



SPAN 20200 3, SPAN 20200 3 - Language, History, and Culture II - Instructor(s): James Leon Weber

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

Number Enrolled: **10**

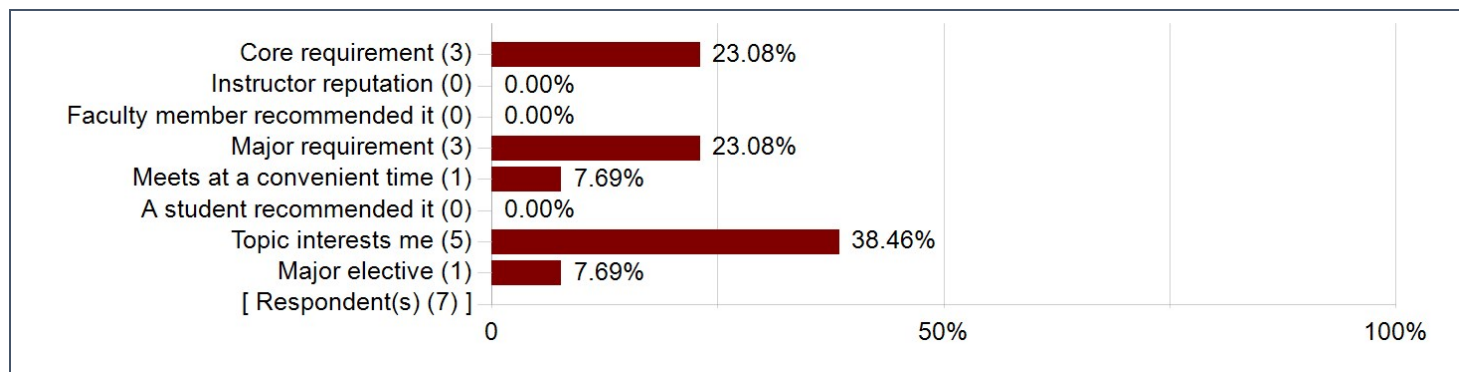
