a Language lab was too much of a commitment

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

#### Comments

N/A

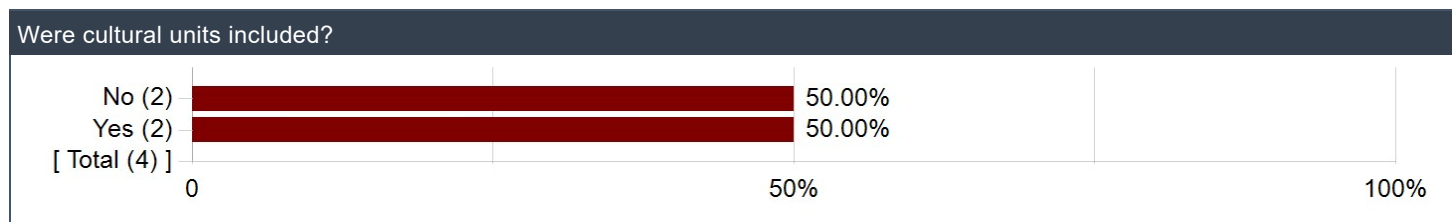
## Was your instructor organized?

Mean	Median	Very Unorganized	Somewhat Unorganized	Fairly Organized	Somewhat Organized	Very Organized
4.50	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%

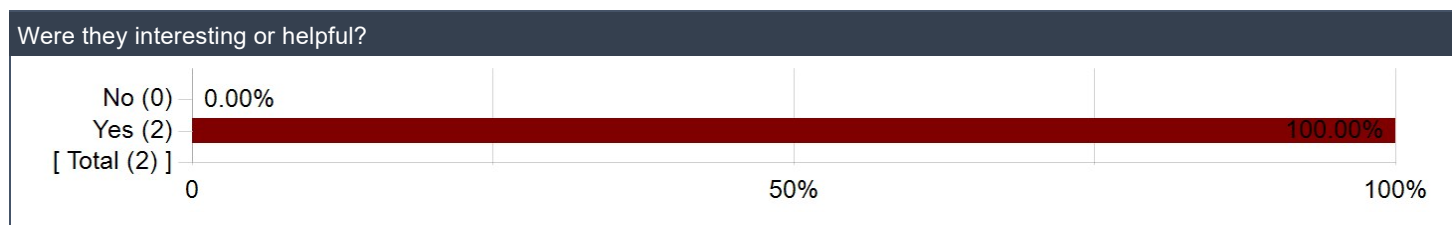
## Explain

Comments
Always on time to class, never missed a class even when she had COVID. In addition, a clear lesson plan for the entire course was provided from day 1, which made it very easy to examine the broad movement of the class in addition to the individual lessons. The only point of disorganization, I would say, was the syllabus which was unclear on a few points.
She posts the full schedule for every chapter in advance and follows it rigorously.

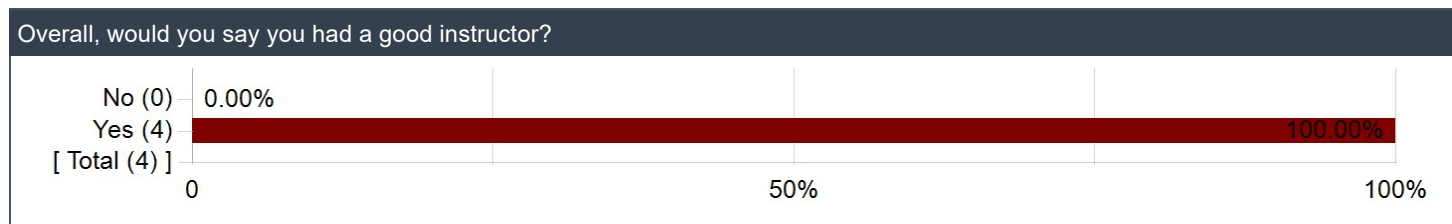
## Were cultural units included?



## Were they interesting or helpful?



## Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?

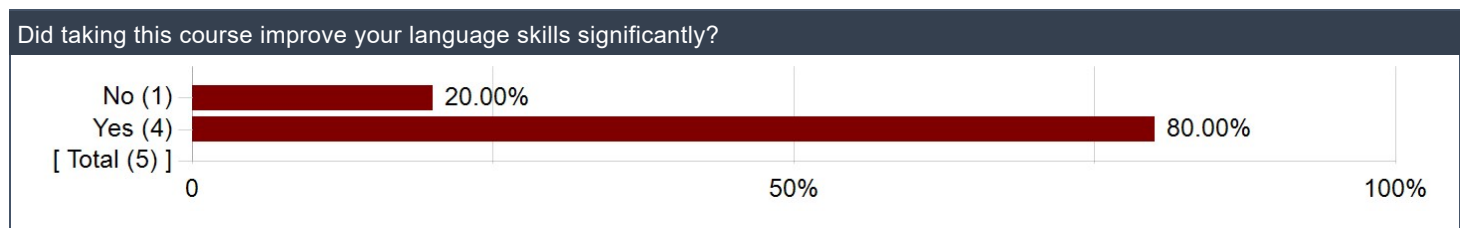


## Why?

Comments
She helped me learn Chinese.
She's strict, and you'll hate all the workbook assignments and dictation quizzes, but it really does help. She forces you to get over classroom shyness quickly. Xiang Laoshi is genuinely extremely good at her job.
She is strict and is mean if you are on her bad side, but a fairly reasonable grader.



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



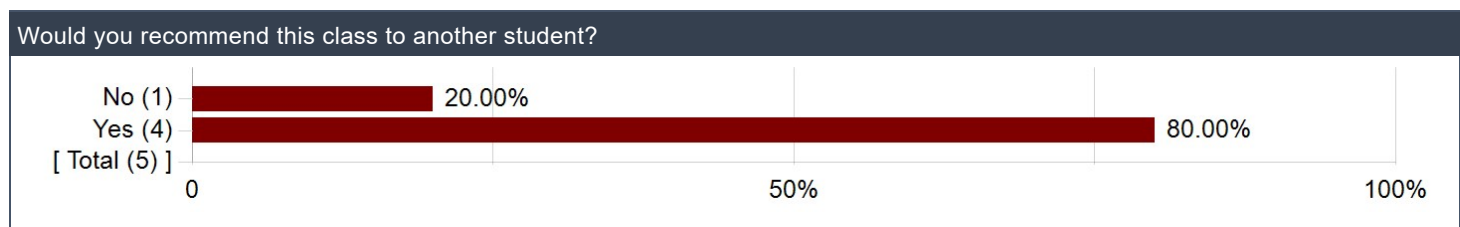
## In what way?

Comments
I feel much more fluent in Chinese than before.

## How would you improve this course?

Comments
Clear up the syllabus, and maybe soften the attendance policy
I do wish some of the workbook assignments were less time-consuming, because we spend a lot of time going over the grammar in class, and we already have to do a lot of memorization work on our own to prepare for the dictation quizzes. In a class that meets every day of the week, having that much homework is kind of ridiculous.
Five days a week is a lot and made my 3-class quarter feel like it had 4.

## Would you recommend this class to another student?



## Why?

Comments
It demands constant attention and constant studying, but it does what many language classes fail to do, teach you the language.
Trust me bro, your speaking skills will improve so much.
Too frequent and really intensive.