**Historical Course Average** 

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**Composite Student Rating** 

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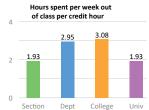
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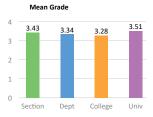
## MATH 314 Calculus of Several Variables - Winter 2021

Section 007

**Tuan Pham** 







* Mean Grade as of Grade Submission	Deadline
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	Grade distribution (75)				
Α	66.1	63.1	50.2	69.3	
В	21.4	18.9	17.4	15.4	
С	8.9	7.7	7.9	4.0	
D	0.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	
Е	3.6	2.1	3.7	1.2	
W	0.0	5.6	5.2	2.6	
	Section	Dept	College	Univ	

<sup>\* %</sup> may not add up to 100% due to non-ABCDEW grades

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## **Student Comments**

**Note:** Random ID's are assigned to students within each section and have no relevance outside of that section.

Semester	Course	Random ID	Question: Explained concepts effectively
Winter 2021	MATH 314	292310885958	Sometimes it was hard to understand a concept and we would run out of time before fully explaining it.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	98075531330	HIs teaching style works very well for me!
Winter 2021	MATH 314	68317144791	There were still a few concepts that were still a little confusing after explanation
Winter 2021	MATH 314	942997321627	I found myself completely confused in his classes most of the time. A lot of the lessons I simply taught myself, luckily the book was more helpful than most math textbooks I"ve used. I think I"ll have an A in the class by the end of the semester, but the credit probably goes to the course materials more than the instructor.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	1022821738083	I think that he is able to help people understand to a point but he takes a while to get hit point across
Winter 2021	MATH 314	753277339851	Dr. Pham is a wonderful professor. He really does understand what he teaches. However, I felt that he focused more heavily on the theory of the content, rather than applying it to homework problems. This works for a lot of students, but I personally have a hard time learning math in this way sometimes.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	926356081094	I spent a lot of the class having to teach myself the material. Sometimes I felt like we spent too long on one problem that wasnt relevant to homework or tests that kept us from the more important topics.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	534434378015	I love how simply he teaches complex subjects. I rarely struggled to do homework if I went to class
Winter 2021	MATH 314	718108062796	Sometimes, time ran over in class a little, but he taught well.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	192733771421	Things definitely got better as time went on. Once I understood his teaching style, I grasped what was going on in class much better. By now, I think he actually has a cool way of approaching concepts that most math teachers dismiss. He starts with the concept and then teaches the definition rather than the other way around. Though we usually only get through one example per class, it is usually enough.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	386246679994	Taught till we understood, but was easily distracted along tangents.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	139089005901	Professor Pham did an excellent job at this. He took plenty of time to explain the proofs of many mathematical concepts to us. He really helped me understand the importance of proofs. One of the best teachers I''ve ever had in this regard.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	592915328119	This class had a lot of challenging concepts and unfortunately explaining these concepts was something Professor Pham was not good at. Nearly every class period went over on time without completing the example problems. This left most students needing to spend more time outside of class being able to understand the concepts.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	752252974978	Some topics do not seem to get covered very clearly during class; can leave class still having questions or not understanding a topic.
Semester	Course	Random ID	Question: Well organized
Winter 2021	MATH 314	292310885958	Sometimes ran out of time in class.

Winter 2021	MATH 314	98075531330	Very understandable!
Semester	Course	Random ID	Question: Opportunities for student involvement
Winter 2021	MATH 314	326877234635	He had office hours where he could offer personalized assistance.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	139089005901	I think professor Pham is the best teacher that I''ve ever had in this respect. He was ALWAYS willing to take more questions and answer them. I never felt like he was more concerned with getting through the content than with my learning. He would often take 10 minutes at the beginning of class to answer any question. I''ve never known a teacher to do that. It made all the difference. Even if we didn't get through all of the lecture material, he would post a short video with the rest of the information we needed. He exceeded all expectations in this area.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	192733771421	He always began the class with questions. I knew when his office hours were, and I would have felt comfortable approaching him if I needed.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	534434378015	Always makes sure that questions are answered
Winter 2021	MATH 314	926356081094	I went to office hours a few times and it was very helpful
Winter 2021	MATH 314	98075531330	I love his examples!
Winter 2021	MATH 314	3604487238	He tried his hardest to answer questions and usually did a great job. Often times, however, the class went over time when because of questions or because the class wasn''t quite organized enough, which made it difficult to learn everything we needed to know. I feel like he did a pretty good job though at trying to help the students, I just wish it was a little more organized.
Semester	Course	Random ID	Question: Opportunities to get help
Winter 2021	MATH 314	96461286252	The only thing I will say is that sometimes he gets lost in tangents from students" questions and then isn"t able to finish all the material on time.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	326877234635	Class seemed a bit disorganized at times, I would have liked to know what section we are discussing in class and was often lost as to where we were at in the course curriculum.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	139089005901	This class was probably the smoothest class that I have ever taken. Often, I was able to tell when we were transitioning from one chapter to the next. Whenever a student would ask a question at the beginning of class, he would explain the answer and process of solving the problem and he would then connect that problem to what we were learning in class that day. It was amazing how often he was able to do that.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	192733771421	The only complaint is that we get out of class 3 minutes late every time haha.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	926356081094	I really appreciated how you had everything set up for class on your website and on learning suite. I never had to wonder where something was located.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	942997321627	Teaching consisted of confusing lessons that often went overtime, frequently with extra mandatory lectures posted online. Homework only consisted of traditional paper homework. Web Assign should''ve been used more extensively for assignments. That program really helps me learn and reinforce concepts.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	68317144791	I would just suggest time management :) towards the end of the semester we were ending late nearly every class period
Winter 2021	MATH 314	98075531330	Clear and understandable!

