



SPAN 10200 3, SPAN 10200 3 - Beginning Elementary Spanish II - Instructor(s): James Leon Weber

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

Number Enrolled: **14**

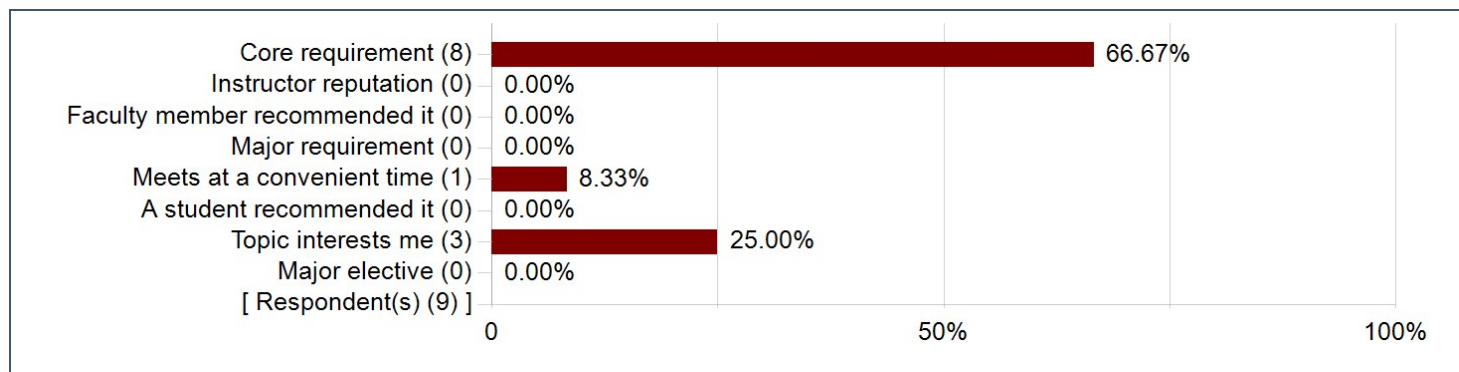
