



ITAL 10100 4, ITAL 10100 4 - Beginning Elementary Italian I - Instructor(s): Sara Dallavalle

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

Number Enrolled: **8**

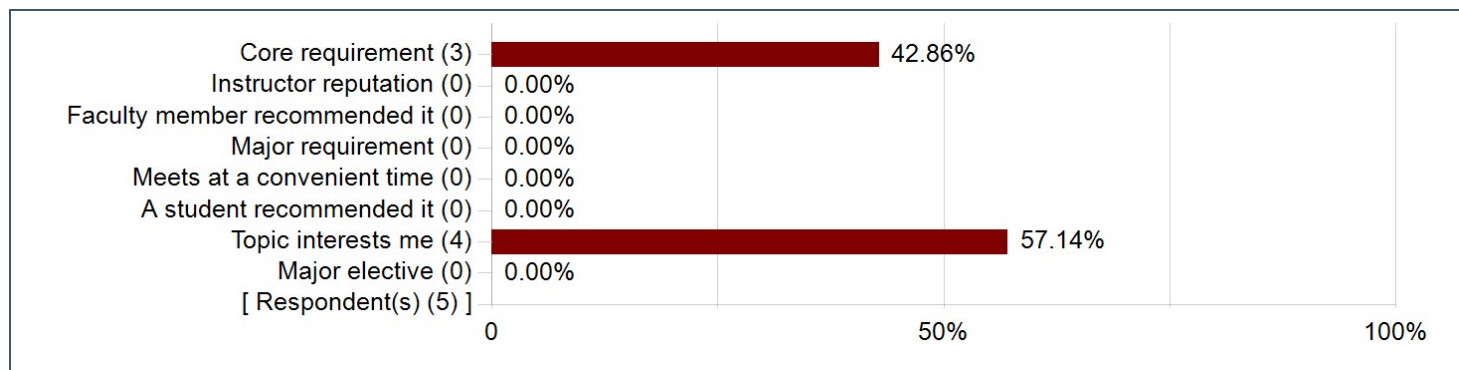
Number of Responses: **5**

Report Comments

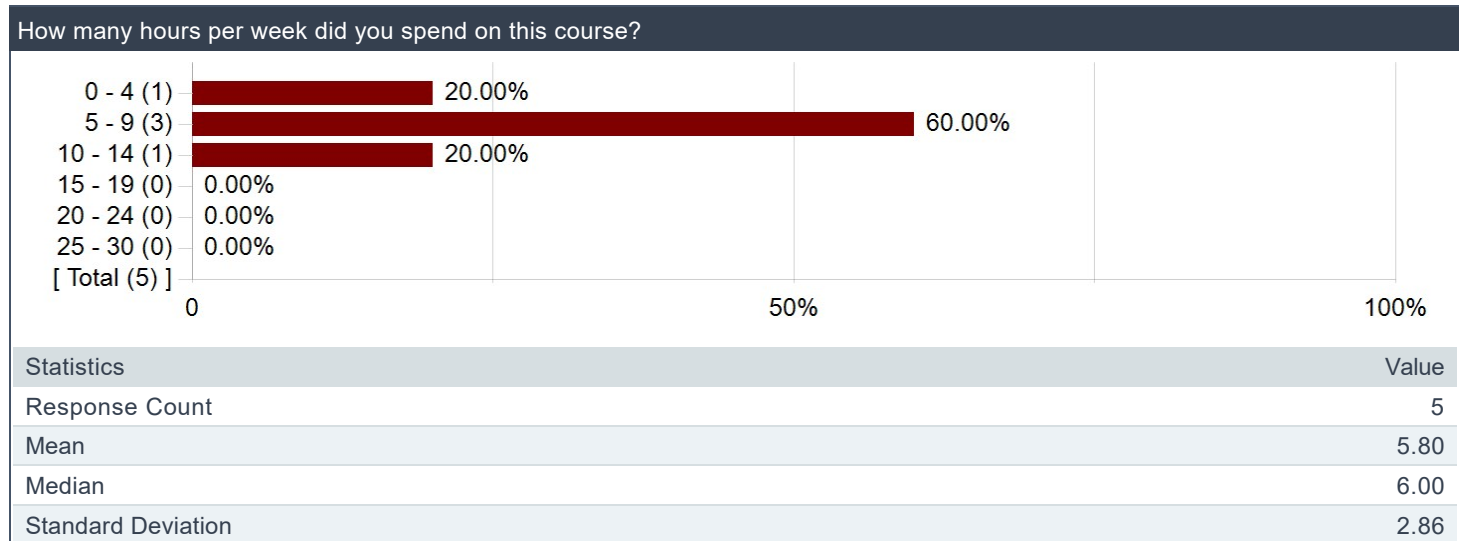
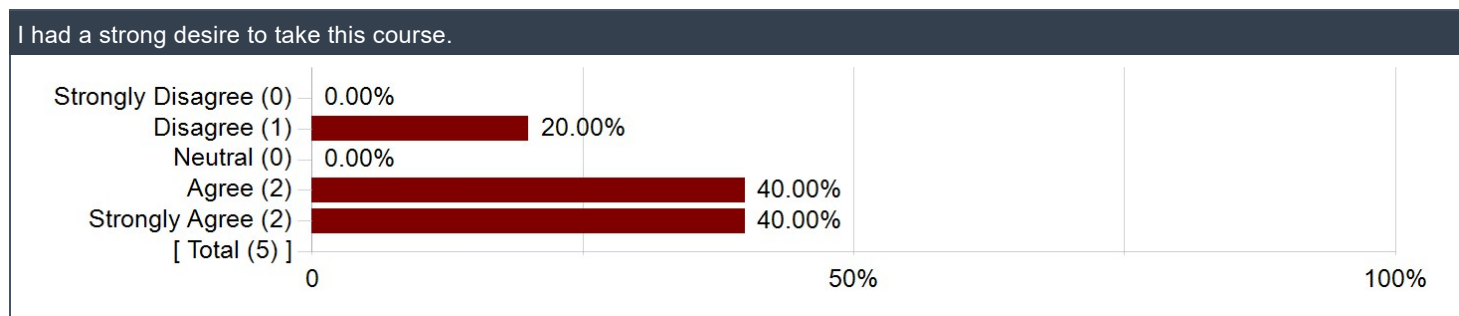
Opinions expressed in these evaluations are those of students enrolled in the specific course and do not represent the University.

