References – Ozlem Guclu

I really appreciate you being a great professor to your students. You make work as simple as possible and despite being an online course, you've done your best to make each lesson well-explained and understandable. I also appreciate your grading system and you being an understanding professor when it comes to outside factors. Though I've been through a lot in my life, I will say this has had to be my one of my hardest semesters mentally. My Grandfather which I live with and am very close with had a heart attack this semester and his health has gone downhill tremendously. Within weeks he went from being independent and healthy to no longer being able to walk or do anything for himself. Despite this being really straining and stressful to my mental, I am very proud of myself for being able to maintain an A this semester despite having to turn in some assignments late and after having to re-take this course. To be frank, I never thought I would be able to pass Stats given my first experience taking Statistics. It seemed way too hard. Yet, I am incredibly grateful that you made this possible for me along with my peers.

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In my two semesters at LMC, I took pre-calc and calculus, both by the same Professor Ms.Guclu. I wanted to take a moment and express my appreciation for both of these math classes, especially Prof. G. coming in every day ready to slay with her teachings and her outfits.

Although the course became more challenging, I found her teaching style very engaging and effective in helping me understand the material. I am fond of the packets she would give us for every unit, it helps me keep organized, and to study for upcoming tests. I also like how she incorporates Kahoot into her lessons, it definitely takes the tension off more difficult units, and the class is able to have fun and some friendly competition with peers. As I am finishing my second semester I look back and reflect on these two classes, and overall enjoyed them. I am fortunate to have had a few people I knew in both classes, as they were a great help to me during the class and outside of it. When the lessons become too complicated or fast-paced for me, my peers were able to support me along with Prof. G answering questions my peers couldn't help me with. Her teaching style definitely made learning math much more tolerable for me. I appreciate that she was always willing to explain more thoroughly, and even other students would also step up and help solve the problems; which helped build the community in the class. Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed these classes and the sense of community that they created. Her passion for the subject was clear, which made the material more appealing. So thank you for being an awesome stylish teacher and creating a positive learning environment.

Thank you so much for teaching and instructing the class, it has been great being able to learn from you this semester. I struggled a lot this semester, but I wasn't as anxious taking this math class as before. I know now what to improve on and I will continue working on fixing my mistakes. Thank you so much.

 I think this course has been a great intro to calculus, and I think from what you've taught me this semester I will be able to perform my best in the future math courses I plan on taking! This is the first "advanced" math course I've taken so far, and I'm hoping to put the math skills I'm going to continue to learn into achieving a degree in Engineering.

This class was the class i spent the most time on considering there were topics which were a bit challenging. I must admit, the challenging topics would often times put me down and i would become discouraged however I persevered as best I could! The lecture videos aided my comprehension and the added youtube videos for each question wad definitely greatly appreciated! Of it weren’t for the extra videos on each homework assignment aiding my comprehension of the topic, I don’t believe I would have done well. So thank you so much for all the effort you gave us students. I hope you live your life with happiness and ease :)

Thank you for teaching this course professor! I really enjoyed the format the class took. I found the labs and lab discussions to be quite helpful for practicing the methods/concepts I learned and getting feedback on my work. Taking this class has definitely given me a solid foundation for calculus.

I appreciated that you took the time to email me back especially in tough situations. I have learned a lot in this class and I think the videos that were provided helped a lot. Usually I struggle with learning by videos but I didn't have an extremely hard time with the videos that were provided. I thought that this course overall was really organized.

This class was one of the most organized, I really liked it. My plan for the future is to get a job specializing in civil engineering, so I guess I'll keep studying too. It has been a pleasure and an honor to be your student this semester! thank you.

 I just want to say thank you, it has been a pleasure being in this class and having you as a teacher, although I never went to office hours it felt good knowing that if I needed help you were always available and willing to help me. This has not been an easy class since I haven't taken math in about 4 years, but it was enjoyable when I understood the work.

 Thank you for everything, this is my second course with you and I really enjoy your online teaching style. With the many different ways of showing and helping us on our work I really like it. Personaly I think your online classes are one of the best.

Dear Professor Guclu,

I am so glad that I enrolled in your class even though I flunked Precalculus about a year ago with another professor. He was very nice, and he loved cookies. Besides that, I learned a lot about things in Precalculus that I did not understand before.

