



ARAB 10103 3, ARAB 10103 3 - Elementary Arabic III - Instructor(s) - Zainab Hermes

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

Number Enrolled: **18**

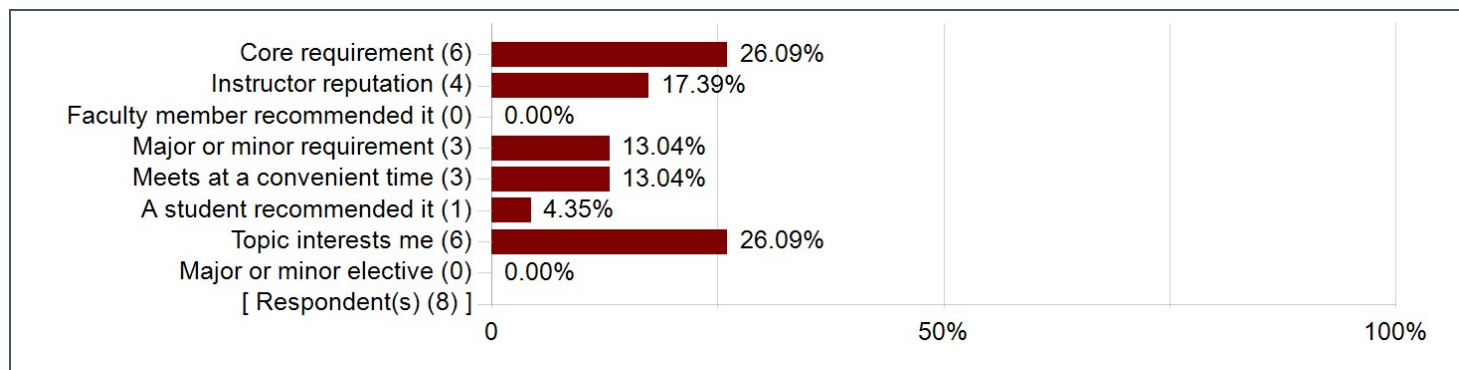
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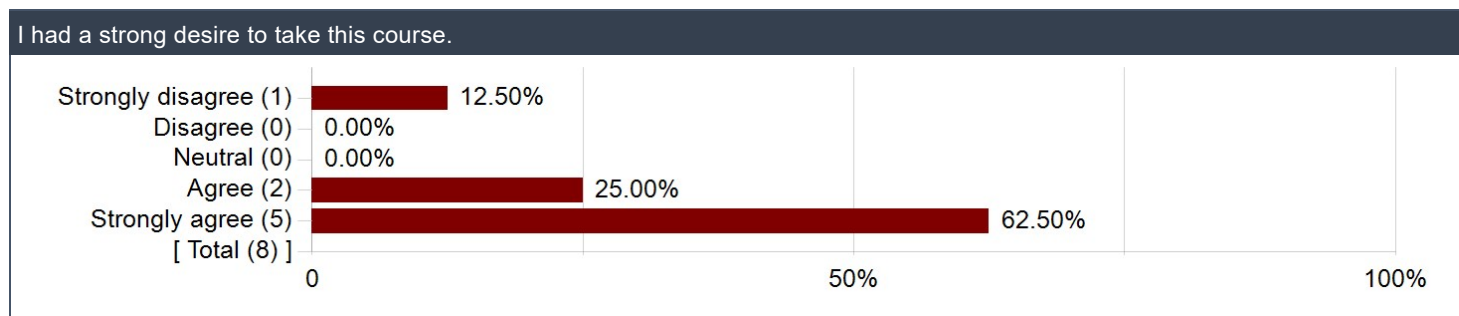
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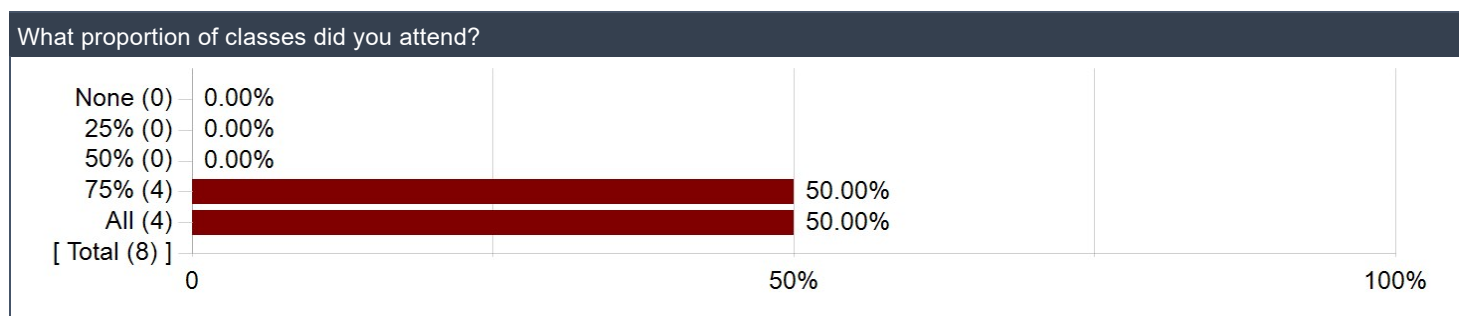
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



