## University of Michigan Winter 2025 Midterm Individual Response Report EECS 498-005: Special Topics Nicole Hamilton

32 out of 38 students responded to this midterm evaluation.

Course Name: EECS 498-005: Special Topics

**Instructor Name: Nicole Hamilton** 

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- 9. What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)
  - Putting what we've learned so far into practice.

Assignments are helpful.

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- 16. Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful?

• They are all helpful.

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- 9. What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)
  - The class is very well formatted, introduces search engine concepts well and has complimentary assignments that give a chance to practice skills taught in lecture. Overall, the slides are useful, and the structure of the class has been very helpful.
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  - [No Response]
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- 15. What's been the most interesting part of the class so far?
  - I've loved the introduction to lower level code, including memory mapping, POSIX pthreads, and sockets. Additionally, the class makes building a search engine easier, as the process is broken down into several distinct components, and overall this makes the project more intuitive.
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  - Any of the ones involving memory mapping (UTF-8 encoding and HashBlob, for example).

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- 9. What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)
  - This course covers topics far exceeding what was expected when selecting this course while also making the workload
    and learning feel easy and manageable. By no means in the course too easy, but the quality of instruction and resources
    make it
- 10. How can Nicole Hamilton improve this class? If possible, give specific examples. (Q980)
  - A few of the assignments where you would expect a defined output are ambiguous or missing a detailed spec sheet.
     Some assignments are broad but the auto-graded ones need to be more defined.
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- 15. What's been the most interesting part of the class so far?
  - All of the strategies to take such a complex problem and to break it into manageable chunks
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  - Definitely the HTML Parser even if it was the hardest

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- 9. What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)
  - This is a class I've been wanting to take ever since I enrolled at UM, so I'm very happy to see it back. First and foremost, I
    think the project is probably more ambitious and impressive than any other MDE I know of, which is great for students'
    resumes. Also, I love the open-endedness of this class; there is quite a bit of freedom to implement the features we want,
    how we want them.
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  - I sometimes wish the class would tell us less about how to do everything. As Prof. Hamilton has acknowledged in class, there is a danger that by making every team do the same autograded assignments, teams' engines will be very similar, as a lot of the work will have already been done for them (e.g., certain design decisions regarding the index, how to handle different HTML tags). Also, like many students, I disagree with the ban on the C++ standard library. I can understand wanting students to understand everything they're building, but this seems like a bridge too far.
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  - I really appreciate the homework assignments as a starting spot for specific aspects of the engine.
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  - It's a bit hard at times to judge if my group is behind where we are supposed to be on the project. A bit more clear
    expectations of where the engine should be at certain weeks would help.
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- 15. What's been the most interesting part of the class so far?
  - It's interesting how much of the overall direction of our engines is up to our discretion. Definitely a fun change of pace to have so much freedom in a project!
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  - Definitely HTML parser. I also think the three Linux ones (GetUrl, GetSsl, TinyServer) were also very helpful as I didn't have much of any previous experience with network development.

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  - The homeworks are very helpful to figure out the more complicated parts of the engine. Also, the speed dating / group
    photos / project plan and everything related to team building were great in helping form good teams and build rapport.
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  - Some of the lectures repeated a bit more material than I would have liked, but then again it's nice to review stuff. Also, having IAs would of course improve the course a lot, and it would also be nice to have the Google cloud accounts guaranteed.
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- 15. What's been the most interesting part of the class so far?
  - The anecdotes from Microsoft and other tidbits of search engines / computing history. Also learning the Linux interface.
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  - The HTML parser was one of the most helpful, as well as the three Linux server utilities, which are hard to write without any prior networking knowledge.

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  - Major strengths is how it mimics a real world project environment very well, and how her very broad and knowledge on the subject helps us learn very well.
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  - the scope of the project is large and challenging, which in turn challenges me to learn alot.
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  - The lecture content can be hard to follow at times, as we tend to get in the weeds with implementation details instead of learning higher level concepts.
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  - · Learning about ranking.
- 16. Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful?
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  - Teams of 6, most of my other EECS classes project group size are 1–3. The teams of 6 are also more aligned with industry team sizes.

Design and implementation of a semester long, large and complex project. A larger project means more focus on system design, scalability, and maintainability, instead of in other EECS classes where you're just implementing a small feature set for learning.

Instructor has lots of real-world industry experience in building large-scale systems and system design.

