

Dear future students of Nick's class,

I remember the beginning of my session. Nick's class seemed challenging, different, and all the more interesting as a result. It stood out to me not only because of the fields of engineering it was described to cover, but also because I could tell that the class would be a unique one that I would not be able to experience many other places. I was intrigued, yet conflicted. It was intimidating, and I'm sure Nick won't hold back to convey that message. He is being honest when he describes the class as extremely difficult; however, he is too modest in expressing how amazing the course actually is. I had an opportunity to choose Nick's class, and I trusted my instincts. I remember asking myself... Can it really be that hard? I'm at a summer program, it has to be more fun than utter challenge right? However, as I later saw, the challenge was what made Nick's class so much fun. I challenged myself in ways I never had before, learned how to ask new questions, and was driven to question the nature of those very questions. I was determined to think as unconventionally as possible and persevere in solving each problem. I could not be more appreciative of, not only the engineering topics and mathematical skills that Nick taught me, but also of the new way of thinking about the world around me. If you choose to join Nick's class, expect a challenge. Expect a different type of class than you're used to in which you will push yourself beyond what you think you are capable of. One thing I will admit, however, as enthusiastic as I was about starting Nick's course, I could not have predicted the outcome I experienced. Through somewhat unusual, and sometimes downright relentless teaching methods (I am referring to the suffering Nick coins "yoga"), Nick keeps you engaged, curious, and just confused enough to keep you coming back every day hungry for more. He is persistent to have you ask not only good questions, but the right questions. He teaches you valuable life skills and gives you confidence in your abilities. I know you have been waiting for confirmation, so, the answer is yes, the class is actually hard, but not unrealistic. In conclusion, this class has influenced my entire outlook on not only engineering, but my mindset altogether. I would strongly encourage those of you looking for a thoroughly grasping challenge and an overall gratifying experience to take Nick's class. I'm confident you will be glad you did.

Best,
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