

Sample Student Evaluations for José Vergara

Russian 013: The Russian Novel: The Classical Tradition (and Russian-Language Attachment)

“I actually really enjoy the reading and discussing them in class. This might sound very basic, but it has given me a lot of insight into the style and concern of the writer in the association to the era and has helped me see how the vectors of Russian literature shifted with time.”

“The outlined structure of class discussion, which allows for development of our own ideas but keeps us on track. I appreciate the planning that has gone into it.”

“This might be too broad, but I like our class discussions a lot. I don't always pick up on subtle literary things, so it is kind of nice to be guided to them, which then helps me see them more and look for them. I also do like having to do a response, because it makes me think for critically about what I've just read instead of just breezing through it.”

“I like the amount of writing we do. I appreciate the amount of help and time I received for the essay.”

“I like the responses--they allow me to gather my thoughts and sometimes offer a lens for discussion. I also like how you work off of what we wrote to inform the class discussions.”

“I have a lot of opportunities to express myself.”

“The feedback is comprehensive and constructive.”

“I am given questions that lead me to reevaluate an assumption I made while reading. It's especially useful for me when I am led to compare (themes and characters across books, within the book. etc.).”

“Generally I just loved getting to really dig into books in a way that I have trouble with when I'm reading just for fun. I also enjoyed the tidbits of Russian culture and history that we got over the course of semester.”

“In the beginning of the class, we did a run down of common vectors in Russian Literature. It is very exciting to see some of these vectors re-emerge in our discussions later, as well as seeing commonalities in subject matters and approach between different writers.”

“I really enjoyed this class! Thank you!”

“Being able to finish an entire book in Russian was great!! I also really liked it because I had to read slowly, which helped me get more out of the book. I had a great time!”