Actively building something complex over a semester is helping me learn.

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  - More focus on OS topics for non-482 people. (threads)
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  - system design and thinking about how to optimize for speed and efficiency
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  - All of them except for string/vector

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  - Great support and practical advice
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- 15. What's been the most interesting part of the class so far?
  - Learning about the constraint solver and ISRs
- 16. Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful?
  - Basically all of them are useful and applicable.

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  - I think that the broad range of topics combined with the specific subject matter is good material for a capstone class.
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  - If it was possible to have other staff involved i.e., IAs it would be very helpful.
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  - Learning about old-school computing techniques and systems.
- 16. Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful?
  - The string and vector assignments.

- 1. I am learning a great deal in this course. (Q966)
  - Agree
- 2. Nicole Hamilton is enthusiastic. (Q114)
  - Agree
- 3. Overall, Nicole Hamilton is an excellent teacher. (Q965)
  - Neutral
- 4. Nicole Hamilton acknowledges all questions insofar as possible. (Q968)
  - Agree
- 5. Nicole Hamilton uses techniques to foster class participation. (Q972)
  - Neutral
- 6. Nicole Hamilton is willing to meet and help students outside class. (Q975)
  - Agree
- 7. Nicole Hamilton keeps students informed of their progress. (Q977)
  - Neutral
- 8. Overall, this is an excellent course. (Q964)
  - Neutral
- 9. What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)
  - I believe the greatest strength of this class is the experience Nicole shares from working on a search engine and the feedback she has based on the development she did while on the search engine team.
- 10. How can Nicole Hamilton improve this class? If possible, give specific examples. (Q980)
  - More structured lectures with more emphasis on the specific concepts that will help us on our project. In addition, going
    more in depth with concepts for those who have not taken eecs 482.
- 11. Please enter any additional comments you have for Nicole Hamilton. (Q981)
  - [No Response]
- 12. I think this class may help me get a job.
  - Neutral
- 13. Splitting things up as a team, I don't code everything myself but I'm still learning how everything works.
  - Neutral
- 14. Working on a team of 6 or 7 is really cool and not like any other class.
  - Agree
- 15. What's been the most interesting part of the class so far?
  - Working in teams of 6.
- 16. Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful?
  - HTML Parser

- 1. I am learning a great deal in this course. (Q966)
  - Agree
- 2. Nicole Hamilton is enthusiastic. (Q114)
  - Agree
- 3. Overall, Nicole Hamilton is an excellent teacher. (Q965)
  - Agree
- 4. Nicole Hamilton acknowledges all questions insofar as possible. (Q968)
  - Agree
- 5. Nicole Hamilton uses techniques to foster class participation. (Q972)
  - Agree
- 6. Nicole Hamilton is willing to meet and help students outside class. (Q975)
  - Strongly Agree
- 7. Nicole Hamilton keeps students informed of their progress. (Q977)
  - Agree
- 8. Overall, this is an excellent course. (Q964)
  - Agree
- 9. What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)
  - The coding assignments are helping me learn. I learn best through practical examples and the assignments are a good way for me to learn more.
- 10. How can Nicole Hamilton improve this class? If possible, give specific examples. (Q980)
  - [No Response]
- 11. Please enter any additional comments you have for Nicole Hamilton. (Q981)
  - [No Response]
- 12. I think this class may help me get a job.
  - Neutral
- 13. Splitting things up as a team, I don't code everything myself but I'm still learning how everything works.
  - Agree
- 14. Working on a team of 6 or 7 is really cool and not like any other class.
  - Agree
- 15. What's been the most interesting part of the class so far?
  - I like the operating systems portion of the class.
- 16. Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful?
  - The assignments that will be part of the final search engine eg htmlparser

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1. I am learning a great deal in this course. (Q966)	

