



PERS 10101 1, PERS 10101 1 - Elementary Persian I - Instructor(s): Pouneh Shabani-Jadidi

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

Number Enrolled: **10**

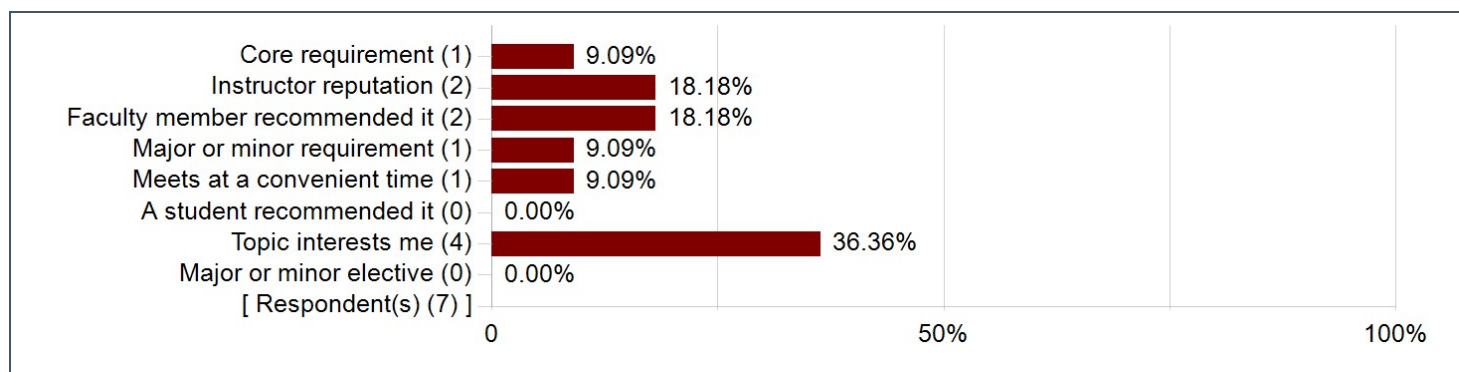
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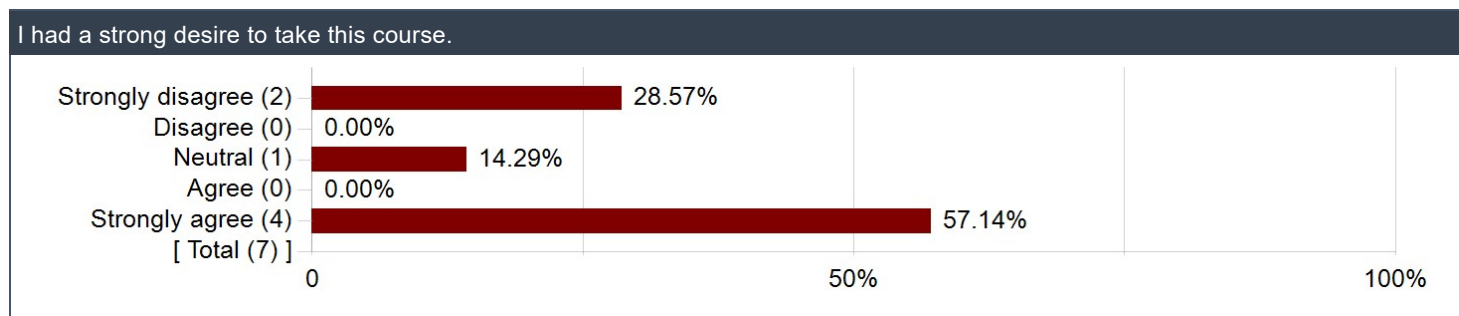
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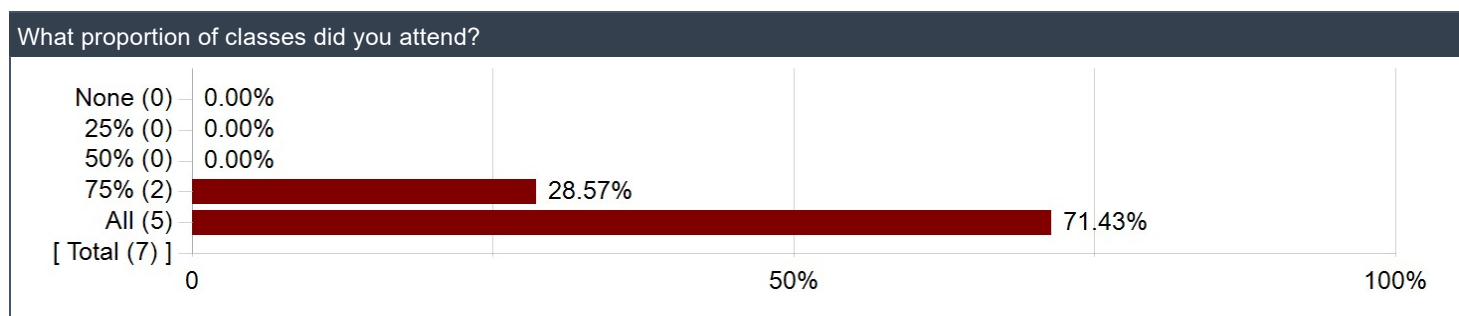
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