Winter 2021	MATH 314	926356081094	I did appreciate being able to have a chance to try problems in class. When on zoom, that could be annoying because you have to sit there, maybe using breakout rooms so we could work together would be nice.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	192733771421	This is actually the only math class I participated in this semester. I don't often participate in class.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	139089005901	Professor Pham did a great job of making me feel engaged. Even though I didn''t comment often in class, I still felt like I was part of the learning experience in class.
Semester	Course	Random ID	Question: Responded to students respectfully
Winter 2021	MATH 314	98075531330	He is always good at elaborating on places where we have questions!
Winter 2021	MATH 314	192733771421	He is a very respectful man.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	139089005901	Professor Pham was always extremely respectful. He always always always took time to answer questions and go over examples. He never belittled anyone in his classroom and treated us as his equals. I know that he doesn't know me very well, but I still felt that he was really invested in my success and cared for me, almost like an older brother would.
Semester	Course	Random ID	Question: Spiritually strengthening
Winter 2021	MATH 314	292310885958	Shared a spiritual thought before most classes.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	3604487238	I really respected how much he tried to tie in the Gospel with math. I have never seen that done before, and I feel like it helped us learn more about Professor Pham and I felt more respect for him as a teacher.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	98075531330	His spiritual thoughts are always a nice way to start class!
Winter 2021	MATH 314	68317144791	I loved Professor Pham''s spiritual thoughts at the beginning of classes
Winter 2021	MATH 314	320366609849	I always assumed this question was a joke for math classes, but professor Pham actually pulled it off.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	753277339851	There was always a prayer and some kind of spiritual thought every day before starting the lesson! It was great!
Winter 2021	MATH 314	926356081094	Loved your little devotionals at the beginning of each class
Winter 2021	MATH 314	915913651379	I really enjoy Prof. Pham's little devotionals at the beginning of each class.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	534434378015	Love the spiritual thoughts before class. He is very humble and I appreciate his perspective of the world.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	718108062796	I appreciated the prayer at the start of class and the occasional spiritual thoughts before class started. For a class like this I think that it was excellent.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	192733771421	He starts class with a prayer and spiritual thought. I think the spirit is there. He''s also a very humble man, and I think I have learned from him spiritually.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	139089005901	Professor Pham always started off class with a spiritual thought. He did it in a very casual and sincere way that I really appreciated. I never felt like I was being preached at, but he always had really cool insights to share. In addition, I felt like these thoughts helped me to know him a little bit better during this COVID semester.

Winter 2021	MATH 314	326877234635	I have never felt the spirit so strongly in a math class.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	96461286252	I enjoyed his little spiritual thoughts at the beginning of each lecture.
Semester	Course	Random ID	Question: Intellectually enlarging
Winter 2021	MATH 314	98075531330	Great!
Winter 2021	MATH 314	68317144791	I learned a TON
Winter 2021	MATH 314	192733771421	Oh yeah. It''s calculus. Of course my intellect was enlarged.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	139089005901	I feel like I have learned so much in this class and the best part is that I think I"ve learned how to think through the problems more than just memorized the material.
Semester	Course	Random ID	Question: Character building
Winter 2021	MATH 314	98075531330	He''s very respectful and a great example!
Winter 2021	MATH 314	192733771421	A lot was expected of me, but it was all very fair. My learning was in my hands.
Semester	Course	Random ID	Question: Leading to lifelong learning and service
Winter 2021	MATH 314	98075531330	Great!
Winter 2021	MATH 314	192733771421	I hope I use this later.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	139089005901	I think that these mathematical concepts that I"ve learned will help me in my future as an engineer to better the world.
Semester	Course	Random ID	Question: Hours spent out of class
Winter 2021	MATH 314	436713190722	homework
Winter 2021	MATH 314	292310885958	Homework
Winter 2021	MATH 314	98075531330	overall fair amount of homework!
Winter 2021	MATH 314	778231092348	Doing homeworks
Winter 2021	MATH 314	718108062796	This amount varied. But generally, there were three assignments per week and each one took about an hour on average.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	550732497993	An average time commitment for a math class.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	192733771421	Sometimes the homework took a long time.
Semester	Course	Random ID	Question: Additional comments