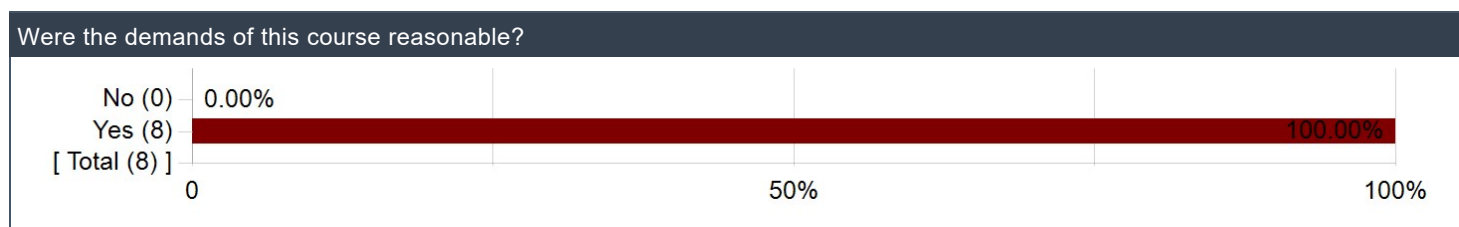
I had a strong desire to take this course.



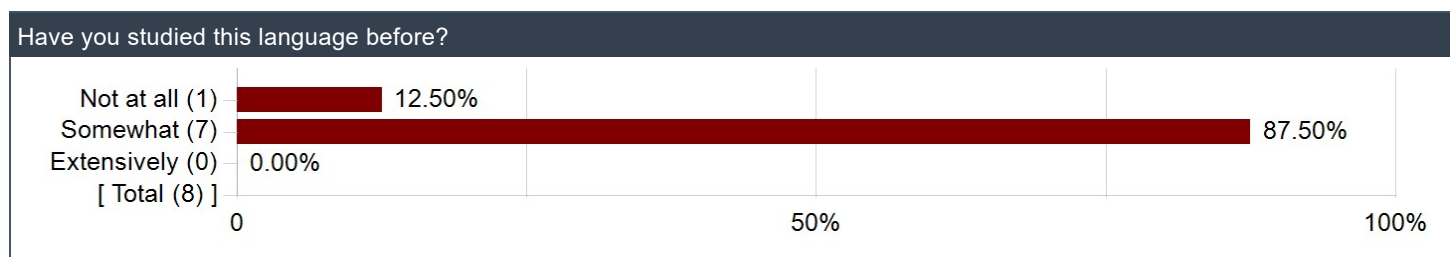
What proportion of classes did you attend?



