

# JHU - Krieger School of Arts & Sciences / Whiting School of Engineering

## ASEN.2025.Fall Project 2

**Course:** EN.553.433.01.FA25: Monte Carlo Methods  
**Instructor:** James Spall, Apurva Nakade \*  
**Response Rate:** 15/15 (100.00 %)

### 1 - The overall quality of this course is:

Response Option				Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means						
Poor				(1)	0	0.00%		4.53	4.22	4.25				
Weak				(2)	0	0.00%								
Satisfactory				(3)	2	13.33%								
Good				(4)	3	20.00%								
Excellent				(5)	10	66.67%								
N/A				(0)	0	0.00%								
							0	25	50	100	Question	School Level	Department Level	
Response Rate		Mean	STD	Median	School Level		Mean	STD	Median	Department Level		Mean	STD	Median
15/15 (100.00%)		4.53	0.74	5.00	12417		4.22	0.94	4.00	2036		4.25	0.89	4.00

### 2 - The instructor's teaching effectiveness is:

Apurva Nakade

Response Option				Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means							
Poor				(1)	0	0.00%									
Weak				(2)	0	0.00%									
Satisfactory				(3)	0	0.00%									
Good				(4)	5	33.33%									
Excellent				(5)	10	66.67%									
N/A				(0)	0	0.00%									
								0	25	50	100	Question	School Level	Department Level	
Response Rate		Mean	STD	Median	School Level		Mean	STD	Median	Department Level		Mean	STD	Median	
15/15 (100.00%)		4.67	0.49	5.00	14721		4.27	0.95	5.00	2121		4.30	0.93	5.00	

### 3 - The intellectual challenge of this course is:

Response Option				Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means						
Poor				(1)	0	0.00%								
Weak				(2)	1	6.67%								
Satisfactory				(3)	4	26.67%								
Good				(4)	3	20.00%								
Excellent				(5)	7	46.67%								
N/A				(0)	0	0.00%								
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Response Rate		Mean	STD	Median	School Level		Mean	STD	Median	Department Level		Mean	STD	Median
15/15 (100.00%)		4.07	1.03	4.00	12160		4.27	0.85	4.00	1995		4.38	0.81	5.00

### 4 - The teaching assistant for this course is:

Response Option				Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means						
Poor				(1)	1	6.67%								
Weak				(2)	1	6.67%								
Satisfactory				(3)	4	26.67%								
Good				(4)	1	6.67%								
Excellent				(5)	5	33.33%								
N/A				(0)	3	20.00%								
							0	25	50	100	Question	School Level	Department Level	
Response Rate		Mean	STD	Median	School Level		Mean	STD	Median	Department Level		Mean	STD	Median
15/15 (100.00%)		3.67	1.37	3.50	12045		4.27	0.93	5.00	1972		4.28	0.93	5.00

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5 - Please enter the name of the TA you evaluated in question 4:

Response Rate 8/15 (53.33%)

- Haojun Shi
- Haojun
- Qiuxin
- Haojun
- Haojun Shi
- Haojun
- Qiuxin
- Haojun and Qiuxin

6 - Feedback on my work for this course is useful:

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means						
Disagree strongly	(1)	0	0.00%								
Disagree somewhat	(2)	1	6.67%								
Neither agree nor disagree	(3)	5	33.33%								
Agree somewhat	(4)	3	20.00%								
Agree strongly	(5)	6	40.00%								
N/A	(0)	0	0.00%								
				0 25 50 100	Question	School Level	Department Level				
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	School Level	Mean	STD	Median	Department Level	Mean	STD	Median
15/15 (100.00%)	3.93	1.03	4.00	11938	4.15	0.98	4.00	1951	4.16	0.94	4.00

7 - Compared to other Hopkins courses at this level, the workload for this course is:

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means						
Much lighter	(1)	0	0.00%								
Somewhat lighter	(2)	6	40.00%								
Typical	(3)	4	26.67%								
Somewhat heavier	(4)	4	26.67%								
Much heavier	(5)	1	6.67%								
N/A	(0)	0	0.00%								
				0 25 50 100	Question	School Level	Department Level				
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	School Level	Mean	STD	Median	Department Level	Mean	STD	Median
15/15 (100.00%)	3.00	1.00	3.00	11959	3.34	0.96	3.00	1954	3.51	0.87	3.00

8 - What are the best aspects of this course?

Response Rate 6/15 (40%)

- The professor is very good and knowledgeable and able to adjust well to information on the fly
- The lectures are very well organized and the weekly quizzes are more convenient than a large-scale midterm/final.
- Wonderful course, all the content was very practical. In fact I used one of the topics in my paper right after being taught it (Bootstrapping).
- Fantastic course, great teaching, super interesting content, great course structure. Love the quizzes, homework and presentation concept.
- Easy. Straightforward Taught useful material
- I loved the lectures. Apurva is an amazing lecturer and is always willing to slow down and explain when students have questions.

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9 - What are the worst aspects of this course?

Response Rate 7/15 (46.67%)

- The TA was not effective when teaching material we had to know
- Weekly quizzes are a hit or miss in terms of question quality. I dislike the quizzes.
- N/A
- Nothing comes to mind, pretty well designed course.
- Weekly quizzes are annoying. I think a longer quiz every two weeks would be better Also the TAs barely taught anything during the section. They talked for 5 minutes barely audibly about material I often never used in assignments or quizzes and then gave us the quiz. There was no discussion or teaching
- The quizzes were difficult but not insanely so.
- Quizzes every week are challenging

10 - What would most improve this class?

Response Rate 4/15 (26.67%)

- Slightly more information on what information would be tested on the quizzes and maybe more code examples on the typed notes.
- Nothing comes to mind.
- Remove the final project, restructure the whole discussion section idea
- Maybe getting rid of the "review" in section because they weren't really helpful.

11 - What should prospective students know about this course before enrolling? (You may comment on any aspect of this course such as assumed background, readings, grading systems, and so on.)

Response Rate 5/15 (33.33%)

- 1. No midterms or finals (at least when I took the course). But weekly quizzes and a final project 2. The quizzes were not trivial and were somewhat tough.
- Great course. Highly recommend.
- Awesome course, really recommend.
- You can self study this class very easily. Workload can get annoying. Also talk to the professor in person instead of over email whenever possible.
- The class is quite a bit of work but the professor is great and understanding and the topics are very interesting