9.02 Systems Neuroscience Lab

Term Evaluated: Spring 2011
Response Rate: 2 responses out of 12 enrolled

Recommended Pre-requisites: 9.01 and one student suggested 9.07 or 9.52 for the Matlab background

Motivation for taking the course: One took it because they needed a lab requirement and 9.12 didn’t fit into their schedule and another took it for fun because it sounded interesting

Both students really enjoyed the class because the labs were fun and meaningful while laid-back at the same time. The lecture, lab and recitation also tied in well together and for the most part, things were well-organized.

Students said that there weren’t too many assignments and none of them were terribly difficult. One student was frustrated that the expectations for the class were too low.

Best things about the course:
- Labs were fun and engaging
- Supportive teaching staff

Worst things about the course:
- Low expectations for what students knew and could remember from class to class made some lectures boring
- One student thought that recitations could have been better
**Grading:** Both students said that it was fair, but at times was graded too easily

### Professor James DiCarlo

Both students felt he was very enthusiastic about the subject. One felt like he sometimes went too fast, while the other felt that he went too slow.

### Professor Kevin Neville

The one student who answered appreciated his dedication and presence during all aspects of the course and felt his quizzes were fair and lectures were taught at a good level.

### Lecturer Monica Linden

The one student who responded felt she was very patient and managed recitations well.

**What future students should know about this course:**
- “Take this class; it's one of the better ones in Course 9. Even if you don't need another lab, try to take it anyway.”
- “I was really reticent about taking the class, but it was way better than 9.12. You should be prepared for the workload to be heavier the second half of the semester, but mostly super chill and I learned quite a bit.”