Prof. Diamond is one of the best instructors teaching at Penn. She is an expert in her field and is very concerned with helping those in need.

I highly recommend her class to everyone.

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Dr. Diamond made me feel very comfortable; she is warm and friendly and treats each student as a valued contributor to the class.

This has been an intensely stimulating course. Other professors should emulate her methods.
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This was a very difficult and time-demanding course and there were many times that I felt frustrated w/ myself and you. But I do want to thank you, first because I have not only learned theories by psychologists, philosophers and etc. I have learned something about myself. Thank you again and good luck in the future.
Dear Dr. Diamond,

I cannot begin to describe all that you have taught me, nor can I express the full extent of my gratitude. I can still remember the 1st day of Psych 321, when I decided to work for the lab - little did I know the pathway that you would open for me. My warmest wishes for Penn. I will miss you here. Take Care. - Kathi.

July 18, 1988

Every other major has "advisors" for the students. Thank you for becoming mine.

April 16, 1995

Dr. Diamond,

I just wanted to say thank you for everything. Not only did I learn a lot in your classes, but our talks outside of class have been so helpful. I would really be lost without you.

Someday Boston UMIT

Treat you well.

Sincerely,
Kelly Jacob
Dear Dr. Diamond,

Thank you for an enjoyable class this semester. It is one of the few classes that I can honestly say changed my outlook on life.

Happy holidays!

Hand Daniel

Adele,

I simply want to state that I will miss your presence here. You meant quite a bit to me during my hectic first year. I've always considered it an achievement to have received an A in your course, especially in light of the other things that were going on. You were demanding academically, but concerned personally. Even though we haven't spoken much recently, I always felt that you'd be there for support if I called. I seem to have navigated the storm, but I'm far from a whole person. Thank you for being there.

Yours,

Joe
Dear Dr. Diamond,

I'm ashamed to say that I don't think we ever communicated to you how much I value my experiences in your classes. Your Psych 260 seminar was by far the most intriguing class I encountered at Penn, and I gained insights into myself that (hopefully) have enabled me to make changes for the better in my life. You have an amazing gift for reaching students, and I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to learn from you. I was so sorry to hear that you were leaving Penn, and I meant to contact you then, but somehow I never did. In the past few weeks, I spent time with two other members of that class - Kane McDermott & Kelly Jarvis - and we were all saying that we got the feeling that you really cared about your students. Perhaps it's a bit presumptuous of me to have tracked you down, but I wanted to express to you that you really have touched my life.

Sincerely,

Avi Pundit
August 29, 1995

Dear Dr. Diamond,

On a personal note, Dr. Diamond, I want to thank you. You were always one of the professors whom I held in highest esteem while I was studying at the undergraduate level. Although it was very difficult for me, working under you during my independent study taught me a great deal about independence and perseverance. There were many times when I lost sight of why I had wanted to study the topics I did, and I certainly did not have much confidence in what I had achieved at the end of it. It was you who encouraged me to apply for academic honors on the project, and you who made me believe that I had achieved something. I truly believe that had it not been for your strenuous questioning and insisting that I handle all the details of the project, I would not have developed the confidence in my ability to do research that I did.

Again, I am sorry that these comments are coming much later than they should—two years is a bit late for a thank you and far too much time to catch up on. I did, however, want to let you know that I appreciated your example to me, and that your style of teaching will continue to have an impact on the way I conduct myself in academic endeavours, and, hopefully!, with students of my own in the future.

Thanks again for your support.

Sincerely yours,

tamara alexander

Tamara (Besarab) Alexander
Professor Diamond,

I must admit, at first when I saw the reading list, I thought the class would be hell. But, I truly enjoyed your class although I might not have gotten everything out of the course but I could. Thank you for the class.

Hina

The class was a lot of work, but I think it was worth all the effort. Having many different articles gave me more perspectives to integrate with than one textbook. The class discussions were very good.

There was a great camaraderie in the class, as we shared a lot of personal experiences with each other, as related to the course material. This was my favorite course at Wash U, as it applied so clearly to issues of my own life. It was a tough class, but overall very enjoyable.

The instructor is very student oriented. She goes out of her way to get to know her students personally, a trait that I greatly admire.

