Report Comments

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

Core requirement (2) — 13.33%
Instructor reputation (0) — 0.00%
Faculty member recommended it (0) — 0.00%
Major or minor requirement (3) — 20.00%
Meets at a convenient time (2) — 13.33%
A student recommended it (0) — 0.00%
Topic interests me (7) — 46.67%
Major or minor elective (1) — 6.67%
[Respondent(s) (7)]

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Strongly disagree (0) — 0.00%
Disagree (0) — 0.00%
Neutral (0) — 0.00%
Agree (4) — 57.14%
Strongly agree (3) — 42.86%
[Total (7)]

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What proportion of classes did you attend?

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None (0) — 0.00%
25% (0) — 0.00%
50% (0) — 0.00%
75% (0) — 0.00%
All (7) — 100.00%
[Total (7)]

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Were the demands of this course reasonable?

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No (0) — 0.00%
Yes (6) — 100.00%
[Total (6)]

0   50%   100%

Have you studied this language before?

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- Not at all (0) — 0.00%
- Somewhat (5) — 71.43%
- Extensively (2) — 28.57%
- [Total (7)]

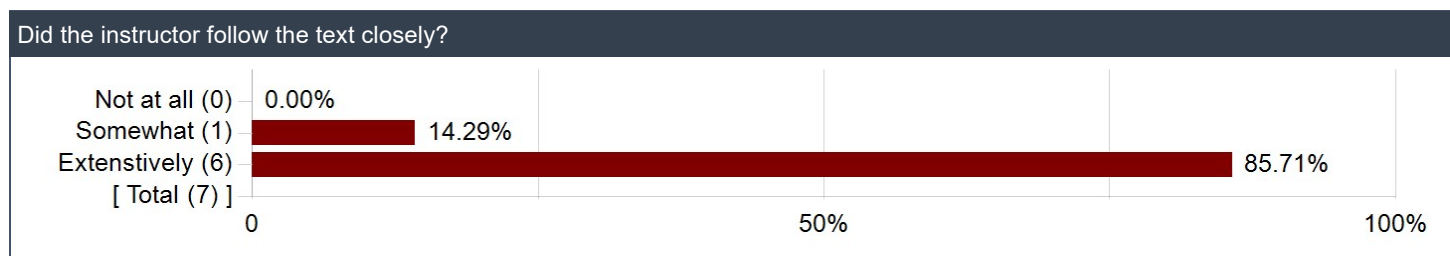## Rate the extent to which different aspects of the language were stressed:

	Mean	Median	Not At All	A Little	Some	A Lot	Extremely	Vigorously
Speaking	4.71	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	28.57%	28.57%	28.57%
Spelling	3.86	4.00	14.29%	0.00%	28.57%	14.29%	28.57%	14.29%
Reading	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	14.29%	42.86%	28.57%
Writing	5.14	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	57.14%	28.57%
Grammar	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	71.43%	14.29%
Vocabulary	5.43	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	57.14%	42.86%

