



Teletandem Student Evaluation Spring 2017 - Responses
World Studies Media Center

Q1. Teletandem has positively enhanced my language learning experience.

Strongly Agree: 16
Agree: 14
Neither Agree Nor Disagree: 0
Disagree: 1
Strongly Disagree: 0

Q2. Teletandem has helped me to improve my communicative skills in the target language.

Strongly Agree: 15
Agree: 14
Neither Agree Nor Disagree: 1
Disagree: 1
Strongly Disagree: 0

Q3. Teletandem has strengthened my confidence in speaking the target language.

Strongly Agree: 14
Agree: 13
Neither Agree Nor Disagree: 3
Disagree: 1
Strongly Disagree: 0

Q4. Teletandem has increased my interest in the target language.

Strongly Agree: 18
Agree: 12
Neither Agree Nor Disagree: 1
Disagree: 0
Strongly Disagree: 0

Q5. Teletandem has enabled me to learn things about the target culture that were not addressed in class lectures.

Strongly Agree: 12
Agree: 11
Neither Agree Nor Disagree: 8
Disagree: 0
Strongly Disagree: 0

Q6. My language partners were interesting and engaging.

Strongly Agree: 14

Agree: 13

Neither Agree Nor Disagree: 4

Disagree: 0

Strongly Disagree: 0

Q7. My language partners were cooperative and helpful.

Strongly Agree: 14

Agree: 14

Neither Agree Nor Disagree: 3

Disagree: 0

Strongly Disagree: 0

Q8. Teletandem was an effective way to practice the target language with a native speaker.

Strongly Agree: 19

Agree: 11

Neither Agree Nor Disagree: 0

Disagree: 1

Strongly Disagree: 0

Q9. The Media Center staff was knowledgeable and helpful in carrying out the teletandem sessions.

Strongly Agree: 19

Agree: 10

Neither Agree Nor Disagree: 2

Disagree: 0

Strongly Disagree: 0

Q10. The Media Center staff always made sure that I had a partner to work with.

Strongly Agree: 18

Agree: 13

Neither Agree Nor Disagree: 0

Disagree: 0

Strongly Disagree: 0

Q11. The teletandem sessions were fluid and reliable.

Strongly Agree: 9

Agree: 17

Neither Agree Nor Disagree: 3

Disagree: 2

Strongly Disagree: 0

Q12. The quality of the connection for video and audio was satisfactory for the teletandem sessions.

Strongly Agree: 10

Agree: 12

Neither Agree Nor Disagree: 4

Disagree: 5

Strongly Disagree: 0

Q13. Do you have any suggestions or ideas to improve the teletandem program at VCU? If so, please comment below.

- No (2)
- N/A (2)
- This is your best program School of World Studies! Everything else pales in comparison.
- None
- More class periods doing it.
- Better connection required, the audio cuts up a lot.
- Sometime the connection made it harder to understand or hear what they were saying but that comes with the territory. My first person didn't speak to me in English so I was under the impression that we were only supposed to speak in Spanish.
- In the beginning it seemed as though both parties would have an article that they were supposed to talk about. However, each partner that I spoke with said nothing about an article and we only spoke about more casual things.
- Better connection
- More frequent sessions!

Q14. In your own words, briefly describe your personal experience of Teletandem and what it meant to you.

- Teletandem made learning Spanish real and meaningful.
- Spoke with a proficient international student and conversed in a mixture of different tense uses that I needed to practice. It was a realistic perspective
- It was a fun experience. It was only a little difficult because another student was added to the conversation halfway through when she arrived late to class, so the second half of my conversation turned out to repeat the first half.
- Fun and enjoyable
- This experience has greatly made me become more confident in speaking Spanish with other people. Being able to connect with fluent Spanish speakers in a different country was a great experience for me to have and share with others.
- It was a lot of fun, and good practice.

Q14 (continued). In your own words, briefly describe your personal experience of Teletandem and what it meant to you.

- This was my first time having the opportunity to speak with native speakers through video chat, what a great idea! I was nervous at first, both times but by the end of them I was proud of myself for being able to carry out an entire conversation in Spanish (for the most part) and being able to successfully understand them as well. I knew more than I thought I did, I have to give myself more credit.
- It was an opportunity to actually immerse myself in the language. A good, genuine experience.
- I talked with my partner for the entire time and we even exchanged social media information so now we talk on a regular basis. I would have never expected that I would have come out of this with a friend in Mexico, but I absolutely did.
- It was such a great experience!!! It really helped me.
- Teletandem was a good experience because I was able to enhance my Spanish verbally and comprehensively. I was surprised at how easy it was to speak and understand my partners.
- Teletandem has always connected me with students with various majors even staff at the Universities. It is interesting to know what other college students do in different countries.
- The teletandems helped me to gauge the reality of the vastness of the world, but also the the proximate similarities between myself and peers who have been raised in completely different cultures and societies.
- Made me realize I needed more practice speaking Spanish
- In my opinion, Teletandems are the best way to learn the targeted language.
- I graduated from VCU majoring in Spanish without having ever done a teletandum. I believe this should play a larger role in foreign language classes as most of us don't have anyone to speak with at home in our studied language. The teletandum sessions in a way fill that gap. Maybe even an entire class based around doing teletandums would be great!
- Teletandem was one of the best resources for improving my language learning ability. It was one of the only opportunities in which I not only wanted to but was forced to engage with native speakers of the language. This is a crucial part of language learning and in my opinion, we do not have enough opportunities for this kind of engagement at VCU.
- My experience with Telatandem was fun but also challenging. I enjoyed the challenge though because it helped me exercise everything I learned with a native speaker making this experience even more hands on.
- I really enjoyed Teletandem because it gave me a real life experience of the language itself along with the culture of the people I was conversing with.