

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: 44/52 (84.62 %)

1 - Course: Amount Learned

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	4	9.09%					
Very Good	(4)	9	20.45%					
Excellent	(5)	31	70.45%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
44/52 (84.62%)				4.61		0.65		5.00

2 - Course: Appropriateness of Workload

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	1	2.27%					
Good	(3)	3	6.82%					
Very Good	(4)	7	15.91%					
Excellent	(5)	33	75.00%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
44/52 (84.62%)				4.64		0.72		5.00

3 - Course: Fairness of Grading Process

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	1	2.27%					
Good	(3)	1	2.27%					
Very Good	(4)	5	11.36%					
Excellent	(5)	37	84.09%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
44/52 (84.62%)				4.77		0.60		5.00

4 - Course: Overall Quality

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	2	4.55%					
Very Good	(4)	4	9.09%					
Excellent	(5)	38	86.36%					
				0 25 50 100	Question			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
44/52 (84.62%)				4.82		0.50		5.00

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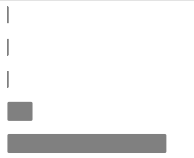
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Response Rate 7/52 (13.46%)

- 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!
- This course is really educational and helpful in terms of learning about competitive programming.
- Very helpful course for interview preparation.
- The grading process was very fair and Professor Lim organized the entirety of the class quite nicely.


6 - Instructor: Organization and Preparation

Yongwhan Lim

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.86		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	0	0.00%					
Very Good	(4)	6	13.64%	■				
Excellent	(5)	38	86.36%	■				
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
44/52 (84.62%)				4.86	0.35	5.00		

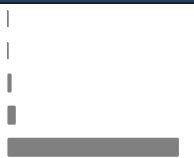
7 - Instructor: Classroom Delivery

Yongwhan Lim

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.66		
Fair	(2)	1	2.27%					
Good	(3)	2	4.55%	■				
Very Good	(4)	8	18.18%	■				
Excellent	(5)	33	75.00%	■				
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
44/52 (84.62%)				4.66	0.68	5.00		

8 - Instructor: Approachability

Yongwhan Lim

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.91		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	1	2.27%					
Very Good	(4)	2	4.55%	■				
Excellent	(5)	41	93.18%	■				
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
44/52 (84.62%)				4.91	0.36	5.00		


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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)	4	9.09%	■				
Excellent	(5)	40	90.91%	■				
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
44/52 (84.62%)				4.91		0.29		5.00

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

Yongwhan Lim

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Yes	(1)	35	87.50%	■				
No	(2)	5	12.50%	■				
				0 25 50 100	Instructor			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
40/52 (76.92%)				1.13		0.33		1.00

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11 - If so, please explain why

Yongwhan Lim

Response Rate 25/52 (48.08%)

- 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,
- The support and lecture quality from the instructor was amazing. Also, he is really responsive to any type of communications (course-related questions, career coaching, and so on).
- Professor is soooo nice!
- He is really generous and warm-hearted. He truly care about our career success!
- He truly cares about his students and have a consistent desire to improve himself and course!
- Professor Lim is a very nice instructor. He is very willing to help us outside of the course, and his material is also very helpful to me.
- He is too good and caring about the students. I believe that distinguishes him from other faculty.
- Professor Lim cares a lot about each and every one of his students. Now, I know this is true for every teacher at Columbia but I feel that Professor Lim's approachability was one-of-a-kind. Rather than a teacher, I thought of Professor Lim as a mentor and a friend who cared deeply about my success going forward. Even now, after finishing his class, I am looking forward to staying in touch with him and continuing to discuss job opportunities, career growth, etc as I graduate and move on in life.
- Professor Lim did a great job on teaching this course and I've learned a lot.
- Professor Lim is super smart, nice and helpful. His course is the most practical course that I've taken in Columbia.
- Great delivery of lecture
- Great teacher with passion and patience.