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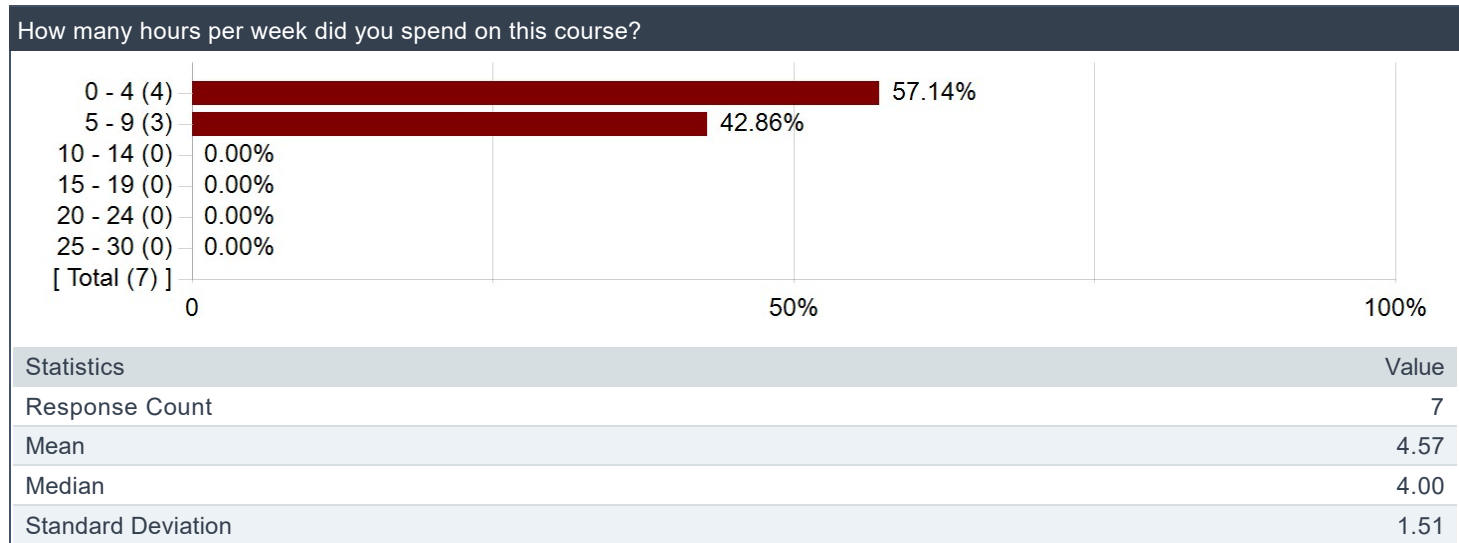
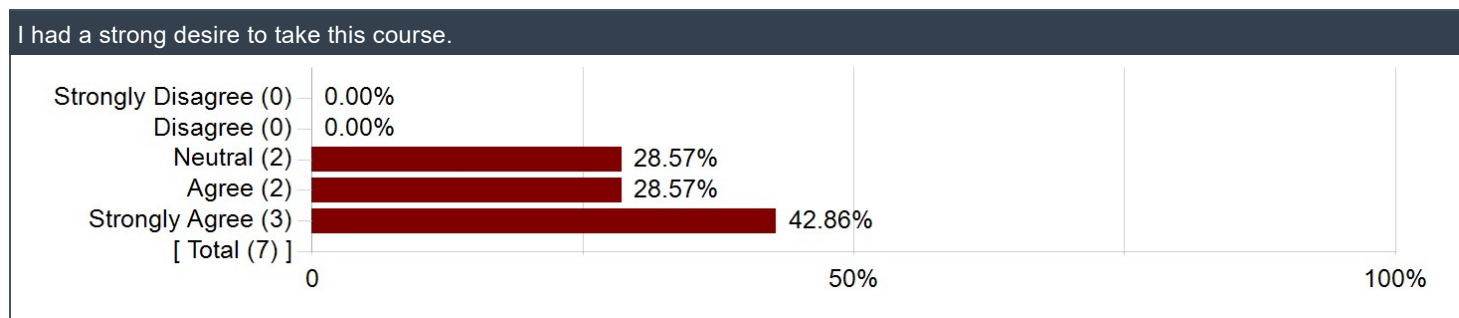
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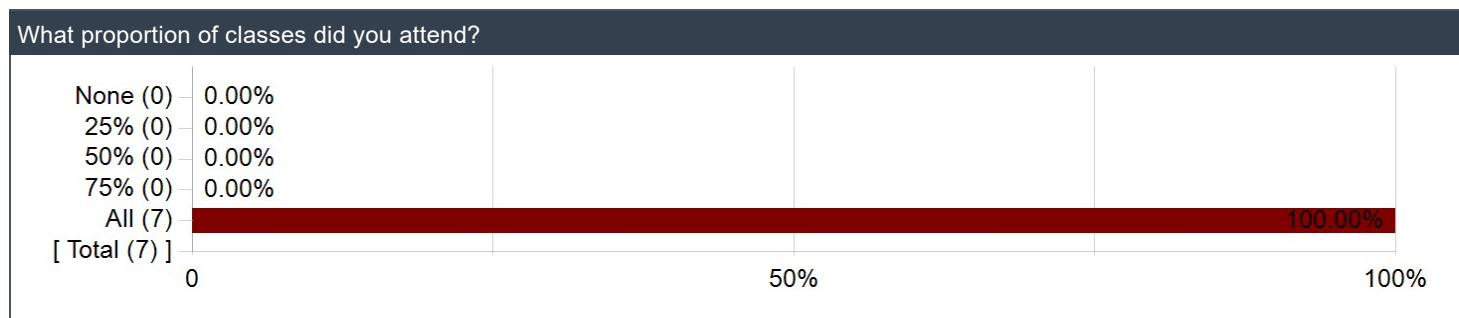
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



