

## Comments 2011-2012

*I liked the enthusiasm of the instructor and that if someone had a question, she would try different methods of explaining a concept rather than just repeating the same thing again. (MA201, Fall 2011)*

*I liked that Dr. Vas related math to real life scenarios which made it easier to understand (MA201, Fall 2011)*

*I absolutely love her attitude and her passion for math. Her smile and bubbly personality made a hard subject much more enjoyable (MA201, Fall 2011)*

*My goodness, what didn't I like? This class was awesome. I have never enjoyed going to class as much as I did this one. Dr. Vas made me love math even more than I already did. She is so sweet with such a glowing personality. (MA201, Fall 2011)*

*I feel that I learned a lot in this class. As a person with little confidence in Mathematics, I feel more competent now that I have gone through this class. (MA201, Fall 2011)*

*I really liked the enthusiasm Dr. Vas always had for every lecture. It made learning much more exciting! I especially loved how she starts lecture off with reviewing what happened in the previous class and then ties that topic with the current lecture topic. This made the learning process flow more smoothly while linking the different ideas together. (MA202, Spring 2012)*

*I liked that this course took mathematics and applied it to real-world situations. This makes the material more interesting. I especially liked the military strategies application. (MA422, Spring 2012)*

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### Answers to "What did you like best about the course?"

*How clearly and effectively she taught the material. She also was very attentive to her students and would spend every second with them if they ever needed extra help. She's an amazing teacher and teachers like her are very rare to find! (MA201)*

*LECTURES were GREAT and ENTERTAINING and the way she does problems step by step are amazing (MA201)*

*dr vas is an extraordinary teacher. she cares so much about her students and all having all of us pass. she is absolutely a wonderful teacher and i wouldnt have such a hard course any other way  
(MA201)*

*It has a great workload, and Dr. Vas is one of the best teachers I've had so far. She's a sweetheart and an excellent instructor. She goes out of her way to help students.  
(MA201)*

*The best part of this course was that Dr. Vas related math related concepts to living systems so well and so easily!!! It was fun learning about predator-prey systems and how nature works via Math!!! (MA320)*

*Dr. Vas explained everything thoroughly and well. She makes math less intimidating by making her explanations and examples understandable. The supplemental packets were also very helpful. I would take more classes taught by Lia Vas.(MA320)*

*I love the enthusiasm the teacher have in each class. It makes the students want to learn the material and have enthusiasm in learning the material. (MA320)*

*Dr. Vas is the most fantastic teacher I have ever had in my two years at USP. I've had her three semesters and she only gets better each semester. She goes so far out of the way to make sure her students are doing well in her class. But she doesn't dumb down the class at all so it's not like we're not really learning. (MA202)*

*Professor Vas somehow has a great way of communicating information to her students every semester. I really enjoyed the clear notes that she would always put on the board, this always let me quickly look in my notebook and easily recall a lesson. (MA202)*

*The instructor was the best part about this course, even though I wasn't getting the material she still believed that I could do well in the course and never hesitated to help me. (MA202)*

*Real life examples (MA422)*

### **Answers to "What did you like least about the course?"**

*I LOVED EVERYTHING! :D (MA201)*

*Matlab. Necessary? Yes. Like it? No. (MA320)*

*To many parts needed to be done just to get to the answer, but that's just calculus. (MA202)*

### **Answers to " What suggestions can you offer for improvement?"**

*Keep the class the way it is! (MA201)*

### **Answers to "Any additional comments?"**

*Keep on rocking. Overall, Dr. Vas made me love math again and makes me want to learn about all of the different areas of mathematics. (MA201)*

*I loved how the teacher was very helpful when a student does not understand something. The teacher was a good instructor because she explains all the material in great detail and further help the students understand the material by giving hints, but*

*not the answer to a problem, so that the students can derive it on their own. (MA320)*

## **Comments Sp 09 – FI 09 – Sp 10**

**Comments testifying on the suitability of the topic selected for the course and my care or enthusiasm.**

*Dr. Vas is one teacher that I wish I could have for every subject. Her main goal is to make sure that you understand all the material and do well, no matter how much extra time it takes. She is a fabulous teacher and really cares about her students. I think that it is safe to say that she is my favorite teacher, and the one that I learned the most from! (MA202)*

*I enjoyed the topics covered and the way the instructor would present the material. (MA202)*

*The interesting topics and the professor. (MA422, answer to "What did you like best about the course?")*

*It blended a wide range of topics in mathematics. (MA360, answer to "What did you like best about the course?")*