- 2. Nicole Hamilton is enthusiastic. (Q114)
  - Agree

Strongly Agree

- 3. Overall, Nicole Hamilton is an excellent teacher. (Q965)
  - Agree
- 4. Nicole Hamilton acknowledges all questions insofar as possible. (Q968)
  - Agree
- 5. Nicole Hamilton uses techniques to foster class participation. (Q972)
  - Agree
- 6. Nicole Hamilton is willing to meet and help students outside class. (Q975)
  - Strongly Agree
- 7. Nicole Hamilton keeps students informed of their progress. (Q977)
  - Agree
- 8. Overall, this is an excellent course. (Q964)
  - Strongly Agree
- 9. What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)
  - [No Response]
- 10. How can Nicole Hamilton improve this class? If possible, give specific examples. (Q980)
  - [No Response]
- 11. Please enter any additional comments you have for Nicole Hamilton. (Q981)
  - [No Response]
- 12. I think this class may help me get a job.
  - Agree
- 13. Splitting things up as a team, I don't code everything myself but I'm still learning how everything works.
  - Agree
- 14. Working on a team of 6 or 7 is really cool and not like any other class.
  - Agree
- 15. What's been the most interesting part of the class so far?
  - [No Response]
- 16. Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful?
  - [No Response]

- 1. I am learning a great deal in this course. (Q966)
  - Strongly Agree
- 2. Nicole Hamilton is enthusiastic. (Q114)
  - Agree
- 3. Overall, Nicole Hamilton is an excellent teacher. (Q965)
  - Agree
- 4. Nicole Hamilton acknowledges all questions insofar as possible. (Q968)
  - Strongly Agree
- 5. Nicole Hamilton uses techniques to foster class participation. (Q972)
  - Agree
- 6. Nicole Hamilton is willing to meet and help students outside class. (Q975)
  - Strongly Agree
- 7. Nicole Hamilton keeps students informed of their progress. (Q977)
  - Agree
- 8. Overall, this is an excellent course. (Q964)
  - Strongly Agree
- 9. What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)
  - relaxed, self-paced, content interesting, cultivated a good collaborative atmosphere.
- 10. How can Nicole Hamilton improve this class? If possible, give specific examples. (Q980)
  - more guidance on how to write good C++ code
- 11. Please enter any additional comments you have for Nicole Hamilton. (Q981)
  - Different from most every other teacher I've had. Can be frustrating at times, but overall zany and fun, feels like she's available and personable
- 12. I think this class may help me get a job.
  - Strongly Agree
- 13. Splitting things up as a team, I don't code everything myself but I'm still learning how everything works.
  - Neutral
- 14. Working on a team of 6 or 7 is really cool and not like any other class.
  - Agree
- 15. What's been the most interesting part of the class so far?
  - · just general information retrieval concepts
- 16. Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful?
  - o getting down to bare bits in hashblob helped, linuxUrl / Ssl helped w/ networking stuff

**Instructor Name: Nicole Hamilton** 

1. I am learning a great deal in this course. (Q966)

- Strongly Agree
- 2. Nicole Hamilton is enthusiastic. (Q114)
  - Strongly Agree
- 3. Overall, Nicole Hamilton is an excellent teacher. (Q965)
  - Strongly Agree
- 4. Nicole Hamilton acknowledges all questions insofar as possible. (Q968)
  - Strongly Agree
- 5. Nicole Hamilton uses techniques to foster class participation. (Q972)
  - Strongly Agree
- 6. Nicole Hamilton is willing to meet and help students outside class. (Q975)
  - Strongly Agree
- 7. Nicole Hamilton keeps students informed of their progress. (Q977)
  - Strongly Agree
- 8. Overall, this is an excellent course. (Q964)
  - Strongly Agree
- 9. What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)
  - This class makes it so that we have to, as a group of students, come up with an understanding together about a project
    with a lot of moving parts, decide how to organize a workflow, and design an efficient solution while laying out all the ideas
    on the table. It's helping me learn the ways of real—world industry software engineering, and I'm really grateful for that
    opportunity.
- 10. How can Nicole Hamilton improve this class? If possible, give specific examples. (Q980)
  - no improvement suggestions :)
- 11. Please enter any additional comments you have for Nicole Hamilton. (Q981)
  - I really love how engaging you are with the students and how you connect new topics to applicable things I've never thought about before. For example, preorder, inorder, postorder traverseals—I'd never thought of applications for them beyond just leetcode/data structures and algorithm classes, but you gave that insight to us.
- 12. I think this class may help me get a job.
  - Strongly Agree
- 13. Splitting things up as a team, I don't code everything myself but I'm still learning how everything works.
  - Strongly Agree
- 14. Working on a team of 6 or 7 is really cool and not like any other class.
  - Strongly Agree
- 15. What's been the most interesting part of the class so far?
  - Learning about web standards and how they've been shaped/changed overtime. Also seeing how different techniques
    have risen based on problems with earlier techniques, even though those earlier techniques, at the time, seemed like the
    best solution.
- 16. Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful?
  - Multithreaded file operations, HTML parser, HashBlob

