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## Courteney Cox





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Cox in March 2010

Born	Courteney Bass Cox June 15, 1964 (age 50) <sup>[1]</sup> Birmingham, Alabama, U.S.
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Other names	Courteney Cox Arquette
Occupation	Actress, producer, director
Years active	1984-present
Spouse(s)	David Arquette
	(m. 1999–2013)
Children	1

Courteney Bass Cox (born June 15, 1964)[2] is an American actress,

producer, and director. She is best known for her roles as Monica Geller on the NBC sitcom *Friends*, Gale Weathers in the horror series *Scream*, and as Jules Cobb in the ABC/TBS sitcom *Cougar Town*, for which she earned her first Golden Globe nomination. Cox also starred in the FX series *Dirt*. She owns a production company, called Coquette Productions, which was created by her and her then husband David Arquette. Cox has also worked as a director on her sitcom *Cougar Town* and the television movie *Talhotblond*.



## ^ Early life



Courteney Cox was born in Birmingham, Alabama, and was raised in Mountain Brook, Alabama, a suburb of Birmingham, [3][4] the daughter of businessman Richard Lewis Cox (January 28, 1931 – September 3, 2001)<sup>[5]</sup> and his wife Courteney (née Bass, later Copeland). [6][7] She has two older sisters, Virginia and Dottie, and an older brother, Richard, Jr. Her parents divorced in 1974 and her mother then married businessman

Hunter Copeland (uncle to music promoter and business manager lan Copeland).<sup>[8]</sup> After graduating from Mountain Brook High School, Cox left for Mount Vernon College in Washington, D.C., but did not complete her architecture course, opting instead to pursue a career in modeling and acting.<sup>[9]</sup>

#### ^ Career



#### Early career

Cox appeared in the 1984 music video for Bruce Springsteen's "Dancing in the Dark" as a young woman pulled onstage at the St. Paul Civic Center to dance with Springsteen. Her early television work includes a starring role in the short-lived television series *Misfits of Science* (1985), and later a recurring role (1987–89) on the TV series *Family Ties* as Lauren Miller, the girlfriend of Alex P. Keaton (Michael J. Fox). Her early film roles include *Masters of the Universe* (1987), *Cocoon: The Return* (1988) and *I'll Be Home for Christmas* (1988). She had a supporting role as Jewel, the hard-as-nails assistant to James Belushi's character, in the 1990 fantasy film *Mr. Destiny*. In 1994, shortly before the debut of the sitcom, *Friends*, Cox appeared with Jim Carrey in the film *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective* and on *Seinfeld* in "The Wife" episode as Jerry's girlfriend named Meryl. In 1995, she was cast in Toad the Wet Sprocket's music video "Good Intentions". The song is also on the *Friends* Soundtrack.



Cox in September 1995

#### **Friends**

Later in 1994, Cox was asked to audition for the part of Rachel Green on a new sitcom, *Friends*; she was cast as Monica Geller instead. [10] At first the most famous cast member of the new show, Cox joined fellow castmates Jennifer Aniston (Rachel Green), Lisa Kudrow (Phoebe Buffay), Matt LeBlanc (Joey Tribbiani), Matthew Perry (Chandler Bing) and David Schwimmer (Ross Geller) for what would become her most famous role, lasting for 10 seasons until 2004. According to the Guinness Book of World Records (2005), Cox (along with her female costars) became the highest paid TV actress of all time with her \$1 million-per-episode paycheck for the final two seasons of *Friends*.

Between seasons five and six, Cox married David Arquette, and changed her name to Courteney Cox Arquette. An in-joke reference to this is made in the beginning credits of the episode "The One After Vegas", where the rest of the cast and executive producers have "Arquette" added to their names. The dedication "For Courteney and David, who did get married" – a reference to Monica and Chandler's decision not to marry in the episode – appears during the fade out to the tag scene.<sup>[11]</sup>

#### Film career

During her time on *Friends*, Cox appeared in the high-profile Hollywood films *Scream* (1996), *Scream 2* (1997), and *Scream 3* (2000), as reporter Gale Weathers. She met her husband, David Arquette, who played her on-screen love interest Dwight "Dewey" Riley, while filming the first *Scream* film. Both Cox and Arquette reprised their respective roles from the *Scream* trilogy in 2011's *Scream 4*. The movie was released in theaters April 15, 2011.<sup>[12]</sup>

Her other films include *The Runner*, *3000 Miles to Graceland* and *The Shrink Is In*. In late 2003, Cox and Arquette produced one season of the reality television series *Mix It Up*. The lifestyle show, which aired on the We cable channel, struggled with low ratings and was not renewed for a second season.

