



FREN 10100 4, FREN 10100 4 - Beginning Elementary French I - Instructor(s): Gabriel Barrès

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

Number Enrolled: **9**

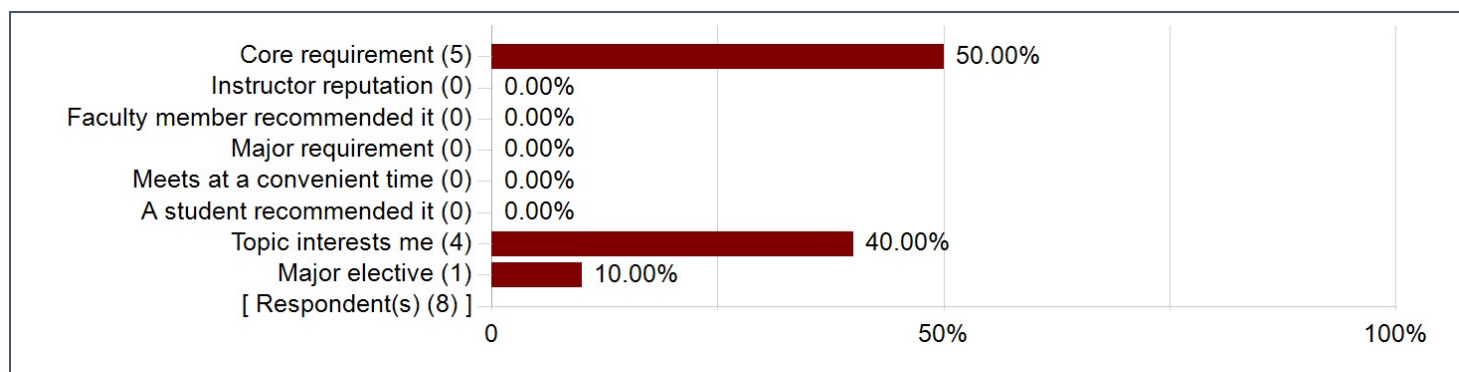
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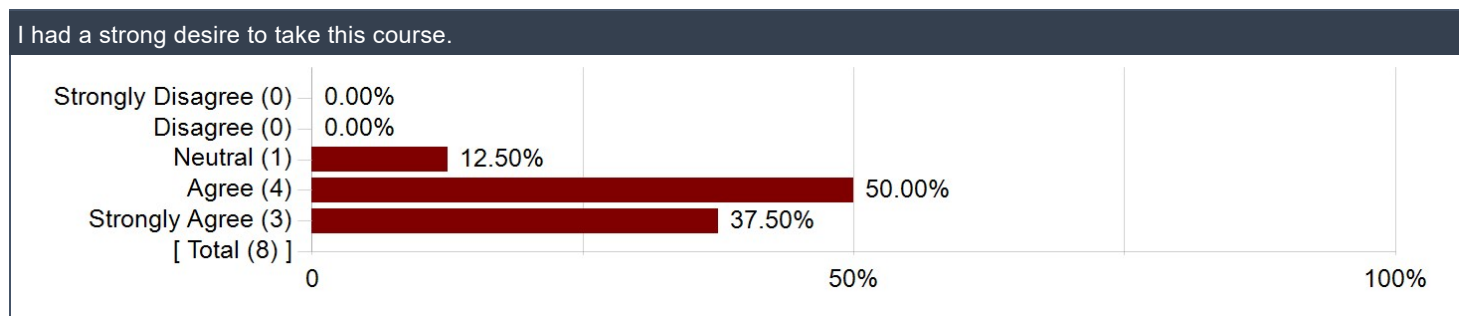
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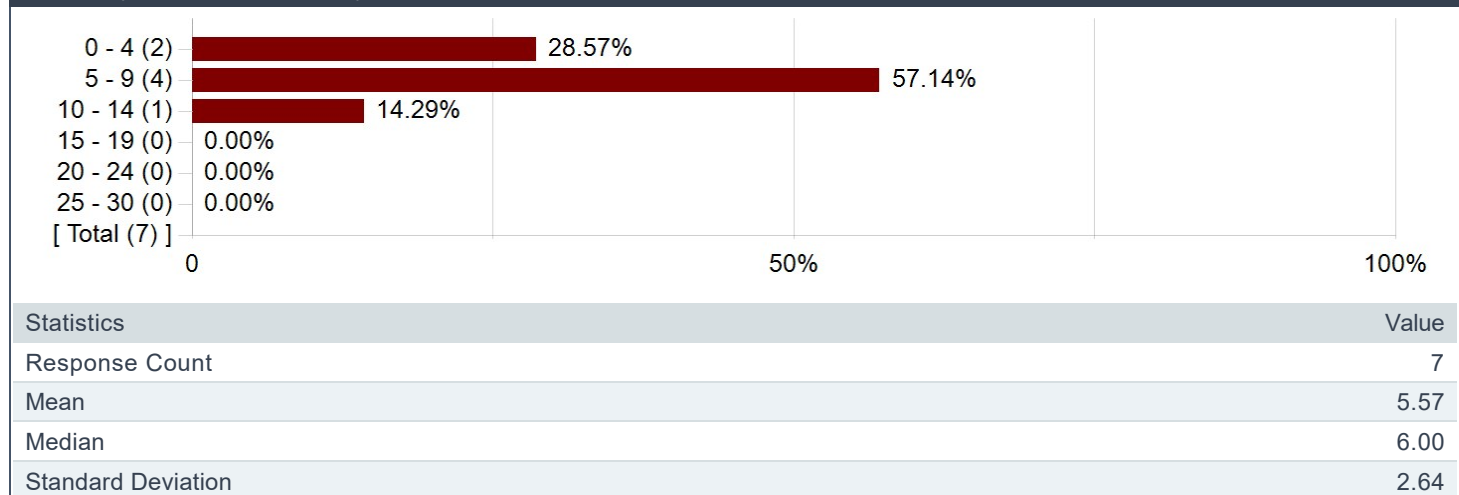
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