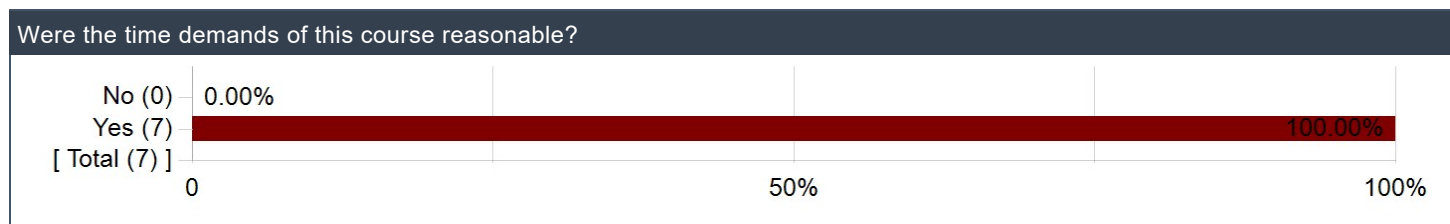
I had a strong desire to take this course.



What proportion of classes did you attend?



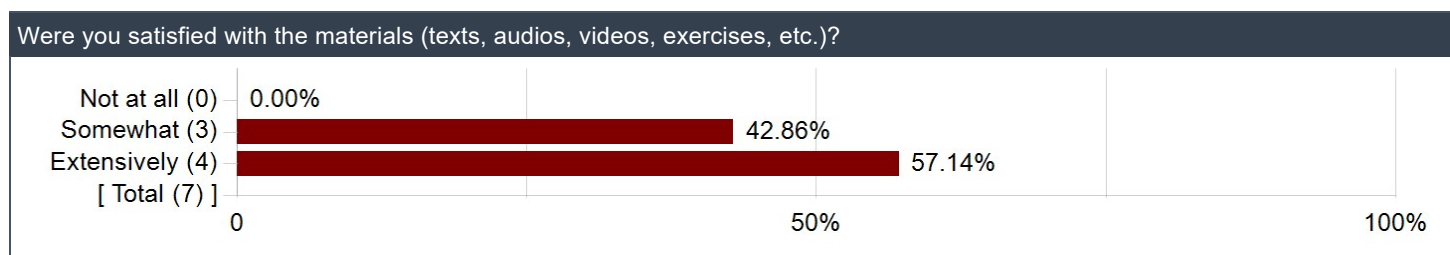
Were the time demands of this course reasonable?



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%	14.29%	71.43%	14.29%
Reading	3.43	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	14.29%	42.86%	14.29%
Writing	3.71	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	42.86%	14.29%
Grammar	4.29	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	42.86%	42.86%
Vocabulary	3.43	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	42.86%	28.57%	14.29%
Listening	3.14	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	42.86%	14.29%	14.29%

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



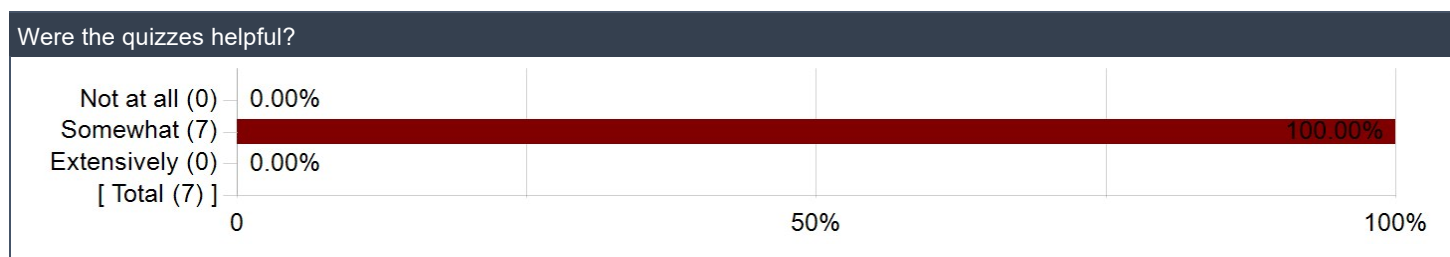
Please explain:

Comments
The materials in class felt really accessible and appropriate for the level. There were a few challenging things, but they still felt reasonable.
The textbook is really helpful for vocab and grammar. The listening quizzes and writing assignments are kind of tedious and time consuming but super helpful in the long run.
Book exercises were very helpful, and classroom lectures were engaging and interesting.
The textbook was a useful additional resource to the videos, readings, and other supplementary materials James provides in class.
The audio quizzes were fine, but sometimes hard to comprehend. Also, the "Lecturas" are a little difficult to read but fair.