- 1. I am learning a great deal in this course. (Q966)
  - Agree
- 2. Nicole Hamilton is enthusiastic. (Q114)
  - Strongly Agree
- 3. Overall, Nicole Hamilton is an excellent teacher. (Q965)
  - Strongly Agree
- 4. Nicole Hamilton acknowledges all questions insofar as possible. (Q968)
  - Strongly Agree
- 5. Nicole Hamilton uses techniques to foster class participation. (Q972)
  - Agree
- 6. Nicole Hamilton is willing to meet and help students outside class. (Q975)
  - Strongly Agree
- 7. Nicole Hamilton keeps students informed of their progress. (Q977)
  - Strongly Agree
- 8. Overall, this is an excellent course. (Q964)
  - Agree
- 9. What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)
  - The small assignments help us get better guidelines for the search engine.
- 10. How can Nicole Hamilton improve this class? If possible, give specific examples. (Q980)
  - [No Response]
- 11. Please enter any additional comments you have for Nicole Hamilton. (Q981)
  - [No Response]
- 12. I think this class may help me get a job.
  - Strongly Agree
- 13. Splitting things up as a team, I don't code everything myself but I'm still learning how everything works.
  - Strongly Agree
- 14. Working on a team of 6 or 7 is really cool and not like any other class.
  - Agree
- 15. What's been the most interesting part of the class so far?
  - Actually being able to see parts of code come together to create a search engine is fascinating.
- 16. Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful?
  - UTF-8, Linux server assignments

- 1. I am learning a great deal in this course. (Q966)
  - Agree
- 2. Nicole Hamilton is enthusiastic. (Q114)
  - Strongly Agree
- 3. Overall, Nicole Hamilton is an excellent teacher. (Q965)
  - Strongly Agree
- 4. Nicole Hamilton acknowledges all questions insofar as possible. (Q968)
  - Strongly Agree
- 5. Nicole Hamilton uses techniques to foster class participation. (Q972)
  - Strongly Agree
- 6. Nicole Hamilton is willing to meet and help students outside class. (Q975)
  - Strongly Agree
- 7. Nicole Hamilton keeps students informed of their progress. (Q977)
  - Strongly Agree
- 8. Overall, this is an excellent course. (Q964)
  - Strongly Agree
- 9. What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)
  - Really cool teacher who loves to answer questions
- 10. How can Nicole Hamilton improve this class? If possible, give specific examples. (Q980)
  - [No Response]
- 11. Please enter any additional comments you have for Nicole Hamilton. (Q981)
  - You're probably the coolest professor I've had :)
- 12. I think this class may help me get a job.
  - Agree
- 13. Splitting things up as a team, I don't code everything myself but I'm still learning how everything works.
  - Agree
- 14. Working on a team of 6 or 7 is really cool and not like any other class.
  - Strongly Agree
- 15. What's been the most interesting part of the class so far?
  - I think the concept of a bloom filter is really cool
- 16. Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful?
  - Hashtable/Hashblob helped me learn a lot

- 1. I am learning a great deal in this course. (Q966)
  - Strongly Agree
- 2. Nicole Hamilton is enthusiastic. (Q114)
  - Strongly Agree
- 3. Overall, Nicole Hamilton is an excellent teacher. (Q965)
  - Strongly Agree
- 4. Nicole Hamilton acknowledges all questions insofar as possible. (Q968)
  - Strongly Agree
- 5. Nicole Hamilton uses techniques to foster class participation. (Q972)
  - Agree
- 6. Nicole Hamilton is willing to meet and help students outside class. (Q975)
  - Strongly Agree
- 7. Nicole Hamilton keeps students informed of their progress. (Q977)
  - Agree
- 8. Overall, this is an excellent course. (Q964)
  - Strongly Agree
- 9. What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)
  - To me, the major strengths of this class include learning a lot of c++ and getting some experience of what it feels like to be
    on an actual team of coders where you are writing a fraction of the code base. The in class examples are very useful in
    helping me learn how to apply what we are learning to the real world.
- 10. How can Nicole Hamilton improve this class? If possible, give specific examples. (Q980)
  - I think the only thing I would improve about the class would be making the exam questions more clear on the type of response wanted. For some of the questions I responded in a generic way that would be considered "correct" in another class since I mentioned the main idea just to find out I needed to include n specific details about how to exactly step by step do the thing. Other than that I love the way the class is taught and I am learning a lot!
- 11. Please enter any additional comments you have for Nicole Hamilton. (Q981)
  - [No Response]
- 12. I think this class may help me get a job.
  - Strongly Agree
- 13. Splitting things up as a team, I don't code everything myself but I'm still learning how everything works.
  - Strongly Agree
- 14. Working on a team of 6 or 7 is really cool and not like any other class.
  - Strongly Agree
- 15. What's been the most interesting part of the class so far?
  - The most interesting part of the class so far was learning how the inverse index works.
- 16. Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful?
  - I think the utf–8 assignment was the most helpful for me since it was very hard for me to understand during lecture.

