

To Whom it May Concern,

Dr. John Spartz's passion for linguistics and his passion for teaching further his ability to successfully and effectively instruct at the collegiate level. I took the English class entitled "Elements of Linguistics" at Purdue University under Dr. Spartz in the spring of 2007. I highly recommend Dr. Spartz for any collegiate teaching position because of his ability to connect with and effectively motivate students.

I resonated with Professor Spartz's teaching styles and methods in such a way which I feel is rare in this era's higher educational institutions. I felt greater senses of student cohesion, participation, and willingness to learn while attending his class; senses which I feel are typically, and unfortunately, unfulfilled in many large, public university classrooms. As the semester progressed, I felt relieved that I had a professor from whom I could simply learn linguistics. Likewise, I felt enthusiastic that I had a professor who was wholehearted about linguistics and instructing, who possessed the ability to instruct in the most effective and valuable ways.

Finally, three semesters later, I am very pleased with the amount of knowledge of linguistics which I have retained from Professor Spartz's course. I began that semester knowing hardly anything about linguistics and ended it with a solid foundation of linguistic knowledge. I would absolutely recommend a fellow student to take any class he or she could with Dr. Spartz. In addition, I feel he would be a great addition as a faculty member to any collegiate university.

Sincerely,



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