Creation Date: **Friday, February 2, 2024**

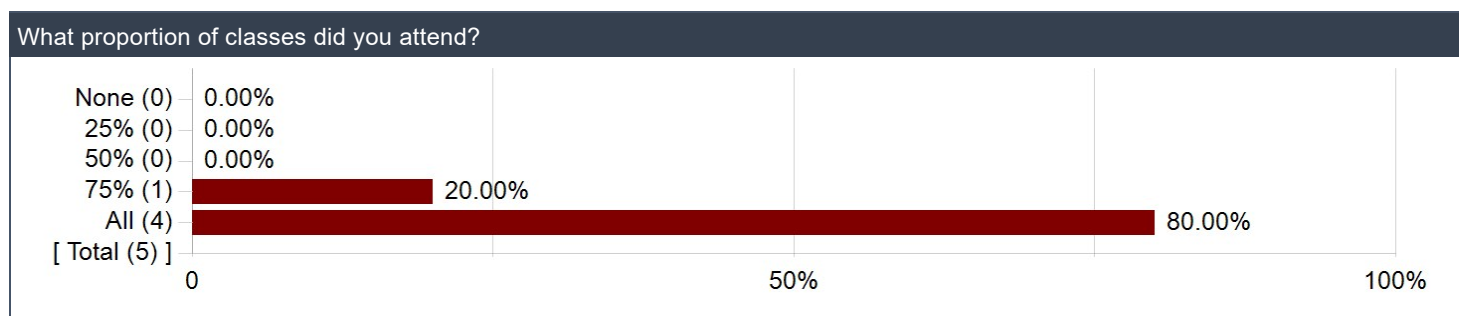
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



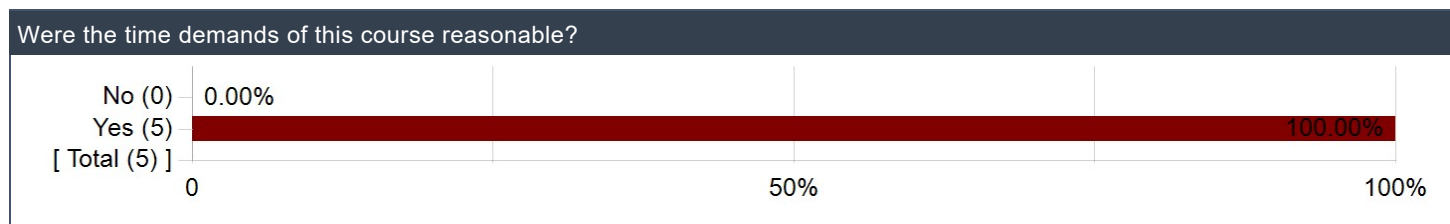
I had a strong desire to take this course.



