

## **Comments related to online classes in Spring 2020, Fall 2020, and Spring 2021**

### **Comments related to transition to online format in Calculus 3, Spring 2020.**

*The transition from in-person class to online was by far the best of any of my classes. I also greatly appreciate how much work you put into class and how available you have been both before and since class went online.*

*Dr. Lia Vas is the best professor/teacher I've ever had. She never made me feel stupid about asking question like other professors do. The transition to online learning was seamless and she made it very easy to succeed. There were a lot of times that I didn't feel like I was good enough to be at USciences, but Dr. Vas always encouraged me and made me believe in myself. On the days that I felt like I wasn't going to make it through the semester, her belief in me helped me believe in myself. She's truly a gift to teaching.*

*You made the transition to online class very well, and it kept the course interesting to attend.*

*Just like last semester, Dr. Vas maintained her thorough descriptions of the material, even during the transition to online learning. Even facing the lack of an alternative to the program MatLab that students could access at home, the projects remained a steadfast review of the equations found in the lecture.*

*Dr. Vas is very kind, brilliant, and communicates the course content very effectively. I love her website with all the resources we need at our fingertips. It made the transition to online classes very smooth.*

### **Class format.**

*The best part of this course was having the video lectures to look back on, this especially helped me with the matlab projects that I personally struggled with the most. (Differential Equations, Fall 2020)*

*The class structure works exactly the same online as if it were an in-person class. (Differential Equations, Fall 2020)*

*Information of course content was delivered exceptionally and any questions students had were answered efficiently. (Calculus 2, Fall 2020)*

*Even though it was in a virtual setting, her cheerful and positive demeanor made it easier to stay engaged with the course. (Differential Equations, Fall 2020)*

*Dr. Vas (...) shares her passion for math and makes class so much fun! I looked forward to class and seeing her laugh as she taught us. (Differential Equations, Fall 2020)*

*Recorded lectures are magnificent for this class. (Calculus 3, Spring 2021)*

*The pace of the lessons is just right. Not too fast, not too slow, and if there are any*

*questions, there is always a time for questions. I also appreciate that all lessons and notes are provided in Dr. Vas's easily accessible website. (Calculus 3, Spring 2021)*

### **Class material.**

*I really loved the class! I think this would be one of the most difficult class that I have ever taken, but it is also the most I have learned. I think that the class lectures recordings, assignments, projects, and handout (basically everything that you provided us) really helped on preparing for the exams. (Differential Equations, Fall 2020)*

*She aided us in anyway possible during these hard times and it meant a lot to know that I had the right resources available to succeed. (Differential Equations, Fall 2020)*

*She makes sure that the students get the material and succeed instead of just running through the material. With the unexpected pandemic, she handled online teaching very well and I loved how she put very detailed notes on the specific Calculus 2 topics on her website for all students to view. It helped me get a grasp of the material not through a book but her examples and explanations. (Calculus 2, Fall 2020)*

*The handouts and Dr. Vas' website were extremely valuable resources, and those are available regardless if the class is online or not. (Differential Equations, Fall 2020)*

### **Feedback to students.**

*She constantly gave us great feedback, exact details on where we went wrong and addressed any issues and how to fix them in the future. She respects every one of us and understands when we are having a rough time regarding either our education or life. (Calculus 3, Spring 2021)*

*She was always available via email or office hours and gave insightful feedback. She provided us challenge but made things easy for us to understand the way things were thoroughly explained. Dr. Vas includes many ways of practice on her website that helps us prepare well in advance for the exam. (Calculus 3, Spring 2021)*

*Dr. Vas (..) provides AMAZING feedback for each student and offers so much additional help. (...) She makes learning hard concepts easy. (Calculus 2, Fall 2020)*

*For all assignments and exams, she was quick to grade (usually within a day or two) and provided thorough feedback to ensure students understand their mistakes. (Calculus 2, Fall 2020)*

*When she assigns projects or homework's she gives ample time to do them and multiple days and office hours to help anyone who needs them. (Differential Equations, Fall 2020)*

*I also want to point out how instead of 99% of the professors ever who grade your assignments/exams saying its wrong and to fix it and that's all, Dr. Vas writes specifics no matter the length of an email, to help the student identify what we did wrong but also ways to fix it, how to prevent it in the future, and more detailed information on WHY she did it. It really made me happy having Dr. Vas as a professor as she personally cares*

*about the student and not about grades. (Calculus 2, Fall 2020)*

*The presentation of material, the reasonable and helpful amount of homework, the quickness to grade and provide feedback, and the sincerity of Dr. Vas. (Calculus 2, Fall 2020)*

*Dr. Vas went above and beyond when it came to making herself available for any questions or advice. (Calculus 2, Fall 2020)*

### **The use of Matlab.**

*I very much loved the MATLAB projects that she assigned us. The field I want to be part of in the future might contain information where I need to go with MATLAB or any other online programming. Instead of making the projects boring and just a step by step, do this do that, Dr. Vas made it related to real world problems and current events such as the pandemic and other issues. It was also fun getting the answers right and also finding extreme solutions and beautiful graphs. I also like how Dr. Vas puts detailed notes online, showing us what to do in a specific problem, different ways on how to do it, and also some cases we can encounter in the real world. (Calculus 2, Fall 2020)*

*Having a Matlab license for students is unbelievably better than using a different program. (Differential Equations, Fall 2020)*

*I enjoyed using MATLAB for projects in the course. It gave me an understanding of why the program can be necessary and efficient to use when dealing with problems that are impractical to solve by hand. (Calculus 2, Fall 2020)*

*My favorite part of the course was this last section with systems as they produced very cool graphs in MATLAB.(Differential Equations, Fall 2020)*