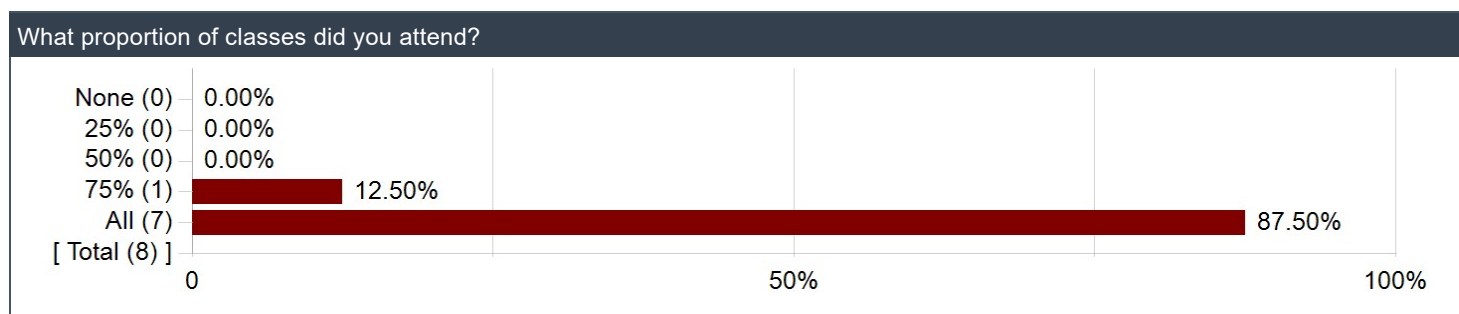
I had a strong desire to take this course.