What proportion of classes did you attend?



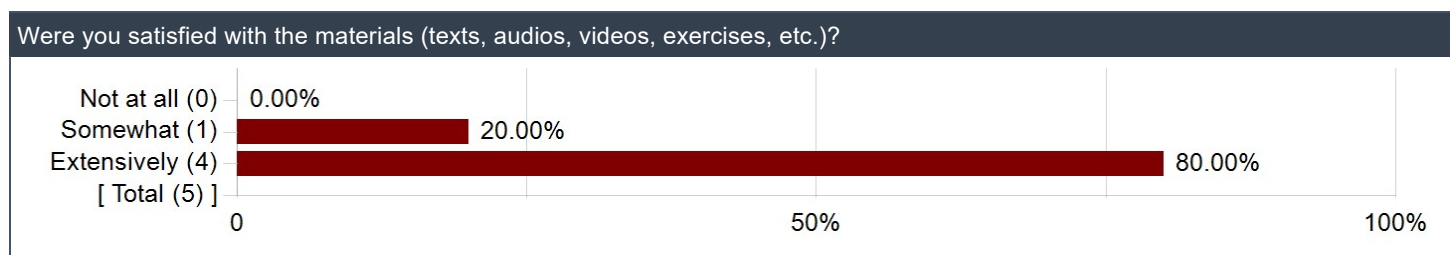
Were the time demands of this course reasonable?



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	4.80	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%
Reading	3.80	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	40.00%
Writing	3.80	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	0.00%	40.00%
Grammar	4.60	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	60.00%
Vocabulary	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	60.00%	20.00%
Listening	3.40	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	0.00%	40.00%	20.00%

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



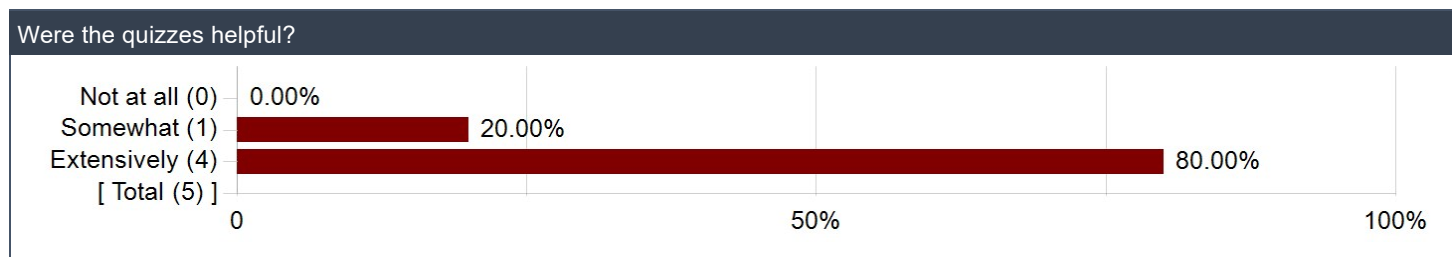
Please explain:

Comments
The Mind Tap exercises were very helpful when it came to practicing Italian in a format outside the classroom. The textbook was also very straightforward and a good vocabulary resource.
There was plenty of material that helped me engage with Italian in multiple different ways
There are activities that cover listening, speaking, writing, vocabulary, and grammar. All are important and none of ignored/left behind.
All the materials given and assigned seemed redundant and a lot at first but were extremely helpful in building a competency in Italian

What did you learn about culture through language?

Comments
I learned about general day-to-day life in Italy and the school system in Italy.
I learned a lot about Italian culture from taking this class. Even as an Italian, this course taught me so much that I didn't know, especially about the different regions in Italy and their nuances.
A lot of the common traditions and mannerisms as well as general living !

Were the quizzes helpful?



How helpful were the various types of homework?

	Mean	Median	Not At All	Somewhat	Very	N/A
Reading	2.80	3.00	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Listening	2.80	3.00	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%
Writing	3.00	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Speaking	2.80	3.00	0.00%	20.00%	80.00%	0.00%

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

Comments
Fairly useful
The discussion posts were useful
Discussions were a great way to learn more about my classmates while practicing Italian. They were often fun to complete, and really helped in learning.
It was a good manner of interaction between classmates in Italian outside of 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
Cultural activities were fun!
The Talk Abroad assignments were useful, they were a good way to practice speaking Italian spontaneously with someone new. The cultural activities were very fun and you were able to learn a lot about Italian culture through them.
Enjoyable
Very useful
They were all useful in building up my intuition of the Italian language

Other comments:

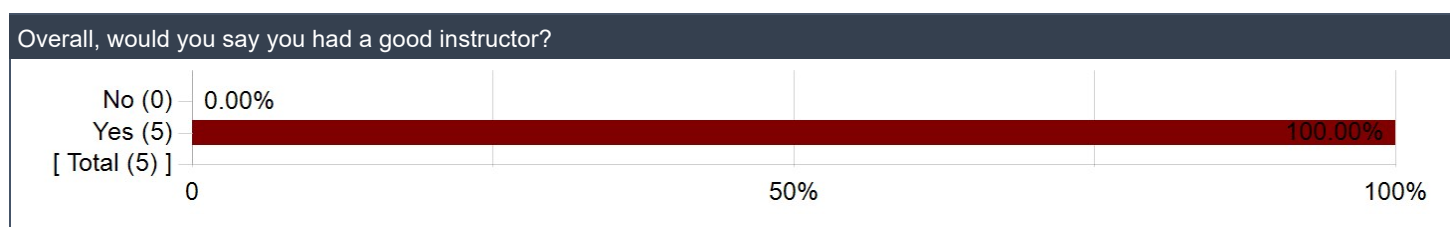
Comments
n/a

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	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Rate your instructor's ability to encourage class conversation and participation in this language	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
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	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%

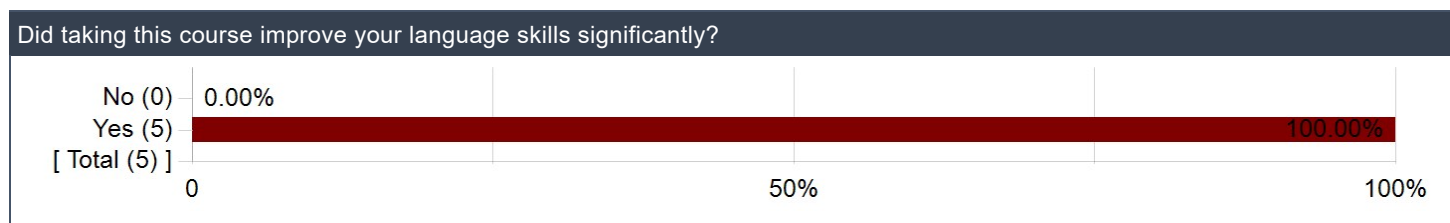
Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



Please explain:

Comments
Prof Dallavalle is fantastic! Strongly recommend taking her class
Sara is very funny and enthusiastic which made it easy to look forward to class each week.
She is fantastic, makes the class fun and knows how to motivate us to learn
Sara may be the best professor I've had at UChicago (as a 3rd year CS major). She is always on top of things and really wants her students to learn. She is very friendly and approachable, while not being too forgiving and making sure that everyone is on top of the class.
Professor Dallavalle was very nice and courteous when teaching us but also very adamant on our speaking of Italian which led to a lot of improvement throughout the clas

Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?



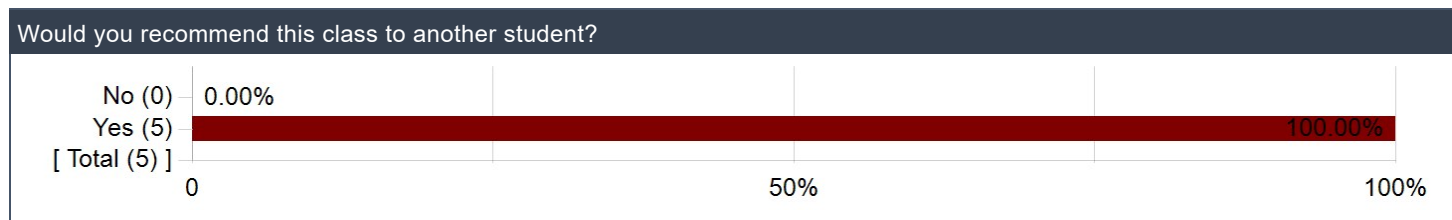
How would you improve this course?

Comments
n/a
Towards the end, the mind tap exercises didn't align with the lessons because the timing was a bit off
Nothing

In what way?

Comments
I knew nothing about speaking Italian coming into this course but now I can hold a short conversation.
I feel like I have a good handle on the language, which will only be improved in the rest of the sequence
You will truly learn Italian by taking these courses. You can not just mess around and try to get an easy A, but if you complete the assignments on time and stay on top of the class it is both easy and fun.
I started learning Italian

Would you recommend this class to another student?



Why?

Comments
It's is very fun and you will learn a lot
Fun language to learn, great professor, not too difficult
Anyone who truly wants to learn a new language should take this course.