

University of Michigan
 Fall 2020 Midterm Instructor Report With Comments
 EECS 280-003: Prog&Data Struct
 Nicole Hamilton

87 out of 266 students responded to this midterm evaluation.

Responses to questions related to the course:

	SA	A	N	D	SD	N/A	Median
I am learning a great deal in this course. (Q966)	29	36	5	1	0	14	4.3

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Nicole Hamilton is enthusiastic. (Q114)	27	22	7	1	0	10	4.4
Overall, this is an excellent course. (Q964)	23	27	8	0	1	9	4.3
Overall, Nicole Hamilton is an excellent teacher. (Q965)	24	26	7	3	0	11	4.3
Nicole Hamilton acknowledges all questions insofar as possible. (Q968)	32	23	5	0	1	10	4.5
Nicole Hamilton uses techniques to foster class participation. (Q972)	22	23	14	1	0	10	4.2
Nicole Hamilton is willing to meet and help students outside class. (Q975)	19	27	8	0	1	13	4.2
Nicole Hamilton keeps students informed of their progress. (Q977)	17	23	13	3	0	12	4.0

Written Comments

What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)

Comments
The lectures are great, the projects are challenging in a good way, and I love the community that grew in the class. This is a great class that helps us learn C++ programming from the fundamentals til the more complex side.
The projects are giving me a lot of experience coding and debugging.
I think having it online with the lecture encourages students to find their own solutions online allowing them to be self sufficient in the future.
na
Very interesting. No significant complaints. I like the lectures.
That the lectures are recorded and published online so I can refer back to them.
The strength of the class is using all the lecture material in projects and labs so we can have a hands-on experience with the topics learned. In addition, the projects are very helpful and are interesting to do.
Lecture materials and questions answered!
The lectures and in depth answers of questions
I liked how we had access to all the class materials and lecture notes. In computer science, I have found that reading the material myself helps me learn, so having this access was extremely beneficial.
n/a
I like the projects
Prof. Hamilton answers lots of questions.
It's very rigorous and ensures that you understand the small details of how everything works.
Sometimes, I am told that my code is wrong without understanding what I am doing wrong. I need to understand what exactly I am getting wrong.
Availability of all assignments from the beginning and variety of instructors
IT being coding oriented and having an online textbook.
Good teaching
N/A
The projects, labs, and discussions are helping me learn a lot. The lecture notes are as well.
Nicole Hamilton is a great lecturer
I like programming. I think that the flexibility that most recent project (Euchre) offered was extremely helpful in allowing us to design and write our own complex software, and learn from doing so.
Helps me understand the concepts that we go over in the lecture more thoroughly and in application.
Getting to learn C and getting interesting projects

How can Nicole Hamilton improve this class? If possible, give specific examples. (Q980)

Comments
n/a
I would say waiting a second after asking a question. I often feel that students try to answer but she keeps asking for answers over the student trying to answer.
Prof Hamilton is an excellent teacher, but I think she allows too many questions during class time, which is somewhat distracting for students who want to get through the material in a orderly and timely fashion. I think directing those students (since it's often just a few students who ask the majority of the questions) to office hours might be a better use of our collective time.
more review
N/A
talk slowly
She is great! No need to extra improvement.
Maybe slow down a little! But overall its ok!
n/a
N/A
I feel like sometimes we're learning material for projects after the project is assigned
Maybe direct people when to ask questions so people don't interrupt randomly.
At some points during lecture, I think a bit too much time is spent with questions which is a good thing, however it gets to the point where I along with others find it hard to pay attention when there are long pauses in between learning major concepts.
Nicole spends too much time taking questions from the class and allows them to derail her too much. Taking questions is important, but it is okay to sometimes defer them to a later part of the lecture, another lecture, or follow up with a student after class
None
N/A
Lectures feel a bit dry, maybe improving how lecture content is presented?
Show us the cats
She's great but sometimes she goes off on tangents about things we don't know about or are going to learn about later in the course which we don't understand yet. Sometimes it seems like she forgets we don't know that content yet.
Give more time for us to answer questions. Dont ask the question then repeatedly say anyone?? It makes it a lot harder to think about the question.

Please enter any additional comments you have for Nicole Hamilton. (Q981)

Comments
Love the lectures Nicole!
n/a
enthusiastic, understanding, cool
Great lectures, keep up the good work!
good
She is fantastic!
N/A
nothing much!
I chose to attend her sessions because I thought she was a great teacher after the first session I attended.
n/a
N/A
I think you do a great job at encouraging participation and answering everyone's questions.
Aside from what I have said so far, Professor Hamilton does an amazing job in answering questions, teaching, and clearing any misconceptions. Her diagrams that she draws helps me visualize what is going on making it easier to understand.
None
N/A
N/A
The class has been very enjoyable