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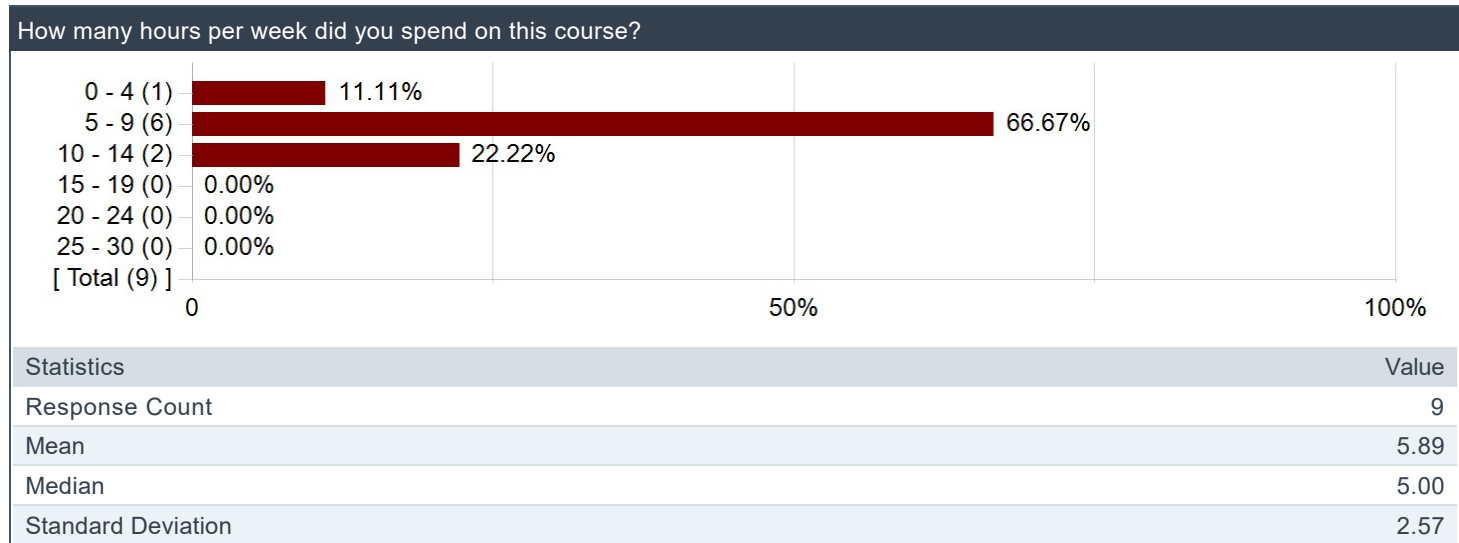
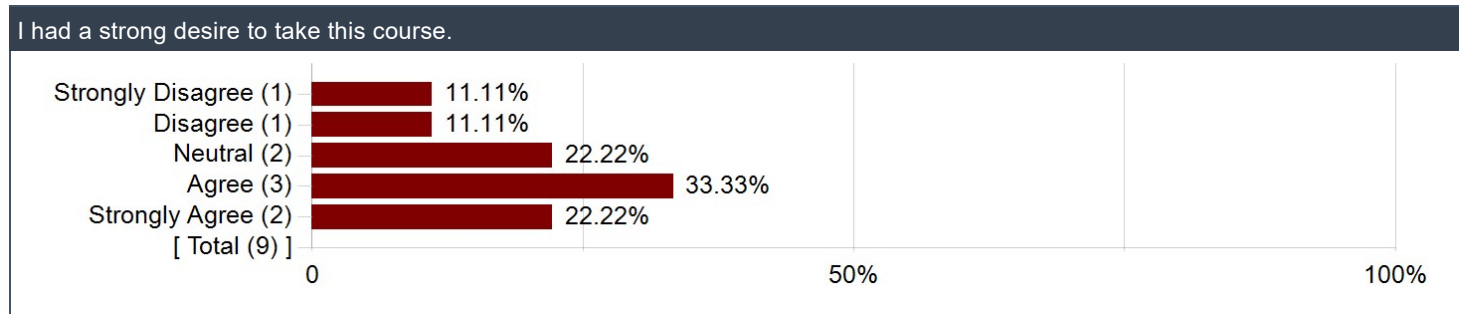
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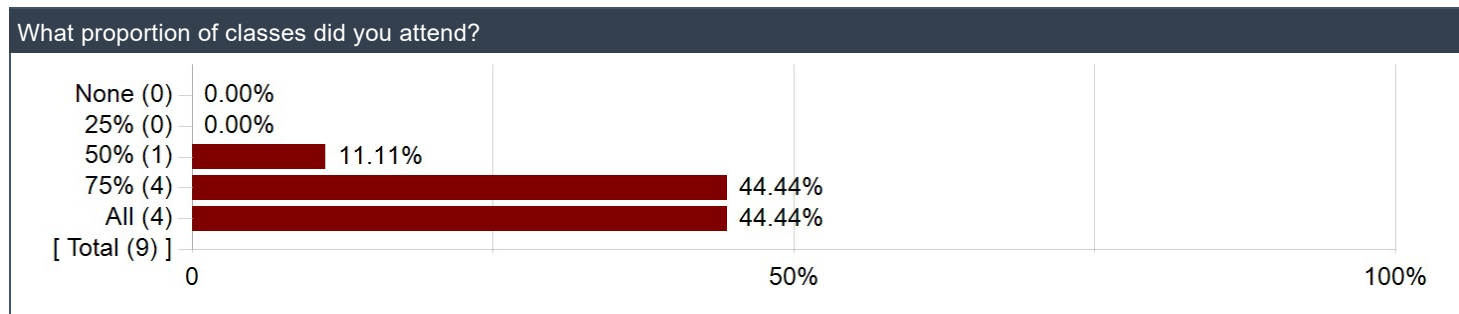
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