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- Extenstively (6) — 85.71%
- [Total (7)]
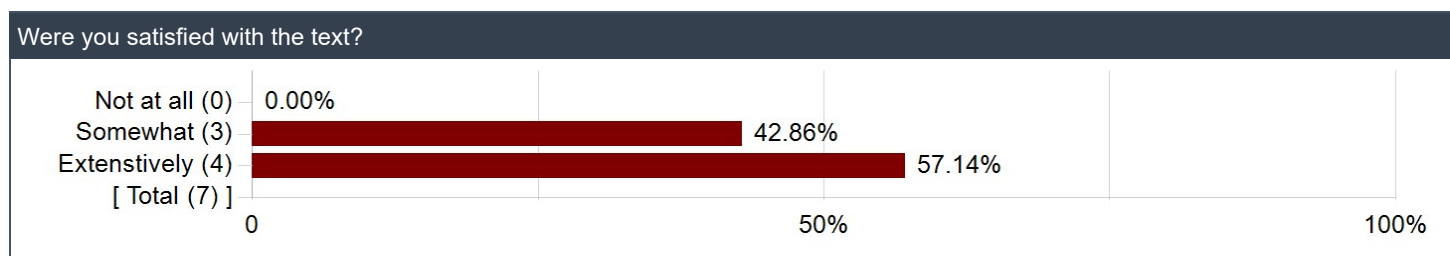
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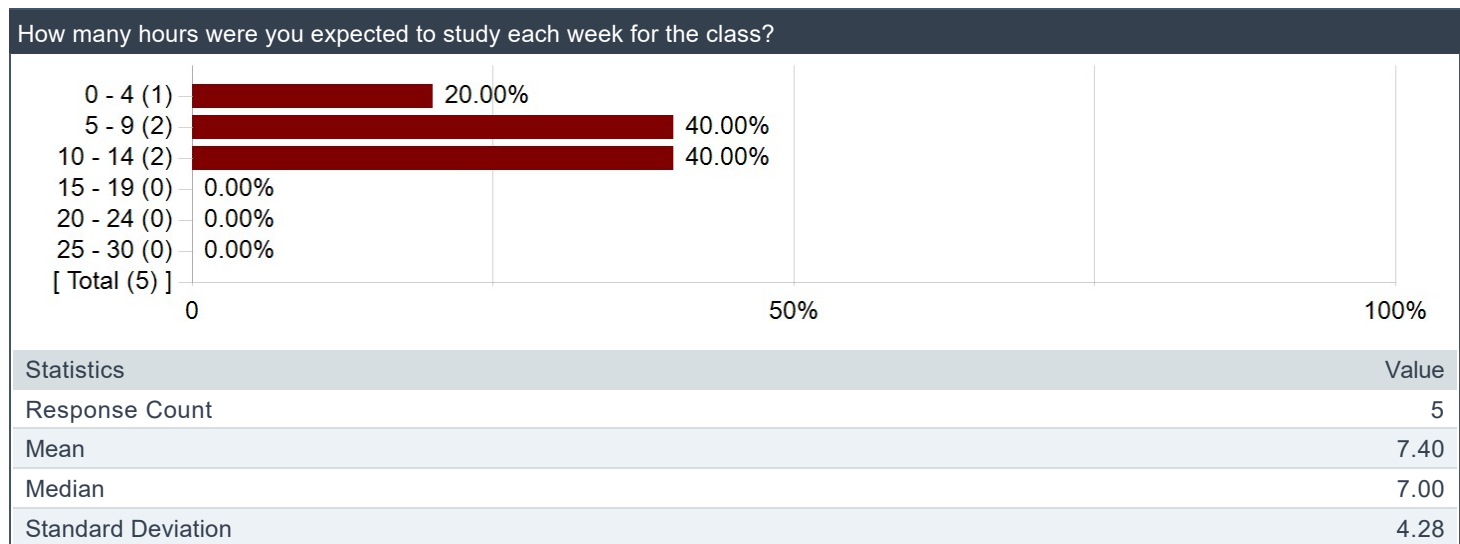| Comments |
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| Professor Li followed the text but never shied away from pointing out where it was wrong. |
| she followed the content, but sometimes there were discrepancies between editions. Definitely the books' authors' fault, but she navigated it well. |
| She was very apprehensive if people asked questions outside of the text. |
| The instructor expected students to model grammar after the textbook despite acknowledging the stiltedness of its writing. |
| VERY heavily text–focused |

Was the vocabulary useful?

