



## FINM 32900 1 - Full-Stack Quantitative Finance - Instructor(s) Jeremiah Bejarano

Project Title: **Graduate Course Feedback - Winter 2025**

Number Enrolled: **37**

Number of Responses: **21**

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### Report Comments

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**Please review and evaluate your work in this course overall.**

## Comments

I think the class was really helpful in teaching the designated objectives, and from a technical perspective, probably the largest amount I have learned in a single class.

This class was homework-focused, and I feel that the homeworks often took a decent bit of time handling bugs or issues or interpreting vague directions. However, this process is largely the point of the class, so I can't complain.

## Great Class

a straightforward class

This has been probably the most useful course that I have taken so far at UChicago. Learning proper software development processes has really given me the confidence that I can be a part of a modern quantitative workplace. While the coursework of other classes is also very helpful with learning the intricacies of the industry, this course has given me the tools that I feel that I will need to be able to effectively implement any of it. This course is a must take for anybody who does not have a substantial, formal background in programming. Also, professor is one of the nicest and most helpful faculty that I have ever had. I actually almost feel bad asking for help on the discussion board when I get stuck on the homework because I know that no matter what time it is or what he has going on, Professor is going to go out of his way to help me with what I'm stuck on. He's simply the best.

This course was very useful. Definitely recommend.

Interesting course, the first 2 weeks on automation is very useful and practical, but there are some weeks where materials are abit off tangent like package development. Course should tweak to follow its name "Full Stack" more. Maybe replace 1-2 lectures with actual Full stack career Quant required knowledge. HW sometimes abit pointless/never learn much, can consider more interesting topics in HW/focusing more on building the automation pipelines/website building/api/server rather than data science.

This course was amazing, quite essential for anyone wanting to work in jobs requiring coding / data analysis or quant finance related work. It takes us through the full workflow of detailed analysis that any firm could expect. The project workflow made me better equipped at coding as well as presenting my work better. The professor was also the best so helpful and maintained low stress environment.

All the materials helps me a lot!!! I learnt how to use github to manage my workflow. And I know a lot about CS knowledge. I think it is different from all my past class. Really helpful for my career path. Close to industry.

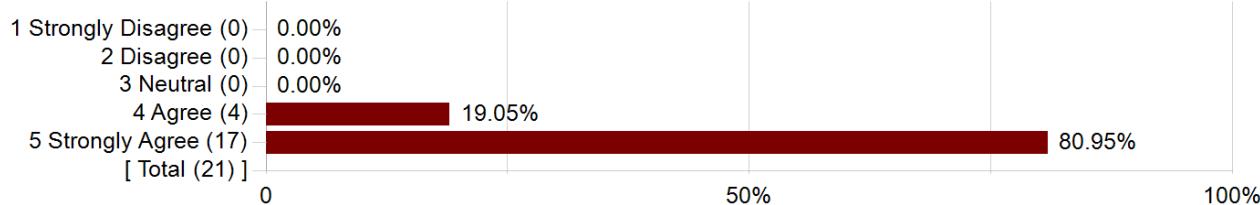
## Great learning

I liked the course. It taught me about many concepts. I felt the professor is really helpful and proactive and very likeable and knowledgeable.

Had a great time, I finally learned how to use git.

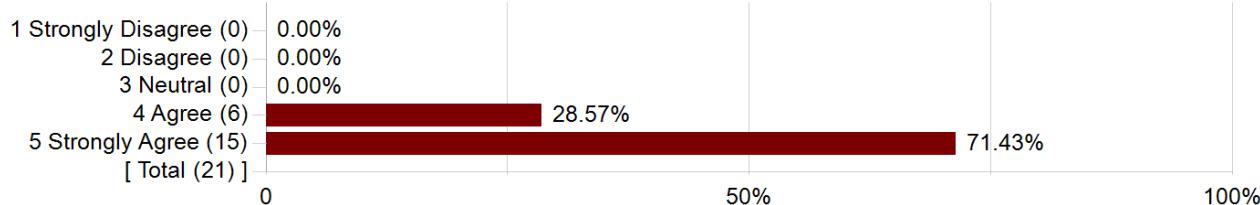
### Please review and evaluate the course on the following:

1. I took away useful tools, concepts, knowledge, or insights from this course.



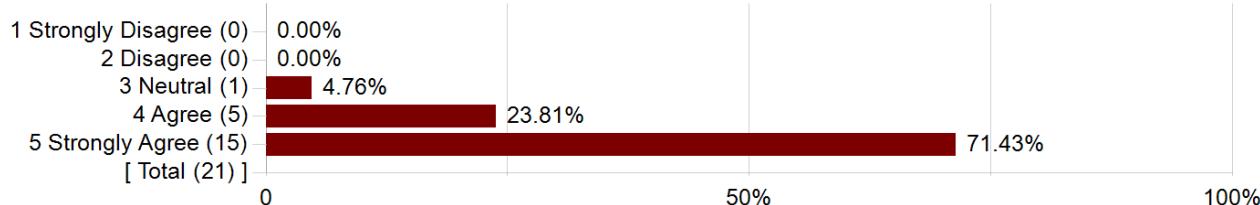
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2. I received regular, effective feedback to help me understand where I was in the learning process.