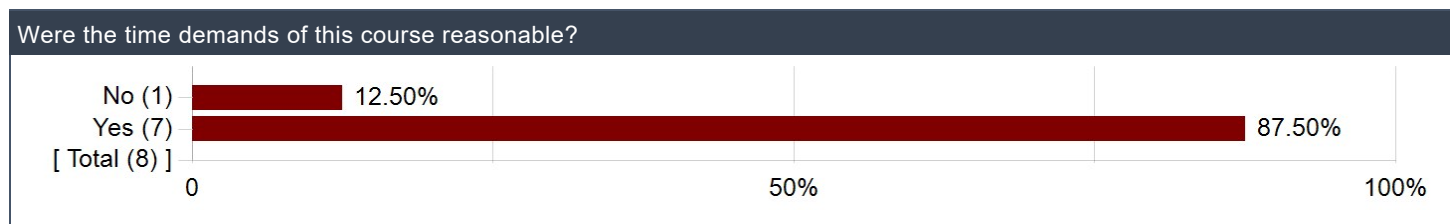
How many hours per week did you spend on this course?



What proportion of classes did you attend?



Were the time demands of this course reasonable?



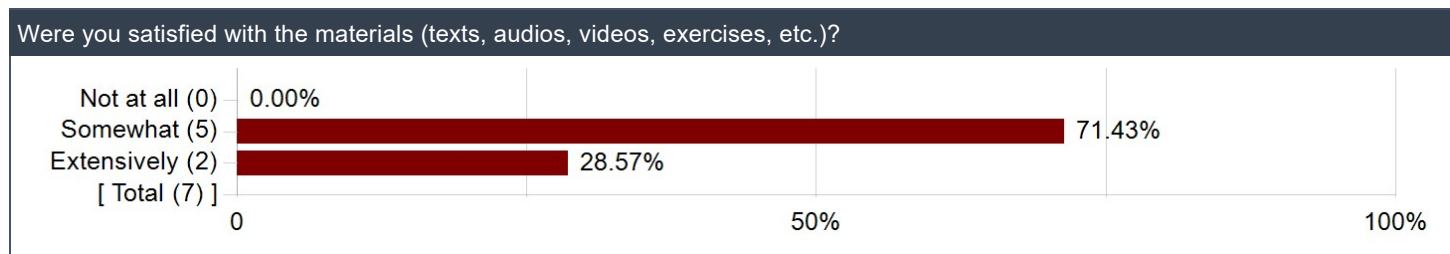
Rate the extent to which different aspects of the language were stressed:

	Mean	Median	Not At All	A Little	Some	A Lot	Extremely	Vigorously
Speaking	4.14	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	42.86%	42.86%
Reading	3.00	3.00	0.00%	28.57%	14.29%	14.29%	14.29%	28.57%
Writing	3.14	4.00	0.00%	14.29%	28.57%	0.00%	42.86%	14.29%
Grammar	3.00	3.00	0.00%	14.29%	14.29%	42.86%	14.29%	14.29%
Vocabulary	3.14	3.00	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	28.57%	42.86%	0.00%
Listening	4.14	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	57.14%	28.57%

For French Classes Only:

	None At All	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	All Of It
How much self-correcting grammar homework did you do?	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	57.14%
How much self-correcting audio homework did you do?	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	71.43%

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



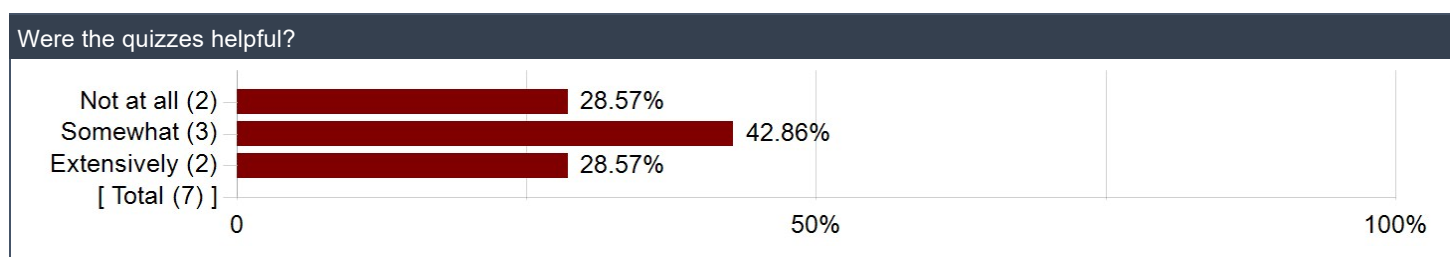
Please explain:

Comments
I think there should be more cohesive vocabulary expectations, but in general the resources to learn French were very good.
Found it tedious, and the audio recordings were extremely low quality in some cases. I lost a lot of points just from not being able to hear.
I think the materials helped with speaking and listening compared to writing
The audios on lingco / box were unclear at times
Doing the homework definitely helps in solidifying things learned in class or read about in the textbook. Some of the audios can be wonky, but overall everything helps.
Sometimes the audios were poor quality and really difficult to make out what words were being said.