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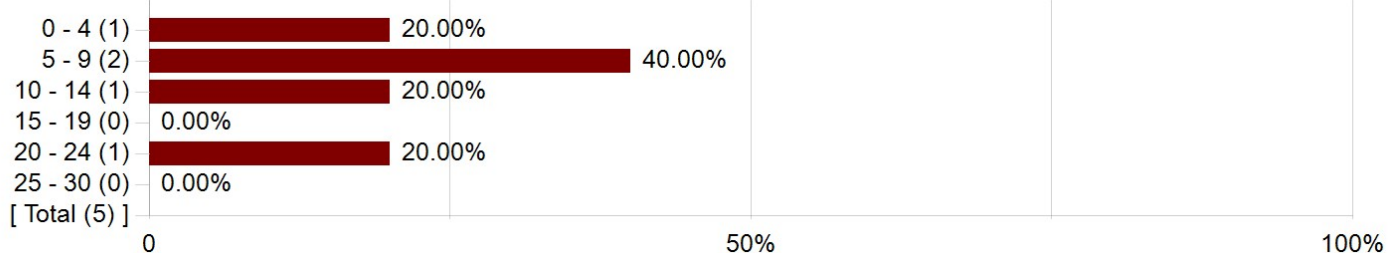|	
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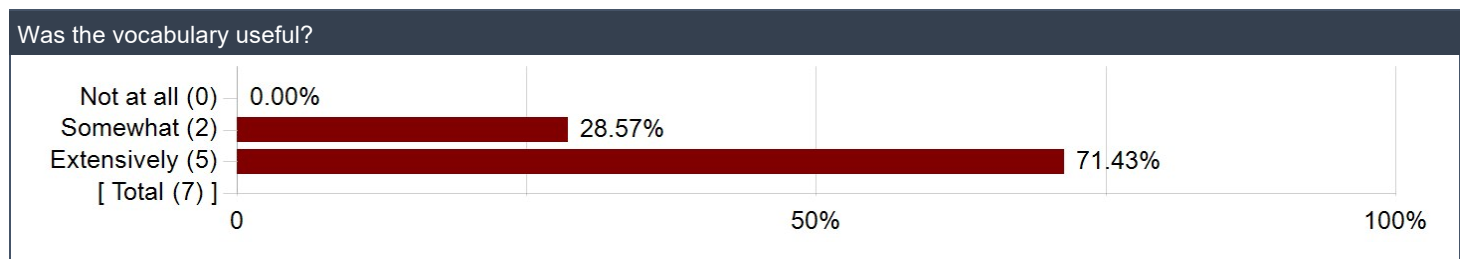
Why?

Comments
Some chapters were pretty useful because they covered everyday stuff like jobs and school or imparted more knowledge about China, which was useful for cultural fluency and if anyone ever ended up going to China.

Describe the format of the class (lecture, drills, etc.). Was this format productive? Please be specific.

Comments
The format was reviewing the text at the beginning, then going over the grammar a bit, then speaking with another classmate about the topic of the lesson, and ending with a short quiz. I think it was productive; the daily speaking practice has increased my fluency noticeably, and the grammar explanations are clear.
I thought that this format was generally good, except there was little time to cater language learning to individual students and it felt very perscribed.

How many hours were you expected to study each week for the class?

0 - 4 (1)	20.00%
5 - 9 (2)	40.00%
10 - 14 (2)	40.00%
15 - 19 (0)	0.00%
20 - 24 (0)	0.00%
25 - 30 (0)	0.00%
[Total (5)]	

Statistics	Value
Response Count	5
Mean	7.40
Median	7.00
Standard Deviation	4.28

How many hours did you spend?

Range	Percentage
0 - 4 (1)	20.00%
5 - 9 (2)	40.00%
10 - 14 (1)	20.00%
15 - 19 (0)	0.00%
20 - 24 (1)	20.00%
25 - 30 (0)	0.00%
[Total (5)]	

Statistics	Value
Response Count	5
Mean	8.80
Median	7.00
Standard Deviation	6.91

Were there daily assignments? (i.e., journals)?
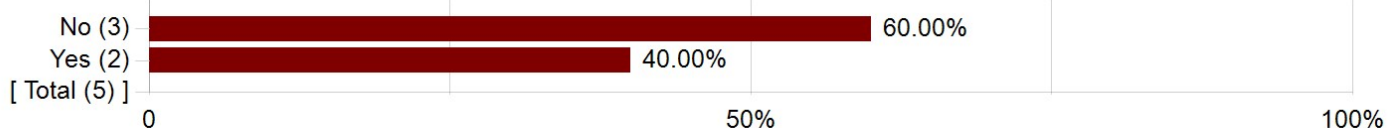
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Response	Percentage
No (1)	20.00%
Yes (4)	80.00%
[Total (5)]	
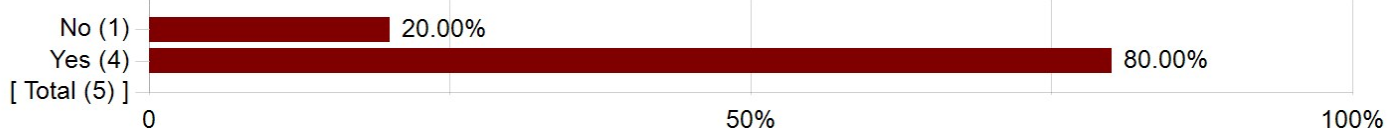
How many oral exams were given?

