

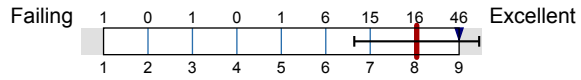


**R. KOZHAN**  
**Evaluation of Instruction Program Report**  
 13W: MATH 32A LEC 2: CALC OF SEVRL VAR  
 No. of responses = 86  
 Enrollment = 221  
 Response Rate = 38.91%

Survey Results

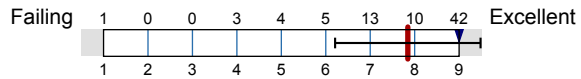
UCLA Department of Mathematics:

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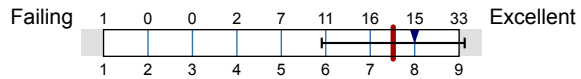
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What is your rating of this course independent of the effectiveness of the instructor?



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# Profile

Subunit: MATH  
 Name of the instructor: R. KOZHAN  
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 (Name of the survey)

Values used in the profile line: Mean

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## Comments Report

## Comments:

Please use the space provided for any comments you wish to make which are pertinent to the educational process. These may include all aspects of the course: teaching, examinations, grading, textbook, etc.

- Accent is not a hindrance at all. Explains concepts in a very simple, straightforward way. First midterm was much more involved than the second midterm; more equally "difficult" midterms would be appreciated. Could integrate book/lectures better, or stress that they are different - mentioned more than a few times that the book method isn't what we're following in class, or that the author doesn't follow the same conventions, etc. Could consider switching to a different book if it is that much an issue. Homework was fair. Great teacher!
- Based on the other Math Professors I've had at UCLA, professor Kozhan is definitely the best. Though the course is very difficult, I was able to follow his logic often. I only wish he would show more example problems and do a little less proving (which sometimes became too confusing to seem important to me).
- Brilliant professor. He is very effective and teaches clearly. The best math professor I have ever met.
- Dr. Kozhan is an excellent Math professor. His lecture materials cover a lot of useful tactics and topics of studying calculus and his exams are organized well in order to test our mastery of these materials. His practice exams and homework are typically recommended.
- Exams are way too difficult!
- Excellent teacher. The level of understanding is amazing, and so is the ability to explain the subject. The tests and homeworks are all fair as well. I also love his accent because I am Russian myself and it was nice to hear something from back home.
- Good job, your lectures are clear and not boring.
- Great teacher, fair tests, cares about students learning the material. Has high expectations but does not require formula memorization. Amazing lecturer. Would take class again 10/10.
- He's really good, if you put in the work to read the book.
- I really liked how this class was bruncasted, it was easier for me to follow the lectures on the video because I could pause and look it over if I needed to. The professor was a great lecturer however I wish he was in class more, he had a few subs. He was good at explaining things but his tests were very challenging.
- I thought the professor was amazing at teaching the material. It was very understandable, way more understandable than the textbook. He answered questions very well. I think the only problem with his lectures is that there was not enough time in the lecture to cover all examples and material. His lectures were very organized, though. Exams were fairly easy, but not too easy or too hard. Grading wasn't very lenient, but it was fair.
- I will preface this by saying I am a third year going to work in public accounting and have not taken math in two years. That said, I was a little nervous about taking math again. It was a great class though. The material was very interesting and Professor Kozhan did a very good job teaching it. The only thing I personally would have appreciated is a little more applicability to other subjects. Basically all of the "real world" examples were from engineering or physics when multivariable applies to business and other subjects as well. Just from my own coursework, I know you can use multivariable calculus to solve for the highest profit generating mix of products given production constraints using Lagrangian optimization. Just something to consider for the admittedly small fraction of us who are not south campus.

