

Columbia University: School of Engineering

Spring 2022 SEAS Final Evaluation

Course: COMSW4995_014_2022_1 - TOPICS IN COMPUTER SCIENCE
Instructor: Yongwhan Lim *
TA: Brian Paick,Akhil Ravipati
Response Rate: 26/52 (50.00 %)

1 - Course: Amount Learned

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.46		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	4	15.38%					
Very Good	(4)	6	23.08%					
Excellent	(5)	16	61.54%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
26/52 (50.00%)				4.46		0.76		5.00

2 - Course: Appropriateness of Workload

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.50		
Fair	(2)	1	3.85%					
Good	(3)	3	11.54%					
Very Good	(4)	4	15.38%					
Excellent	(5)	18	69.23%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
26/52 (50.00%)				4.50		0.86		5.00

3 - Course: Fairness of Grading Process

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.65		
Fair	(2)	1	3.85%					
Good	(3)	1	3.85%					
Very Good	(4)	4	15.38%					
Excellent	(5)	20	76.92%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
26/52 (50.00%)				4.65		0.75		5.00

4 - Course: Overall Quality

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.73		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	2	7.69%					
Very Good	(4)	3	11.54%					
Excellent	(5)	21	80.77%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
26/52 (50.00%)				4.73		0.60		5.00

5 - Enter any additional comments here

Response Rate 4/52 (7.69%)

- An excellent class that helped me land an internship for the summer
- The department should have opened this course long ago. I was fortunate enough to take this course before graduation. This course helped me get an offer from a FAANG company. The most helpful class I have taken at Columbia University so far.
- The course is an essential for our CS students looking for a job in industry, it properly prepares everyone for interviews and success in them.
- This class is my favorite at Columbia and I hope other students get to experience it too!

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6 - Instructor: Organization and Preparation

Yongwhan Lim

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	0	0.00%					
Very Good	(4)	5	19.23%					
Excellent	(5)	21	80.77%					
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
26/52 (50.00%)				4.81	0.40	5.00		

7 - Instructor: Classroom Delivery

Yongwhan Lim

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	1	3.85%					
Good	(3)	2	7.69%					
Very Good	(4)	6	23.08%					
Excellent	(5)	17	65.38%					
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
26/52 (50.00%)				4.50	0.81	5.00		

8 - Instructor: Approachability

Yongwhan Lim

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	1	3.85%					
Very Good	(4)	1	3.85%					
Excellent	(5)	24	92.31%					
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
26/52 (50.00%)				4.88	0.43	5.00		

9 - Instructor: Overall Quality

Yongwhan Lim

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	0	0.00%					
Very Good	(4)	3	11.54%					
Excellent	(5)	23	88.46%					
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
26/52 (50.00%)				4.88	0.33	5.00		



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10 - Would you nominate this professor for the SEAS Distinguished Faculty Award?

Yongwhan Lim

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Yes	(1)	20	90.91%					
No	(2)	2	9.09%					
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
22/52 (42.31%)				1.09		0.29		1.00



11 - If so, please explain why

Yongwhan Lim

Response Rate	14/52 (26.92%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yongwhan has always been very approachable, friendly, and helpful. • The professor is really knowledgeable in the area he is teaching. • The professor takes his own time out to help me prepare my resume and practiced mock interviews with me multiple times. Because of his help, I was well-prepared for the interview. In the end, I received a summer internship offer from Apple. His class taught me a lot of things about data structure and algorithms. It focuses a lot on the application instead of theory. I ended up using the knowledge from the class in my projects and interview preparation a lot. It is way more useful than theory class to me. • Professor Lim himself works at Google, is familiar with the interview process of large companies, and has first-class problem-solving skills for algorithms. Professors also value student feedback and continually adjust course content to help students achieve maximum benefit. • This has been my third year at Columbia however Professor Lim has been the first professor in SEAS that seems like they really care about the well-being of their students. He is very eager to see us succeed inside and outside the classroom and is always making sure that we are okay as students. When I was struggling with the course, he went out of his way to make sure that I could perform better and taught me a lot along the way. He also challenged us to do and be better but also made sure that it wasn't demoralizing. • Learned a lot from him! • Prof. Lim is very nice and patient. He gave me a lot of help during my learning journey. • He is so helpful and spent a lot of time on helping students. • He really cares about students success in and out of the classroom and is in a constant state of trying to improve his course and delivery, and takes all suggestions seriously. • He is a beast! • The most responsible professor ever. So nice and patient, and willing to stand at the students' perspective. I highly recommend his courses. • Very helpful and knowledgeable. • The nicest professor I've ever met. He cares a lot about his student. He listens opinions of his students and improve his course. • He prepared us with the most useful skills for tech interview and provide us insights as a instructor with industry experience, also like a friend to us, 	