- 1. I am learning a great deal in this course. (Q966)
  - Strongly Agree
- 2. Nicole Hamilton is enthusiastic. (Q114)
  - Strongly Agree
- 3. Overall, Nicole Hamilton is an excellent teacher. (Q965)
  - Strongly Agree
- 4. Nicole Hamilton acknowledges all questions insofar as possible. (Q968)
  - Strongly Agree
- 5. Nicole Hamilton uses techniques to foster class participation. (Q972)
  - Strongly Agree
- 6. Nicole Hamilton is willing to meet and help students outside class. (Q975)
  - Strongly Agree
- 7. Nicole Hamilton keeps students informed of their progress. (Q977)
  - Strongly Agree
- 8. Overall, this is an excellent course. (Q964)
  - Strongly Agree
- 9. What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)
  - The class allows you to explore aspects that you are interested in and also encourages us to put in a lot of effort and learn tools that we will actually use in our jobs.
- 10. How can Nicole Hamilton improve this class? If possible, give specific examples. (Q980)
  - [No Response]
- 11. Please enter any additional comments you have for Nicole Hamilton. (Q981)
  - [No Response]
- 12. I think this class may help me get a job.
  - Strongly Agree
- 13. Splitting things up as a team, I don't code everything myself but I'm still learning how everything works.
  - Strongly Agree
- 14. Working on a team of 6 or 7 is really cool and not like any other class.
  - Strongly Agree
- 15. What's been the most interesting part of the class so far?
  - I have loved the system design aspect of this course and haven't gotten that anywhere else.
- 16. Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful?
  - The HashBlob Assignment was very helpful.

- 1. I am learning a great deal in this course. (Q966)
  - Strongly Agree
- 2. Nicole Hamilton is enthusiastic. (Q114)
  - Agree
- 3. Overall, Nicole Hamilton is an excellent teacher. (Q965)
  - Neutral
- 4. Nicole Hamilton acknowledges all questions insofar as possible. (Q968)
  - Strongly Agree
- 5. Nicole Hamilton uses techniques to foster class participation. (Q972)
  - Strongly Agree
- 6. Nicole Hamilton is willing to meet and help students outside class. (Q975)
  - Strongly Agree
- 7. Nicole Hamilton keeps students informed of their progress. (Q977)
  - Strongly Agree
- 8. Overall, this is an excellent course. (Q964)
  - Strongly Agree
- 9. What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)
  - Unique, fun topics
- 10. How can Nicole Hamilton improve this class? If possible, give specific examples. (Q980)
  - N/A
- 11. Please enter any additional comments you have for Nicole Hamilton. (Q981)
  - N/A
- 12. I think this class may help me get a job.
  - Strongly Agree
- 13. Splitting things up as a team, I don't code everything myself but I'm still learning how everything works.
  - Strongly Agree
- 14. Working on a team of 6 or 7 is really cool and not like any other class.
  - Strongly Agree
- 15. What's been the most interesting part of the class so far?
  - Learning the new topics for making a search engine
- 16. Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful?
  - · All of them are pretty fun

