

Sample Student Evaluations for José Vergara  
RUSS 101: Intermediate Russian (Third-Semester)  
Bryn Mawr College  
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- “He works really hard to make sure every student understands the materials, and is very willing to offer support to students struggling in the class or mentally/medically.”
- “He made the classroom feel welcoming, helped to make speaking less intimidating.”
- “Very caring and knowledgeable prof who's clearly passionate about the course content. Well-organized language curriculum with interesting, relevant, and up-to-date cultural notes. Great in terms of accessibility I really liked the presentations in the first half of the semester illustrating case, though I know they were just reviews of old introductory concepts.”
- “It is extremely well organized, where help is provided and given constantly. Since this is a daily class, each day's course-load is very manageable and allows for us to focus on the material without sacrificing any of our other obligations. Honestly, no need for areas of improvement. Everything is utterly perfect.”
- “It was mask optional, if a student needed to miss class he let them join via zoom, he was offered adjustments to me on a subject that could be triggering.”
- “I think so, I have accommodations and he was very accommodating of them.”
- “He was very understanding and made it easy to approach him about things. One specific detail is that he provided resources about gender inclusivity in Russian, since the language is otherwise very binarily gendered.”
- “Zoom classes and extensions if a student had reasonable need were very helpful as a student with chronic illness. 10/10 no notes.”
- “It could not have been taught better. Genuinely. He is so accommodating for everything and really does care about us.”
- “Yes! Professor Vergara is well-versed in Russian who cares about seeing his student succeed and makes a variety of interactive and interesting lessons to make sure that we learn Russian and Russian culture in an engaging way.”
- “HE IS SO COOL! Whoever is reading this should know that he is well-known throughout the BMC undergrad community; if you or someone you know has taken one of his classes, you know how wonderful he is. Sometimes I will tell people that I am taking the Russian language course with Jose, and nine times out of ten their faces will light up and say something along the lines of "I took his Russian literature class, he is wonderful, I loved that class, my friend loves him," etc. Even though I have another semester with him as my professor, I dread moving on to the 200 level solely because I know he will no longer be my professor. I'll have the summer to come to terms with this dreadful fact so I will be fine, but the people who take the class after me will be so lucky to be doing so.”
- .”Class was super cool. Thumbs up.”

“You should give him tenure forever.”

“The drills, grammar exercises, reviews, and writing prompts have been the most helpful for me because it helps to repeat words, phrases, and grammar over and over until I remember them.”

“I really like games, grammar exercises, convo practice, the authentic stuff. I think the open-ended questions are stressful for me to think of something but the more we do it the easier it gets for me to calmly think about my options to answer.”

“I love this class and the way it is structured and the pacing is perfect in my opinion. One of my goals has been to chill out and enjoy learning the language instead freaking out whenever it is my turn, when I have to do assignments, etc., and I definitely have improved there. I think my ability to absorb stuff has gotten better bc of it so I'd say everything is great!”

“[instruction] It's been great! No complaints here.”

“[instruction] It's great, nothing more to say.”

“Good! Understanding, understandable”

“I would say the vibe of our class has made me feel less like the dumbest person in the room and more like an eager learner who is doing a great job. Also, the quizzes have been so helpful in terms of keeping me accountable for learning and practicing the new words and grammar we review and learn. Love them! I think I am studying more consistently so I have more constructive questions and can better gauge what I understand.”