

**Sample Student Evaluations for José Vergara**  
**Russian 102: Intermediate Russian (Third-Semester)**  
**Bryn Mawr College**  
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“He is very organized and the syllabus is outlined very well so that I know what we are doing every day. He is also is great at communications and always answers my emails very fast.”

“I found his major strengths to be his patience and supportive attitude toward students. I appreciated that whenever I needed extra assistance he was always more than willing to accommodate to my needs, which I value very much in a professor.”

“Good at answering questions, and accommodating my needs based on circumstances outside of class. I noticed over the course of the semester that the professor asked students more challenging questions, e.g. "why?" instead of "what?" On a few occasions at the end of class we had random discussions which I found instructive, like the one about boba tea.”

“I really appreciated how much the instructor emphasized speaking in Russian during the course. One of the most effective times this was done, for me, was in the explanation of new grammar concepts entirely in Russian. Not only did that improve my comprehension, but I also learned a lot about these different grammar structures. Another part of the course I really enjoyed was how much outside content was brought in, from learning songs to reading menus. I did that kind of outside work in my previous Russian class a lot, because we relied only on the textbook to learn. I still do a lot of outside Russian input, but I appreciated how it was emphasized in the classroom, and I also attribute this to the improvements I've seen this year.”

“I think that professor Vergara has created an accessible and inclusive course experience. He is always very patient and gives us lots of time to think out our answers and try again when we are speaking in class.”

“Always very willing to work with students if they had a problem.”

“I found that he created an environment in which I felt as though I could easily ask for any support and accommodations that I needed without feeling ashamed of doing so, as I knew I would receive support.”

“The course was very effectively accessible and inclusive. With the open ended questions, we were

encouraged to speak about whatever we wanted to using whatever vocabulary and grammar we knew.”

“Yes I would definitely recommend this class. This class is my favorite class that I have taken this semester and I feel a lot more confident in my reading and writing skills.”

“Yes. Good. Learned a lot and really liked how much direct talking happened in class (obviously, because it is a language course, so its not exactly notable that talking a lot happens but it is nice). This was the only one if my classes where the class was structured in a way other than being an hour long lecture so it was a nice break from that.”

“Yes I would recommend it, I learned a lot not only about the language but the language as spoken in a cultural context.”

“I think the class is a nice community because it is small, and the Professor encourages students to pursue/participate in out of class events, which many of other professors do not (ie they don't share information about department events/news).

“I really enjoyed how much the course was geared towards comprehensible input (with the use of songs and videos), and I think that this, along with the classroom environment being virtually all in Russian, is why I saw such large improvements in my speaking ability this year.”

“Good. Approachable. Answers email promptly which is nice.”

“I really enjoy any activities that allow for freer expression in the Russian language- like conversation practice, open ended questions, writing prompts. listening activities and other activities that use authentic Russian-language materials.”

“Speaking out-loud in front of the class is very productive for my learning because it gives me a chance to formulate my own responses and to become more confident in what I am saying. I also like doing the grammar exercises because it is very good practice and practicing the grammar in the context of writing helps me become more familiar with it. I also really enjoy the casual conversations before the start of class because it is good practice of just speaking without any sort of prompted assignment, and it is also really great conversation practice.”

“I also really like and find it more engaging when we go beyond the textbook with the pen pal project and activities that use authentic Russian-language materials.”

“I think that the spacing and number of assignments has been appropriate.”

“I found the spacing of assignments to have been appropriate and easy to balance with my other courses.”

“The course instruction has been helpful and engaging. I'm interested in the course material, and I pay better attention in this class than any other class I'm in because I constantly am trying to work out the meaning of instructions given in Russian. This is definitely useful preparation for talking in real time with native Russian speakers.”

“I feel as though I have been able to learn in an environment that is patient and supportive of my needs.”

“The largest contribution has been the fact that almost all instruction has been in Russian. Listening practice and learning how to respond in real time is so vital for language learning, and I feel as though I'm able actually put together coherent sentences in Russian and forget that I'm not speaking English.”

“Feedback is given incredibly fast, which allows me to better prepare for upcoming classes.”