Were the demands of this course reasonable?



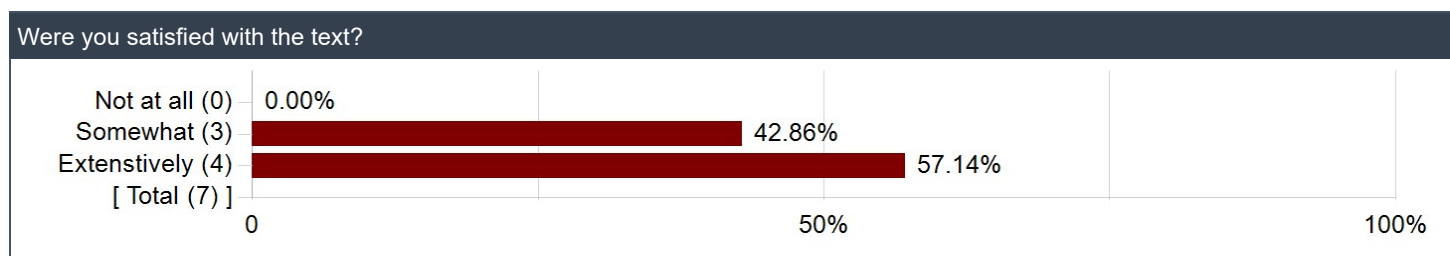
Have you studied this language before?



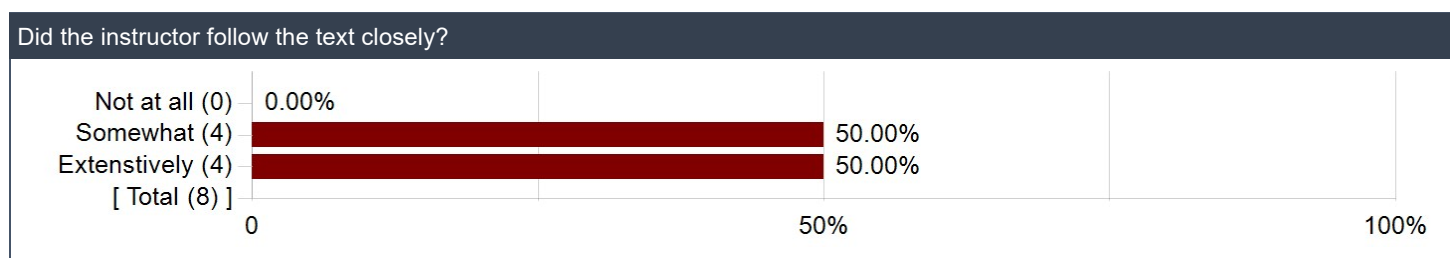
Rate the extent to which different aspects of the language were stressed:

	Mean	Median	Not At All	A Little	Some	A Lot	Extremely	Vigorously
Speaking	4.38	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	37.50%	12.50%	25.00%
Spelling	3.63	3.50	0.00%	12.50%	37.50%	25.00%	25.00%	0.00%
Reading	4.38	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%	37.50%	12.50%
Writing	4.50	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	12.50%	50.00%	12.50%
Grammar	5.00	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	50.00%	25.00%
Vocabulary	4.88	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	12.50%	12.50%	50.00%	25.00%

Were you satisfied with the text?