Although the amount of reading material is immense, it is nevertheless interesting. The instructor stimulates much that and encourages class participation.
Dr. Diamond is a fantastic professor. I have never seen a professor make such an effort to get to know the students in the class. Her enthusiasm about the class was extremely infectious! The class was a lot of work - much reading - yet was so worth it. The material is fascinating and Dr. Diamond knew how to make the most of it.

Overall, this is the best course I've taken at Penn! Dr. Diamond is unique in her enthusiasm for her subject and relationship with her students both as a class and as individuals. She actually met with each of us individually at the beginning of the semester - most profs at Penn won't even see you at office hours! Plenty of work - but interesting and relevant! Well worth the work. It also does a good job of tying together all the psych courses I have taken as a major.

Teacher is excellent and teaches with genuine interest and concern for the students.
Dr. Diamond is the best psych professor or any professor I have ever had at Penn.
The reading load was massive, but I never missed a class and it was great! I am!!!

I have thoroughly enjoyed developmental psychology with Dr. Diamond. I have learned so much about myself, my friends and family, and the world through the lectures and readings. It is the best psychology course I have taken here at Penn.

Dr. Diamond has a sincere caring for her students which makes her extremely effective, not to mention understanding. Her student experience which then in turn makes her a stellar teacher. Super!

This has been the best psych course I've taken here. Dr. D is really dedicated and sacrifices her limits to incorporate more reading.
I would not wake up before 9:00 in the morning for any other class! Professor Diamond is a fantastic teacher – she made great attempts to forge strong relationships with all the students as individuals. I've never had a professor who showed so much concern for her students as people.

I loved this course!

amazing course - rigorous demands yet definitely worth the effort. Recommendations - it is imperative that you keep up w/ the many readings to really get the most out of the class discussions. The professor has a tremendous command of the material - her lectures are fascinating (for the most part) and really get you to think about your own life. Not recommended for non-majors - as the time & effort would probably not be worth it if they don't really like the material.

Her effort to really know the class as individuals (she drilled herself on names) was great!

This was a great class for a psych major. Pr. Diamond is extremely knowledgeable & leads beneficial classes.

While there is a lot of reading to do it is worth it because you get a lot from it. Pr. Diamond is very good @ getting you to think & relate the material to our own lives. She is very fair w/ grades, etc. - you know exactly what she expects.
Fantastic class. Diamond is one of the best professors I’ve had. The best psych prof overall. The class was very interesting.

This course was amazing! Dr. Diamond is an incredible professor. Her relationship with her students is one of caring and respect. She took the effort to learn each student's name and encouraged us to think, work, and participate. She knows what education is all about.

I have recommended this course to so many people - majors, nonmajors, and even when noncollege students. In our class we learned the material and applied it to our own lives. Each class and discussion was a rewarding experience.

The best-run, most interesting and thought-provoking class I’ve taken in 3 years at Duke.

These were indefinite must-take courses with Dr. Diamond! She makes the effort to learn...
This is a great course! My favorite yet at Penn. Dr. Diamond did a great job with the organizations, discussions, and especially the readings.

[From the year when I did not offer Psych 280 & tried to combine both 180 & 280 into 1 semester.]

The reading load was very heavy. I would strongly recommend this class being taught in 2 semesters, because I don't think any of the readings should be cut out.

Despite the work I enjoyed this class very much. Prof. Diamond is a terrific teacher. She conveys the material well and the class support is excellent.

I have enjoyed this class tremendously, and I am being honest when I say that I have gained more from this class (both semesters) than I have from all my other courses combined. Class was not only a place for learning but for growth as well.

There definitely is a lot of reading although I found it to be more helpful if I reread it after the lecture. A lot of work - but a great course.

Diamond is incredible - she demands respect and is very compassionate. The course's grading scale is 100-70 'fair' (so are the exams). I love the course and never have earned so much valuable information!

[From the year when I did not offer Psych 280 & tried to combine both 180 & 280 into 1 semester.]

Professor Diamond is one of the most dynamic professors I have seen in my 21/2 years at Penn. She is extremely knowledgeable, and her passion for sharing this knowledge shines through in her lectures. She really cares about her students, making an extra effort to know them on a personal basis. This course was definitely enriching, and I'd recommend it to anyone.
Dr. Diamond is a dedicated instructor who clearly cares for her class as much as she cares about her research.

There is an immense quantity of reading for this course, but it makes the class worthwhile. Dr. Diamond is among the most outstanding professors I have ever encountered at Penn. She took time out to get to know every student in the class of about 50. She's amazing.