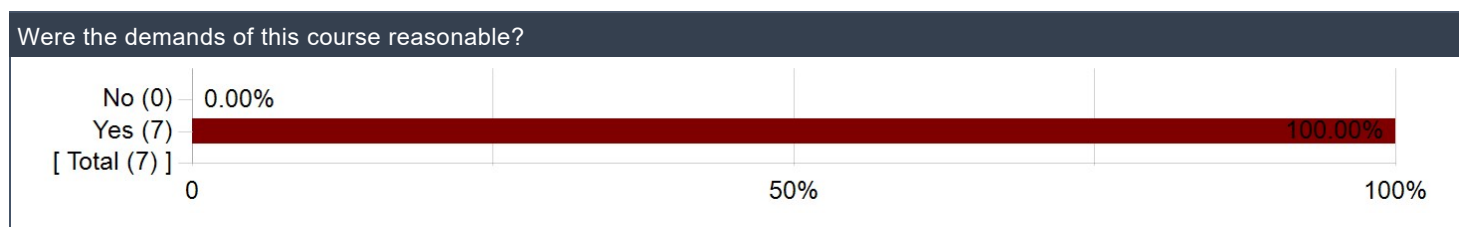
I had a strong desire to take this course.



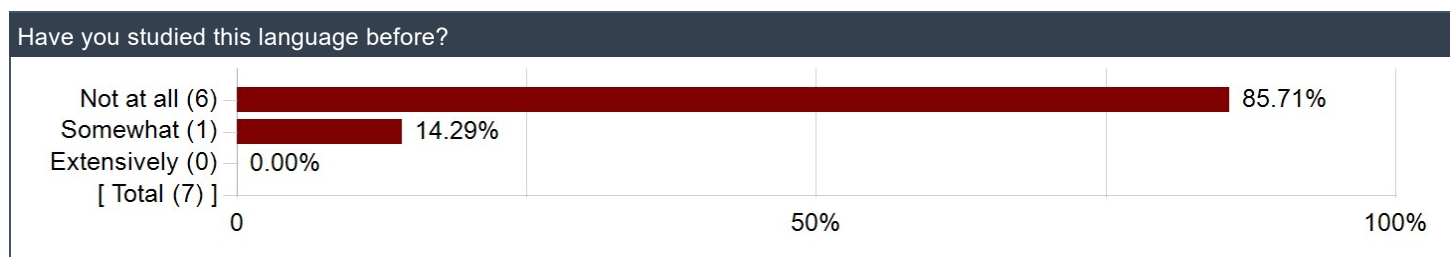
What proportion of classes did you attend?



Were the demands of this course reasonable?



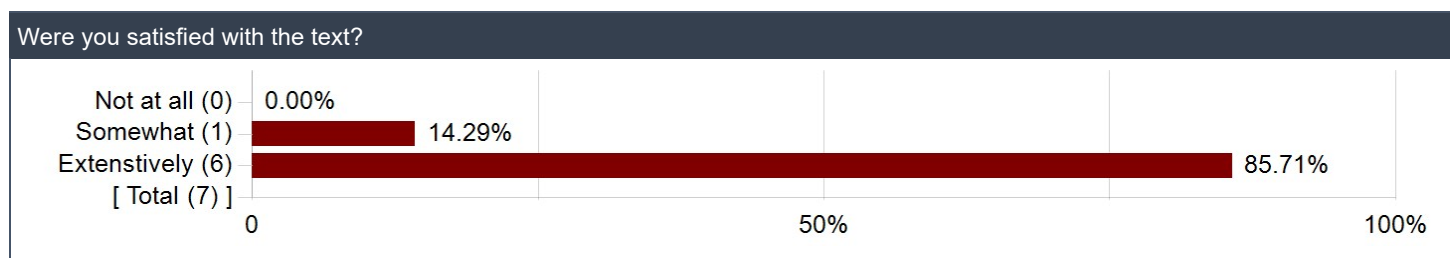
Have you studied this language before?