#### Later work



Cox in February 2009

After her *Friends* role, Cox was producer Marc Cherry's first choice to be offered a starring role as Susan Mayer on *Desperate Housewives*. However, Cox was unavailable due to her pregnancy and the role went to Teri Hatcher. A couple of years later, Cox signed a deal with ABC Studios (formerly Touchstone Television) to star in her own series. After *Friends*, Cox starred in the independent film *November* (2005) which had a limited theatrical release; costarred with Tim Allen in the critically derided *Zoom*; and cameoed in the big budget remake of *The Longest Yard* as the girlfriend of Adam Sandler's character. She supplied her voice for the animated film *Barnyard*. A *Friends* reunion film was rumored to be in production; following the success of *Sex and the City: The Movie*,<sup>[13]</sup> but this has been denied by Warner Bros. and others.

In 2007, Cox starred as Lucy Spiller, a cynical tabloid editor, in *Dirt*, a television drama for FX. Cox and her husband David Arquette were the executive producers of the series.<sup>[14]</sup> According to Cox, the series was canceled after the second season in 2008.<sup>[15]</sup> In July 2008, *Entertainment Weekly* announced that Cox had signed on to star in a three-episode arc for the television series *Scrubs*.<sup>[16]</sup>

In 2009, Cox began her roles as the star of the single-camera comedy series on ABC called *Cougar Town*, playing a newly single 40-year-old mother on the hunt for new experiences.<sup>[17][18][19]</sup> The show's third season was to premiere in November 2011 but was moved to February

14, 2012. In the third season, Cox directed two of the show's fifteen episodes of that season. The show's fourth season premiered on January 8, 2013. In 2009 she also starred in a three episode arc on former Friends co-star Lisa Kudrow's online web series *Web Therapy*.

In June 2012, Cox directed and made a cameo appearance in a Lifetime television movie called *Talhotblond*, which premiered on the network on June 23, 2012.<sup>[20]</sup> The movie depicts a man who begins an online affair and a secret life, while his wife and family remains unaware.

#### ^ Personal life



Cox's previous boyfriends include rock promoter Ian Copeland, [21] Michael Keaton and Adam Duritz of Counting Crows. Cox married actor David Arquette on June 12, 1999. [22] After their daughter, Coco, was born in June 2004, [23][24] Cox suffered from postpartum depression. [25] Jennifer Aniston is Coco's godmother. [26] On October 11, 2010, it was announced that Cox and Arquette had separated, though they still maintain a close friendship and business relationship. [27][28][29] In June 2012, Arquette filed for divorce after nearly two years of separation from Cox. [30] The divorce became final in May 2013. [31]

Cox began dating Snow Patrol band member Johnny McDaid in late 2013.<sup>[32]</sup> The couple announced their engagement on Twitter on June 27, 2014.<sup>[33]</sup>

## ^ Filmography



#### Film

#### As actress

Year	Film	Role	Notes
1987	Down Twisted	Tarah	

1987	Masters of the Universe	Julia "Julie" Winston	
1988	Cocoon: The Return	Sara	
1990	Mr. Destiny	Jewel Jagger	
1991	Blue Desert	Lisa Roberts	
1992	Shaking the Tree	Kathleen	
1992	The Opposite Sex and How to Live with Them	C "Carrie"  Davenport	
1994	Sketch Artist II: Hands That See	•	
1994	Ace Ventura: Pet Detective	Melissa Robinson	
1996	Scream	Gale Weathers	
1997	Commandments	Rachel Luce	
1997	Scream 2	Gale Weathers	
1999	The Runner	Karina	
1999	Alien Love Triangle	Alice Connor	Short film
2000	Scream 3	Gale Weathers	
2001	3000 Miles to Graceland	Cybil Waingrow	
2001	The Shrink Is In	Samantha Crumb	
2001	Get Well Soon	Lily "Lillian"	
2004	November	Sophie Jacobs	
2005	The Longest Yard	Lena	Uncredited role
2006	Barnyard: The Original Party Animals	Daisy the Cow	Voice role
2006	Zoom	Marsha Holloway	
2006	The Tripper	Cynthia	Also film

			producer
2008	The Monday Before Thanksgiving	Cece	Short film
2008	Bedtime Stories	Wendy	
2011	Scream 4	Gale Weathers Riley	

## As director/producer

■ Just Before I Go (2014) - Director/Producer

## **Television**

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1984	As the World Turns	Bunny	
1985	Code Name: Foxfire	Flight Attendant	NBC TV movie; Uncredited role
1985–86	Misfits of Science	Gloria Dinallo	Main Cast; 16 episodes
1986	The Love Boat	Carol	Episode: "Dare Devil/Picture Me As a Spy/Sleeper"
1986	Sylvan in Paradise	Lucy Apple	NBC TV pilot
1986	Murder, She Wrote	Carol Bannister	Episode: "Death Stalks the Big Top"
1987	If It's Tuesday, It Still Must Be Belgium	Hana Wyshocki	NBC TV movie
1987–89	Family Ties	Lauren Miller	21 episodes
1988	I'll Be Home for Christmas	Nora Bundy	NBC TV movie