Thank you so much for this course, and everything you've done even in spite of not having in person meetings or zoom calls. It has been a pleasure to be able to take this course.

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I learned a lot in this class just as I thought I would in a math class.  I think these check-in's were very useful since they allowed people to give feedback during the semester and show they understood the topics. This discussions were definitely very helpful for me because it helped remind me to get the labs done and also I was able to see how other people solved the problem and compare it to my work if I was stuck. I also thought it was helpful that the answers were provided for some of the lab questions so I was able to see if my final answer looked similar them. The MyOpenMath assignments were probably the most useful to me because, it gives you like 100 similar problems for each question which is more than enough chances for you to keep trying until you finally understand what you are doing wring and can answer it correctly. I took this class as a prerequisite for a geometry class that I need to take so I'm going to be doing this kind of stuff next semester as well. Thank you for teaching me Pre-Calculus. Hopefully I got everything down to be able to learn more in my other math classes.

**I enjoyed having you this semester. I am very appreciative that you have taken the time to have private zoom calls with me to answer any questions I have had about the homework. I also see that you put a huge amount of effort into the class, and that you really want to see the students succeed, which I appreciate; because some teachers don't put nearly as much effort. I found the videos to go along with the labs very helpful.**

Hello Professor, I want to start off by thanking you for all that you have done. This year has definitely been hectic, but it made it more manageable with the organization and workload you had set out. I enjoyed taking this class as all of the modules were easy to follow and comprehend.

Going into this semester I was 50/50 on sticking with Mathematics as my major. It’s so early into my college career that there is no way I could figure out what I want to study. Calculus One would be my first math class at a college level, other than AP classes. Although I was nervous for this class I was also very excited to finally be in a math class that might challenge me. Although this class did challenge me, with Professor Guclu, I seldom found a singular topic too complex, and just not understandable. Any question I had was always answered to the fullest, or as much as I needed to figure out the problem myself. In class we have a lot of group work, which is maybe not the best for my ego, because I usually get the answers right. But when I do not, my group members always explain how to get the right answers and vice versa. We do at least 4 problems every class in small groups, and then show our work on the board for the rest of the class to see. On top of that we always play a fun way of Kahoot, which makes me want to actually know the topics so I can rack up some more kahoot wins. My experience in this class has drawn me to my current decision of sticking with mathematics as my major, because I have absolutely loved the class even when I struggle. Not only do we have a lot of discussion and collaboration in the class, but when Professor Guclu is “lecturing” she often gives amazing tips that make problems easier, or relates them to the real world. By showing the actual application of the problems, or explaining them, it makes me realize the importance of mathematicians, and makes me want to strive to become a math major even more. If I had to rate this class from a 1-10, it may break the scale, like mentioned before I liked math in high-school, but after having Professor Guclu, I think I might be in love with learning more math.

I enjoyed this course’s online format because it didn’t feel like I was disconnected from the professor and my classmates (unlike in other online courses I’ve taken), but I was still able to enjoy the control over my schedule and flexibility offered by online courses. As for the course workload, I’d say it’s fairly light - the assignments and labs for a week combined only take a few hours to complete. The only occasions on which the class will require a larger time commitment are if you’re struggling to understand the video-based lecture content or if you’re studying for an exam. In that case, however, it’s easy to rewind the videos, and then ask for help if you need it.

This is writing about Professor Ozlem Guclu stats class. First off she's a great teacher when it comes to helping her students and most all always being they for you when you ask for help. This class is something you need to stay on top of your assignments and always ask for help. She is constantly giving feedback to help those in need. At first I was nervous for the fact of its math, but when Ms Ozlem Helped me and told me what to do and got on zoom anytime I needed her that's what helped me the most.

This semester was amazing, I felt like I was actually learning math and understanding new concepts, while actually enjoying them. I guess I can only hope for my future math classes to come even somewhat close to how amazing this one was. Thank you so much for all the teaching, baking, and everything else, I’m sure me and my other class mates will remember it for as long as were students and even longer, as it’s rare to get teachers that care on your level.
Best,
Student Int. – H.S.