



SPAN 20100 2, SPAN 20100 2 - Language, History, and Culture I - Instructor(s) - Andrés Rabinovich

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

Number Enrolled: **7**

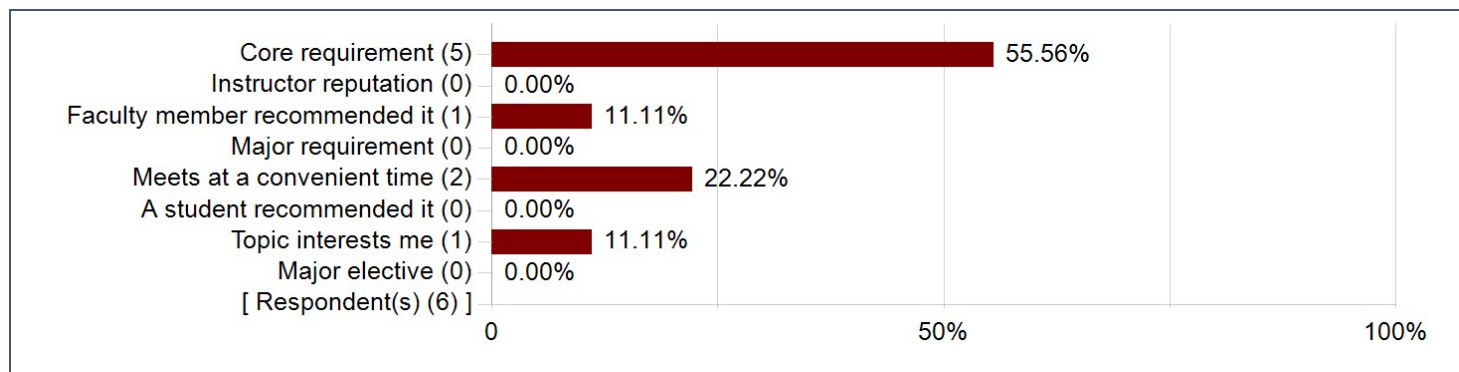