Range	Percentage
0 - 1 (0)	0.00%
2 - 3 (2)	40.00%
4 - 5 (2)	40.00%
6 - 7 (1)	20.00%
8 - 10 (0)	0.00%
[Total (5)]	
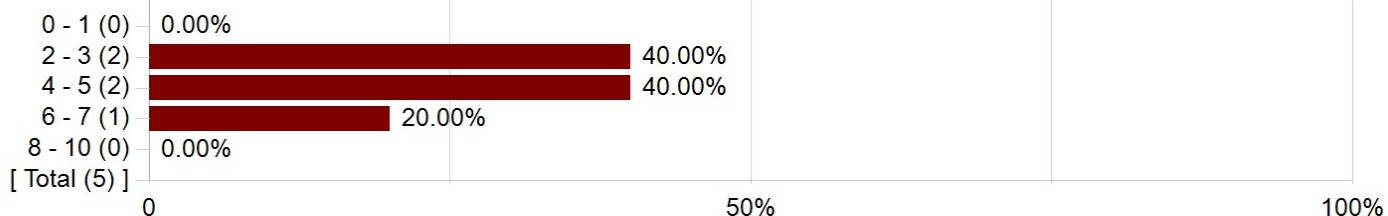
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Response Count	5
Mean	4.20
Median	4.00
Standard Deviation	1.30

Were the oral exams fair?

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Response	Percentage
No (3)	60.00%
Yes (2)	40.00%
[Total (5)]	

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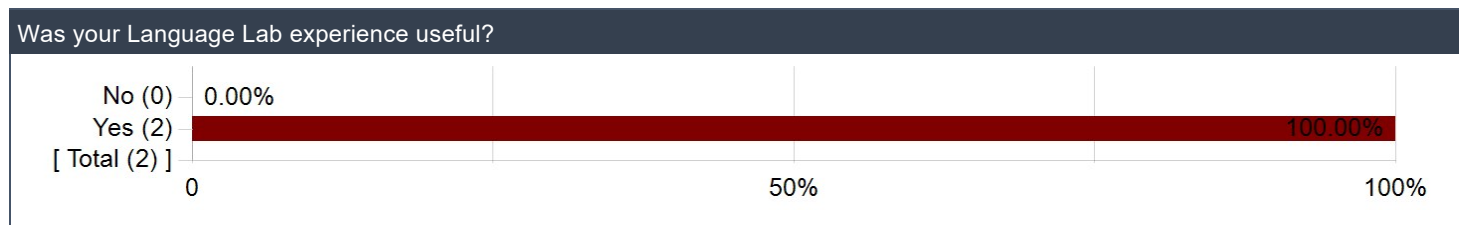|	
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Yes (3)	60.00%
[Total (5)]	

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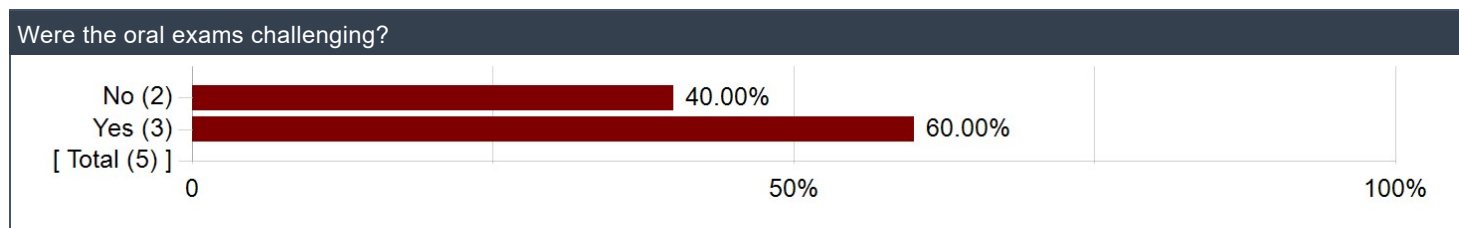
Why? Please be specific.