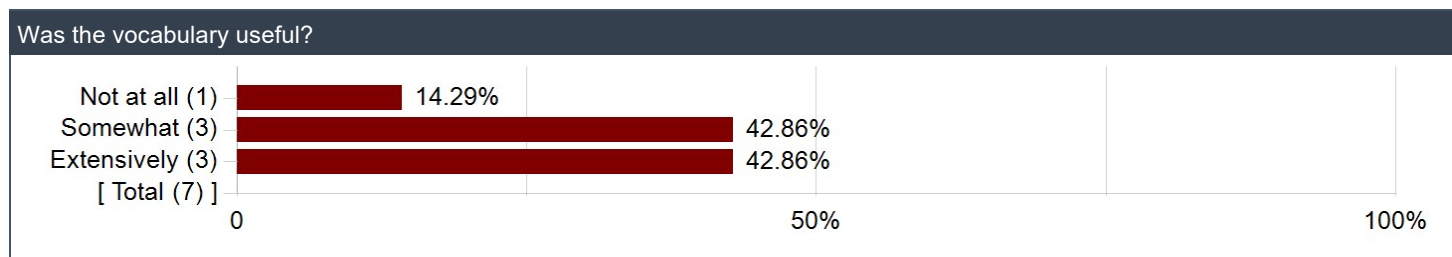
Did the instructor follow the text closely?



Explain:

Comments
It was independent work.
We followed the units of Al-kitaab closely

Was the vocabulary useful?

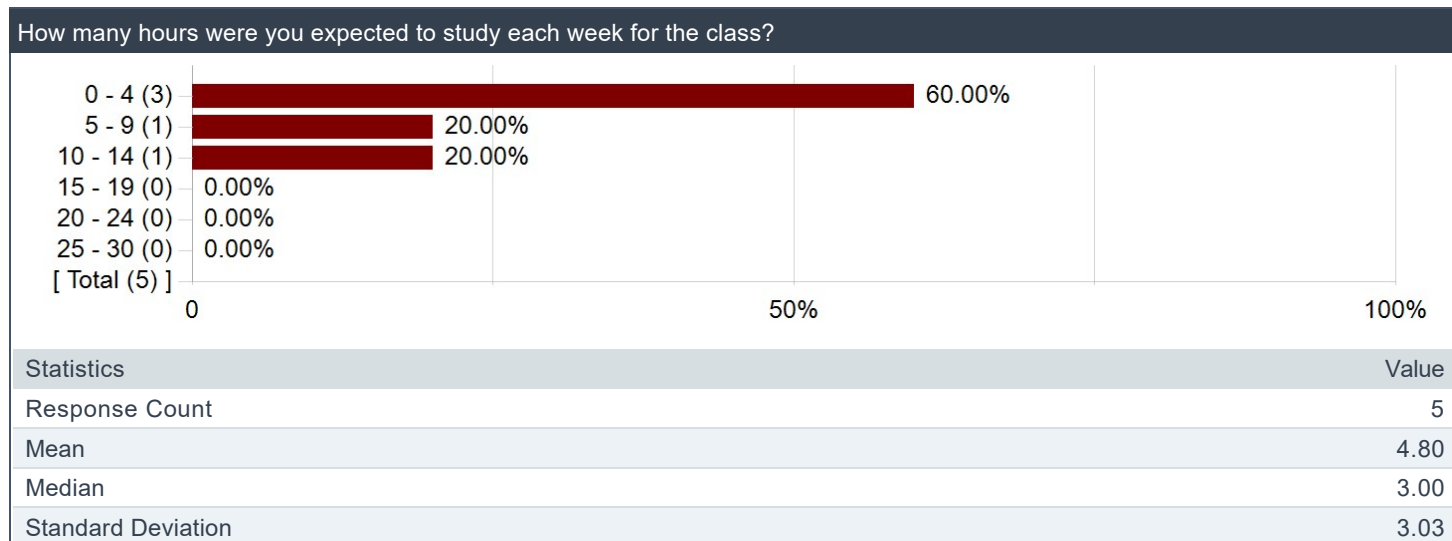


Why?