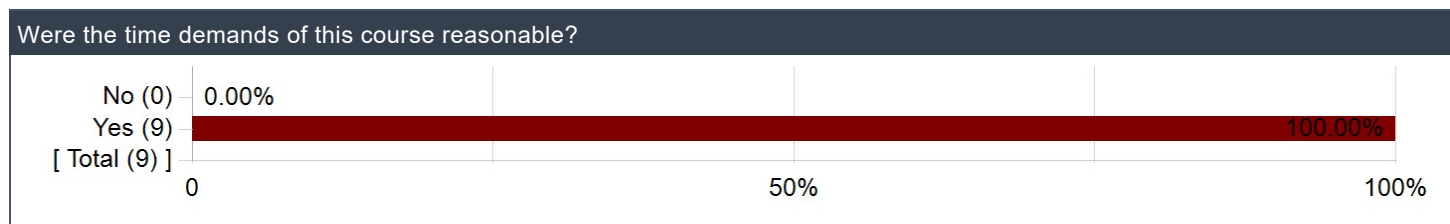
I had a strong desire to take this course.



What proportion of classes did you attend?



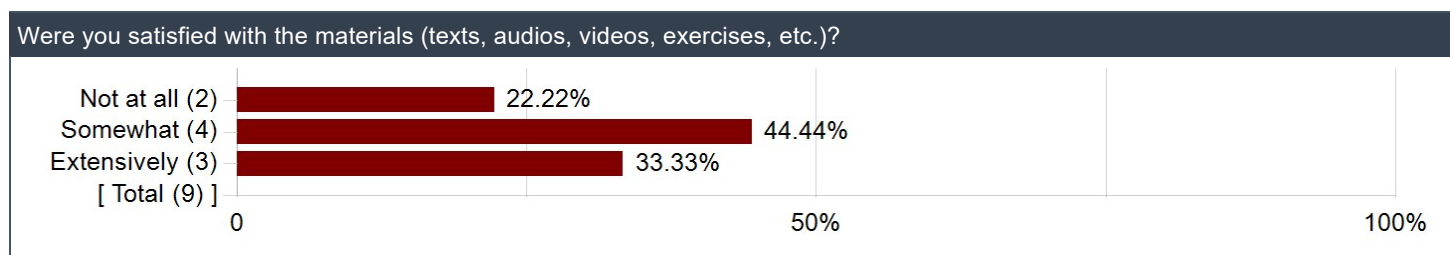
Were the time demands of this course reasonable?



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	2.89	3.00	0.00%	11.11%	33.33%	22.22%	22.22%	11.11%
Reading	2.78	3.00	0.00%	11.11%	22.22%	44.44%	22.22%	0.00%
Writing	3.11	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	88.89%	11.11%	0.00%
Grammar	2.78	3.00	0.00%	11.11%	22.22%	44.44%	22.22%	0.00%
Vocabulary	3.44	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	55.56%	44.44%	0.00%
Listening	2.89	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	33.33%	44.44%	22.22%	0.00%

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



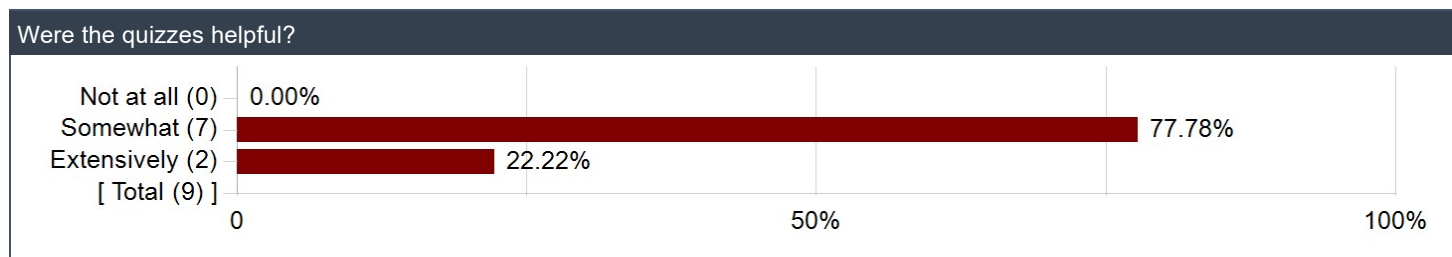
Please explain:

Comments
materials are good, some audios are fast but can be good to help you learn
The textbook isn't terrible
The materials are at an appropriate level for the class and provide useful tips and practice.
A lot of the homework assigned on LinguaMeeting and Blink Learning felt more like busywork than material that incentivized learning. Especially the Experiencia Culturals through LinguaMeeting and the audio/video exercises assigned through Blink Learning. I just wish the class had a little more writing in homeworks and classes outside written Pruebas. I learn much better by writing things down, but there was an extreme reliance on online applications and presentations rather that made the pacing of the class difficult to follow or take notes.
The online textbook website was a bit hard to navigate. Also I did not love the Lingua Meeting platform

What did you learn about culture through language?

Comments
we researched and presented on different cities and countries
Geography and locations in Central/South America
some info about culture was baked into lessons. for instance, etiquette surrounding introductions

Were the quizzes helpful?



How helpful were the various types of homework?

	Mean	Median	Not At All	Somewhat	Very	N/A
Reading	2.33	2.00	0.00%	66.67%	33.33%	0.00%
Listening	2.22	2.00	11.11%	55.56%	33.33%	0.00%
Writing	2.25	2.00	11.11%	44.44%	33.33%	11.11%
Speaking	1.89	2.00	33.33%	44.44%	22.22%	0.00%

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

Comments
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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
none at all, they were usually speaking in spanish levels that were too advanced for me.
Awful
I found the Lingua Meetings very useful in getting comfortable with speaking but the cultural experiences were overwhelming for a beginner class.
Very unhelpful. The online cultural experiences were always scheduled on odd hours, and LinguaMeeting required the students to pay if they miss their scheduled appointment. While that is fair for the employees who are having their time wasted by attendance-lacking students, I feel like there are better ways to practice speaking and listening than on Zoom. For example, I heard in other language classes they use other higher-level students or TAs and talk in-person. It feels more impactful to create bonds with people you see around campus and a greater incentive to prepare and perform well in such conversations.
Not very. Lingua meeting could be kind of awkward to use.

Other comments:

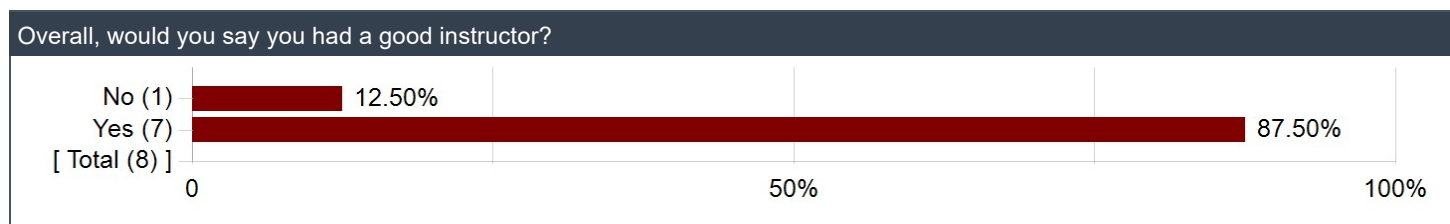
Comments
Lingua Experiences suck

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	3.75	4.00	12.50%	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%	37.50%
Rate your instructor's ability to convey the subtleties of the language	4.13	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	37.50%	37.50%
Rate your instructor's ability to encourage class conversation and participation in this language	4.38	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	12.50%	62.50%
Rate your instructor's availability outside of class and willingness to help	4.00	4.00	0.00%	12.50%	12.50%	37.50%	37.50%
Rate feedback on assignments and exams	3.50	3.00	12.50%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	37.50%