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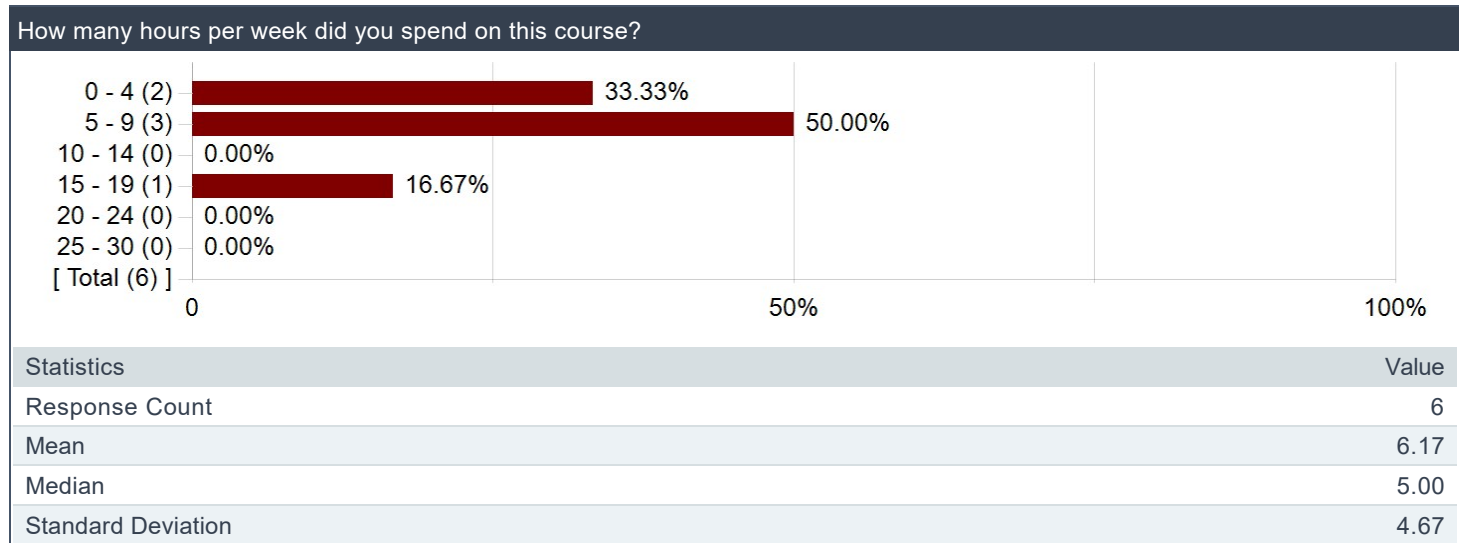
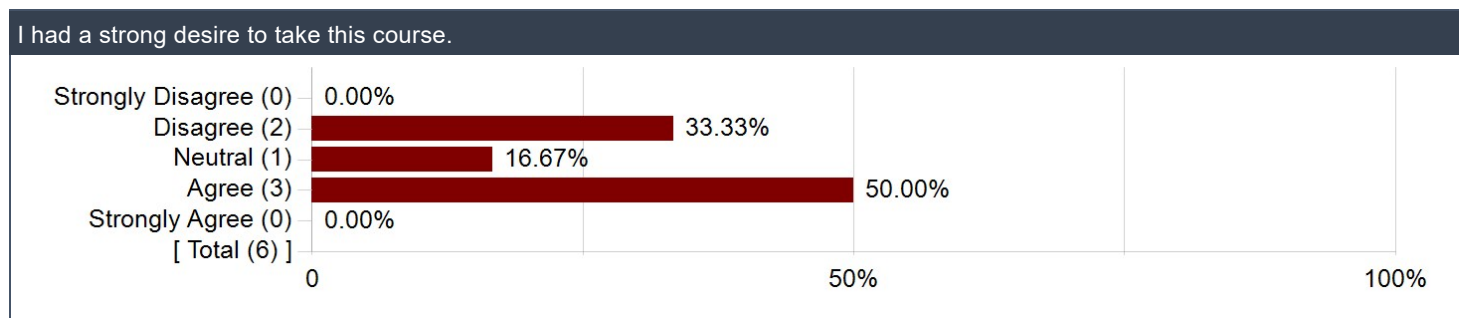
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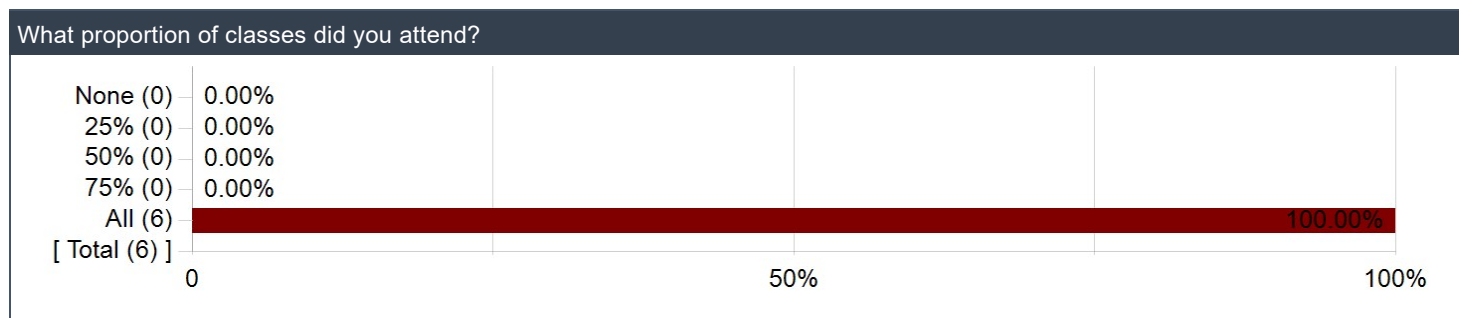
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



