



SPAN 10100 3, SPAN 10100 3 - Beginning Elementary Spanish I - Instructor(s): Begona Arechabaleta Regulez

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

Number Enrolled: **12**

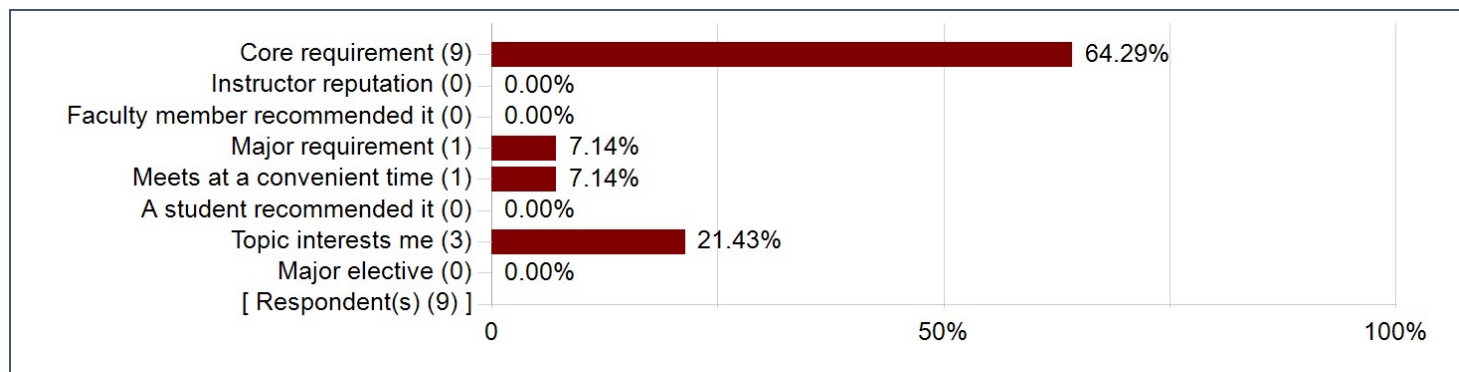