- I wish the textbook was easier to interpret, but I think the instructor is very effective.
- In high school, I was introduced to a math teacher who convinced me to continue taking math in college -as part of my major. Professor Kozhan rivals this teacher in terms of teaching ability. Not only does he teach concepts extremely well, with very good 3D graphs, solid explanations of proofs and easily remembered examples, but he also really enjoys math -and it shows! Between the immense amounts of knowledge imparted, and the side jokes that make us forget how immense that amount really is, every class is a lecture worth going to. Thanks so much for a great quarter!
- Kamaga does not provide difficult enough homework to prepare her students for her exams. After taking AP Physics C, I cannot say that I learned anything new from her class.
- Kozhan is a great professor. Very adept at teaching and building an intuition to understanding the meanings behind the methods and very welcoming to questions. I would like the midterms to be a little longer, but that's about it.
- Kozhan was a good teacher, but a bit unapproachable. I understand that professors are busy but I did terribly on the midterm and wanted to make an appointment to discuss it with him at a time other than his office hours since there are always so many students there. He wasn't flexible and just told me to go to office hours.
- Lectures are very thorough and helpful, and it is especially helpful that there are podcasts of the lectures so that we can learn the material even if we aren't able to go to class. It is also very helpful to have previous midterms as practice exams.
- My professor is the best teacher ever. I am so lucky to be in his math class but I am also sad that he will not be teaching at UCLA anymore. SO SAD. Professor Kozhan is so nice: he extends his office hours because he wanted to help us get a better grade in the exams. I was disappointed on the second midterm because I didn't score within the top 25% like the first exam (for one of the problem i got 0/6) :( Even so, Professor Kozhan's encouragements and helpfulness are motivating me to study study for my math final. It will be great to get an good grade in my favorite class ever. I am normally not good at math and numbers are so scary but for some reason I really like this class. Professor Kozhan if you are reading this, I am thankful to have you as my math teacher. GOOD LUCK on your future jobs. :)
- Pretty good lectures. Nothing particularly bad to say about Rosty.
- Professor Kozhan is a great lecturer and a fair grader. I also really liked how he opted for BruinCast, because as a student, I often blank out for a portion of the lecture; it is really helpful to be able to watch and rewatch lectures without bothering anyone else, especially right before tests.
- Professor Kozhan is a very effective lecturer and cares about the education of his students. He holds office hours, and even adds extra time for students to come periodically. His lectures are very organized, which allows for easier understanding, despite the challenging nature of the course material. He also takes time to answer every student's questions after each lecture and is a very kind and patient person, which allows for better learning and understanding for each student.
- Professor Kozhan is an excellent professor. He has high standards for his students and expects you to know the material conceptually. The course is challenging, but he is always available. He holds many office hours and listens to his students. The tests are very difficult, but not impossible. Overall, I think the course is much too detailed on certain issues ( I don't know if this was just Kozhan or its part of the course ) but certain things that have no relevance, such as osculating circles, were taught which distract from what we are learning. Osculating circles are important to physics majors of course, however, they are just another thing to memorize in this course, which should not be about memorization.
- Professor Kozhan is an extremely effective instructor. His lectures are very clear and concise. The homework problems he assigns are not simply chosen from the textbook but are original problems which comprehensively test our knowledge of the material. His examinations are neither too easy nor too difficult, though they certainly require that one truly understands the core concepts of calculus to do remotely well. Furthermore his superb educational background is quite evident through his teaching

style and I personally am very glad to have been in his Calculus class.

- Professor Kozhan is such a good professor. This course is very difficult in some areas, but he's so helpful during office hours that I actually have some confidence in my abilities afterwards. He has a sense of humor that really registers with me, too. By far the best thing about him, though, is the fact that he grades papers overnight. I would definitely take Prof. Kozhan again if I could.
- Professor Kozhan was absent for a lot of lectures, but for the most part had competent substitutes. It behooves you to never have Professor Liu substitute again. Definitely appreciated the prep materials for the midterms and finals. Would have liked to have a little more context with respect to lecture examples.
- Professor Kozhan's lectures were very clear. He did a good job of covering the material although he covered the topics very quickly. I loved that he gave us several practice midterms. Unlike in many other classes, I felt really prepared before taking exams because of all the homework problems and practice tests he gave us. He is a pretty tough teacher but I think it was great because it made me work harder than I would have otherwise. A lot of people complained about his midterm during week 9 but I'm glad he gave us more time to prepare for it; it also stopped me from getting drunk at the end of week 8 which was good.
- Thank you for making math enjoyable again; I had lost hope. Math lecture was my favorite because the explanations were clear and concise. I appreciated the example problems. I always left class having actually learned something I found interesting!
- The tests and the homework were extremely hard. The homework should consist more of easy questioned followed by medium and hard questions so the students can gradually learn by doing the homework.
- This class, by far, has been the hardest class I have ever gone through. Although, I do not blame the professor. I just had a hard time grasping the ideas after reading my notes and reading the book. I understood how to do some things but my problem was I could not figure out how to apply some ideas in other problems. Kozhan is extremely smart and I admire that. There is a lot to learn for multivariable calculus and I got swept away. He is good with putting up updates and keeping his students well informed through emails. He is highly concern of his students and it killed me a little inside when he ask people if there were any questions and no one asked. There were times when I wanted to but I am a very slow writer so I am still copying down the notes when he asks. Plus, I am very slow when it comes to understanding such foreign concepts that I would not know how to ask questions. He is patient and takes the time to teach a student a concept. I know because I once saw him, while he was walking to his office, stop and listen, explain and talk with a student in the middle of the hallway.
- Very approachable, and I liked his style of teaching and tests.
- Very good at teaching the material in a simple and understandable way. Also the instructor is very relatable to the students which allows him to understand our confusions and worries about the introduction of new material.
- Very good professor
- Very helpful
- You are a great professor. Thank you for making this course more bearable.
- You are a master at the art of subtle humor as well as mathematics. The study guides and practice exams are really helpful. I want to follow in your footsteps
- organized lecture and materials before exams are very helpful!
- very clear course; although homework is a little bit hard but very helpful; enjoy the class very much