

My experience with FIN-388 has been a unique experience since this is the first time an entire Lehigh project has taken so much input from me as an individual over a span of a semester. Going against the odds of not having technical expertise as a team, we have handled a large amount of data with a reasonable amount of factors being covered by our model. Team members have been contributive for the most part, the only concern was that we divided our work very clearly so sometimes we did not know what exactly the other person has been through to achieve an end result. Our sponsor Jefferies has only checked in on us once before Spring break with only a presentation on alternative data without too much advice on what they specifically want from us. That was also before we have narrowed down our choices, where we could really use a few more tips. The department never checked in on us other than our advisor Burak who has been very helpful and patient. I did appreciate Professor Bowen's questions on our model during the presentation but I feel like if the department expects a certain quality of our work, we should have access to more resources or at least a few more check-ins throughout the span of four months. As to our advisor, I genuinely appreciate all the encouragement and guidance to make sure we achieve our goals. Looking back at the program, maybe a bit more coding lessons could have been useful, and perhaps our team should have jumped into the model earlier so we did not have to overstress in the last four weeks. Overall, I am extremely grateful for the course that offers a good team dynamic and the opportunity to let us explore the topic using our own knowledge and skillset.