

# Miranda Lao

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## Education

### Olin College of Engineering

B.S. in Engineering with Concentration in Mathematics

May 2020 | GPA: 3.87

#### Selected Coursework

Topics in Abstract Algebra	Graph Theory
Discrete & Convex Geometry	Elements of Analysis I
User-Oriented Collaborative Design	Number Theory
Affordable Design & Entrepreneurship	Machine Learning
Design for Manufacture	Thermodynamics
Mechanics of Solids and Structures	Quantum Physics
Intro to Mechanical Prototyping	Products and Markets

## Experience

### ITA International

#### Analyst

Vienna, VA | Jul 2020 - Present

Automated data preparation, processing, and visualization using Python, Microsoft Excel, Tableau, and Power BI. Formulated and coded models for data analysis in Python. Created data visualizations using Tableau and Power BI. Documented model assumptions, development, formulation, and use cases in presentations and user guides. Researched government regulation, guidance, and policy to develop cost and data models.

### Southern University of Science and Technology

#### Da Vinci Challenge Camp Program Instructor

Shenzhen, China | Jun 2019 - Aug 2019

Guided multiple first-year undergraduate student teams through a first-iteration project-based engineering camp. Worked with program coordinators and other instructors to design and troubleshoot curriculum for the camp. Gave presentations to students on various topics, such as Design Thinking and Rapid Prototyping. Translated (Mandarin / English) between international instructors and students.

### Aberdeen Test Center

#### Mechanical Design Engineering Intern

Aberdeen Proving Grounds, MD | Jun 2018 - Aug 2018

Assisted engineers by performing calculations, making and reviewing CAD drawings, and performing test-site jobs. Worked with another intern on various CAD designs, project assembly, and machining tasks. Participated in design reviews and attended program briefings.

## Selected Projects

### Early Hearing Health Screening

Needham, MA | Sep 2019 - May 2020

Senior Engineering capstone project done through the Affordable Design and Entrepreneurship program, part of an eight person team. Launched a new project focused on making early hearing health screening more accessible in majority world contexts. Laid a foundation for a multi-year project by forming connections with existing organizations, researching existing otoacoustic emissions technology, and finding a suitable location to partner with for eventual deployment.

### Robot Hand

Needham, MA | Oct 2019 - Dec 2019

Final project for the Design for Manufacture course, part of a five person team. Redesigned a robot hand to be more cost-effective, easier to manufacture and assemble, and to be compatible with a UR5 robot arm. Reduced original bill of materials cost from ~\$1600 to \$418. Actualized our design through fabrication and presented a working demo.

### 3D-Printable Origami Glider

Needham, MA | Jun 2017 - Aug 2017

A 10-week summer research project under Professor Chris Lee at Olin College of Engineering, part of a five person team. Examined the applicability of origami flat-folding patterns to create self-deploying fixed-wing aircraft, and viability of 3D-printing techniques to fabricate them. Went through design iterations, ending with a working final prototype that self-deployed and glided to the ground from an initial drop.

## Skills

### Data Processing and Visualization

Python  
Microsoft Excel (with VBA)  
Tableau  
Power BI

### Documentation

Microsoft Office Suite  
LaTeX  
HTML / CSS  
Adobe Creative Suite  
Photoshop  
Illustrator  
InDesign  
Premier

### Other Programming

Java  
MATLAB  
Git  
Processing

### Mechanical Design

DFM/DFA Analysis  
FEA  
CAD  
(Solidworks, Fusion 360)  
CAM  
(Fusion 360)

### Prototyping

3D Printing  
Laser Cutting  
Milling (Manual, CNC)  
Turning (Manual Lathe)  
Sheet Metal Fabrication