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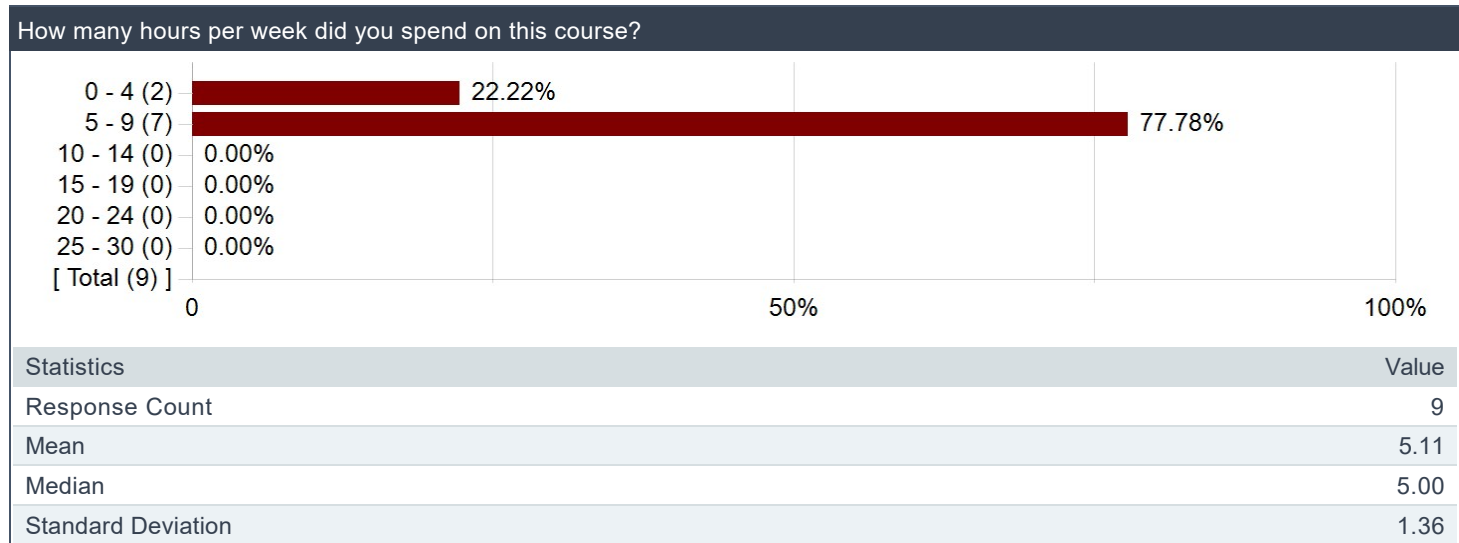
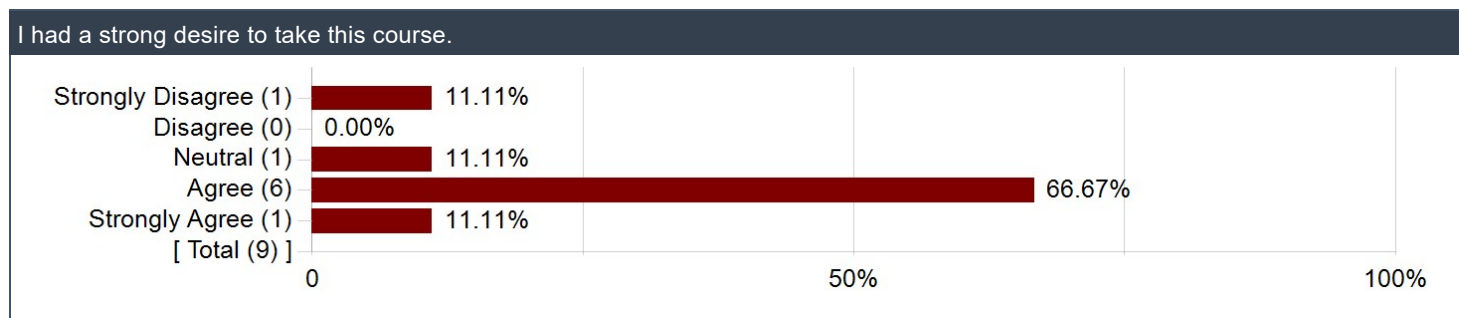
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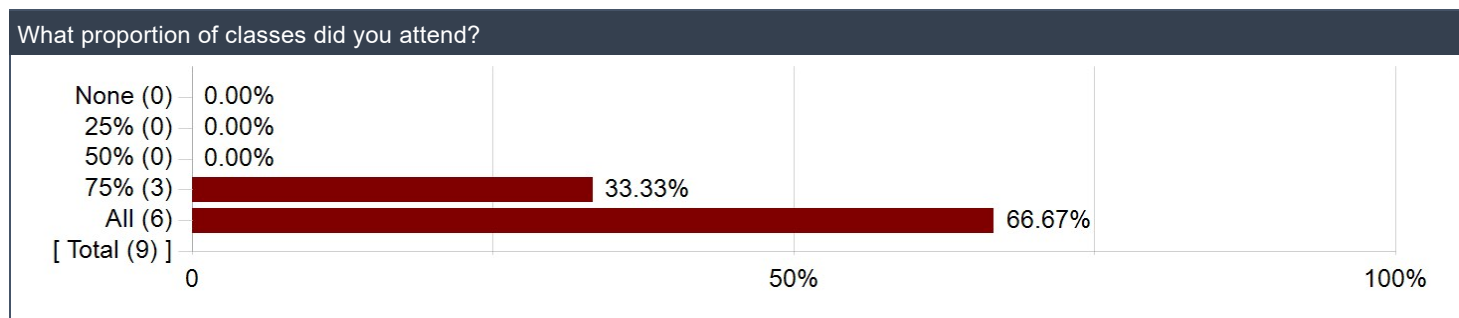
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