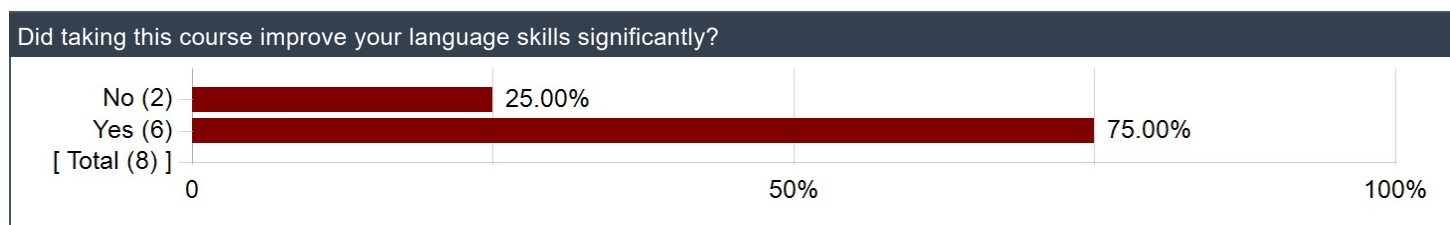
Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



Please explain:

Comments
I think broadly it is very unfair that students are not allowed to keep their quizzes. I understand trying to be careful about academic honesty and wanting to keep quizzes for next year, but it is really hard to study for future quizzes and exams if you can't refer back to the mistakes you've already made. I think that it is not so much to ask for teachers to create new quizzes each term if they are worried about cheating. Most of the questions can be changed with one or two words, still test the same skill and still have different answers. I just think its really aggravating not having access to any of my past quizzes outside of the 10 minutes in class we get to look over our mistakes.
Awesome, passionate guy
He was very helpful and fostered a great environment. He always took the time to make sure that our questions were answered and we were getting something out of the material.
I had a difficult time understanding what he was saying in Spanish because I felt like he traded off clarity for a more natural speaking tone. The class spent most of its time glued to a pre-made presentation with little time digesting the new concepts introduced in the chapter as that is left to the students to understand.
This has been my best ever experience in a language class because of the skill of our instructor. He was very kind and passionate about teaching the language. He was easy to talk to and kept class running quickly and smoothly while also taking time to answer questions as they came up.

Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?



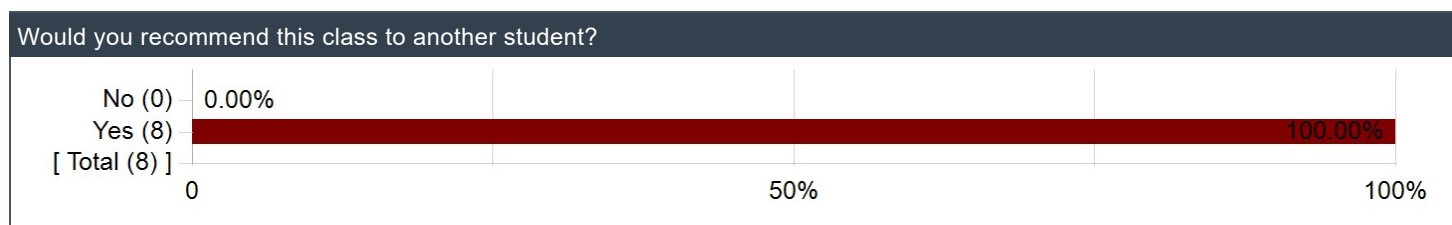
How would you improve this course?

Comments
let kids keep their quizzes
No lingua experiences
I would spend more time going over specific grammatical structures rather than exclusively focusing on exercises.
More low-stakes opportunities to practice conversational skills outside of the Lingua meeting setting.

In what way?

Comments
I learned more spanish
Able to read Spanish
I have significantly improved my listening, speaking, and grammar.
I felt like my ability to understand Spanish was unable to keep up with the pacing of the class.
I feel more confident speaking and writing and I've noticed my comprehension of Spanish speech or text that I encounter out in the world has improved greatly.

Would you recommend this class to another student?



Why?

Comments
because you learn spanish pretty in depth
Lessons are easy to follow
If you are doing it for a requirement, the workload is manageable and somewhat forgiving.