What did you learn about culture through language?

Comments
There were a few lessons dispersed throughout the class, but the majority of the cultural information came from the TalkAbroad conversations.
The vocab for the units has a lot to do with culture. I learned the most about culture through class discussions and TalkAbroad assignments.
The focus on social issues in this class definitely introduced me to new cultural ideas and was a great aspect of this course.
I learned a lot about various issues that I was already aware of, but specifically how they relate to spanish speaking countries.
I learned that there are many different ways and forms to say something. Also, wishes and desires can be expressed through different structures as well.

Were the quizzes helpful?



How helpful were the various types of homework?

	Mean	Median	Not At All	Somewhat	Very	N/A
Reading	2.29	2.00	0.00%	71.43%	28.57%	0.00%
Listening	2.33	2.00	0.00%	57.14%	28.57%	14.29%
Writing	2.71	3.00	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%
Speaking	2.83	3.00	0.00%	14.29%	71.43%	14.29%

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

Comments
N/A
n/a

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
In terms of the outside of class activity for el cafécito, I didn't really have the chance to go to many of the ones I would've wanted to because of my schedule. The TalkAbroad assignment was really the main thing out of class that took time. They were fine and I felt like they were helpful. It wasn't my favourite activity, but I can appreciate them for what they were aiming to do.
TalkAbroad was definitely time consuming, but really interesting. It's what you make out of it so you can use the half hour to just chat with someone from a Spanish speaking country. I recommend talking about things you like and can actually hold a conversation for because the last thing you want are those weird awkward pauses between answers and questions.
I liked the TalkAbroads a lot. They helped me gain experience and confidence talking in Spanish, and I also learned a lot from my partners.
The required TalkAbroad discussions always stressed me out up until I started them, and then I found that they were a great way to improve my off the cuff speaking on specific topics and my general level of comfort speaking in a familiar and reciprocal way.
The cultural activities were fun and informative. I enjoyed them. The TalkAbroads are so helpful because I'm nervous in class to speak with peers so TalkAbroad helps with the practice.

Other comments:

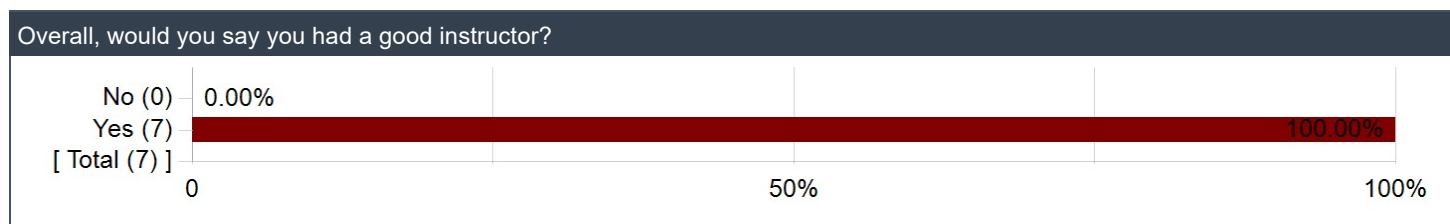
Comments
The pacing of the course feels a little rushed. This is my first time in a quarter system, so that may be it, but I also feel like we didn't get the chance to really go into depth with the time we had. James was a wonderful professor though and made the class enjoyable. With the course load of my other classes, I really looked forward to doing assignments for this class and going to class in general.
I truly enjoy the Spanish program here. It does get repetitive as you progress through the levels, but it's still good.