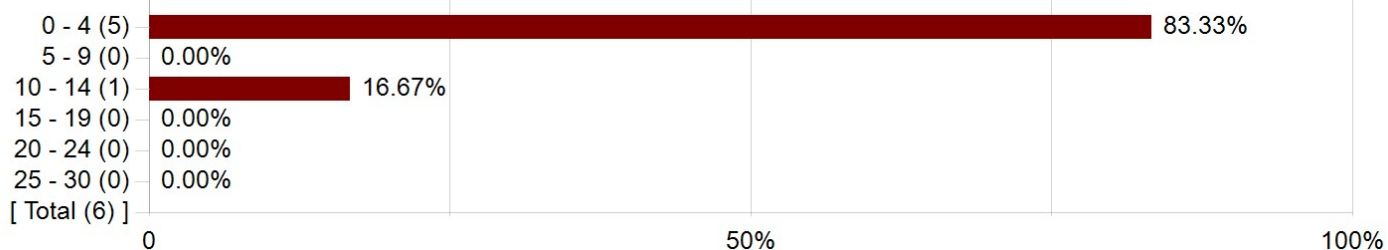
Comments
the words from the book did not translate well to everyday conversing
Everyday life words
A large portion of her exams and quizzes are about the vocabulary, so its good to know what the words mean. She will also dedicate entire class days to learning the vocab with the class, very helpful.
The text is a little outdated so we learned some vocab like "united nations" but overall pretty useful.
Most of the vocabulary was practical and useful, although the textbook introduces a lot of terminology for government and military that is not really useful for the general things we are trying to learn to talk about at this level.

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

Comments
lecture
Lecture and drills from book.
We had a lecture style where the Prof. would explain the lesson or we would look at the lesson in the textbook together.
The class was formatted in a lecture style but with very high participation, almost more of a highly guided discussion. Professor Zainab would introduce grammar or vocabulary and have us use it in context, both speaking and writing. She often calls on students unpredictably, making it very important to be paying attention and making sure you understand the required material before coming to class. This was a very helpful motivational tool.

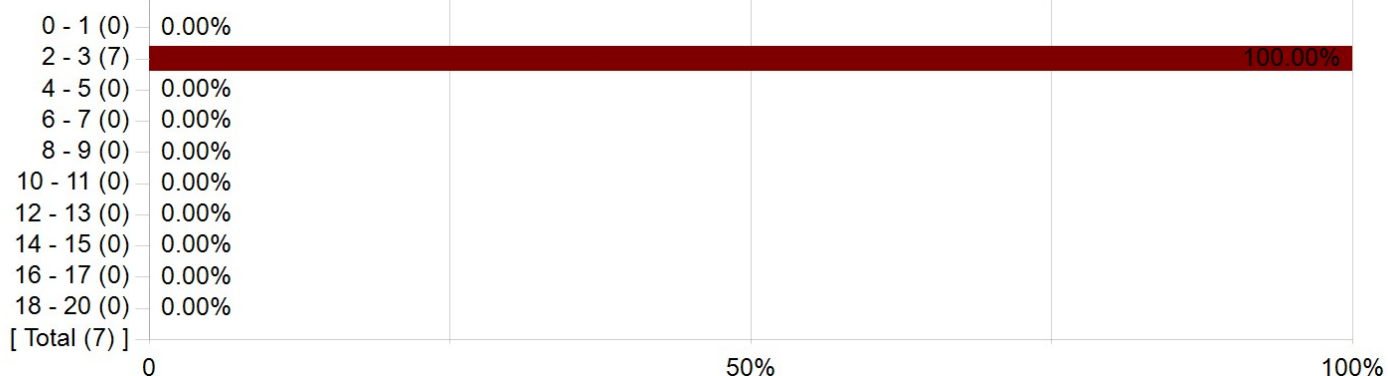


How many hours did you spend?



Statistics	Value
Response Count	6
Mean	3.33
Median	2.50
Standard Deviation	3.39

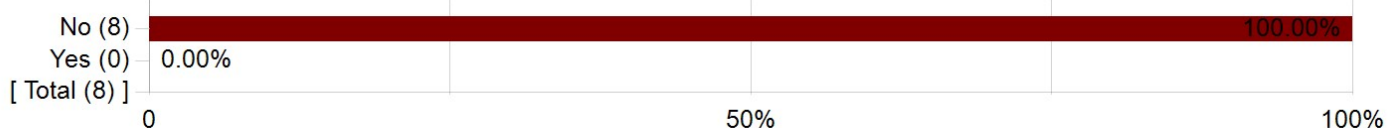
How many written quizzes were given?