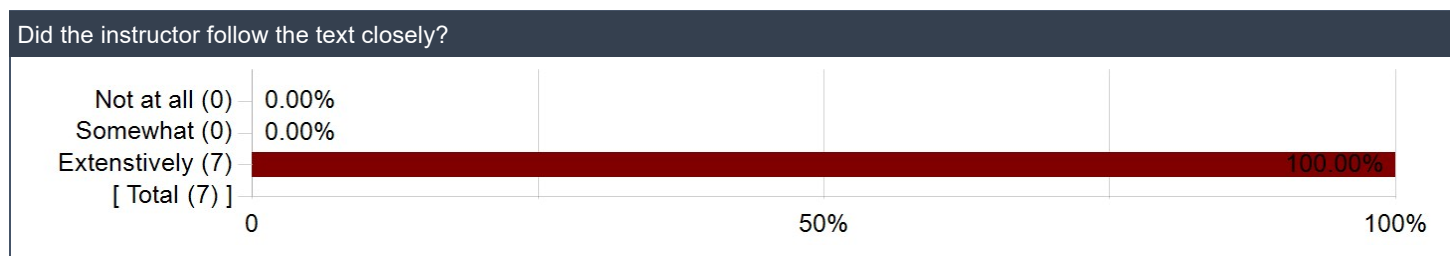
Rate the extent to which different aspects of the language were stressed:

	Mean	Median	Not At All	A Little	Some	A Lot	Extremely	Vigorously
Speaking	4.86	5.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	28.57%	28.57%
Spelling	4.14	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	71.43%	0.00%	14.29%
Reading	4.43	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	42.86%	28.57%	14.29%
Writing	4.00	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	28.57%	57.14%	0.00%	14.29%
Grammar	4.29	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	85.71%	0.00%	14.29%
Vocabulary	4.14	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	42.86%	28.57%	0.00%	28.57%

Were you satisfied with the text?



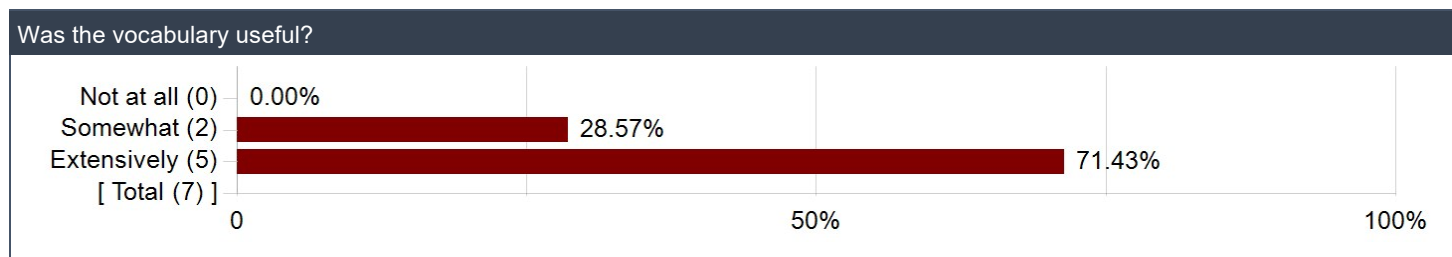
Did the instructor follow the text closely?



Explain:

Comments
The instructor is a wonderful lady, by nature and also by teaching methodology.
At times the textbook was a little unclear or advanced. When we went over it in class I understood it better.
We had a good syllabus to follow through the book therefore it was always easy to locate ourself in the trajectory of progress
Prof. Shabani-Jadidi followed the text, but also allowed for questions on Persianate culture that the text alluded to. I think this was great because you cannot learn a language without learning about its culture too.

Was the vocabulary useful?