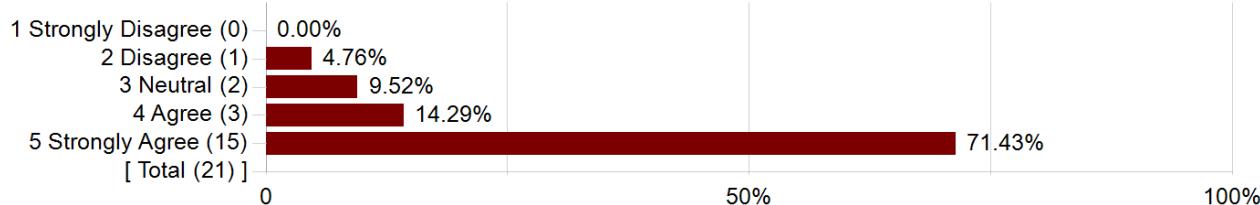
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3. I would recommend this course to other students.



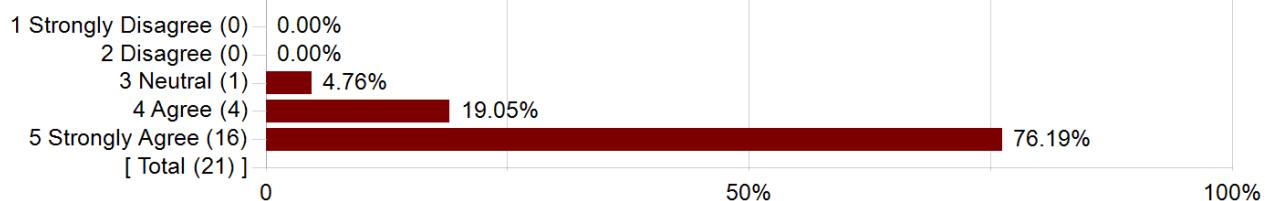
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4. The material in this course was constructively challenging.



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Standard Deviation	0.87
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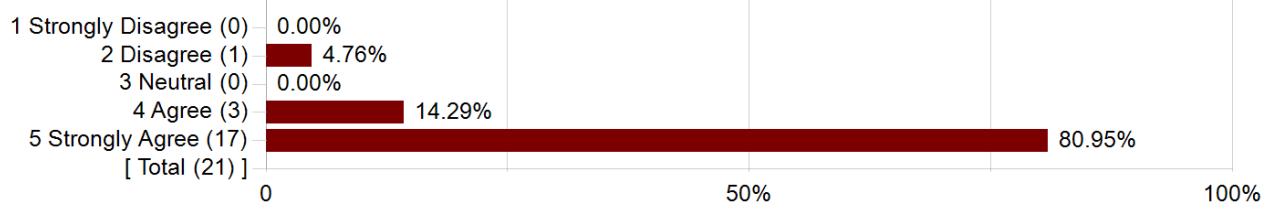
5. I felt that the classroom was an inclusive learning environment for me.



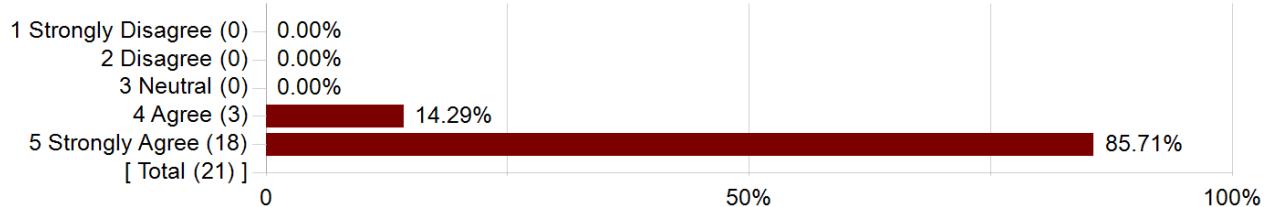
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**Please review and evaluate the faculty on the following:**

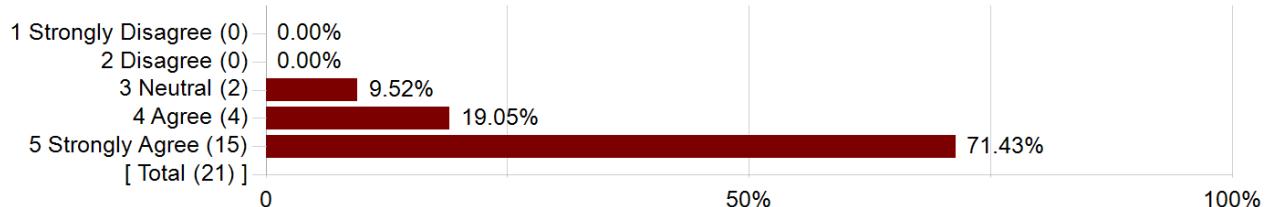
1. Conveyed the course material clearly and in an organized fashion.