12 - Overall Quality

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	1	6.25%					
Very Good	(4)	4	25.00%					
Excellent	(5)	11	68.75%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
16/52 (30.77%)				4.63		0.62		5.00

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12 - Overall Quality

Brian Paick

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Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	4	21.05%					
Very Good	(4)	5	26.32%					
Excellent	(5)	10	52.63%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
19/52 (36.54%)				4.32		0.82		5.00

12 - Overall Quality

Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	5	14.29%					
Very Good	(4)	9	25.71%					
Excellent	(5)	21	60.00%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
				4.46		0.74		5.00

13 - Knowledgeability

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	1	6.25%					
Very Good	(4)	4	25.00%					
Excellent	(5)	11	68.75%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
16/52 (30.77%)				4.63		0.62		5.00

13 - Knowledgeability

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	4	21.05%					
Very Good	(4)	5	26.32%					
Excellent	(5)	10	52.63%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
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13 - Knowledgeability

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Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	5	14.29%					
Very Good	(4)	9	25.71%					
Excellent	(5)	21	60.00%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
				4.46	0.74	5.00		

14 - Approachability

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	2	12.50%					
Very Good	(4)	3	18.75%					
Excellent	(5)	11	68.75%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
16/52 (30.77%)				4.56	0.73	5.00		

14 - Approachability

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	5	26.32%					
Very Good	(4)	4	21.05%					
Excellent	(5)	10	52.63%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
19/52 (36.54%)				4.26	0.87	5.00		

14 - Approachability

Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	7	20.00%					
Very Good	(4)	7	20.00%					
Excellent	(5)	21	60.00%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
				4.40	0.81	5.00		

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15 - Availability

Akhil Ravipati

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Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	2	13.33%					
Very Good	(4)	3	20.00%					
Excellent	(5)	10	66.67%					
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
15/52 (28.85%)				4.53	0.74	5.00		

15 - Availability

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	1	5.26%					
Good	(3)	4	21.05%					
Very Good	(4)	4	21.05%					
Excellent	(5)	10	52.63%					
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
19/52 (36.54%)				4.21	0.98	5.00		

15 - Availability

Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	1	2.94%					
Good	(3)	6	17.65%					
Very Good	(4)	7	20.59%					
Excellent	(5)	20	58.82%					
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
				4.35	0.88	5.00		

16 - Communication

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	1	6.25%					
Very Good	(4)	4	25.00%					
Excellent	(5)	11	68.75%					
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
16/52 (30.77%)				4.63	0.62	5.00		


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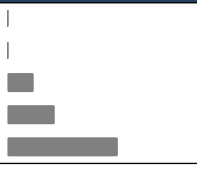
16 - Communication

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.32		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	4	21.05%	■				
Very Good	(4)	5	26.32%	■				
Excellent	(5)	10	52.63%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
19/52 (36.54%)				4.32		0.82		5.00


16 - Communication

Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.46		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	5	14.29%	■				
Very Good	(4)	9	25.71%	■				
Excellent	(5)	21	60.00%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
				4.46		0.74		5.00


17 - Does this TA communicate effectively in English?

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Yes	(1)	14	87.50%	■		1.25		
No	(2)	0	0.00%					
N/A	(3)	2	12.50%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
16/52 (30.77%)				1.25		0.68		1.00

17 - Does this TA communicate effectively in English?

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Yes	(1)	16	84.21%	■		1.26		
No	(2)	1	5.26%					
N/A	(3)	2	10.53%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
19/52 (36.54%)				1.26		0.65		1.00





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17 - Does this TA communicate effectively in English?

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Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Yes	(1)	30	85.71%					
No	(2)	1	2.86%					
N/A	(3)	4	11.43%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
				1.26		0.66		1.00

18 - Comments

Akhil Ravipati

Response Rate	0/52 (0%)
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18 - Comments

Brian Paick

Response Rate	2/52 (3.85%)
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- <3
- Good!

18 - Comments

Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Rate	
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- <3
- Good!