Comments
The oral exams were pre–scripted, so as long as you practiced you were fine. However, there were occasionally some logistical issues meeting up with partners for the group presentations that made things much more difficult.
high standards
The grades felt arbitrary and were very inconsistent.
Grading seemed to be inconsistent between students as to the standards each was held to.
Some favoritism and unclear grading happened
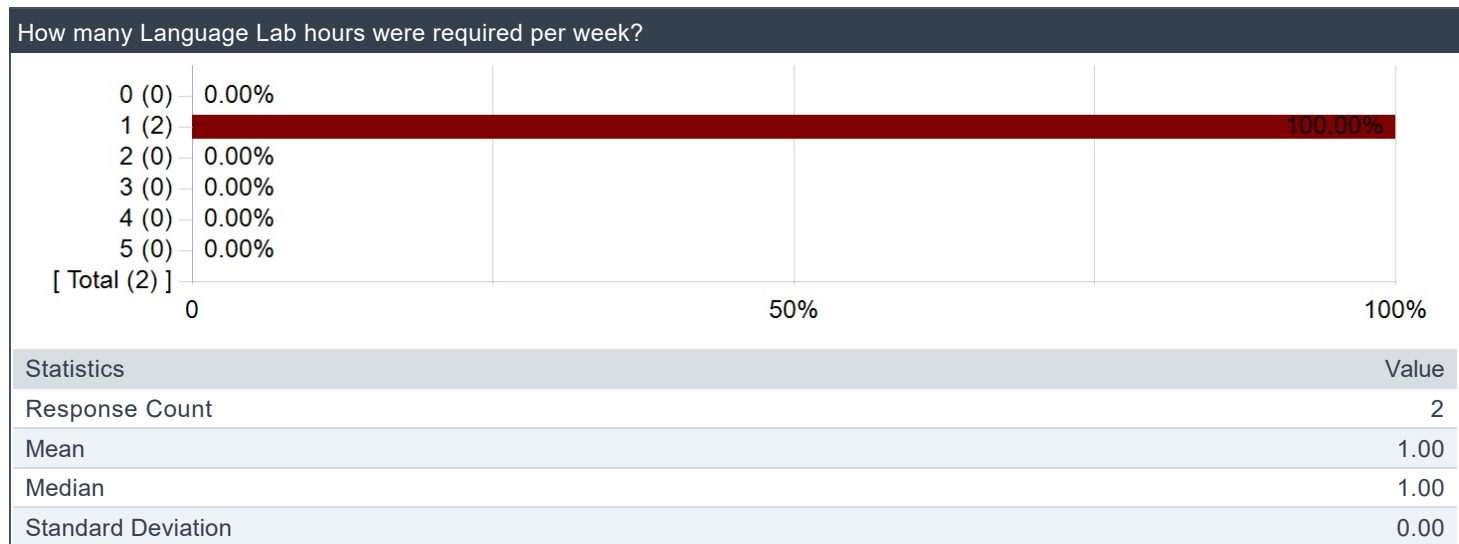
How many Language Lab hours were required per week?

0 (0)	0.00%
1 (2)	100.00%
2 (0)	0.00%
3 (0)	0.00%
4 (0)	0.00%
5 (0)	0.00%
[Total (2)]	

0   50%   100%

Statistics	Value
Response Count	2
Mean	1.00
Median	1.00
Standard Deviation	0.00

Was your Language Lab experience useful?

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No (0)	0.00%
Yes (2)	100.00%
[Total (2)]	

0   50%   100%

How would you rate your Language Lab experience?

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Poor (0)	0.00%
O.K. (0)	0.00%
Good (0)	0.00%
Excellent (2)	100.00%
[Total (2)]	
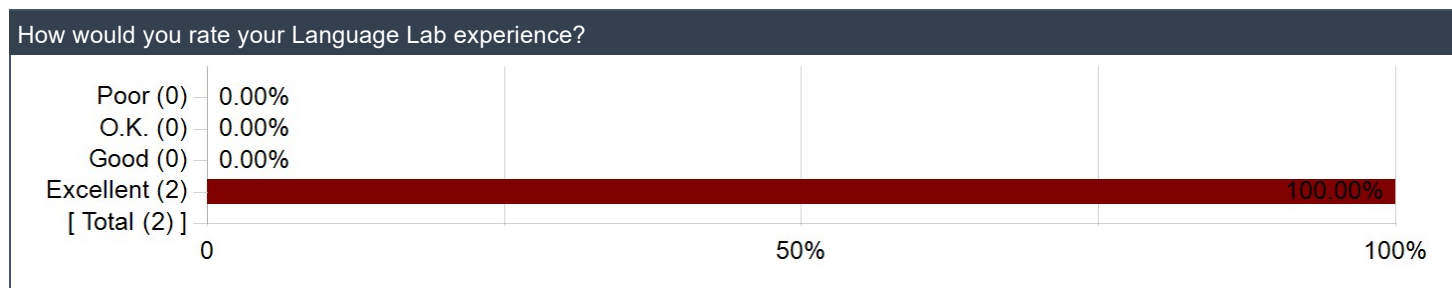
Why? Please be specific