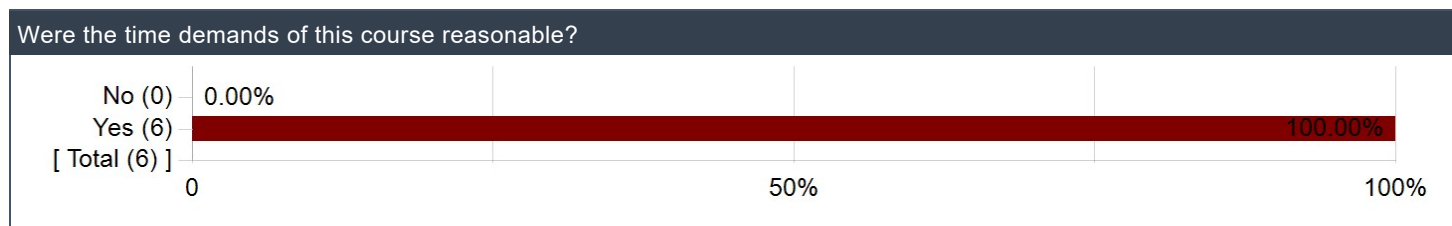
I had a strong desire to take this course.



What proportion of classes did you attend?



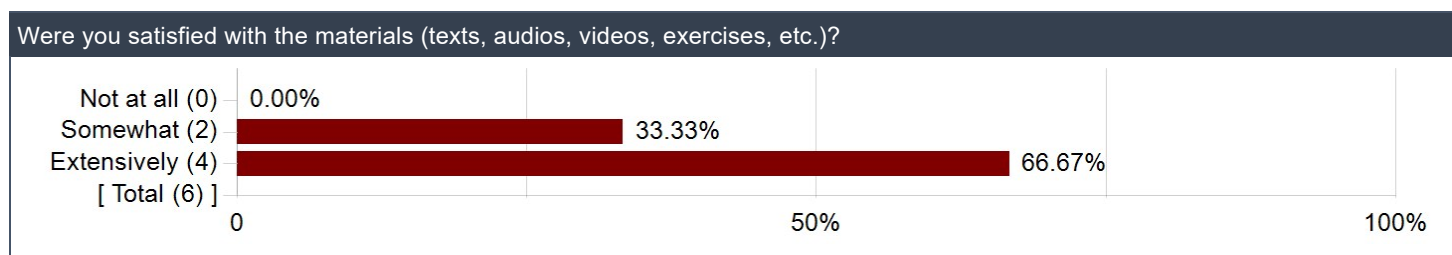
Were the time demands of this course reasonable?



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	4.33	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	33.33%	50.00%
Reading	3.50	3.50	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	33.33%	33.33%	16.67%
Writing	3.17	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	66.67%	0.00%	16.67%
Grammar	3.67	3.50	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	33.33%	16.67%	33.33%
Vocabulary	3.83	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	16.67%	33.33%	33.33%
Listening	3.67	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	66.67%	0.00%

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



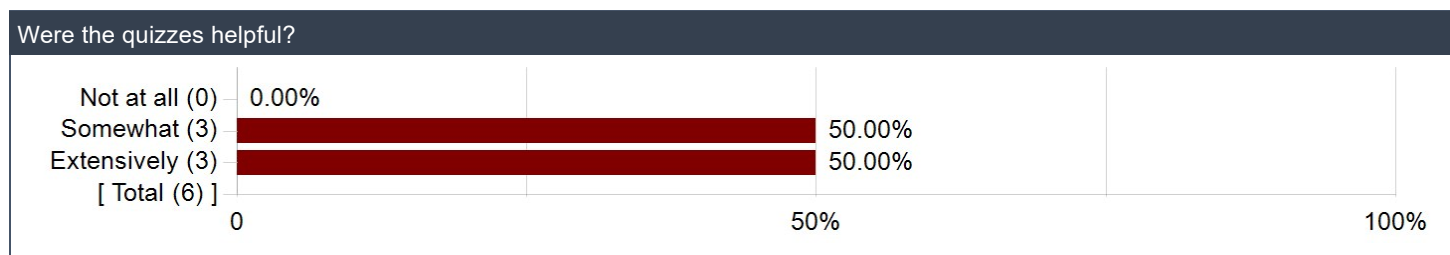
Please explain:

Comments
I thought that all of the texts we read were interesting and had strong connections to the real-world topics we were covering. I didn't feel bored while reading any of the longer assigned readings, which is pretty rare for a language class
I think the biggest thing to know about this course is that you can't fall behind. Everything is reasonable (many many small assignments due every class period) but if you fall behind on any of them the class becomes a lot more difficult. I think the big thing in this class is gaining enough vocabulary to speak and just speaking the language as much as possible, my reading and writing ability was tested but also improved greatly over time.
The material was enjoyable very rigorous especially the vocab but i learned quite a bit.
Yes, Connect was great

What did you learn about culture through language?

Comments
We learned about many aspects of the cultures of various Latin American countries, such as their holidays, labor laws, naming protocols, etc.
I know it's cliché, but I think the most interesting thing was just being exposed to the diversity of culture in the Spanish speaking world.
I learned more about the history of latin american countries and what they value and celebrate. I also learned more about people in these countries live and what the conditions are like.
I learned more nuanced things about cultures such as employment, familial relations , etc.
His Argentinian culture and a lot of cultures through the listening quizzes

Were the quizzes helpful?



How helpful were the various types of homework?

	Mean	Median	Not At All	Somewhat	Very	N/A
Reading	2.83	3.00	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%	0.00%
Listening	2.50	3.00	16.67%	16.67%	66.67%	0.00%
Writing	2.83	3.00	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%	0.00%
Speaking	2.50	2.50	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	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
I found the TalkAbroad homeworks very useful because it forced me to engage in meaningful and extended conversation entirely in Spanish. Also, the guidelines for the assignments (we had to ask questions related to the unit we were covering) to be both flexible and confining in the sense that they directed us toward a certain conversation but gave room for us to be creative and ask about what we were actually interested in. Finally, I feel like the TalkAbroad assignments helped me learn about one Latin American culture in-depth (Uruguay for me) since the person I talked to throughout the quarter was Uruguayan.
All of them were extremely helpful, I wished we had to watch more movies!
I think the cultural activity was interesting, but the speaking exams out of class were not too hard and super helpful in being able to learn how to correct yourself when speaking.
I really enjoyed talking to Jonathan, my TalkAbroad partner over the last 3 months.

Other comments:

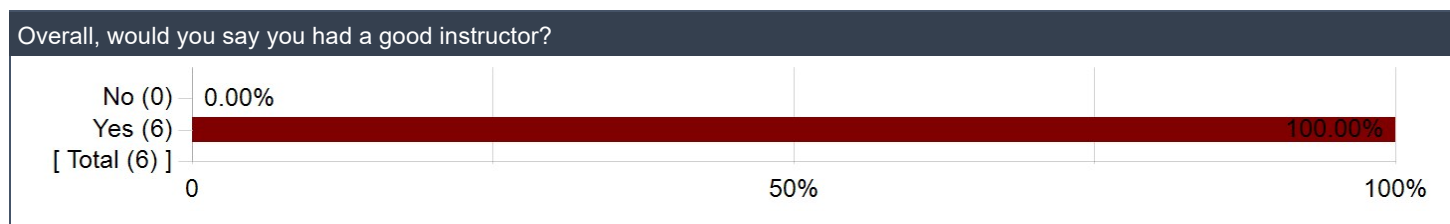
Comments
I would highly recommend enabling an international keyboard on your computer: it's extremely useful than just copy and pasting í é, ú, ü, etc. every time

