

Hi Nick's future students,

You've probably set up some expectation for this class, whether it be fun, boring, challenging or easy. Just forget about this because you're going to be completely wrong. Nick's class is very unexpected and certainly not the traditional classroom environment. At first I was confused as to how any of the class related to electrical engineering, as it more closely resembled an extensive linear algebra course, punctuated with short video and yoga breaks. You'll also think that the yoga is relaxing as I did when I first heard that we were doing yoga. Don't be fooled because it's really not. My arms are still sore from the arm circles we did a couple hours ago. However all of this being said, you'll learn a lot. When receiving the first problem set, you'll likely panic at how difficult it is. It's okay though; you'll learn this in class! Nick will not directly teach you the material, however. He'll guide you in the right direction, but the rest will up to you to figure out with the help of your peers and TAs. Your peers are in exactly the same position as you, but it's amazing how much more can be understood when working together. The first homework assignment is a struggle, but the second and third assignments fly by as everyone eventually works with one another and grasps concepts more quickly. By the second week you'll finally understand what all the matrices have to do with images. Finally, by the third week, you'll have finished a project that you couldn't even fathom completing two weeks ago. Overall, although Nick's class is nowhere near easy, it's probably one of the most enjoyable experiences I've ever had. I've not only sharpened my mathematical and coding skills, but also have gotten an idea of what it feels like to truly think like an engineer.

-Kavya