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SELECTIONS STUDENT EVALUATIONS

NORTH GEORGIA COLLEGE

SPANISH 1001-1002: *Beginning Spanish*

FALL 2009

The professor was extremely enthusiastic and was all about her students doing well and learning the subject to the best of their ability. She introduced many different learning methods to be able to help her students completely understand and learn the subject. She made class fun and interesting and forced the students to get out of their comfort zones in their desks and interact with other students to help each other learn. She was effectively repetitive with topics we were learning which made it easier to understand and remember the lesson. She was extremely helpful to anyone who misunderstood or had problems with certain subjects. She never allowed the class to veer off topic which enhanced our ability to pay attention to the lesson. Phenomenal professor!

Jennifer Formwalt is an excellent professor. She was always very prepared for class and her lesson plans flowed very smoothly so there was little to no waste of class time. She always had engaging activities to do during class that cleverly melded student participation, learning, and fun all into one.

Loved her class! She made it fun AND introduced a lot of material. It is so much easier to learn when you are not bored out of your mind. Her use of hands on activities really helped me to learn a new language, and I will be forever grateful! I would recommend her to anyone who is having trouble learning. She made herself accessible at all hours, and was always prompt responding to emails and questions posed, and always always helpful to explain things outside of class. A wonderful experience!

SPRING 2010

Jennifer Formwalt was awesome! I really enjoyed her class. Her passion for the subject matter as well as her teaching methods helped me to learn a tremendous amount. Her enthusiasm helped me to get excited and interested in Spanish, so much so that I am enrolled in the Spanish Summer Institute this summer. I look forward to taking more of her classes.

Jennifer is an amazing Spanish teacher, one of my favorites, and I would definitely recommend her to other students. She was the best Spanish Prof! I learned so much in her class, and she always made class interesting.

Mrs. Formwalt always comes to class well prepared. There is never a pause in learning and the entire class period is used wisely. She is very easy to reach outside the classroom and always willing to provide further instruction for students who need a little more help. She works with her students and shows a genuine interest in their progress.

FALL 2011

Wonderful professor. Really enjoyed this professor and hope to attend another of her classes soon. Excellent personality and extremely enthusiastic about doing her best to ensure everyone learns and enjoys the learning process. A very encouraging professor, even to those of us who seem to have no ability to learn the Spanish language.

Mrs. Formwalt, is without a doubt the best teacher I have ever had the pleasure of taking. She is enthusiastic, understanding, and an overall great teacher.

Ms. Formwalt is WONDERFUL. She's so energetic and passionate about her class. She makes excellent use of classtime, and she ensures that everyone understands the material she covers that day. Not only is she a great teacher, but she's such a sweetheart, and she really cares about her students. Amazing teacher! I'll definitely recommend her to future Spanish students. I highly recommend keeping her around! She's wonderful!

SPRING 2011

Dr. Formwalt is an amazing professor. She is one of the best professors I've ever had. She really enjoys teaching and it shows by her enthusiasm in the classroom. She makes learning Spanish REALLY fun. I cannot wait to take her for upper level Spanish classes.

Wonderful professor! Wonderful person! Dr. Formwalt's continued encouragement to the class and her enthusiasm for the subject has motivated me to do my best since the first day of class. Although I continue to think it is a difficult subject, Dr. Formwalt has made it a rewarding experience. I'm glad that I was fortunate enough to have her as my Spanish professor!

The material covered in this course was realistic and challenging. The modules are an excellent way to break down vocabulary lists and grammar lessons into sections. The module themes are helpful because they simulate areas in which a student may encounter Spanish.

SPRING 2012

Loved this class and Dr. Formwalt, Thanks so much!

Teacher was very helpful. Knew the language well and introduced lots of activities that helped students learn the language.

She is easily the best and most fun Spanish teacher at North Georgia!

Dr. Formwalt was the best Spanish teacher I have had. It had been 14 years since I had taken High school Spanish and she helped get to a hire understanding of the language. We learned in a fun way integrating song and games and she was always very encouraging. Dr. Formwalt knew how to push us and support us at the same time so we felt comfortable in our learning environment and yet were given the space and push we needed to learn the material properly. Great class!