The best Psych class I've had at Penn. Dr. Diamond has a great command of the material and presents it very well.

rethink Dr. Diamond is a great teacher. She is very enthusiastic about the material, I enjoyed her lectures.

I thought the course was great! Most of the readings were very interesting! Dr. Diamond went out of her way like no other prof. to get to know the students! A's!

Dr. Diamond is an outstanding prof. It knows her material, I recommended this to anyone. The readings were relevant, interesting, and I loved the class. Hard work!

Developmental Psych

The best psychology class I've taken at Penn. Dr. Diamond is a great lecturer, Her lectures were both interesting and fun. Although the reading was time consuming it was not unbearable. For the most part I really enjoyed reading them.
Phenomenal! Very demanding, tough and intimidating, especially at first, but your expectations made us rise to the challenge! I have never learned like this at Penn before. Thank you for having your incredible command of the course.

The reading load is large but well worth it. This class would be helpful to any person no matter what major. In fact, it offered amazing insight into personal growth that should meet the class as a requirement. Dr. Diamond is an amazing woman, researcher, and lecturer. I enjoyed the class even tho its at 9am.

A very valuable course. Dr. Diamond conducts her classes very well. Discussions should be conducted at the University with students actively engaged in the material. The readings were enjoyable and well-chosen.

The instructor's enthusiasm helped to make the course interesting and enjoyable. The readings were too much, although they were fascinating.

Prof. Diamond is an excellent teacher. She involves the entire class in discussion in every class and stimulates thought outside of class. AND... this is the first only 9AM class I consistently stayed awake for.

Dr. Diamond is a very enthusiastic and learned professor. In a class of over eighty people, she knew everyone's names in the class. The class was very helpful but there was alot (perhaps too much) reading.

Prof. Diamond is a well-organized dynamic lecturer. She encourages the class to participate in discussion (as it is part of the grading criteria). This worked well in inciting people to speak, and made class much more interesting and enjoyable.
Load is heavy, but extremely interesting. I looked forward to doing the readings each week. The class discussions were provocative—it was an enlightening start to each Tuesday and Thursday. This class definitely made it worth getting up at 8 am to come to!

This class is a true pleasure, especially for a non-psych major like myself. I was afraid I wouldn’t be able to follow the theories, but Professor Diamond encouraged us to think of how the theories were applicable to our own lives. Professor Diamond is organized, enthusiastic, and extremely knowledgeable. Her selections of readings made for a heavy reading load; some weeks were more manageable than others. It was difficult to gauge how long each week’s readings would take.

Dr. Diamond is a great speaker. The classes were always interesting. Her willingness to meet with and help students should be commended.

Professor Diamond knows the material and really tries to get to know the students. She is involved and welcomes us to her office.
I loved this course. I didn't even mind getting up at 9:00 am to go to this class! I don't think that I have ever gained so much general knowledge and knowledge about myself from one class.

Dr. Diamond is wonderful! This, by far, has been the most fascinating and valuable class I've had at Penn! A lot of work was expected - but the readings were amazing and worth spending time on. Great class!!

This was one of the most enjoyable classes I took at Penn. The readings were excellent and the discussions and materials were great.

The class is the best class I have taken at Penn. Professor Diamond is a very clear and entertaining professor who has a great command of the material. My attention never strayed. The reading load was too much as far as I'm concerned, but I wouldn't know how to cut out because I did enjoy the readings and they were key to the discussion. Professor Diamond's review of the readings was very helpful and enlightening. I really enjoyed this class.

Dev. Psych. with Professor Diamond is one of the best classes I've taken at Penn. The material is not only an important part of psychology but practical and applicable to the personal lives of the students. I would recommend this course to everyone at Penn.
Dr. Diamond is definitely one of the most insightful and dedicated professors I have ever had. Right from the start she memorized all of our names—over 50 of them! She didn't lecture; instead she questioned us on the readings and thus began interesting and exciting debates about the human development. I recommend this class to anyone who has gotten this far in life—you will be amazed at how much you will understand why you did the things you did as you grew up. One of the best and most relevant classes at Penn!

In 3½ years at Penn, this is the greatest class I've ever taken. Dr. Diamond is amazing and yet to have each of her students participate—despite the large class size. The materials are interesting and the class was fascinating despite the heavy reading load! I highly recommend this class to anything else Dr. Diamond ever teaches! Super great!

