Professor Virbhadra is very helpful and willing to assist students to ensure that they are learning. He holds frequent office hours and is willing to meet with students if they cannot attend during the allotted time slots. He goes above and beyond to help his students and it is much appreciated. I am confident that he wants us to learn the material rather than simply take the class for a grade. Overall, I had a great experience in this class and the professor cares a tremendous amount about each student's progress. He is very accommodating and I would certainly recommend taking a class with him.

Interesting course, but it was not really challenging after coming from Math 241. Professor Virbhadra is exceptional. I have never met someone so excited by teaching. His communication and accessibility were unmatched. My only complaint is that all of the work and examples was just in abstract mathematical terms; there was virtually no application to real world problems, even as a frame of reference. The one chapter that does this (on least-squares approximation) is the one that we skipped.

This course was excellent

Prof. Virbhadra is the most dedicated professor I've had when it comes to helping students. He is consistently available at all times and genuinely cares that everyone learn as much as possible.

Probably the professor that has been the most excited to teach. Very into ensuring that all students do well. Has 16 Office hours / week! Professor has some quirks that differ from most professors at Penn--have to go to OH to pick up exams; has "role number" system where all students have to include role numbers on all subject lines for emails sent to professor, as well as on all exams and quizzes.

I think the math department needs to do a better job of providing educators that are more able to communicate subject matter. If this course's material were more difficult, learning and succeeding in the course would be near impossible. I often found myself simply teaching myself from the book, and I know of many students who used MIT's linear algebra open course as a replacement for going to class. If it weren't for the possibility of "pop" quizzes, I would never have gone. The professor frequently makes education-hindering errors, and it often takes quite a while for students to communicate the professors errors to him. This is the worst taught course I've had in my 4 years at Penn.

Professor Virbhadra is the best professor, especially in the Math department. I have come across. He devotes a large amount of his valuable time to ensure that all students understand the concepts taught and to solve all problems and queries. Penn needs to hire more professor like him to increase the quality of faculty at the university. Moreover, he is a very kind and approachable person which makes it easy to interact with him. He has become more of a friend than a professor.

Can't understand him, he is too involved with the students, doesn't give them enough space.

Professor Virbhadra has been one of the best professors I have had at penn. His willingness to talk to students whenever they have any problems is unique and refreshing. Furthermore, he clearly knows his subject matter and teaches it effectively. Really a very helpful teacher who went out of his way to help his students and to see everyone succeed. He really cared.

The professor goes out of his way to make sure each student learns all the material. He offers so many office hours, and likes to meet students one on one. It is really motivating since he cares so much about each student.

I think the weekly homeworks should be graded so that students are encouraged to keep up with the course on a weekly basis. Other than that the course was very good.

Professor Virbhadra was a great teacher! He was always excited to teach more math to the students outside of class. It was obvious that he cared about how his students performed and if they understood the material. He reminded me of my love for math. Many students are disappointed in the other math professors so it was wonderful to have a professor who made the class interesting and had great teaching skills. It was refreshing to be in a class where students didn't feel as though the professor was trying to fail them. Many professors in the math, science and engineering department give impossible tests that everyone fails and then has to rely on the curve. This style does NOT help us. Even if after the curve, students get a fine grade, not being able to answer the questions on an exam makes the students feel as though we have not learned much at all, which sometimes is the case. It does not make us feel motivated or confident. I hope that other professors can learn from Professor Virbhadra. The textbook was also great. It was very easy to read and I was able to learn a lot from the readings. The combination of the textbook and Professor Virbhadra's fantastic teaching skills made this class easy to learn and very enjoyable. I would love to take another class taught by him.

Professor Virbhadra made himself extremely available for students. He held office hours which were more extensive than in any class I've ever taken, and outside of office hours he really encouraged people to make appointments to come in and discuss the course. However, despite his best efforts, I simply could not understand what he was saying in class and had a really tough time paying attention because of that. I know that he is an incredibly smart man, but it was almost impossible for me to decipher what he was saying because of his accent.

Kumar is a bright guy who actually cares about how his students do. He tries hard to teach the material and actively participate with members from the class, but failed to do so in many ways. Some of the reasons were just because he was new, so for instance it took him more than half the semester to realize that Blackboard was more efficient for students than sending out updated documents for HW and constantly sending emails out over no relevant information.
he's a good guy, but the course is inherently easy...sometimes he can be out of touch or hard to understand, but he means well....his plethora of office hours would be good if the course was harder

While sometimes the in class explanations were hard to follow logically, Dr. Virbhadra was more than willing to reteach anything one on one. I believe he is probably the most accessible professor at Penn, he basically lived out of his office this year to provide extra help for students. To give some perspective he usually had 15+ hours of office hours per week. In short, if one didn't understand something in the course, it was by no means a result of lack of effort by the professor.

Anyone willing to work hard and get to know the subject will benefit from one of his classes.

Professor Virbhadra underestimated the student's ability to comprehend the subject matter. I think this class is/will be very useful for my other classes and for my future, but I found it very difficult to sit through a lecture that was repeated or to move so slowly. If students did poorly it was not because the class was hard, it what because they were uninspired. More challenging or engaging classes encourage a student to work hard or to actually study for quizzes. I did not feel this was way with Professor Virbhadra's class.

The course was not that challenging, but I do feel like I learned some things. The instructor is very willing to help and make students learn, but he is a little boring.

Professor really cares about his students, is one of the best I have had in terms of making himself available for students. His quizzes are good preparation for the exams, and his tests are fair. However his very thick accent makes it very hard to understand what he is saying.

Very open to questions and students, always went above and beyond to help students.

The class seems easy itself, but if you do not keep with the class, the work can really pile up and it can be easy to get lost. The professor is very willing to help and stays after class often if students want to meet with him.

Professor Virbhadra is one of the best professors I've ever had. He takes countless hours out of his day to ensure that his students understand the material. Very intelligent and personal, exactly what I was looking for in a math class.

I just want to say that the professor deserves praise for the amount of time and effort poured into this course. Every week, he had a ridiculously large amount of office hours and was always there for students whatever the problem may be. He is a great guy, and I am absolutely 100% privileged to have had the opportunity to learn from an excellent teacher, and a remarkably intelligent individual. If Professor Virbhadra teaches a high level mathematics course next semester, I will be sure to enroll.