SUMMER 2012

Dr. Formwalt was a tremendous blessing and an absolutely amazing instructor! She gave me encouragement to study abroad next summer. I will be meeting with her this coming semester to discuss a plan Lord Willing.

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SPAN 2550: *Latino Literature*

FALL 2007

I loved this class. I feel as though I have learned so much, not only about Latino culture and language and literature, but also about myself. The readings were well chosen, and the themes underlying them all tied the course together and really made me think about the topics. My favorite was "In the Time of the Butterflies." I have been learning and taking classes about Latin

American history and politics for a couple of years, and I feel that this class just deepened my understanding on this topic, but also allowed me to examine the history and culture of Latin America in another way, principally through the eyes of the individual authors.

This class makes it all tie together. Ms. Formwalt is an excellent instructor. She really wants us to learn and enjoy what we are learning. She facilitates discussion and allows us to express how we feel or how we viewed a reading. The cultural presentations were great in that it forced us to learn something, and then present it to the rest of the class in a fun yet informative way. The diarios are good in that it forces us to keep up with the readings, but at the same time we analyze them in such a way that we are able to make the readings more personable (relate it to our lives). Ms. Formwalt is very helpful and always available for questions or comments after class (or during office hours). If we seem interested in specific topics, or need help with finding sources for our papers, she provides them, or gives advice or recommendations on other works. Ms. Formwalt has made this class my favorite this semester, and perhaps my favorite Spanish class that I have taken at UGA. I wish that she could teach other classes so that I could take her again.

I think the topics in this course were very interesting, and it made me want to learn more about Latino culture. Jenn did an awesome job teaching, and I enjoyed her class.

The materials were very interesting, and Jenn's flexibility allowed us to creatively respond to the materials, instead of requiring that we understand them in a certain way. It made them fun.

SPAN 3030: *Introduction to Literature*

FALL 2005

I believe we read very interesting stories. This was a step up from regular Spanish courses I have taken previously. It seemed more like a college course, in which we do work that matters, instead of simply busy work. I learned a lot. My professor was very passionate and dedicated for the subject. This motivated me a lot. She used different sources of information during her classes, such as videos, songs and enactment of a play we read. She took the class very seriously.

My teacher was always prepared for class, and ran the entire class time each day, utilizing every second. It was nice to have a thorough syllabus, and other needed information on our Web CT. My teacher was young, and energetic which helped keep my attention. She varied up the busy work on Fridays, which also helped.

The teacher was very well spoken and she knew the language like she was actually Spanish. She was also able to relate to us very well which seemed to help out a lot and helped move things along.

I was challenged in all aspects of learning Spanish, but I was encouraged the whole time. The teacher was very willing to help, and encouraged class participation. She went to great lengths to make sure that her students understood the subject matter, while maintaining strict requirements. I always knew that I would need to work very hard to keep up.

FALL 2006

Everything went really well in the course. Jenn Formwalt was an awesome teacher. She was engaging, encouraging, challenging, and very clear in her explanation of the material. All assignments definitely reinforced and helped with the learning of the new material. I learned a ton and would love to have Jenn as a teacher again.

The class was always taught in Spanish, which is the only way to gain a better understanding of the language. Jennifer always engaged in learning past the material, to think abstractly about the work, and gain a better understanding of the literature.

SPAN 2500: *Spanish for Reading Knowledge (Graduate Student Course)*

FALL 2006

I believe that this course has allowed me to effectively read and understand Spanish. The course offered "hands-on" opportunities to practice translations of a variety of works from different disciplines. The course environment was open and friendly. Jennifer was available for questions and always willing to help. She showed patience and understanding for everyone's graduate workloads and for the diverse ability levels within the class.

I really appreciated the final project, which allowed me to look at women's identity in a Spanish language. I enjoyed being able to apply the translation aspect of the course to my own research. Also, I appreciated Jenn's ability to relate to us as students. She was open and very personable.