- 1. I am learning a great deal in this course. (Q966)
  - Strongly Agree
- 2. Nicole Hamilton is enthusiastic. (Q114)
  - Strongly Agree
- 3. Overall, Nicole Hamilton is an excellent teacher. (Q965)
  - Strongly Agree
- 4. Nicole Hamilton acknowledges all questions insofar as possible. (Q968)
  - Strongly Agree
- 5. Nicole Hamilton uses techniques to foster class participation. (Q972)
  - Strongly Agree
- 6. Nicole Hamilton is willing to meet and help students outside class. (Q975)
  - Strongly Agree
- 7. Nicole Hamilton keeps students informed of their progress. (Q977)
  - Strongly Agree
- 8. Overall, this is an excellent course. (Q964)
  - Strongly Agree
- 9. What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)
  - Professor Hamilton is a great professor and makes the class really fun. She is extraordinarily knowledgeable on the subject matter.
- 10. How can Nicole Hamilton improve this class? If possible, give specific examples. (Q980)
  - [No Response]
- 11. Please enter any additional comments you have for Nicole Hamilton. (Q981)
  - [No Response]
- 12. I think this class may help me get a job.
  - Strongly Agree
- 13. Splitting things up as a team, I don't code everything myself but I'm still learning how everything works.
  - Strongly Agree
- 14. Working on a team of 6 or 7 is really cool and not like any other class.
  - Strongly Agree
- 15. What's been the most interesting part of the class so far?
  - Working in a large team is like working in a team in industry, based on my internship experiences.
- 16. Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful?
  - [No Response]

- 1. I am learning a great deal in this course. (Q966)
  - Agree
- 2. Nicole Hamilton is enthusiastic. (Q114)
  - Strongly Agree
- 3. Overall, Nicole Hamilton is an excellent teacher. (Q965)
  - Agree
- 4. Nicole Hamilton acknowledges all questions insofar as possible. (Q968)
  - Agree
- 5. Nicole Hamilton uses techniques to foster class participation. (Q972)
  - Agree
- 6. Nicole Hamilton is willing to meet and help students outside class. (Q975)
  - Strongly Agree
- 7. Nicole Hamilton keeps students informed of their progress. (Q977)
  - Agree
- 8. Overall, this is an excellent course. (Q964)
  - Agree
- 9. What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)
  - Getting to work with low level linux
- 10. How can Nicole Hamilton improve this class? If possible, give specific examples. (Q980)
  - A lot of the lecture topics have been too simple such as http or multithreading while other topics which are new for everyone felt rushed like ISR and the index
- 11. Please enter any additional comments you have for Nicole Hamilton. (Q981)
  - I think there was value in rebuilding the hash table DS, but redoing string, vector, etc felt like a poor use of my time and didn't include meaningful design decisions. Also, sometimes when people are trying to ask questions or raise concerns, you try to infer what they are asking or finish their sentence instead of letting them finish, which makes it hard for them to adequately express themselves.
- 12. I think this class may help me get a job.
  - Neutral
- 13. Splitting things up as a team, I don't code everything myself but I'm still learning how everything works.
  - Agree
- 14. Working on a team of 6 or 7 is really cool and not like any other class.
  - Disagree
- 15. What's been the most interesting part of the class so far?
  - Learning about linux syscalls
- 16. Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful?
  - [No Response]

- 1. I am learning a great deal in this course. (Q966)
  - Strongly Agree
- 2. Nicole Hamilton is enthusiastic. (Q114)
  - Agree
- 3. Overall, Nicole Hamilton is an excellent teacher. (Q965)
  - Agree
- 4. Nicole Hamilton acknowledges all questions insofar as possible. (Q968)
  - Strongly Agree
- 5. Nicole Hamilton uses techniques to foster class participation. (Q972)
  - Strongly Agree
- 6. Nicole Hamilton is willing to meet and help students outside class. (Q975)
  - Agree
- 7. Nicole Hamilton keeps students informed of their progress. (Q977)
  - Agree
- 8. Overall, this is an excellent course. (Q964)
  - Agree
- 9. What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)
  - The autograded assignments provide a good starting point for various components of the search engine system while providing guidance on whether you've implemented them correctly.
- 10. How can Nicole Hamilton improve this class? If possible, give specific examples. (Q980)
  - [No Response]
- 11. Please enter any additional comments you have for Nicole Hamilton. (Q981)
  - [No Response]
- 12. I think this class may help me get a job.
  - N/A
- 13. Splitting things up as a team, I don't code everything myself but I'm still learning how everything works.
  - Agree
- 14. Working on a team of 6 or 7 is really cool and not like any other class.
  - Agree
- 15. What's been the most interesting part of the class so far?
  - The autonomy granted to us to work on our search engine system with our own design at our own pace
- 16. Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful?
  - The HTML parser

