

Sample Student Evaluations for José Vergara

Slavic 254: Introduction to East Central Europe: The Culture of Dissent in Czechoslovakia and Poland

“Very enthusiastic teaching, always around for questions and cares about the students learning.”

“I really like how this course was taught; I found the readings to be very interesting.”

“It was always interesting coming to class. Jose organized everything well and kept everyone involved.”

“Good! I’ve never taken a course in this field before, but I found it easy to follow.”

“José is a good teacher and really tries to get everyone involved. He has a good sense of humor too.”

“Discussion section was really helpful in diving into complicated, philosophical class themes.”

“Jose brought very good outlines to class and is very clear on explaining them.”

“Organized well, maximized the time in order for us to learn the material effectively.”

“Provocative, challenging, engaging. Made me want to pursue further material and talk about the class with others. Did a good job of including everyone and respecting all perspectives while still challenging and engaging.”

“José led engaging discussions that pushed topics of discussion far beyond surface material. The way he posed questions and shaped discussion emphasized historical aspects as well as connections to current events in a well balanced manner.”

“He was very knowledgeable in the subject and passionate about getting people to participate in discussion.”

“Very good. Jose was always prepared for our discussions. He did a great job of getting everyone to participate and actively learn the material.”

“José did an awesome job of engaging students in class and keeping the learning environment fun!!”

“The teaching was very effective – you taught in a way that promoted involvement in discussion and helped break down the somewhat philosophical body of the class.”

“The discussion sections worked well with interaction with material, group work, and free discussion.”

“I thought it worked smoothly. José forced us to provide opinions which was necessary for me because I’m usually very shy. Everything we needed was relevant and interesting.”

“The worksheets were really helpful at remembering important points or asking any further

questions.”

“One of the best I’ve taken, will remember and has positively influenced me, would recommended course and TA highly”

“I’ve only taken one other history course, but I enjoyed this one more because the topic was more current and could be applied to my life. It also made me question how active my participation was and the beliefs I would be willing to stand up for.”

“This is the best class I have ever taken. Best TA, most interesting content.”

“Excellent. One of my favorite classes.”

“This is the best class I have taken since being in college. I enjoyed every minute of it. I’m really happy I took this class.”

“I have only taken STEM courses, so this humanities class was a great break from the usual course load. Since the material was interesting and engaging, it was easier to perform well.”

“It was my first discussion was actually a discussion. We spoke in a group, we spoke openly. I liked the class environment.”

“Sparked great discussions, brought new idea and ways of thinking to mind”

“Always very prepared. Provoked different ways of thinking and analyzing info. Very good teacher.”

“Jose did a fantastic job creating a comfortable class environment that encouraged thoughtful discussions and required students to come prepared to class.”

“At first I was uncomfortable with how Jose called on students to answer questions and participate. However, this made me come to discussion always prepared in case I was called on out of the blue. Jose’s teaching style helped to create meaningful dialogue and enhance my understanding of course material. Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed him as a TA.”

“Jose is an excellent instructor. He is good at generating discussion, getting students involved and ensuring that multiple interpretations are heard. He is also very knowledgeable and is able to clarify questions that come up.”

“Jose was a great TA for this course. His biggest strength was facilitating discussion. The atmosphere was positive and thoughtful.”

“I think Jose did a very good job to facilitate discussion from people of many different backgrounds and made it seem like we all were equally knowledgeable.”

“This class is way better than the other humanities classes I’ve taken.”

“One of the least awkward sections I’ve had to take. Jose did a good job of stimulating conversation and keeping section moving.”

“As the course progresses, the overall lessons can be applicable to contemporary times.”

“Discussing and communication between students are more encouraged than [other course] I took last semester.”