I really enjoyed this class. I liked the group translation sessions and the variety of different learning activities Ms. Formwalt came up with. She was always helpful when I emailed her questions and gave above and beyond responses. Bravo!

SPRING 2007

This course has helped me to feel confident in my ability to take a piece of scholarly or literary research and translate it from Spanish to English. Ms. Formwalt's teaching method is relaxed and helps students to feel more confident about what they are learning and makes the class discussions interesting. I have worked hard because I want to do well in this course, but more importantly, I want to truly master this skill because I know that it will benefit me in the future.

FALL 2007

I think the course was taught really well. The teacher made herself very available and made a huge effort to address any problems we were having with specific topics. The classroom activities were very helpful.

Jenn did a great job at balancing the need to challenge us to learn each new topic with the realization of the limits imposed by a single semester course. The class was taught very well.

SPAN 2001: *Intermediate Spanish Language*

FALL 2004

I felt like I learned a ton- in addition to 1002- looking forward to 2002. Jenn was awesome. I learned a lot and really enjoyed being in class each day- she was always available for help and was great about reviews/ office hours/ and email responses!

I definitely learned more than I had expected to learn at the beginning of the semester. The learning environment was great and Jennifer used several methods of teaching.

Jenn was very helpful and understanding. She always responded to emails promptly and helped me out during her office hours to assist me in doing well in her class.

SPRING 2005

The teacher was effective in terms of her teaching style. She was available anytime we needed her. She went beyond expectations that I have of traditional Spanish teachers. She made extra learning opportunities available and was an extremely fair person.

This course was great! Jennifer is an excellent instructor who really cares about her students speaking in Spanish. She went beyond her duty and arranged time for us to practice in a discussion group. She also planned fun classes (singing in Spanish, Spanish food, etc.) that helped increase my desire to learn.

Jenn was so involved with our class, and it was obvious how much time she spent preparing for this class. It was obvious that she went above and beyond what was necessary to create activities that would help us learn the material and that we would enjoy. This made the course much more enjoyable and my interest in Spanish increased because of her time and effort put into teaching it.

SUMMER 2007

I think she was able to make Spanish possible for her students. She really taught us! I learned a lot in this class. I came into it thinking this would be my last Spanish class and not wanting to go any further, but now I am actually (and quite surprisingly) interested in taking more Spanish classes. I would love to have her as a Spanish teacher again. She really made it accessible, which I think is crazy! ...in a very good way.

Because of the class, I find myself practicing outside of class often. I can form better sentences while speaking and I can actually form sentences in Spanish while writing. Not perfectly of course, and I'm sure with tons of mistakes, but I could hardly form a sentence before, so that's a great improvement for me. Thank you!!

Professor Formwalt created a very detailed syllabus in order to help us keep organized. She was very helpful in and out of class. She was always willing to assist us with any questions we had. She almost always spoke Spanish in class, which was helpful in making us understand the oral aspect, but clarified instructions when needed.

SPAN 2002: *Intermediate Spanish Language, Second Section*

SPRING 2006

I think that I learned a lot from listening to Jenn speak. She has high expectations and she makes the class entertaining when she mixes it up with games and things. Jenn also pays special attention to our interests and tries to integrate them into how we practice our Spanish.

Our class as a whole had a comfortable atmosphere. I enjoyed the interactive feel of it and the group activities gave us a chance to interact with other students.

Jenn was always there if you needed her after the class and she was always ready to meet with you outside of the class. She was a positive force in the classroom and I really enjoyed her attitude towards learning Spanish.

SUMMER 2006

I think that Sr. Formwalt was an incredible Spanish teacher. I learned more from her this summer than my previous two semesters in other Spanish classes. She is an effective teacher who fully understands the language, as well as the troubles we might encounter while learning it.

I was really impressed with this course. She is an excellent professor, and I would gladly take her again, as well as recommend her to others. Before her instruction, I was nearly incapable of developing my language skills. Now I really enjoy it and have progressed a good deal.