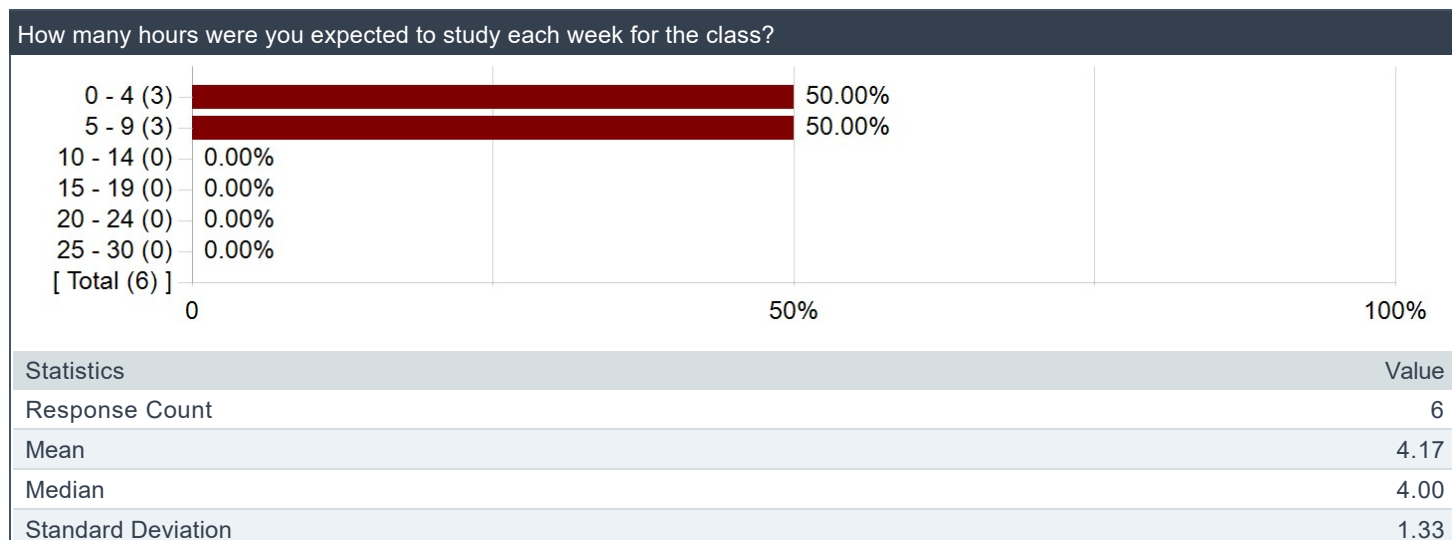


Why?

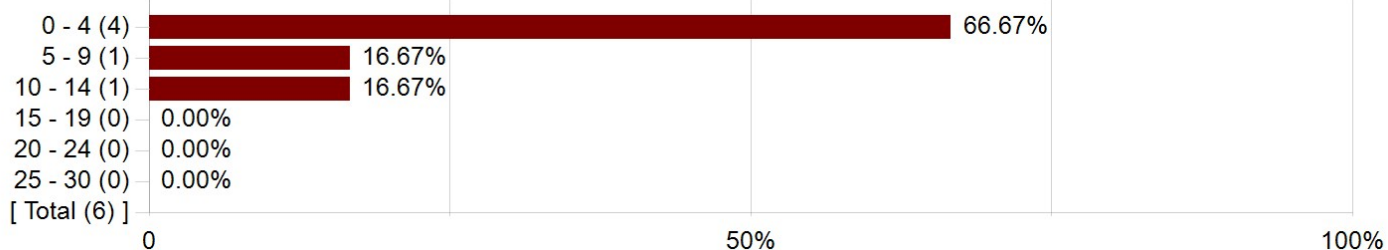
Comments
It was first quarter, so daily life vocab was good.
We focused mainly on how to introduce ourselves and this is generally useful I think.
I feel like by now I know most of the important words that are used in everyday life and writings
As evidenced by the Natakallam sessions, the vocabulary we learned translated really well into conversations with native speakers of the language. It was great!

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

Comments
Lecture and discussions were very productive
Teacher used to come into the class before 20 minutes of starting and ask from those who arrived earlier, if there was any confusion. Then she opened projector and then sometimes persian poetry or song she used to play, so that we might be familiar with Persian accent too. It was amazing overall.
A mix of lectures and drills, worked perfectly to learn the grammar and memorize the words.
There are three weekly assignments (reading, writing, speaking). In class, we follow the textbook day by day. Some times the homework was a little challenging and overwhelming. Other than that the structure is pretty good.
yes, it was the most systematic language class I ever attended. I liked the pedagogy.
It involved using all skills. We start the class talking about the general topic we learned about and then we go through the lesson in detail, stopping to read from the textbook in Persian (with great live correct with our teacher), and having mini-dialogues with our partners (we would speak for 10 minutes approximately each class). I think it was greatly productive because we used all our skills extensively in each class.

