

Courtney Paige Fell

Student Evaluations*
Fall 2005–Spring 2011

Spring 2011, Spanish 2120 (fourth semester)

1 Section- 7 Students total

"Courtney was always very well prepared and was dynamic in the presentation of the material. The technology in the classroom really streamlined the learning process. The assignments really helped with overall understanding of the material as well as Latin/Spanish culture."

"Loved the online stuff. She's very understanding and makes sure you understand the material."

"Very enthusiastic about the material and I feel like I could carry on a conversation in Spanish. I like how there was different things like music and movies and worksheets to help us learn. Also, your Blog was very helpful."

Spring 2011, Spanish 2110 (third semester)

2 Sections- 34 Students total

"She is one of the best teachers I ever had, and this comes from a student with two masters degrees. She uses technology, she is lively and interesting and she provides various activities that make learning fun. Excellent instructor and great class!"

"I found you to be the most organized teacher I have ever had and that seriously allowed for me to keep up. The Blog is the best thing ever and every teacher should use it."

"Courtney is one of the best teachers I've ever had. She explains things in a way that makes sense and really sticks. I loved this class. I'll miss this class. It really made an impact."

"Courtney is a great teacher. Even though the class was really early (8am), she was always very lively and kept us interested in the material. She has ample resources for us to do well in the class available through technology... very helpful!!! It makes it much more convenient and interesting. Best Spanish class I've taken so far!"

Fall 2010, Spanish 2120 (fourth semester)

2 Sections- 47 Students total

"Thanks for a great semester. Pushing us to write well on the compositions was a great learning experience. Having high expectations for the compositions made me work harder/learn more from them."

* Original evaluations available upon request.

"Keeping a high energy level helped me stay focused- especially at 8am. Also, always being available for extra help was great!"

"Courtney is a great, energetic teacher who really wants her students to succeed. She makes herself available for help and provides dozens of online resources."

"Ms. Fell was energetic, engaging, and knowledgeable creating high interest in and better understanding of the material. Fabulous instructor!"

Fall 2010, Spanish 2110 (third semester)

2 Sections- 34 Students total

"I loved this class. It was one of the few less stressful classes I looked forward to coming to, not because it was easy (so many conjugations!!!) but because Courtney made it fun to learn with her upbeat, comical, encouraging style of teaching. Couldn't have asked for a better teacher or different style of teaching or learning. Muchas gracias!"

"I really enjoyed taking Spanish class with you! I love your energy and the way you structure the class as a whole. I was not intimidated in class at any point, which let me speak up more and learn more..."

"I really enjoyed this class and it was by far the best Spanish class I've ever taken. Courtney made the material interesting and related it back to the news, the world, and our life. Definitely one of my favorite teachers at CU. She really cares about her students."

Spring 2010, Spanish 2120 (fourth semester)

2 Sections- 43 Students total

"Very good at teaching Spanish! Engaging, fun and helpful. Does a good job at inspiring interest in the language."

"Fun activities using Spanish. Assignments were not tedious and focused on what we were learning. Fun classroom."

"Your enthusiasm is contagious and consistent- thank you for always being optimistic and patient. The "desaparecidos" assignment was very well put together and incorporated many different challenges."

"You are a great teacher! The trial was really fun and I love the *Yabla* videos we use."

Spring 2010, Spanish 2110 (third semester)

2 Sections- 24 Students total

"There is nothing I would change. You are by far the best Spanish teacher I have had and I learned so much. Thank you!"

"I really like the way you teach. Spanish is hard for me but you make it easy to understand."

"Very passionate and understanding. She has an obvious passion for teaching."

"Teacher does a very good job. Has lots of great ideas. Makes waking up for 8am a very enjoyable class period."

Fall 2009, Spanish 2120 (fourth semester)

2 Sections- 42 Students total

"Courtney does extremely well in trying to get us participate which helps when practicing speaking Spanish. The projects were fun and all a nice break from everyday homework."

"Courtney did a really good job of being fun and energetic while promoting learning. I really enjoyed alternate activities like the mock trial."