1989	Roxanne: The Prize Pulitzer	Jacquie Kimberly	TV movie
1989	Judith Krantz's Till We Meet Again	Marie- Frederique "Freddy" de Lancel	CBS miniseries
1990	Curiosity Kills	Gwen	NBC TV movie
1991	Morton & Hayes	Princess Lucy "Lucille"	Episode: "Oafs Overboard"
1992	Battling for Baby	Katherine	CBS TV movie
1992	Dream On	Alisha	Episode: "Come and Knock on Our Door"
1993	The Trouble with Larry	Gabriella Easden	7 episodes
1994	Seinfeld	Meryl	Episode: "The Wife"
1994–2004	Friends	Monica Geller	Main Cast: 236 episodes
1995	Sketch Artist II: Hands that See	Emmy	Showtime TV movie
1995	Saturday Night Live	Host	Episode: "Courteney Cox/Dave Matthews Band"
1999	Happily Ever After: Fairy Tales for Every Child	Emerald Salt Pork (voice)	Episode: "The Three Little Pigs"
2007–08	Dirt	Lucille "Lucy" Spiller	Main Cast: 20 episodes
2009	Scrubs	Dr. Taylor Maddox	3 episodes

2009	Web Therapy	Serena Duvall	Web series: 3 episodes
2009-present	Cougar Town	Jules Cobb	Main Cast; 89 episodes
2011	Private Practice	Patient (uncredited)	Episode: "Step One"
2012	Talhotblond	Amanda	TV movie: Also Director/Producer
2013	Go On	Talia	Episode: "Matchup Problems"
2014	Drunk History	Edith Wilson	Episode: "First Ladies"

# ^ Awards and nominations



Year	Award	Category	Title of work	Result
1995	Golden Apple Award	Female Discovery of the Year		Won
1995	People's Choice Award	Favorite Female Performer in a New TV Series	Friends	Nominated
1996	Screen Actors Guild Awards	Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Comedy Series	Friends	Won
1997	Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards	Favorite Television Actress	Friends	Nominated
1998	Blockbuster Entertainment Award	Favorite Actress – Horror	Scream 2	Nominated
1998	Saturn Award	Best Supporting	Scream	Nominated

		Actress in a Motion Picture	2	
1999	American Comedy Award	Funniest Supporting Female Performer in a TV Series	Friends	Nominated
1999	Screen Actors Guild Awards	Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Comedy Series	Friends	Nominated
2000	Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards	Favorite Television Friends	Friends	Nominated
2000	Screen Actors Guild Award	Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Comedy Series	Friends	Nominated
2000	Teen Choice Award	Film – Choice Chemistry	Scream 3	Won
2000	TV Guide Awards	Editor's Choice	Friends	Won
	TV Guide Awards Screen Actors Guild Award	Editor's Choice  Outstanding  Performance by an  Ensemble in a  Comedy Series	Friends Friends	Won
2001	Screen Actors	Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a		
2001	Screen Actors Guild Award Blockbuster Entertainment	Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Comedy Series Favorite Actress –	Friends Scream	Nominated
2001	Screen Actors Guild Award  Blockbuster Entertainment Award  Teen Choice	Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Comedy Series Favorite Actress – Horror Choice TV Actress,	Friends Scream 3	Nominated  Nominated

2003	Screen Actors Guild Award	Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Comedy Series	Friends	Nominated
2004	Screen Actors Guild Award	Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Comedy Series	Friends	Nominated
2005	Teen Choice Awards	Choice Movie Hissy Fit	The Longest Yard	Nominated
2006	TV Land Award	Most Wonderful Wedding - with Matthew Perry	Friends	Nominated
2007	TV Land Award	Break Up That Was So Bad It Was Good	Family Ties	Nominated
2009	Golden Globe Awards	Best Performance by an Actress in a Television Series - Comedy or Musical	Cougar Town	Nominated
2009	People's Choice Awards	Favorite New Comedy Series	Cougar Town	Nominated
2010	Streamy Award	Best Guest Star In A Web Series	Web Therapy	Nominated
2010	People's Choice Awards	Favourite TV Comedy Actress	Cougar Town	Nominated
2010	Glamour Magazine's Women of the Year Awards	US TV Actress	Cougar Town	Won
2010	TV Guide Awards	Courteney Cox To Be Honored By Women In Film Foundation		Nominated

2010	Golden Derby TV Awards	Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series	Cougar Town	Won
2010	People's Choice Awards	Favourite TV Comedy Actress	Cougar Town	Nominated
2010	Women's Image Network Award	Actress Comedy Series	Cougar Town	Nominated
2010	Women in Film Crystal + Lucy Awards	Lucy Award		Recipient <sup>[34]</sup>
2011	People's Choice Awards	Favorite Television Comedy Actress	Cougar Town	Nominated
2013	People's Choice Awards	Favorite Cable TV Actress	Cougar Town	Nominated

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