Winter 2021	MATH 314	436713190722	10/10
Winter 2021	MATH 314	292310885958	Professor Pham teaches the class well. Sometimes we ran out of time in class. There is a lot to cover so it is understandable.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	98075531330	The best way I can summarize this class from Prof Pham is very fair. His assignments and tests never seem unfair, and his teaching is very easy to grasp to back it up. I greatly appreciate the plentiful extra credit opportunities, but because his teaching is very solid, I honestly feel like the extra credit was not necessary. Still a comfy safety bubble though!
Winter 2021	MATH 314	68317144791	Professor Pham was an incredible teacher. He was fun and engaging and taught to the students' needs. He was also very funny which I thought was great and needed for a math class.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	942997321627	I like him as a person. I think he has some room for growth as an instructor.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	33401781273	i enjoyed this class given by this professor. It was difficult, but I felt like he was very fair with us
Winter 2021	MATH 314	1022821738083	I think that trying to keep class within the 50 minutes would be a good thing to work on. He spends a bit longer on conceptually explaining and it doesn''t leave a ton of time to do examples and put it in practice.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	753277339851	Dr. Pham is a professor that is very fair in all of his policies and practices. I appreciate the fact that he understands that this class is difficult and tries to make it so that we can understand the material more easily. He is very open to suggestions on how to help us, and I appreciated that.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	926356081094	One thing that really bothered me is that we went over time in every SINGLE class session. I would''ve appreciated being done on time, and not starting new problems at :49. I also wouldve liked to see more examples in class. Because we often covered one topic, I would have to teach myself the rest of the topic during the homework. I also would have like a study guide sheet with all the formulas that would/would not be provided or topics that would be covered. On the first test, I got some bad advice, memorized all the wrong things, and failed the test. That could have been easily avoided if I would''ve known what I needed to study. I appreciated that online homework was available and even more that it was extra credit. It really helps to solidify a concept before starting a written assignment. Professor Pham is a great teacher who cares about his students and very helpful 1 on 1. I just think time management and purposes of the lesson need to be more clear.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	915913651379	He always apologizes when his class ends 5 minutes late, but it's just kinda become a routine / something to be expected. His lectures are great though, he is good at walking students through difficult concepts and making them easier to understand.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	534434378015	One of the best teachers I"ve had at teaching complex topics simply.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	1010240326461	My only suggestion would be to have the classes themselves stay on topic or not get to side tracted with questions. It felt like we were constantly having to go watch a video to catch up. An idea would be to post a pre-class video of the needed basic material then we could use class to answer questions. At Least that way we would have the basics that we needed when we left the classroom.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	718108062796	I think that Dr. Pham is a great instructor. He cares about his students and gives everyone the opportunity to get a good grade if they work hard. He also generally teaches the material well. His class is fun and enjoyable. I think that one thing that could be a little better is just the pacing of the lectures, but Dr. Pham definitely teaches well. I would recommend him for other students.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	550732497993	Professor Pham was a good professor. He respected his students and their needs. Every class period he ran out of time, allowing us to have to go through the book to learn those concepts he didn"t cover entirely. He did make videos covering additional examples and topics that he didn"t get to, which was helpful.

Winter 2021	MATH 314	192733771421	I would take this class from Dr. Pham again.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	421227047726	Love this man, his testimony, his knowledge and experience, his sensitivity to questions, the care and attention he took to helping students, and the way that he took the extra time to make sure everyone understood topics.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	386246679994	Easily distracted, and semi slow as a teacher. This is definitely in part to the fact that english is his second language, but it did make the class more difficult.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	139089005901	Thank you so much professor Pham! I always looked forward to your class and I always felt welcome there. I often can feel like I'm lost or behind in college math classes, but you were so good at teaching that I never felt this way.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	512964551486	I think that having lessons that are more structured would help lectures be more instructive. Having a specific set of topics and examples to go over for each lesson would help it go more smoothly for the students.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	257923746270	My only complaint is that I felt time management could be improved, either by starting class a little more promptly or by having a more concise lesson plan. There never felt like there was enough time in class.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	326877234635	Professor Pham was a really great teacher that I could tell cared about my learning and I knew I could count on him for help when I was struggling.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	675717775860	Fantastic experience
Winter 2021	MATH 314	592915328119	Actually getting through examples in class would be very helpful and help all the students be more prepared for homework and testing application to the problems. By not completing example problems it is hard to even apply the techniques to simple homework problems.
Winter 2021	MATH 314	96461286252	Great Professor!