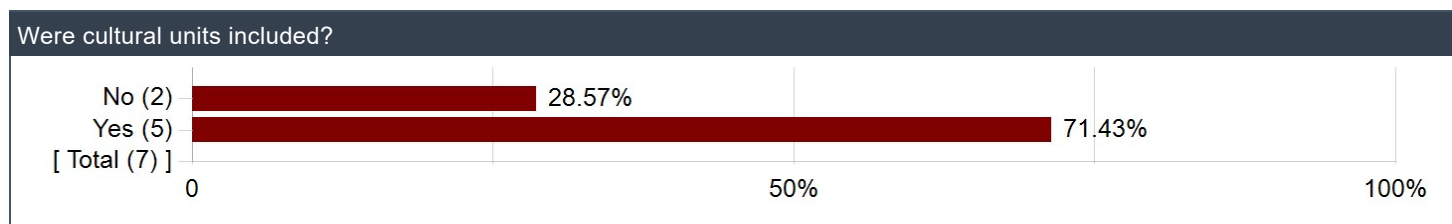| Comments |
|---|
| Vincent is so patient and kind. 10/10 TA |
| My LA, Fion Tse, was amazing and she was so helpful when answering my questions. |

Was your instructor organized?

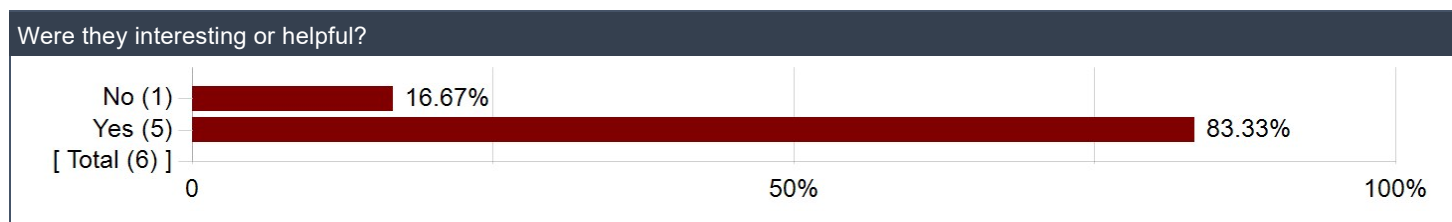| Mean	Median	Very Unorganized	Somewhat Unorganized	Fairly Organized	Somewhat Organized	Very Organized
4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	85.71%

Explain

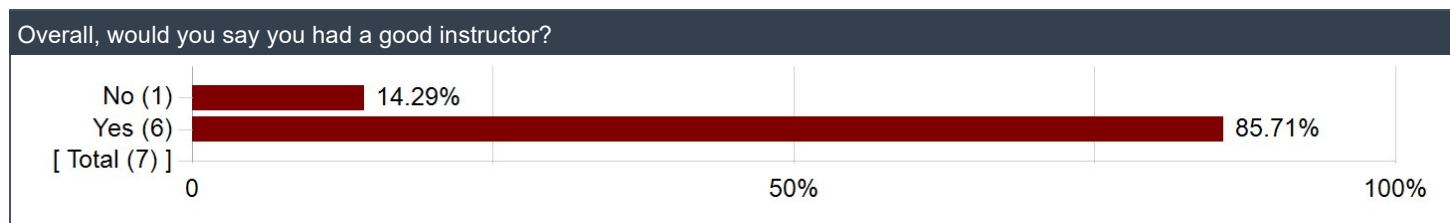| Comments |
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| Every assignment and test was posted on Canvas at the start of the year, so I knew exactly what I was doing each day. All of our quizzes and tests were handed back the day after we took them. |
| sometimes she would post the grammar videos in the wrong place, but that might be because the curriculum changed recently |

Were cultural units included?

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No (2)	28.57%
Yes (5)	71.43%
[Total (7)]	

Were they interesting or helpful?