Statistics	Value
Response Count	7
Mean	2.29
Median	2.00
Standard Deviation	0.49

Were there daily assignments? (i.e., journals)?

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If there were required outside activities (i.e. foreign films or SCOLA), describe your experience.

Comments
cultural activities, meeting with native speaker
Some cultural events you had to attend, there were a lot of options, like at least 3–4 a week to attend, and you only had to go to 2 of them a quarter.
The discussions with a language partner were really useful and great.
Yes, very positive experience!
We were required to have 3 1–hour conversations with a native Arabic speaker through the Natakallam program, and attend 2 cultural events (films, discussions, lectures, etc.) throughout the quarter. Both of these were very helpful for understanding Arabic language and culture outside the immediate context of the course.

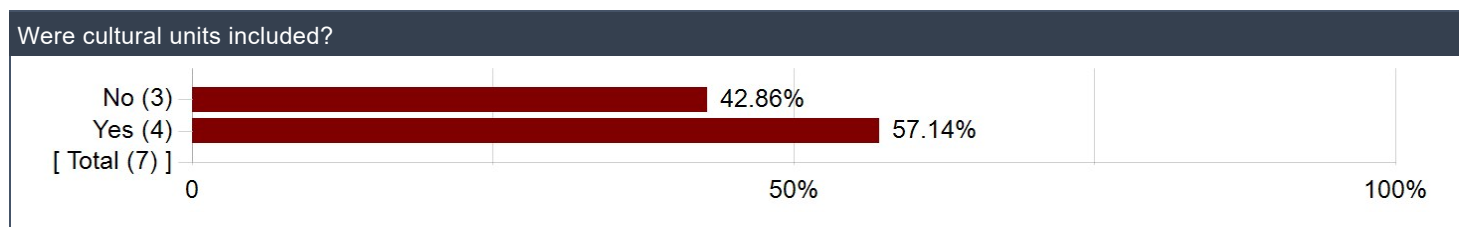
Was your instructor organized?

Mean	Median	Very Unorganized	Somewhat Unorganized	Fairly Organized	Somewhat Organized	Very Organized
4.13	4.50	0.00%	12.50%	12.50%	25.00%	50.00%