- 1. I am learning a great deal in this course. (Q966)
  - Strongly Agree
- 2. Nicole Hamilton is enthusiastic. (Q114)
  - Strongly Agree
- 3. Overall, Nicole Hamilton is an excellent teacher. (Q965)
  - Strongly Agree
- 4. Nicole Hamilton acknowledges all questions insofar as possible. (Q968)
  - Strongly Agree
- 5. Nicole Hamilton uses techniques to foster class participation. (Q972)
  - Strongly Agree
- 6. Nicole Hamilton is willing to meet and help students outside class. (Q975)
  - Strongly Agree
- 7. Nicole Hamilton keeps students informed of their progress. (Q977)
  - Strongly Agree
- 8. Overall, this is an excellent course. (Q964)
  - Strongly Agree
- 9. What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)
  - [No Response]
- 10. How can Nicole Hamilton improve this class? If possible, give specific examples. (Q980)
  - [No Response]
- 11. Please enter any additional comments you have for Nicole Hamilton. (Q981)
  - [No Response]
- 12. I think this class may help me get a job.
  - Strongly Agree
- 13. Splitting things up as a team, I don't code everything myself but I'm still learning how everything works.
  - Strongly Agree
- 14. Working on a team of 6 or 7 is really cool and not like any other class.
  - Agree
- 15. What's been the most interesting part of the class so far?
  - [No Response]
- 16. Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful?
  - [No Response]

- 1. I am learning a great deal in this course. (Q966)
  - Strongly Agree
- 2. Nicole Hamilton is enthusiastic. (Q114)
  - Strongly Agree
- 3. Overall, Nicole Hamilton is an excellent teacher. (Q965)
  - Strongly Agree
- 4. Nicole Hamilton acknowledges all questions insofar as possible. (Q968)
  - Strongly Agree
- 5. Nicole Hamilton uses techniques to foster class participation. (Q972)
  - Strongly Agree
- 6. Nicole Hamilton is willing to meet and help students outside class. (Q975)
  - Strongly Agree
- 7. Nicole Hamilton keeps students informed of their progress. (Q977)
  - Strongly Agree
- 8. Overall, this is an excellent course. (Q964)
  - Strongly Agree
- 9. What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)
  - [No Response]
- 10. How can Nicole Hamilton improve this class? If possible, give specific examples. (Q980)
  - [No Response]
- 11. Please enter any additional comments you have for Nicole Hamilton. (Q981)
  - [No Response]
- 12. I think this class may help me get a job.
  - Strongly Agree
- 13. Splitting things up as a team, I don't code everything myself but I'm still learning how everything works.
  - Strongly Agree
- 14. Working on a team of 6 or 7 is really cool and not like any other class.
  - Strongly Agree
- 15. What's been the most interesting part of the class so far?
  - [No Response]
- 16. Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful?
  - [No Response]

- 1. I am learning a great deal in this course. (Q966)
  - Strongly Agree
- 2. Nicole Hamilton is enthusiastic. (Q114)
  - Strongly Agree
- 3. Overall, Nicole Hamilton is an excellent teacher. (Q965)
  - Strongly Agree
- 4. Nicole Hamilton acknowledges all questions insofar as possible. (Q968)
  - Agree
- 5. Nicole Hamilton uses techniques to foster class participation. (Q972)
  - Agree
- 6. Nicole Hamilton is willing to meet and help students outside class. (Q975)
  - [No Response]
- 7. Nicole Hamilton keeps students informed of their progress. (Q977)
  - Strongly Agree
- 8. Overall, this is an excellent course. (Q964)
  - Agree
- 9. What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)
  - How much Prof Hamilton is willing to extend her work to help students do well in the class.
- 10. How can Nicole Hamilton improve this class? If possible, give specific examples. (Q980)
  - Somewhat more structure and guidance on the project. Although it is supposed to be open ended.
- 11. Please enter any additional comments you have for Nicole Hamilton. (Q981)
  - [No Response]
- 12. I think this class may help me get a job.
  - Agree
- 13. Splitting things up as a team, I don't code everything myself but I'm still learning how everything works.
  - Agree
- 14. Working on a team of 6 or 7 is really cool and not like any other class.
  - Strongly Agree
- 15. What's been the most interesting part of the class so far?
  - Understanding different constraints of the search engine
- 16. Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful?
  - HTML Parser