Maybe best psych class taken here.
Interesting, challenging readings and personal focus.
Prof. Diamond shows compassion, too, for her students—very commendable!
(Too much reading though!)

Dr. Diamond has a terrific style, she encourages participation in class and makes us all think out of class.

The class was great! Dr. Diamond had great command of the material and taught it in a clear, organized manner. Workload was very demanding, but the class was worthwhile (esp. for majors).
Dr. Diamond is a great professor. Her class required a lot of work, but it was worth it. I learned a lot and I recommend it to everyone. She's one of the best professors I've had at Penn.

Dr. Diamond teaches a tough class because the readings were so heavy—practically impossible to finish. However, she puts in as much effort into her class as she expects from us. Overall, she is a fantastic teacher with high expectations. Her students push themselves to excel. THE BEST!

One of the most enjoyable/Challenging courses I’ve taken. Diamond is an excellent professor—she cares about students, presents in an interesting way, and encourages participation + thinking. Readings were from diverse sources, yet they were meaningful and could be related to the course as well as other courses and areas of students’ lives. Reading load difficult, but not unreasonable. (except 1 book in 2 days?)

Dr. Diamond is one of the most interesting professors I have had. She is an excellent lecturer and is extremely enthusiastic in the classroom. The readings and assignments were very heavy, but only in the last 2-3 weeks. The midterm expectations were extremely heavy. The reading load was large but not overwhelming.

Readings were effective but there was a little too much. If it was more spread out it would have been easier to cope with. Dr. Diamond showed great interest + enthusiasm in her students, definately one of the best professors I’ve had!

Diamond has been one of the most outstanding teachers I have ever had at Penn. From psych studies and scientific theories to personal and emotional issues, she demonstrates a profound understanding and insight entirely throughout the course. It's a shame that there are so few like her here.
This course was amazing! Dr. Diomand is an incredible professor. Her relationship with her students is one of caring and respect. She took the effort to learn each student's name and encouraged us to think, work, and participate. She knows what education is all about.

I have recommended this course to so many people—majors, non-majors, and even upper non-college students. In our class we learned the material and applied it to our own lives. Each class and discussion was a rewarding experience.

Some complained that the reading list was too much. It was definitely a challenge but not impossible. The readings were interesting and quite applicable to everything we did. It felt good to accomplish the work load. It was actually very enjoyable and relaxing to do much of the reading.

This course is a great experience! I wish we only had a few hundred more professors like Dr. Diomand! She makes learning the experience that it should be!
Wow! Super professor. Very interested in each student. She even takes the time to learn everyone's name. A wonderful course - very well organized. Interesting subject matter.

COMMENTS ENCOURAGED BELOW
I have enjoyed this class thoroughly. Dr. Diamond is the perfect professor to have for a nine o'clock class. She has the energy to keep our interest and attention - she is also open, accessible, and willing to talk with her students and listen to what they have to say.

COMMENTS ENCOURAGED BELOW
Professor Diamond encouraged participation; welcomed questions, and is genuinely - conveys a sense of enthusiasm to students.

COMMENTS ENCOURAGED BELOW
Prof. Diamond is engaging and interesting, and makes a great attempt to make a large class as personal and seminar-like as possible. You can tell she's really excited about the material when her voice goes up an octave or two. My largest complaint is that the reading load for this class was BEYOND BELIEF - I was expected to do more reading in this class than in my 500-level class!!! - Overall, I found the class stimulating, rewarding, and enjoyable.

COMMENTS ENCOURAGED BELOW
Even though there is a lot of reading assignments the material is so interesting that the course is worth it.

Prof. Diamond really takes the time to know her students. She probably knows almost all of the 80 students by name!

COMMENTS ENCOURAGED BELOW
This has to be one of the best courses I've taken so far at Penn. Dr. Diamond is amazing - she has taken extra effort to know every single person in the class by name and to run a large class as a discussion section instead of just another lecture. The reading load is enormous, but I can't think of a single reading that was not somehow relevant to my life. This course is definitely worth the effort. I especially appreciate the fact that Dr. Diamond considers her students mature enough to handle actual scientific articles instead of assigning a textbook or reorganizing them herself. Class discussion was excellent. I highly recommend the course to everyone.

COMMENTS ENCOURAGED BELOW
Professor Diamond really teaches this class well. She knows how to stimulate student interest more than anyone else I've had at Penn.