9.52 Quantitative Methods for Brain and Cognitive Science

Term Evaluated: Spring 2011
Response Rate: 2 responses out of 8 enrolled

Recommended Pre-requisites: Both students agreed that 18.03 was necessary. One suggested doing the Matlab course during IAP in preparation as well

Motivation for taking the course: Both students took it to fulfill the statistics requirement and one to get out of 9.07

Best things about the course:
- No exams or final
- Learned valuable skills
- Challenging but rewarding pace to the material

Worst things about the course:
- Problem sets took a really long time to do (one student said 15+ hours) and build off of previous questions so it’s easy to get stuck

One student felt that the material they learned was really useful and that they could apply it in lab and other classes. The other felt that the psets were difficult and the professors didn’t have enough time outside of class to help students with them

Neither student elaborated on their response
Grading: Both students said the course was graded fairly

Readings: One student said they were useful and the other did not

What future students should know about this course:
- “If you don’t know Matlab (or have never coded before) and would like to see how it can be useful for neuroscience, this class is really great.”
- “I haven't taken 9.07, but I don't think that 9.52 was much easier than 9.07 would have been just because it was not well-organized.”