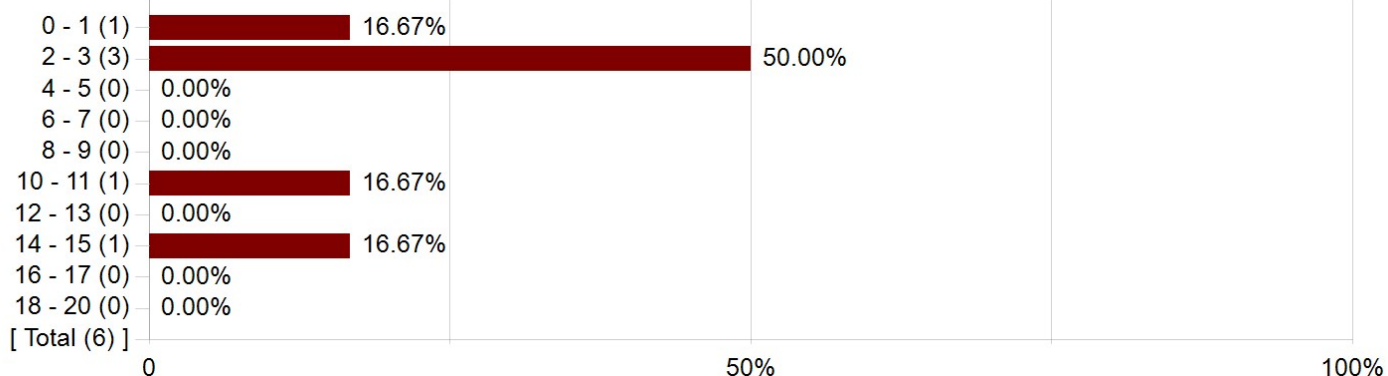


How many hours did you spend?



Statistics	Value
Response Count	6
Mean	4.50
Median	3.50
Standard Deviation	2.88

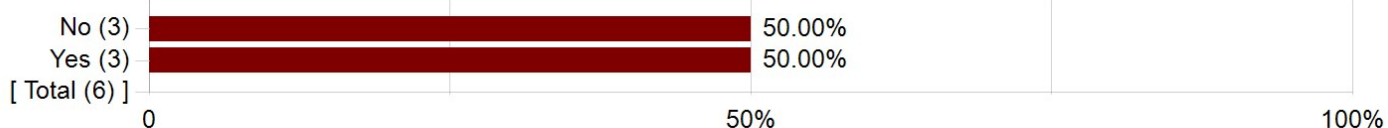
How many written quizzes were given?



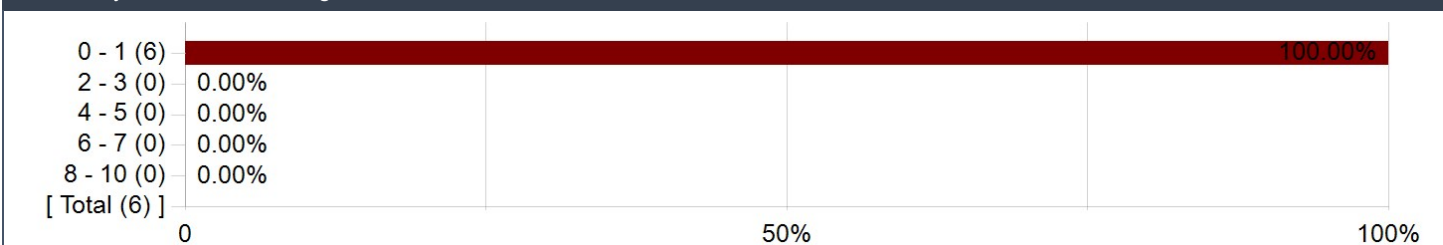
Statistics	Value
Response Count	6
Mean	5.33
Median	2.00
Standard Deviation	5.79

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

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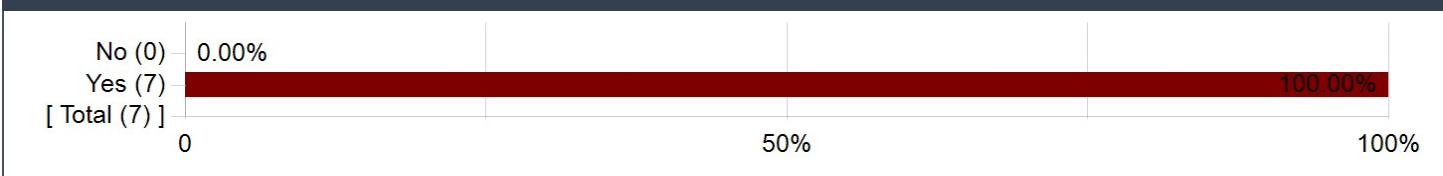
How many oral exams were given?