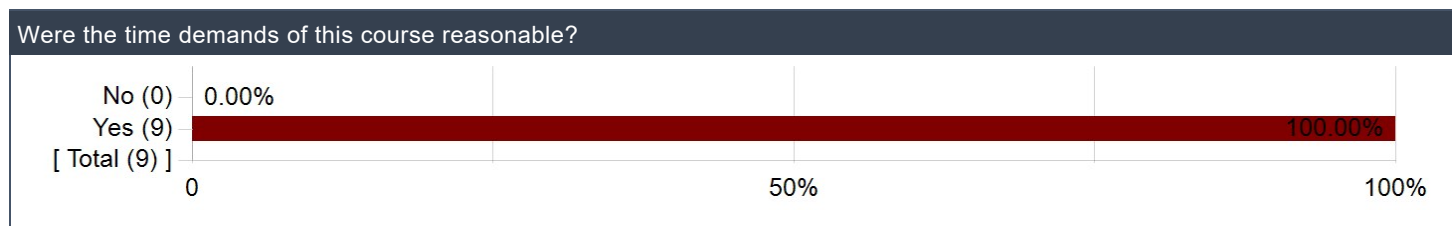
I had a strong desire to take this course.



What proportion of classes did you attend?



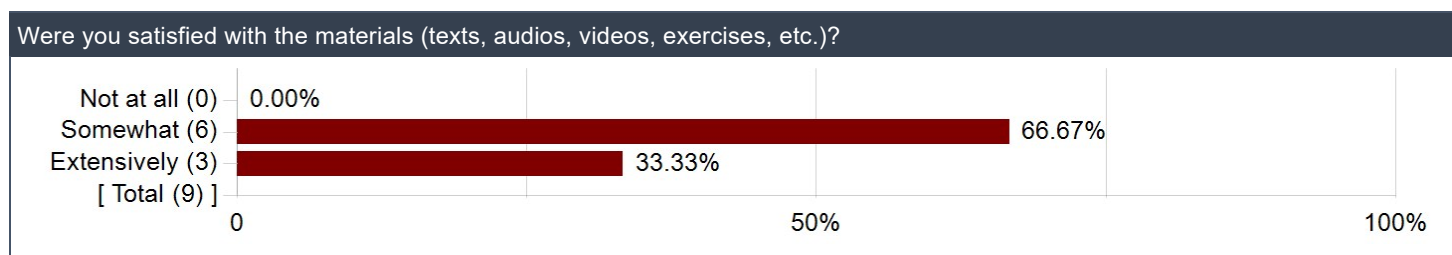
Were the time demands of this course reasonable?



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	3.56	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	22.22%	33.33%	22.22%
Reading	3.22	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	22.22%	33.33%	11.11%
Writing	3.11	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	44.44%	33.33%	0.00%
Grammar	3.44	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	44.44%	33.33%	11.11%
Vocabulary	4.11	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	44.44%	33.33%
Listening	3.22	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	44.44%	22.22%	11.11%

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



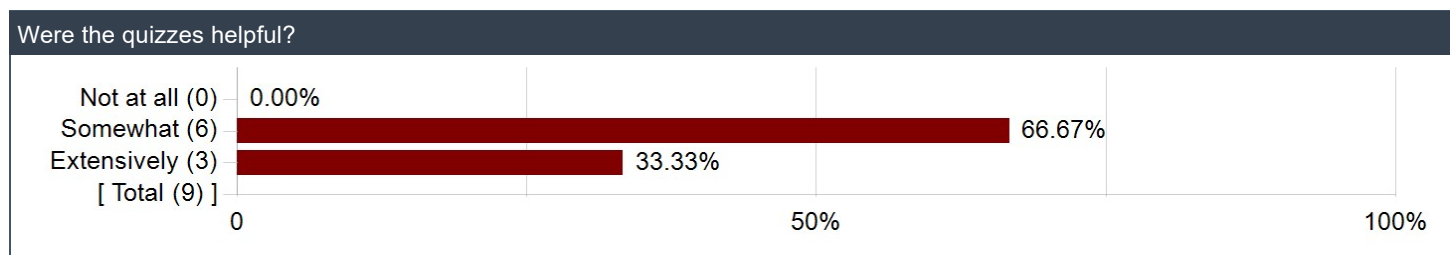
Please explain:

Comments
We used two online programs: LinguaMeeting and Blink SpanishHub. The former was a little tedious to schedule and attend at non-class hours (including weekends) but the actual time commitment is not horrible and the experience itself ranges from "full of technical difficulties" to quite helpful for exposure and using the language you're learning. The latter was used as homework for the textbook. It includes certain exercises that make you record, listen to audio or watch videos. The only gripe I have with Blink learning are the "instructor graded" assignments. There is nothing inherently wrong with them, they are sometimes tedious and have little benefit over the other exercises.
The quality of the exercises was good but the online textbook website could be better. It was a bit inconvenient to have to find the link to the homework exercises in a new email each day.
The Blink Learning homework was at time tedious and was merely translating google searches, but the Lingua Meetings with native speakers were very fun (the Lingua Meeting cultural experiences were not)
The online platform was a little bit questionable, but the other aspects of the course like the linguameeting were super helpful.

What did you learn about culture through language?

Comments
I learned how different Spanish speaking countries have different ways of speaking the same language.
I learned some differences between how people speak in certain countries/regions.
Practically nothing, the language was stressed more than any cultural immersion or aspects of the culture
I was able to learn about different hispanic cultures, and experience cultures outside of the one I live in, which is pretty cool.
I learned a lot about the different expectations of different cultures and different roles in the cultures.

Were the quizzes helpful?



How helpful were the various types of homework?

	Mean	Median	Not At All	Somewhat	Very	N/A
Reading	2.56	3.00	0.00%	44.44%	55.56%	0.00%
Listening	2.44	2.00	0.00%	55.56%	44.44%	0.00%
Writing	2.78	3.00	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%	0.00%
Speaking	2.44	3.00	11.11%	33.33%	55.56%	0.00%

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.)?

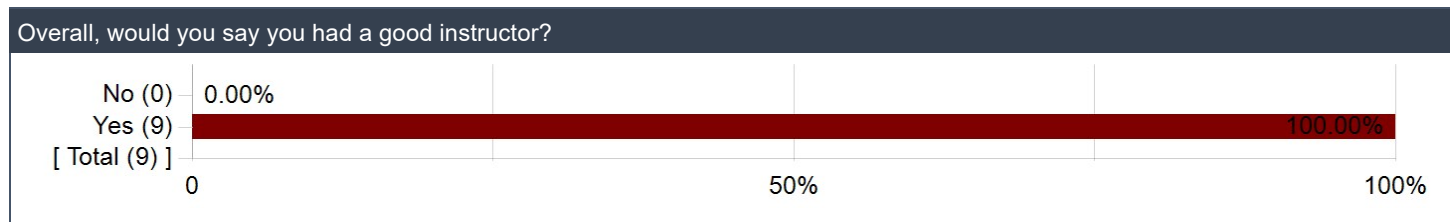
Comments
The LinguaMeeting cultural activities were largely useless. They did not require the audience to speak; they only required us to react over a Zoom meeting. On the other hand, I felt very prepared for the end-of-the-quarter oral exam because of the other LinguaMeeting assignments and the Tarea Finals we have at the end of every chapter.
Would appreciate more in class conversation practice instead of/in addition to Lingua meetings.
Depends. The Lingua Meeting cultural experiences did not feel immersive nor did they help me comprehend the language more nor did they help me grasp the culture more. They felt forced and stereotypical. But, the Lingua Meeting conversations with native speakers were very helpful and fun, making me grow and enjoy speaking Spanish
I found them very helpful for learning about sentence structure, and practicing pronunciation.
Very useful. It helped improve my comprehension and my ability to communicate with others.