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No (1)	16.67%
Yes (5)	83.33%
[Total (6)]	

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| Yes (6) — 85.71% |
| [Total (7)] |

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Why?

Comments
Professor Li is very organized, knows what she's doing, and doesn't give you an easy way out. Her lessons are consistent and well–formatted, and she explains the grammar concepts from the book clearly. I will say that while overall she is a good instructor, she would often take points off of for things or make corrections sometimes without satisfactory explanations (which mostly seem to be due to the fact that language is hard to explain, but if you're worried about your grade it can be stressful).
It is hard to overstate how much respect I have for 李老师. She has high standards and pushes her students to become better. There were times when it felt like certain questions were not welcome in class, or she might make comments that it might be hard to not take personally. But overall, I do believe that she believes that her students can improve.
I thought she was great last quarter, but this quarter she has been very arbitrary with grading and also very unfair in who she picks on. Her expectations are clearly different for each student which is not fair when it comes to grading or even class experience.
Li Laoshi is a very good instructor, and I'm looking forward to keep studying with her.

Please provide your TA's name. Did the TA answer your questions fully and clearly?

Comments
Fion Tse (technically an LA). They were very helpful in answering questions and practicing conversation.
Vincent. Yes
Fion Tse – She was amazing and always helped answer my questions and clarify the text.
Fion Tse – very helpful and always patient

Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?

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Yes (7) — 100.00%
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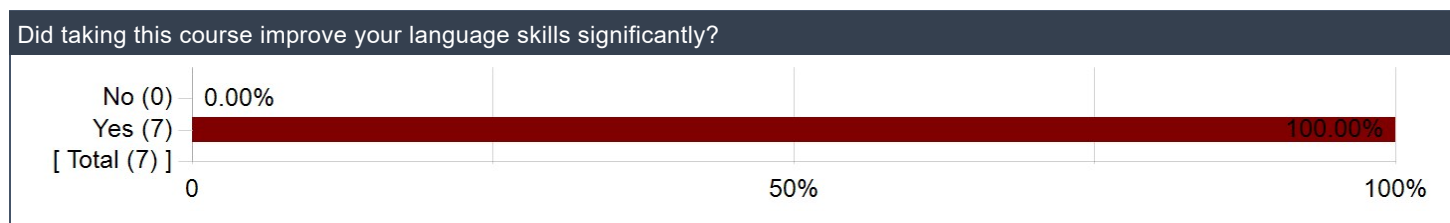
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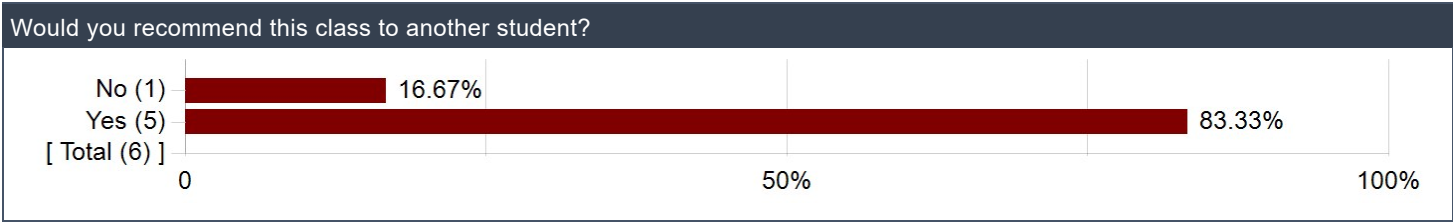| Comments |
|---|
| I can now form coherent, relatively grammatically complex sentences without too much time thinking beforehand. I'm also much more comfortable listening to Chinese now. |

How would you improve this course?

Comments
I think a bit more flexibility in what's considered an acceptable answer to a question would be nice.
more speaking opportunities in class
I think it should be less rigid and more specific to each student. I also think we should all be given similar treatment in class.
More standardized grading rubrics

Would you recommend this class to another student?

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No (1) ━━━━━━━ 16.67%
Yes (5) ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 83.33%
[Total (6)]

0   50%   100%

Why?

Comments
It's a well run class that will push you intellectually. Also your Chinese gets better.
Again, I enjoy taking Chinese but this quarter the professor made the class more of a negative experience.
It provides good opportunities to practice language skills, though the morning schedule is very inconvenient.