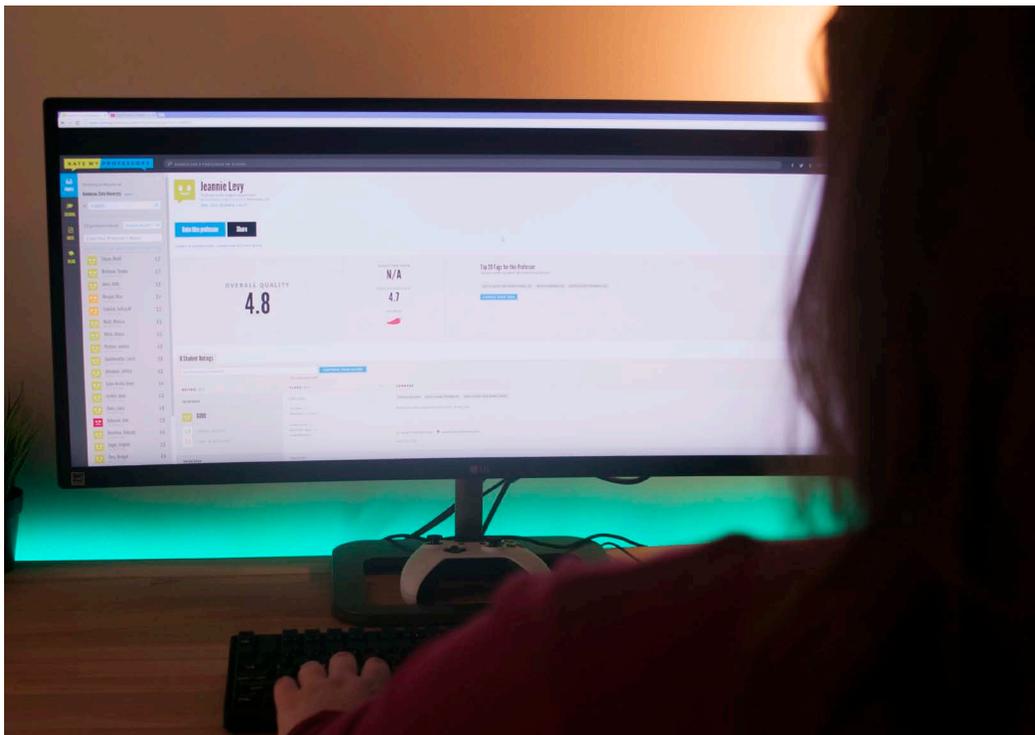


# Professor, I Choose You!

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When I started college, I had no idea what classes to take or what professors to take them with. I was in a new world, and everyone was a stranger. Thanks to my cluelessness, I picked Calculus II as a starting class and combined that with one of the worst professors I have ever encountered in my college life. He taught the class sort of okay, but when it came to the tests, the class suddenly required you to be a math graduate to pass them. Goodbye, HOPE scholarship and hello, Honors Program probation.

Luckily for you, I have the tips required to prevent you from making the same mistake.



### 1. Trial and Error

When it comes to college, you need to know that most of the time you do have some control over whose class you inevitably end up in. The key is figuring out if the professor is the right fit for you. I mean, you are paying them, so you might as well make sure you're going to benefit from them too.

Keep in mind that you can always sign up for a class to give a professor a small trial run and then withdraw before the Drop/Add period for classes ends to keep from spending money on a class you may regret being in later.

### 2. Professor Reviews

Another thing you can do is ask around about any professors you might be potentially wondering about. Students that have taken classes with the professor in question normally have good insight on how the professor teaches and how they organize their class.

What will make this search even easier is Rate My Professors, a website that's sole purpose is to collect student opinions on professors across the US, the UK, and Canada. All you have to do is find your university, search for the professor's name, and you will see their ratings based on their helpfulness, clarity, and easiness, as well as comments from the students and what class they are referring to.

### 3. The only option

Sometimes you don't have a choice in the matter and will have to deal with a professor you probably won't like. It sucks, but the important thing to remember is that even if the professor is difficult, unhelpful, or just generally terrible, you do have classmates who can help you through the semester. You'll just have to buckle down and make the most of it.

As cliché as it is, when life hands you lemons, make lemonade.