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	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%
Rate your instructor's ability to convey the subtleties of the language	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%
Rate your instructor's ability to encourage class conversation and participation in this language	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	22.22%	77.78%
Rate your instructor's availability outside of class and willingness to help	4.89	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	88.89%
Rate feedback on assignments and exams	4.78	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	11.11%	0.00%	88.89%

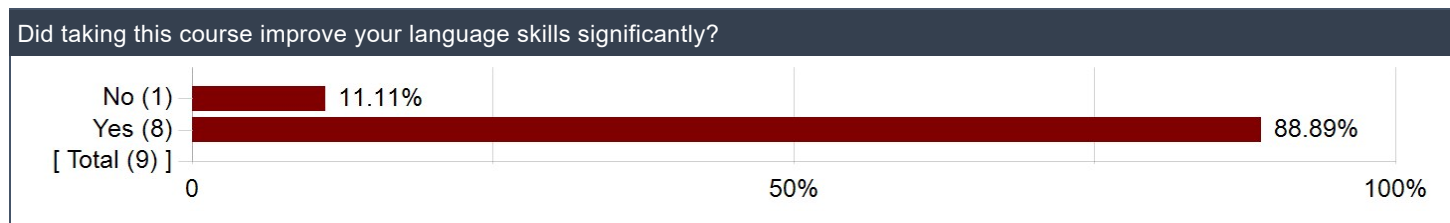
Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



Please explain:

Comments
She was very fair with her assignments and the workload was quite balanced.
Professor Arechabaleta Regulez was very competent and ran well-organized, fast paced classes in which every student got individual practice and attention.
Bego is a good instructor. Some of the difficulties arise from simply being in a 101 class, so I have less conceptual pieces to deduce what is meant or how structures may be similar or different. But, Bego did a great job on discussing and disseminating the language to us in a clear fashion, the language itself and the learning curve was the difficulty
She was very kind and patient when it came to learning this language. I found asking her questions were easy and she responded very well.
Bego is amazing and super encouraging! I always felt motivated to keep going even if I made mistakes.
Bego is so so so amazing! She is very understanding and helps whenever she can. I would 100% recommend.

Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?



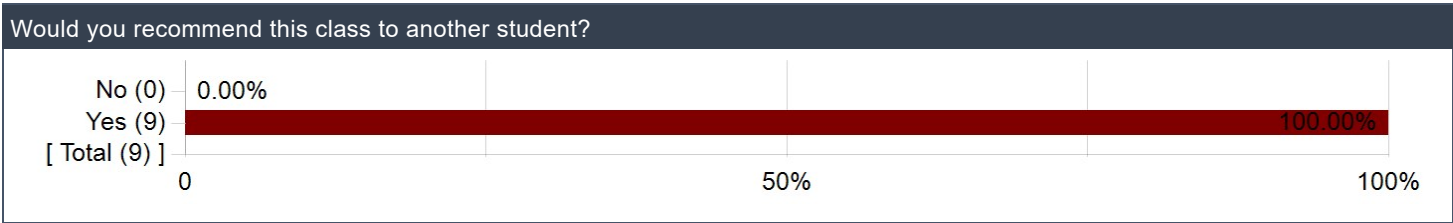
How would you improve this course?

Comments
Remove the "less necessary" exercises such as the LinguaMeeting cultural experience.
Would prefer more in person conversation practice perhaps with language tutors as opposed to lingua meetings
By describing the grammar rules in a more understandable manner, they could be understood better thus eliminating some of the learning curve.
I would like to have more practice talking with my classmates besides the chapter finals.

In what way?

Comments
I took Spanish in elementary school then switched to Latin for five years (middle and high school). Taking this class has helped me learn the general grammar structures and how it differs from Latin.
I feel more comfortable conversationally and have a better understanding of sentence structure
I already could speak Spanish decently well and knew some of the vocabulary, this course really just reinforced what I knew previously and provided me with additional knowledge of the language. But, these new skills do not feel terrible important, the vocabulary is really the most important part I learned
I have a lot more comprehension of the language as a whole.
My language skills have evolved vocabulary-wise and speaking-wise. Everything comes a lot more natural than it did before.

Would you recommend this class to another student?



Why?

Comments
It is a great class that provides a solid foundation for further understanding Spanish.
Good introduction to the language. Great professor
It is a rigorous but useful introductory Spanish class that would help someone learn the fundamentals of the language. I would argue this could also be acquired through informal conversations, but this is a good formal introduction
It's fun and pretty easy if you engage well.