"Courtney does a great job of making an interactive Spanish course that is very fun. She makes you want to learn the language, not just get a good grade."

"Courtney did an amazing job. I have learned more from her than any of my other teachers. I really hope I can have another class with her in the near future."

Fall 2009, Spanish 2110 (third semester)

3 Sections- 57 Students total

"She was always prepared for class and knew how to work with her computer and technology in the room, which has been a rare quality with all of my other teachers this semester."

"Courtney is an amazing professor. She was very helpful and understanding and she did an excellent job at never making me feel dumb, even though Spanish isn't my strongest subject."

"Exceptional instructor. Demonstrates such passion, commitment and caring! Always so well-prepared and so encouraging of success!"

"Courtney was great, always encouraged us to visit her office hours, did a good job of explaining everything clearly so we could understand, and always willing to help out and answer questions."

Spring 2009, Spanish 2120 (fourth semester)

1 Section- 21 Students total

"Very engaged learning, she implemented some cool and effective teaching techniques."

"The fact that Courtney spoke to us predominantly in Spanish and challenged us to do the same was very beneficial because I was actually using what I had learned in the manner that is my goal to use it. Also the fast-paced environment along with Courtney's method of teaching... was extremely helpful. I loved the WebQuest activity! I learned about a historical event that I previously knew little to nothing about."

"Courtney spent a lot of extra time with me outside of class. Her assignments were creative and very helpful. Courtney was vibrant and excited to teach, which was great!"

"She had everyone participate in class a lot which helped keep everyone interested."

Spring 2009, Spanish 2110 (third semester)

3 Sections- 57 Students total

"The professor displayed her passion for the subject. This inspired my interest! I will continue to study Spanish in efforts to be as well versed as her."

"Re-taking the class with a different instructor really made a difference. I wouldn't take back my experience with Courtney for the world. She is an awesome and amazing teacher and an amazing person. She is filled with so much energy all the time, she motivates and inspires me. She has also really worked with me individually with my disabilities and I appreciate it tremendously."

"Courtney's enthusiasm, clear Spanish speaking, effective use of the Blog and Google Docs and e-mail contributed to a great class."

"The class was very interactive and allowed everyone to get involved. By having lesson plans with many activities, I was never bored."

Fall 2008, Spanish 2120 (fourth semester)

1 Section- 22 Students total

"I have learned more in this class than any other course I've taken, in any subject. Courtney was high-energy, enthusiastic, encouraging and by far the best teacher I've ever had. She never gave us busy-work. Class was efficient but fun and there was a lot of variety. Our group work helped a lot with learning to speak the language and in-class discussions were really interesting/deep. I didn't want to before, but now I will be double-majoring in Spanish thanks to her."

"This has been a great class! I really like the way you try to engage us in Spanish outside of class with movies, language table, volunteer opportunities, etc."

"Courtney was a really great teacher who was always available for extra help and always had interesting lesson plans and good ways of helping us learn."

"She gave great feedback and could easily answer any question we had. She also was (obviously) very knowledgeable and just loves Spanish."

Fall 2008, Spanish 2110 (third semester)

3 Sections- 36 Students total

"I like how she gave good examples on the board and made us interact with each other in the class. It made it seem that we were all helping each other learn."

"Courtney made this class extremely fun and interactive. She made me want to major in Spanish!"

"She was very knowledgeable and there was no "down time". It seemed we were constantly learning."

"I loved how she explained things and wouldn't move on until everyone understood. She also helped me a lot out of class."

Spring 2008, Spanish 2120 (fourth semester)

1 Section- 22 Students total

"She was very outgoing and encouraged us to participate without feeling overwhelmed."

"She was always positive and really demonstrated her love for the subject and encouraged everyone to do well and be interested in the course."

"She was very active and used lots of hand gestures and simple words that perfectly described difficult concepts very effectively."

"Always willing to help and make sure we understand it to the best of our ability."

Spring 2008, Spanish 2110 (third semester)

1 Section- 22 Students total

"Her understanding created an atmosphere in which it was very easy to learn."

"Professor Fell was always nice in her corrections which made me participate more and enjoy the class more."