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Mean	1.00
Median	1.00
Standard Deviation	0.00

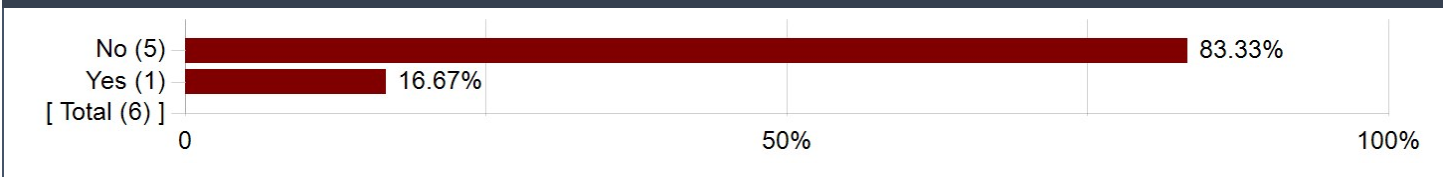
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Were the oral exams challenging?

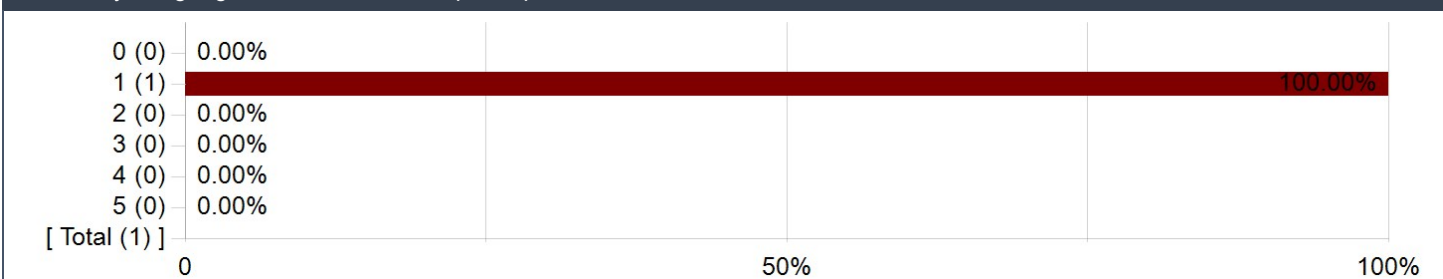
Were the oral exams challenging?



Why? Please be specific.

Comments
It was good.
I had to use all I have learned previously during the exam.
I think they were at a good level. Not too challenging and not too easy.
Prof. Shabani-Jadidi emphasized the use of Natakallam for our conversations and for speaking and listening, as well as in class conversations with our partners. Therefore, the structure of the exam was not at all surprising, and I think it was fair. She would ask us a general questions and then more detailed questions about what we said, all from the vocab of our lessons and what we learned in class.

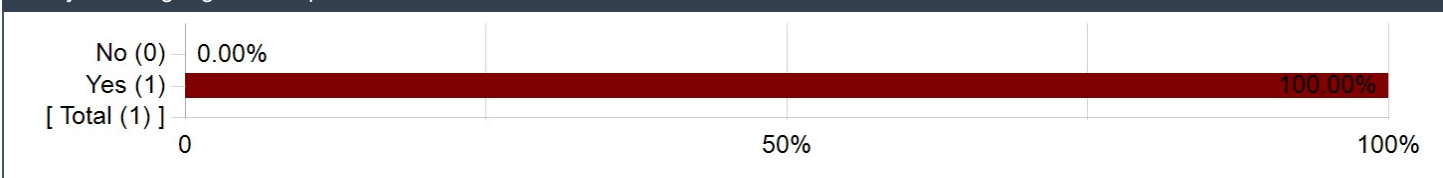
How many Language Lab hours were required per week?



Statistics	Value
Response Count	1
Mean	1.00
Median	1.00
Standard Deviation	N/A

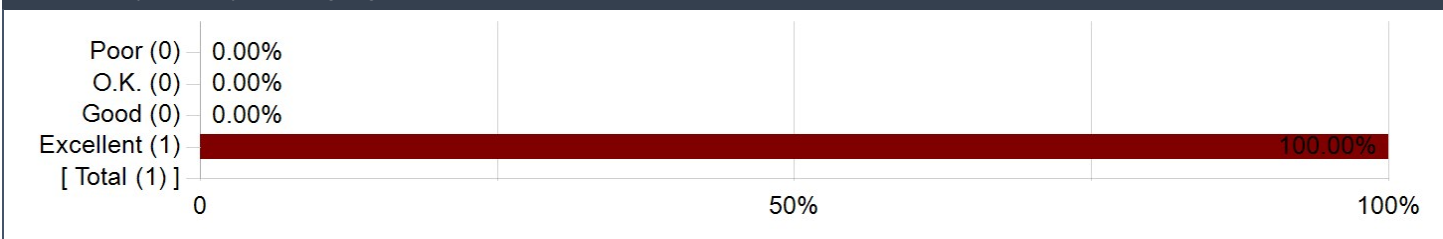
Was your Language Lab experience useful?