What did you learn about culture through language?

Comments
French geography, French culture in terms of food, and general French sentiment towards topics such as drinking, education, and work through reading activities (lectures on Lingco)
I think the the concept of partitioning quantities into ownership in the grammar is interesting. like how the french say de 'leau directly meaning of the water, implying that the water is some of the water belonging to the collective water of the universe. I think this is neat. I wonder how this affects their cultural values.
Cultural identity is shaped by language
We learned different perceptions that the French have in regards to different topics like food and the education system. The professor taught us about some of the geography of France and how the neighborhoods in Paris work. We also learned some interesting/cool things like "la vache qui rit" and how it was created. You also get to learn about different ways that the language works in terms of more colloquial ways of saying things or some history on why things are the way they are.
I learned a lot of things about the francophone culture, how they value bread, how they greet people. I found learning a new language interesting and difficult

Were the quizzes helpful?



How helpful were the various types of homework?

	Mean	Median	Not At All	Somewhat	Very	N/A
Reading	2.43	3.00	14.29%	28.57%	57.14%	0.00%
Listening	2.86	3.00	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%	0.00%
Writing	2.71	3.00	0.00%	28.57%	71.43%	0.00%
Speaking	2.57	3.00	14.29%	14.29%	71.43%	0.00%

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

Comments
Only used them when required.
Not helpful at all
They were useful in seeing cultural aspects.
very useful

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 conversational practice was very useful! I really liked how it was with one of the lecturers.
It would have been cool but I wasn't too interested when the events actually happened
Pretty useful
They are useful if you are genuinely interested in the culture, but also just for general immersion of the language.

Other comments:

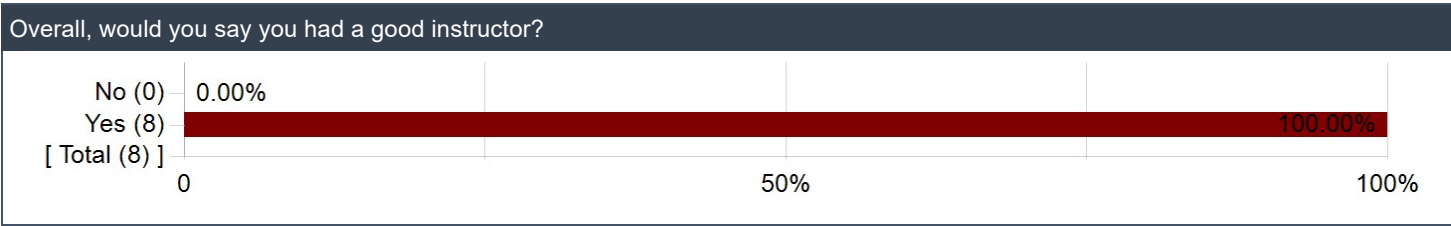
Comments
Great experience with the professor

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	4.25	5.00	0.00%	12.50%	12.50%	12.50%	62.50%
Rate your instructor's ability to convey the subtleties of the language	4.63	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	12.50%	75.00%
Rate your instructor's ability to encourage class conversation and participation in this language	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	87.50%
Rate your instructor's availability outside of class and willingness to help	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	0.00%	85.71%
Rate feedback on assignments and exams	4.43	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	28.57%	57.14%