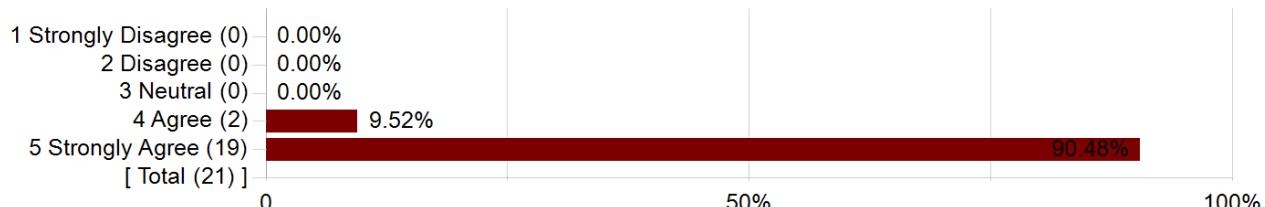
2. Communicated learning objectives effectively, including on the syllabus.



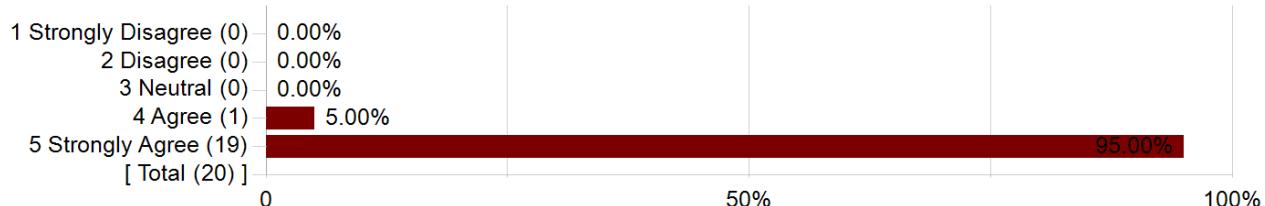
3. Made effective use of class time, remote learning resources, and/or supplemental materials that enhanced learning.



4. Successfully generated and sustained productive participation as appropriate.



5. Responsive and available via office hours, email, discussion boards, and other tools.



**Please elaborate on any of your responses above.**

Comments

If you do not know git this is a great course, not very difficult but it teaches you so much regarding the applied uses of github and other skills

Very responsive and motivated professor.

pretty good

This course was great. The course materials are so carefully and well put together and the assignments are so thorough that you could learn from them alone even if you had no other inputs. The amount of effort that went into teaching this class was clear!

great class overall

Biggest plus, is that you will have a dedicated professor, willing to answer and help out with any problems you have, or even personal full stack work you have.

I think Jermey was very helpful in making sure all concepts were grasped

Prof Jeremiah Bejarano is the nicest prof i met in UChicago. He is responsive, patient, kind, and cute as well ;)

**What aspects of the instructor's teaching contributed most and least to your learning?**

Comments

I think the homeworks were helpful. The lectures were also solid.

It was a great class

very clear lecture

The live demos were the most useful part. With every concept, Professor showed us exactly how to implement it.

Very responsive, helpful.

His patience and helpful nature. He was thorough in teaching from basics to bigger picture which helped me a lot.

Teaching us to code on class step by step!

Demonstrations

He prepared course material well

I really enjoyed that he broke down various topics in quantitative finance when explaining all of the new computer science aspects

**Please suggest any changes that could improve this course (e.g., class material, class structure, assignments, inclusive pedagogy).**

Comments

Maybe try to make some of the homework instructions a bit more concise/detailed.

Sometimes there were bug on HW

sometimes the assignments have some bugs and took a great amount of time

I have no suggestions!

More Full Stack related topics rather than data science

Discussion participation on Github can be minimized a bit as it seems difficult to compete with highly intuitive students already as all my participation would be dumb basic questions while they will be writing web development programs in comments. So given my background I feel like I will always stay at a lower level.

More homework assignments going into the technical aspects

I have no complaints

**Please comment on how respected, valued, and included you felt as a participant in the course.**

Comments
I felt respected.
The class was great
inclusive
I felt very valued. Every effort was made to guarantee that my experience in the course was flawless. No matter what I needed, Professor went out of his way to benefit my learning.
Great
Very respected and valued.
Professor really friendly and really want us to improve. He is always waiting for us to ask questions.
Extremely valued
i feel veryyy respected and prof will try to remember students' name. A very niceee and kind person!
Very respected. He is a wonderful person.

**Please include the name of the TA you are evaluating. What aspects of the TA's teaching contributed most to your learning? What could the TA modify to help you learn more? Please include any additional feedback for the TA.**

Comments
Viren Desai's half-lecture was very interesting!
Viren Desai was a great TA. He gave a very interesting lecture recently that I very much enjoyed. Overall, I have no recommendations for improvements!
Viren and Nick, but never interacted with them much as professor took on more office hours to help students.
Nick Lewis – great TA, very knowledgeable. Helped me out a lot.