

Sample Student Evaluations for David S. Danaher

First-Semester (and First-Semester Intensive) Czech

I have taught this course five times from 1998 to 2010.

"It's an ace course."

"I will steal all of David's ideas for my own eventual teaching."

"The instructor is GREAT. He's the most energetic instructor I've ever come across."

"David makes a sometimes scattered book work."

"I loved this course. David is by far my favorite professor ever."

"I've taken a million different language classes, and this is the first one where the class felt more like a group than a class. That made a better learning environment."

"David is a wonderful professor. He has more enthusiasm than every professor I've ever had combined."

"He explains things logically. He goes at a comfortable pace and he's more than willing to give extra help or just chat."

"Czech is a difficult language but David makes it feel less daunting."

"This is a really excellent course. It's not watered down in the beginning, so people learn more right away."

"Fantastic course. David is the best teacher I have experienced at college yet."

"The teaching was wonderful. If it wasn't for my prof, I would never have understood Czech."

"The teaching was vibrant, energetic and seriously joyful. The professor is a master of the Czech universe!"

"This class is far more comprehensive than the one I took in Prague."

"I truly felt it was David's commitment and enthusiasm that makes this class stand out."

"This was a fantastic introductory language course, one of the best I've taken."

"David is a great teacher. Supportive, helpful, available."

"I thought David was a superb teacher who was so enthusiastic about the language that it rubbed off on all of us."

"The best teaching of a foreign language that I've ever seen. Professor Danaher's enthusiasm for the material inspired the class, and his creativity in presenting difficult material made Czech accessible to all of us."

"While the textbook for the class does not always cut it, Professor Danaher's explanations, handouts, and activities fill this gap."

"I feel that this is an exceptional course and would recommend it to others."

"The teaching was excellent. David shows a lot of enthusiasm for teaching Czech, and his excitement is contagious."

"He made me really enjoy the language, and he made me want to work hard. In short, he's motivated me more than any other teacher for several years running."

"Professor Danaher consistently made up for the textbook's flaws with supplementary materials, cultural presentations, and class activities."

"Mr. Danaher was an excellent teacher. He has so much energy, he's funny and he's really enthusiastic about the subject so he makes us interested and want to learn."

"I love this class."

"David was very patient with us. I think it helps that he's not a native speaker cuz he had to go through just what we're going through now. Plus, he knows how to explain everything really well."

"I like the atmosphere. We did really serious work but we could have fun too."

"Dr. Danaher is one of the best language instructors I've known. He is animated, explains difficult areas well and maintains our interest throughout the class period."

"One of the best classes!"

"David is an excellent teacher. He is always full of energy, keeps the class moving. He is intuitive and good at picking out spots where we are having trouble."

"Excellent teaching! The enthusiasm was really nice to see. I'm glad the professor seems focused on helping students to speak and understand the language rather than reading and writing alone. I feel as if I learned a lot from his teaching, not just from the textbook."