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

Comments

I unfortunately could not attend this event.

I regularly attended the Persian Circle. It was a great experience to learn more about the language and culture.

We had to do 5 hours of Natakallam. One thing I would suggest is to allow the instructor to work through the homework with the student. I think this would be useful to improve understanding of what to do.

Two kinds of weekly activities were emphasized. We had a movie day on Fridays and Persian circle on Wednesdays. They were both really helpful, but I enjoyed the movies a lot because we would learn many things on Persian culture and also had the opportunity to see how colloquial Persian is used. The Professor knew which movies to select for a broad audience, so we got a glimpse at Iranian history and culture from them.

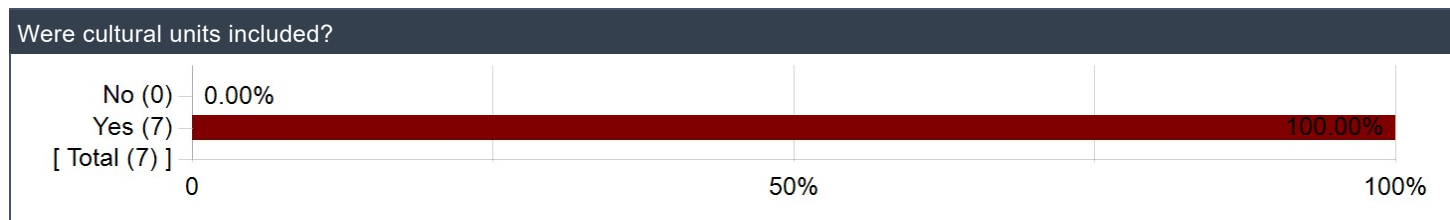
Was your instructor organized?

Mean	Median	Very Unorganized	Somewhat Unorganized	Fairly Organized	Somewhat Organized	Very Organized
3.71	5.00	28.57%	0.00%	0.00%	14.29%	57.14%

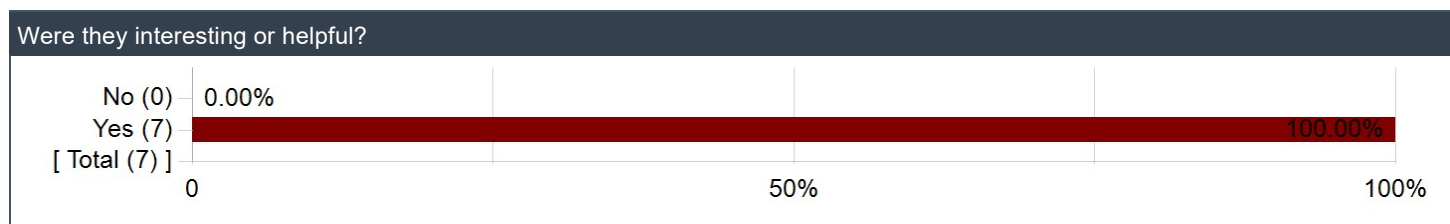
Explain

Comments
Her teaching method is excellent.
Perfectly organized, greatly dedicated professor.
The course was pretty organized. At times it felt like we were jumping around topics. But the sequence of the course was clear and posted on canvas from the first day.
We knew exactly what we were doing in class and we knew what the homework was weeks in advance. She posted a schedule from the beginning of the quarter that outlined our goals and weekly content.

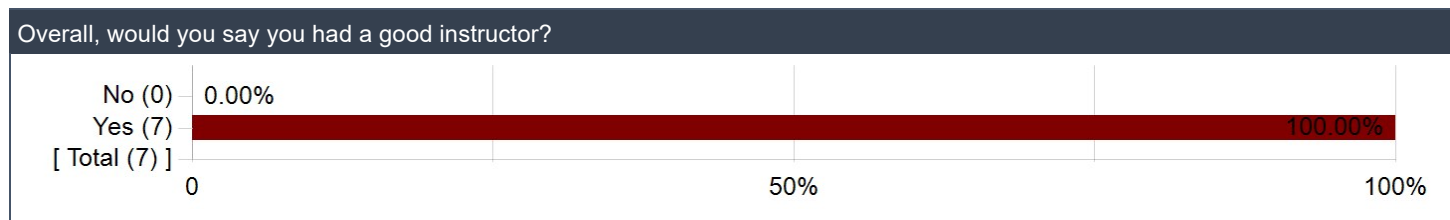
Were cultural units included?