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	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%
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	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%
Rate feedback on assignments and exams	4.83	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.67%	83.33%

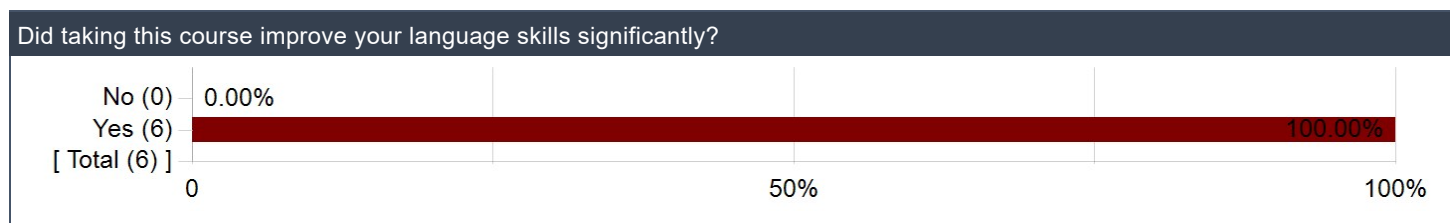
Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



Please explain:

Comments
In my opinion, Andres did a great job of organizing the class, making students well aware of the expectations and proper ways to prepare for class, and facilitating frequent discussions about relevant topics during class time.
I don't think I've had a better instructor for Spanish than Andrés in my decades of taking the language on and off. I would highly recommend him! You get out what you put in :)
He is a very good and honest professor that pushes students to do better while being kind and relatable.
Always available if had questions

Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?



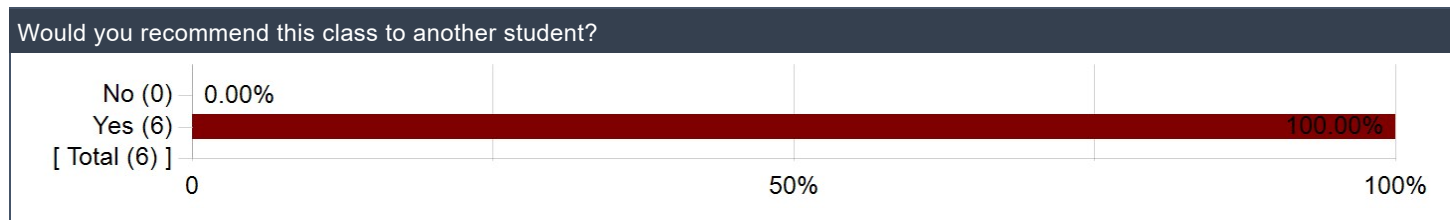
How would you improve this course?

Comments
I thought that the course was well organized
Honestly the hardest part was getting classmates to talk and starting studying earlier which aren't really problems with the course itself.
I think a little less homework would be helpful, but a lot of it was helpful in trying to understand the topics. I think spreading out the talk abroads, or not doing as many in one quarter would be nice.
I would maybe reduce the vocab material needed to be memorized.

In what way?

Comments
I am far more comfortable speaking and listening to Spanish than I was before taking this course.
During the course I reached a 1000 day Duolingo streak and realized that I had learned more in the first 7 weeks of the course than the past 3 years of Duolingo, I would highly recommend this course.
I think I was able to learn how to speak better and correct myself when I knew I made a mistake.
I practiced a more diverse variety of words and phrases.
Learned new vocabulary
More fluid and confident speech

Would you recommend this class to another student?



Why?

Comments
If you want to improve your Spanish skills or learn more about culture in Spanish-speaking countries, this course is a great option.
You will learn BUCKETS
It is good if you want to learn another language and not be too stressed about the difficulty of a class.
The professor was excellent.
Many kids take 103 since they don't know that 201 actually isn't that bad. Most of it describes basic life vocabulary, like occupations, religion, physical characteristics, etc.
Very helpful and built to try to help you succeed.