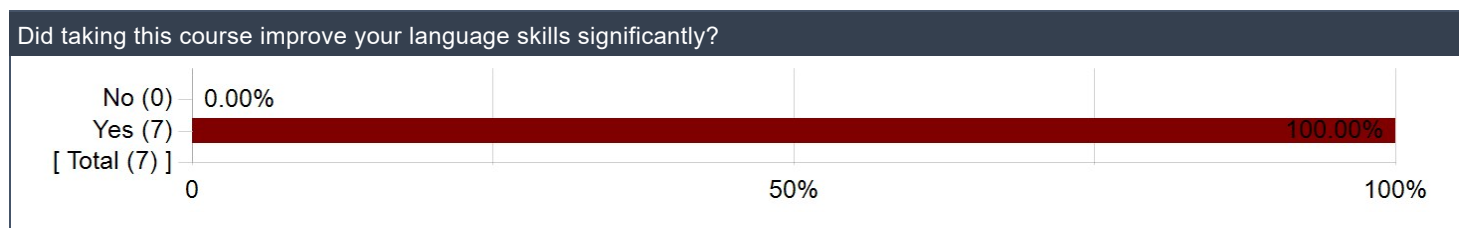
Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



Please explain:

Comments
Very approachable, in general willing to explain the nuances of grammar whenever questions popped up!
Engaged the class extremely well and clearly had deep understandings of both french and english languages.
We often couldn't get through the daily material but he tried
Gabriel was the ideal French 101 instructor!
Professor Barres did a good job explaining the language and getting us through the class. Most importantly, he is very patient with students when they are struggling and makes you feel comfortable with messing up. He makes it very clear that messing up is part of the process and will take/offer time to help you understand or pronounce things. He is very personable and enjoying to learn from. I definitely would recommend him.
He came to class with a lot of energy and enthusiasm. He would encourage everyone to participate and encouraged mistakes. The only confusing thing is that he would never really talk about the homework, and it felt like going to class was a completely separate thing.
I love his patience and empathy towards teaching. He tries to ensure every student is on the same page without, leaving anyone out.

Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?



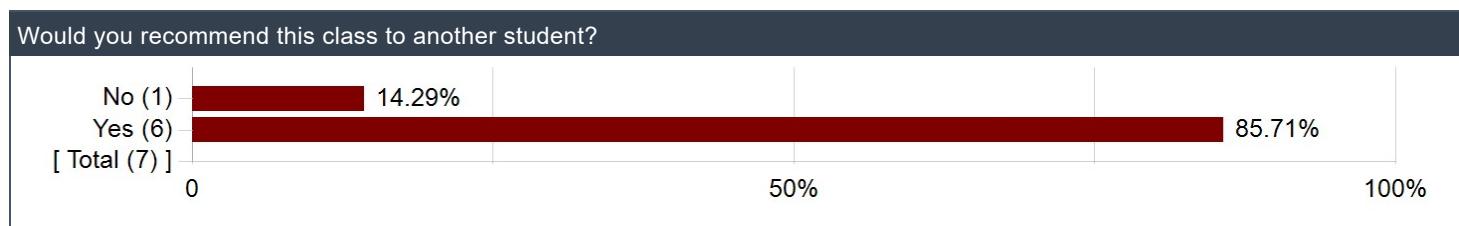
How would you improve this course?

Comments
There are so many different activities to do. The course overview was very confusing to read. I mostly used "modules" to understand what was expected, but it would be great if there was a single cohesive sheet.
More conversation practice/prioritize speaker confidence
Less homework
Maybe more time for finals, but we would need our 10 weeks back.
Maybe try some French foods when we're learning the vocabulary. Explain the homework.

In what way?

Comments
Significant improvements in listening and speaking skills.
Listening is almost intuitive now
I can hold a conversation
You learn a lot in every aspect. How to speak, read, and write. I started this class with basically nothing, and have definitely learned a lot in the 9 weeks.
I learned a lot more grammar.

Would you recommend this class to another student?



Why?

Comments
I found that French was very interesting to learn! I learned a lot of French in one quarter. The material is very approachable if you are willing to put in some effort. I only wish I took French sooner.
Quite fun to study a new language
It's very useful especially if you plan on traveling abroad
While it is pretty intensive as a beginner, it is really immersive and forces you to adapt since things are moving so quickly. I feel like I have learned a lot in the short amount of time we have had.
I learned a lot and I feel like French is a really cool language.