

Student Comments

The following are direct quotes from student evaluations of Dr. Vajda's courses.

East Asian Studies 210: Introduction to Nomadic Civilization

- I actually looked forward to coming to class!!
- This class was the most interesting lecture class I have taken at Western. The professor's vast knowledge and obvious enthusiasm for his subject made the material relevant and exciting.
- I liked all the lectures. They were entertaining and broadened my horizons.

Linguistics 201: Introduction to Linguistics Science

- Dr. Vajda's enthusiasm and passion for the subject matter really helps to get the information across.
- Vajda is enthusiastic about his job, makes the material interesting, engaging, and fun.
- This is by far the best instructor I have had, he makes this class a joy to come to.
- Dr. Vajda's enthusiasm for linguistics was very evident. It was also contagious.
- It is obvious that Professor Vajda loves and is extremely knowledgeable in this subject.

Russian 101: Elementary Russian

- He is an awesome teacher. I am a biology major and have two other biology classes, but this is the class I look forward to. Thank you for the fun.
- While it was difficult, Vajda made it entertaining and engaging. Dr. Vajda is a hero.
- Hey, this class doesn't even satisfy any requirements for me—but I will take the full first year of classes because it is taught so well.
- He sets an ambitious pace and sticks to it, always reinforcing what you have already learned and never overwhelming you with what you don't know. It is a privilege to study under him.

Russian 110: Introduction to Russian Civilization

- One of the best classes I've ever taken, and one of the best professors I've ever met.
- I loved his enthusiasm for the subject and his knowledge of Russian history was unbelievable... I hope to have him again.
- I registered for this class as a last resort because all the other classes I wanted to take were full. It's ended up being my favorite class of the quarter.
- Vajda has such enthusiasm and a general interest in this course that it spread around the class and made everyone want to learn more.
- I learned a great deal not only about Russia, but the world. The content of this course was not limited to only one sphere of knowledge; I can connect what I learned about Russian history to the history of other regions. I have an overall better understanding of the world.