Were they interesting or helpful?



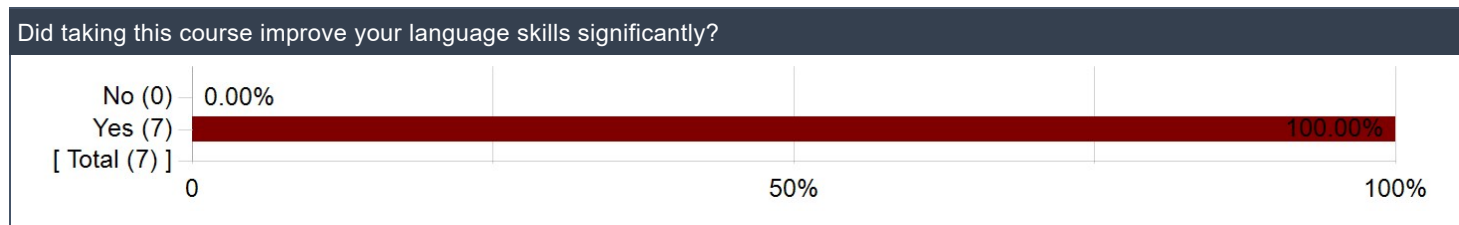
Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



Why?

Comments
She is cooperative, kind and her way to explain the things is simple and easy to understand.
She is a great instructor in every sense. She inspires wonder about a foreign culture and supplies the tools so that we can engage with said culture.
She is very passionate about the course and is always ready to help out if you are struggling with something. Sometimes I think the work load is a little too much especially if you want to do your absolute best on them. Other than that, I really enjoyed the course!
I was suggested to take Persian with her because one of the faculty members told me that she is one of the best Persian language instructors around the globe. After finishing my first quarter I realized that I learned a lot in one quarter and I can speak, write, and read properly with a lot of confidence. I think her training in linguistics helped a lot in her pedagogy. I will recommend this class to anyone.
Honestly, she is the best language professor I had. Detailed, thorough, organized and also very kind and flexible. Her passion for the Persian language shone through every class. I looked forward to classes.

Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?



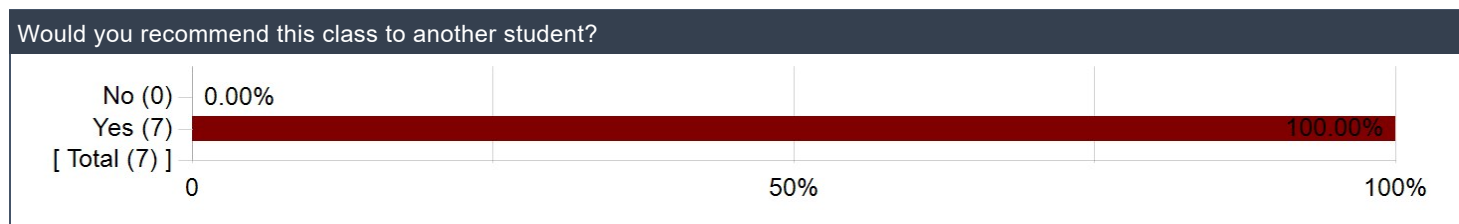
In what way?

Comments
Specially speaking.
I think I am at a pretty good level considering I've only taken this class for two months.
I think my speaking has gotten much better, and my vocabulary grew immensely. I think this course has made me more comfortable with using the language well.

How would you improve this course?

Comments
N/A
I cannot imagine anything. The course is flawless.
More explicit focus on verbs, vocabulary, etc. I think having a list of common words would be helpful to reference and for memorization.
I honestly think it worked perfectly the way it did.

Would you recommend this class to another student?



Why?

Comments
The course is extremely important for those who want to understand Eastern society. And the instructor is good too.
They will have a fantastic time and start speaking Persian in no time.
It is very engaging and great to take if you are interested in the language.
It is a very interesting class with a really kind teacher. Further, I learned a lot about a culture I am so unfamiliar with. And my progress in the language has been great. Honestly, the way it is taught makes Persian language learning a nice voyage, and it never felt difficult. If someone wants all of those things in a language, I would highly recommend Persian with Prof. Shabani-Jadidi.