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	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Rate your instructor's ability to convey the subtleties of the language	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%
Rate your instructor's ability to encourage class conversation and participation in this language	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%
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%

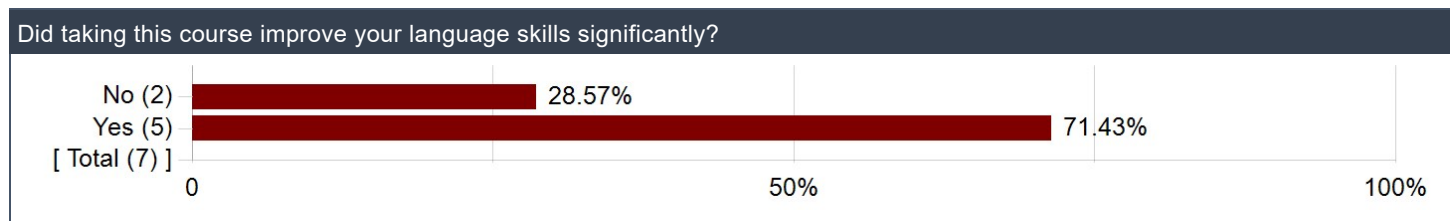
Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



Please explain:

Comments
My bad, spoke about this in the previous panel. But just to reiterate, I appreciated the way James approached the class and taught. I would recommend him as a professor if someone asked, and if he were teaching the next level or another Spanish class, I would consider taking him again.
James is the absolute BEST. He's so funny and super understanding. I swear time goes by so quickly in his class and he's actually passionate about teaching Spanish. His comments on papers are useful and have helped me improve my writing. He's also really easy to talk to and he always motivates his students to participate and enjoy learning the language.
Professor Weber was a great instructor. In addition to organizing classes well, he's really passionate about teaching and helping us learn, and he motivated me to continue studying Spanish in the future.
James is the absolute best. He is so kind and patient and willing to help. Truly an amazing professor!
James was an amazing professor. He has a very laid back classroom environment that really makes students feel comfortable participating and like they can make mistakes without being chastised extensively. He consistently stressed his availability to meet outside of class, and was quite friendly on the few occasions I happened to run into him outside of class time.
James was a great and patient instructor. He was able to explain the complexities of the verb tenses and structures very well and even could translate the exact form of the sentence into English so we could understand the tense directly.

Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?



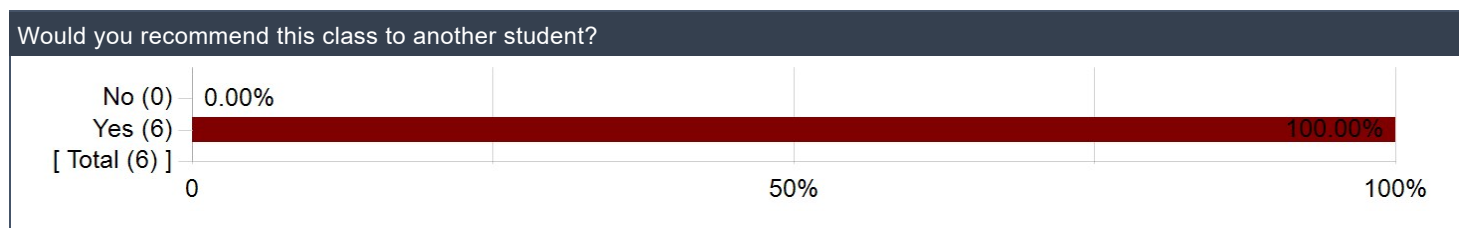
How would you improve this course?

Comments
As previously mentioned, the pacing feels a little rushed. I wished we would've had the chance to cover more topics in depth.
I wouldn't do anything—this class is already really good.
I really don't have anything to add. I think the class is structured well, although some of the more difficult skills might benefit from extra time before being tested on them
More listening practice and review.

In what way?

Comments
Its been a while since I've taken a Spanish class or really had the chance to speak Spanish frequently, so I feel like the amount of interaction I had with this class really improved that aspect. Being immersed in the language really is useful for my academic goals as well.
I would say that this course just builds on things that you already know. It felt more of like a refresher than new material.
My speaking skills were heightened, and I learned a lot of new grammatical rules.
I feel like I have a better grasp on specific aspects of grammar, and my reading skills have improved as well.
I'm a much better writer and I can speak better as well. My listening skills have improved.

Would you recommend this class to another student?



Why?

Comments
I had a good experience in this class.
It's such a good time and easy A. Whether you need the class for language requirement or it's just an elective, it's interesting, fun, and relatively easy.
It's fun!
I really enjoyed taking this class and I think anyone who places into it will have a really great time and feel comfortable with the level of work and proficiency expected of them.
It was a great and beneficial class.