"She would make sure that the students were using Spanish and pronouncing correctly."

"Professor Fell is particularly good at conveying difficult vocabulary without translation to English."

Fall 2007, Spanish 2110 (third semester)

4 Sections- 88 Students total

"She was very friendly from the start and did not make any of the students feel awkward especially if we did not know something in Spanish. She was always open and available if we needed help."

"Lots of energy when teaching; held attention well; very approachable; made class comfortable; easy to ask questions. Great teacher."

"She kept it interesting, fun and yet educational."

"I really liked Courtney. I thought that she was an amazing Spanish teacher and always made sure everyone was up to speed. I really hope to have her again."

Spring 2007, Spanish 002 (second semester)

24 Students

"Courtney fue una buena profesora. Ella me ayudó mucho para entender. Me gusta mucho la clase este semestre."

"I like the way you teach- it makes us have to participate."

"Courtney was awesome! I learned so much in her class and she teaches very effectively."

"I thought Courtney made class feel really comfortable and I'm really nervous when it comes to Spanish, but she made it easier to try to speak. I felt more comfortable speaking in her class and she really tried to get us involved. Thanks. You made Spanish 2 fun!"

Winter 2007, Spanish 120B: Hispanic Literature 1700-1898

2 Sections- 33 students total

"Courtney, fue un placer tenerte como TA para esta clase."

"Excellent TA...Taught us skills i.e. essay organization that will be useful in other classes. Discussions were extremely useful. Couldn't have asked for a better TA..."

"Courtney cares about her students. She leads great discussion sections. She speaks clearly and gives good examples relating to the text."

"Great attitude! Made us feel comfortable with seeking help :)"

Fall 2006, Spanish 003 (third semester)

19 Students

"Courtney is arguably the best TA I've had at UCLA and there have been some good ones so far! ... Courtney made it enjoyable through engaging activities and personal friendliness and charisma. She took an active interest in my education and was always available for help. She is an amazing teacher..."

"Courtney is a great teacher. She was always organized and it was obvious she cared about the students. She taught the material well, and my understanding of the Spanish language has greatly improved. She is infinitely greater than any other TA/Professor I have had during my career at UCLA."

"Courtney is an outstanding teacher who shows concern for her students learning and is really fun to learn from. She utilizes her great sense of humor to help keep students engaged."

"Courtney is an amazing TA. She's extremely helpful with the way she organizes discussions and activities. It made learning Spanish fun and much easier to understand."

Spring 2006, Spanish 002 (second semester)

25 Students

"I've really enjoyed Esp. II with Courtney. I enjoy the practical advice and information that she gives in class and also the music that she plays daily."

"You have an excellent way of communication and explaining the concepts."

"Strengths: Courtney is very kind and she knows a lot about Spanish. This made it easier to stumble when speaking Spanish. She was always edifying us, even when we didn't make grammatical sense... No weaknesses"

"Courtney is a wonderful instructor! She's very organized and makes students feel welcome seeking help and asking questions. She also makes it easy to learn and participate in class discussion."

Winter 2006, Spanish 001 (first semester)

21 Students

"This was an amazing class. I really enjoyed it and learned a lot. Professor Fell made my 9:00 am class my favorite class this entire year."

"It took a lot of getting used to, but instruction all in Spanish, from the beginning was helpful. Courtney is the best language teacher I've had."

"I absolutely love and appreciate your animation. It really helps us understand what you are saying. And, your quiz study-guides are tons of help! Thanks for an amazing class."

"Had a great knack for making the subject interesting and fun and portraying the words through acting and body movements instead of using English."

Fall 2005, Spanish 001 (first semester)

25 Students

"Srta. Fell actively engages the entire class in discussion and teaches well."

"I have definitely learned a lot from Professor Fell. She is always well prepared and addresses the needs for each and every student. I give her my highest recommendation. :)"

"She was a great teacher. Always open to questions and is very patient. Also willing to help outside of class and has great communication via e-mail etc."

"Courtney worked really hard on getting the students to understand. She was really concerned with student learning..."