Students I teach take a course for a number of reasons. These reasons include:

 1. it is a mandatory course

2. to achieve a grade

3. to acquire additional information and advance their knowledge and repertoire on a specific subject matter

4. is foundational information required for a future course

5. the student likes the educator and wants to learn more from that professor

6. the course was recommended by other students

7. it is an introductory course to a new topic that seemed interesting and relevant to the students' preferences of topics.

A student may have a number of these as reasons for taking a course.