*Ms. Vas taught everything clearly and thoroughly and made all the problems easy to learn and do. Also gave help whenever anyone needed it which helped all the students a lot. (MA101)*

*The material was difficult, but Dr. Vas made it easy to understand (MA101)*

**Comments testifying on my class material, the prompt feedback the students had and my out-of-class availability.**

*All of the material was effectively explained, and the notes provided a great amount of detail for reference. The assignments and projects did a great job of reinforcing the material taught, and were enjoyable and not difficult to complete. (MA422)*

*The assignments and reviews were very helpful in studying for the exam the assignments were graded quickly and returned. (MA202)*

*Instructor did a fantastic job of explaining difficult content so that I could understand it. I also liked that we had assignments and tests to evaluate us. The assignments and tests very accurately evaluated my knowledge of the subject matter. They weren't too difficult nor were they too easy, and they were fairly graded. (MA320)*

*The teacher. How I lucked out and got professor Vas for this course is beyond me, but she is, by far, one of the greatest teachers I've ever had. She was always willing to meet with me outside of class and explain anything I did not understand. (MA101)*

*Dr. Vas was a great professor. She was always there in her office to help students after*

*class. Very concerned with students being successful. (MA101)*

**Comments showing that students have better understanding of the practical applications of mathematics after taking my courses.**

*It's sad that she will be leaving for a semester, she is the definition of a great teacher. Coming from a background of hard-knocks math with little to no sympathy and also little to no correlation between what we did and real life application, it was a breath of fresh air to come to her class and see how each math application comes into real life scenarios. Her teaching is effective and I have no qualms whatsoever on the grades that I get from her. Please keep her at Usci (MA101)*

*Dr. Vas is an excellent professor, full of energy and excitement for the material she teaches. Her energy made me want to learn the content. I also really liked how she found an application for EVERYTHING we went over in class.(MA320)*

*Learning the calculus that will be useful to me in other courses. (MA202, answer to "What did you like best about the course?")*

**Comments 2008**

**Comments testifying on my care or enthusiasm and suitability of the topic selected in the course.**

*The course had lots of sample problems that were engaging and interesting. These problems related to physics, chemistry, and other subjects - which is pretty cool. MATLAB was pretty nice to deal with in MA201. (MA201, Fall 2008)*

*Dr. Vas's enthusiasm! It was contagious. I always felt well prepared for tests and I was always confident in my assignments. Most of the time, she made problems that dealt with situations we might encounter in our careers. (MA102, Spring 2008)*

*Dr. Vas was very concerned with the success of her students and would go the extra mile to help them understand the information. I believe the reason that I passed this class was from her willingness to always help me after class until I understood the problems. I feel privileged to have had her as a professor. (MA102, Spring 2008)*

*Instructor was absolutely phenomenal. I learned so much about her, and she made multivariable calculus seem easy as cake. Who would have ever thought that triple integrals would be easy? (MA202, Spring 2008)*

*I absolutely adore Professor Vas. She is such a sweetheart and really makes sure you're on the right track with everything. She puts a spin on math that makes it enjoyable. (MA202, Spring 2008)*

**Comments testifying on my out of class availability.**

*I think that Lia Vas is one of the most influential teachers that I have had. She took the*

*time to thoroughly explain things, and if you still had a problem, there was no issue with going to see her in the office. (MA201, Fall 2008)*

*I liked Dr. Vas's office availability the best. She always went out of her way to organize a time so that whoever needed to see her could schedule an appointment. She was willing to help each student understand everything out of class and if you had any problems, as long as you went to see her, she would gladly help. (MA201, Fall 2008)*

*She is an excellent, excellent teacher. I'm looking forward to taking her class next semester. She is always there to help and answer questions and really cares about learning the material. (MA201, Fall 2008)*

### **Comments testifying on my success in recruitment of mathematics minors.**

*I was thoroughly impressed by Dr. Vas's intellect but I never felt belittled or intimidated by her. She could make up entire calculus problems AND know their answer within seconds. She was very approachable and willing to spend her time with any student. Her class was always a joy to attend. I am now considering a **Minor in Math**. (MA102, Spring 2008)*

***Minoring in math** I think was one of the best decisions I made at USP. (MA202, Spring 2008)*

*Thanks for being such a great teacher. Back in high school I never would have imagined getting an A in advanced calculus. Now, not only do I understand the math, **I'm also minoring in it** as well. (MA202, Spring 2008)*