Nicholas Wong

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EDUCATION

University of Illinois Urbana - Champaign, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

GPA: 3.41/4.00 Bachelor of Science in Statistics

Academic Achievements: Dean's List (Spring 2022, Fall 2023)

Relevant Coursework: Data Management in the Cloud, Ethics and Policy for Data Science, Modeling and Learning in Data Science

LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Statistical Computing - STAT 428

Champaign, IL

Course Assistant

January 2025 - Present

Expected Graduation: May 2025

- Grading half of the exam and homework questions submitted by 65 students on Gradescope biweekly
- Working closely with the TA on Slack to provide consistent and fair grading based on provided solutions and rubrics

Discrete Structures - CS 173

Champaign, IL

Course Assistant

January 2025 – Present

- Helping students work in groups during class
- Tutoring students at office hours, working patiently with confused beginners

Statistical Programming Methods - STAT 385

Champaign, IL

Course Assistant

August 2024 – December 2024

Proctored 2 virtual exams along with conflict / makeup exams as needed Graded final projects on Shiny apps

Advanced Data Analysis – STAT 448

Champaign, IL

Course Assistant

January 2024 – May 2024

- Graded 7 homework assignments and quizzes
- Monitored Canvas Discussions to answer any student questions and tracked student's participation

Basics of Statistical Learning - STAT 432

Champaign, IL

Course Assistant

January 2024 - May 2024

- Graded 10 homework assignments and a final project
- Helped with proctoring 2 exams and monitored Canvas Discussions to answer any student questions

Applied Technologies for Learning in the Arts and Sciences - ATLAS

Champaign, IL

AI Research Intern

August 2023 - May 2024

- Constructed a full-stack web application generating 3 "spotlight" paragraphs at a time for ATLAS using OpenAI's ChatGPT 3.5
- Trained a fine-tuned AI large language model using LLaMA AI's open-source platform using 1,000+ real and artificial datasets

Statistical Modeling I – STAT 425

Champaign, IL

Course Assistant

August 2023 - May 2024

- Graded 12 weekly assignments and 2 exams online based on provided rubrics
- Helped proctor 2 online exams in Zoom and monitored Campuswire discussion feed to answer any student questions

Data Science Discovery - STAT 107

Champaign, IL August 2022 – December 2022

Course Assistant

Assisted in weekly lab sections and wrote solutions for those labs

- Helped at office hours weekly to help around 600 students along with helping with extra office hours on exam weeks

ACTIVITIES

Blackwell Summer Scholars Program

Champaign, IL

Scholar

June 2024 – August 2024

- Advanced my knowledge through a Research Project on Zillow Housing Cost Prediction with scholar Valentina Flores
- Worked alongside Professor Hyoeun Lee in conducting this research based on Data Science, Mathematics, and Statistics

Illini Statistics Club

Champaign, IL

September 2021 - Present Member

- Hosts 4 types of events: Career Development Events, Datathons, Skill Development Events, and Social Events
- Skill Development Events host workshops dealing with coding languages such as Python and R

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages: C++, Java, Python, R, Rust, SAS, SQL