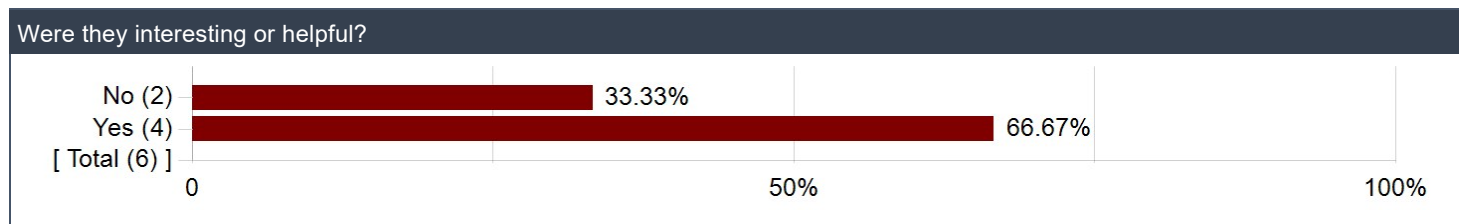
Explain

Comments
No clear schedule of activities

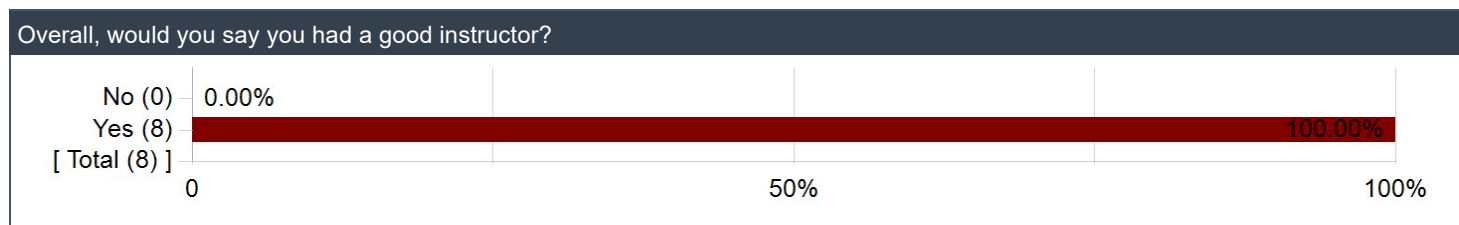
Were cultural units included?



Were they interesting or helpful?



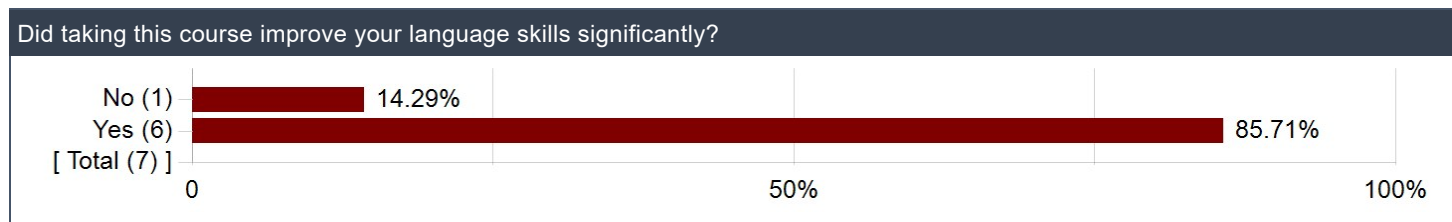
Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



Why?

Comments
Dr. Hermes knows what she's talking about and works to help every student.
She genuinely cares about people learnign the language and loving Arabic, her passion shows and it makes the class enjoyable. She also demand a lot and is probably the most understanding professor I've had at this university.
Zainab is incredible! One of the kindest professors I've ever had and she really cares about her students (and we care about her too!)

Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?



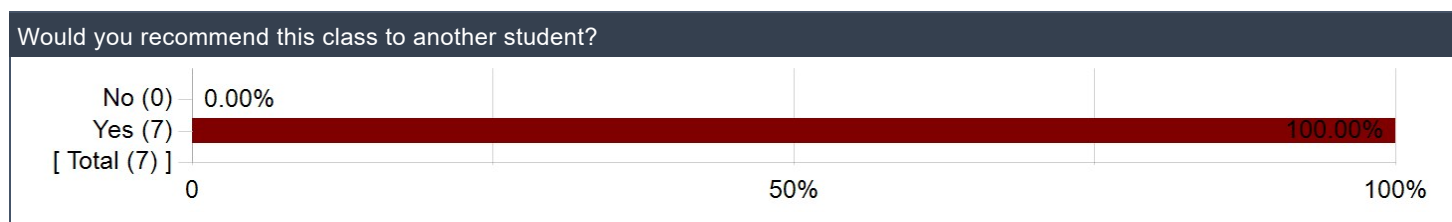
In what way?

Comments
My grammar is much better now
I learned more grammar and vocabularly.

How would you improve this course?

Comments
more focus on daily speech so we can begin to talk and read with confidence
More structure and more time on conjugation concepts
The grader reader was great for improving reading aloud but one thing I would change would to have more speaking opportunities in class. Sometimes we would get called on to answer questions and it would feel a little awkward if you weren't prepared, I think to faciliate a more relaxed speaking environment we could talk as partners, like we do with the Natakallum but less formal.

Would you recommend this class to another student?



Why?

Comments
Goated professor, best Arabic class there is
Great class!