Sample Student Evaluations for David S. Danaher

## **Structure of Russian**

"Not only do I feel as if I have learned a lot about the structure of the language, but that I became interested in something I thought I would have no interest in."

"This is a great course. Prof. Danaher has done a great job of selecting materials and presenting them in a way that is comprehensive and interesting. Overall, it's been a real pleasure to take this course." "I always looked forward to class."

"The instructor is enthusiastic and willing to break from the class plan to answer questions."

"Besides being intellectually challenging, this course was very useful and helpful in a practical way."

"Professor Danaher's assignments and class discussions at every point of the way required of us critical thinking."

"Professor Danaher is an amazing teacher. Even with a head cold, he's here, expressive, and ready to teach."

"Excellent and enthusiastic instruction. Probably would not have enjoyed the class's subject content without David Danaher teaching."

"Prof. Danaher is a very passionate and engaging lecturer, very open and informed. I've had courses on Russian linguistics before but never learned so much."

"Prof. Danaher is a fantastic teacher with a passion for the subject."

"David is knowledgeable as well as upfront about goals and expectations."

"The teaching was outstanding, the readings relevant, and the assignments helpful, and Prof. Danaher tied everything together superbly."

"It was a relaxed atmosphere, informal and inclusive, but with definite goals and expectations."

"It ranks among the best courses I've taken."

"This course was challenging, interesting, well-structured."

"The professor is very energetic, enthusiastic in his approach to teaching, obviously finding it important and enjoying it. He is succesful at relaying his wealth of knowledge to students in a clear and engaging way."

"The is the best linguistics class I've ever taken. I appreciate the time the professor spent making comments on our homework and researching questions asked in class."

"The teaching was professional, organized, and sometimes quite demanding (which is very good)."

"The course was excellent. I was consistently impressed with the instructor's preparation and most especially by his attention, thoroughness, and comments on returned work and tests. I often wondered how he found the time to develop these materials. I have worked as a teacher myself and I am aware of how much time it takes to be so prepared."

"I learned much more than I expected to, and I feel that the knowledge that I gained here will be a great asset to my study of literature and to my teaching of the language."

"I like how David seems very open. He teaches us but can also learn from us. It's a give and take." "The class was relaxed, enjoyable, informal but the instructor did a great job of keeping everyone on task."

"It was one of the best classes that I've taken so far."

"It's one of the best courses that I've taken in the department."

"Bravo to Prof. Danaher! I'm continually impressed at how he manages to achieve that which so few professors do: a happy balance between being academically rigorous and demanding while being open, approachable and having a sense of humor."

"I have never taken a course this lively."

"Prof. Danaher struck a good balance between the theoretical and the practical."

"Professor Danaher was able to make a linguistics course into a fascinating and relevant study. I was impressed."

"I have already been able to apply what I've learned here to other classes that I'm taking!"

"I can't say enough to compliment Prof. Danaher's style of and approach to teaching!"

"One of the most intellectually challenging courses I have ever taken."

"I kept making connections between the material I learned in this class and things from my other courses."

"This course challenged me greatly not only in my knowledge of Russian and linguistics but also in my approach to language and culture in general."

"Wonderful teaching style! Prof. Danaher is truly amazing. His ability to make the most complicated material accessible is astounding."

"AMAZING. David ROCKS."

"Prof. Danaher is one of the most engaging and enthusiastic teachers of any subject, not to mention linguistics, that I have ever had."

"EXCELLENT. Prof. Danaher is a compelling teacher. His presentation is straightforward, he seems to enjoy teaching the subject, and his excitement for the course content is contagious."

"The atmosphere was always conducive to learning. Never too formal and never too relaxed. Always a joy to be in class."

"This course exceeded my expectations from other courses that I have taken in linguistics and Slavic studies. It leaves them all behind."