12 - Overall Quality

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			TA		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	3	10.00%					
Very Good	(4)	6	20.00%					
Excellent	(5)	21	70.00%					
				0 25 50 100				
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median		
30/52 (57.69%)				4.60	0.67	5.00		

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12 - Overall Quality

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	5	17.24%					
Very Good	(4)	6	20.69%					
Excellent	(5)	18	62.07%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
29/52 (55.77%)				4.45		0.78		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)	8	13.56%					
Very Good	(4)	12	20.34%					
Excellent	(5)	39	66.10%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
				4.53		0.73		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)	2	6.67%					
Very Good	(4)	7	23.33%					
Excellent	(5)	21	70.00%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
30/52 (57.69%)				4.63		0.61		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	13.79%					
Very Good	(4)	7	24.14%					
Excellent	(5)	18	62.07%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
29/52 (55.77%)				4.48		0.74		5.00

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13 - Knowledgeability

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Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.56		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	6	10.17%	■				
Very Good	(4)	14	23.73%	■				
Excellent	(5)	39	66.10%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
				4.56		0.68		5.00

14 - Approachability

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.57		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	4	13.33%	■				
Very Good	(4)	5	16.67%	■				
Excellent	(5)	21	70.00%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
30/52 (57.69%)				4.57		0.73		5.00

14 - Approachability

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.41		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	6	20.69%	■				
Very Good	(4)	5	17.24%	■				
Excellent	(5)	18	62.07%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
29/52 (55.77%)				4.41		0.82		5.00

14 - Approachability

Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%			4.49		
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	10	16.95%	■				
Very Good	(4)	10	16.95%	■				
Excellent	(5)	39	66.10%	■				
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
				4.49		0.77		5.00

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15 - Availability

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	4	13.79%					
Very Good	(4)	5	17.24%					
Excellent	(5)	20	68.97%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
29/52 (55.77%)				4.55		0.74		5.00

15 - Availability

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	1	3.45%					
Good	(3)	5	17.24%					
Very Good	(4)	5	17.24%					
Excellent	(5)	18	62.07%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
29/52 (55.77%)				4.38		0.90		5.00

15 - Availability

Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	1	1.72%					
Good	(3)	9	15.52%					
Very Good	(4)	10	17.24%					
Excellent	(5)	38	65.52%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
				4.47		0.82		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)	3	10.00%					
Very Good	(4)	6	20.00%					
Excellent	(5)	21	70.00%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
30/52 (57.69%)				4.60		0.67		5.00

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16 - Communication

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	5	17.24%					
Very Good	(4)	6	20.69%					
Excellent	(5)	18	62.07%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
29/52 (55.77%)				4.45		0.78		5.00

16 - Communication

Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Poor	(1)	0	0.00%					
Fair	(2)	0	0.00%					
Good	(3)	8	13.56%					
Very Good	(4)	12	20.34%					
Excellent	(5)	39	66.10%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
				4.53		0.73		5.00

17 - Does this TA communicate effectively in English?

Akhil Ravipati

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Yes	(1)	23	76.67%					
No	(2)	0	0.00%					
N/A	(3)	7	23.33%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
30/52 (57.69%)				1.47		0.86		1.00

17 - Does this TA communicate effectively in English?

Brian Paick

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Yes	(1)	22	75.86%					
No	(2)	1	3.45%					
N/A	(3)	6	20.69%					
				0 25 50 100	TA			
Response Rate				Mean		STD		Median
29/52 (55.77%)				1.45		0.83		1.00

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17 - Does this TA communicate effectively in English?							
Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick							
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means		
Yes	(1)	45	76.27%	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div>1.46</div></div>		
No	(2)	1	1.69%	<div><div></div></div>			
N/A	(3)	13	22.03%	<div><div></div></div>			
				02550100	TA		
Response Rate				Mean	STD	Median	
				1.46	0.84	1.00	

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

18 - Comments	
Brian Paick	
Response Rate	2/52 (3.85%)
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18 - Comments	
Akhil Ravipati, Brian Paick	
Response Rate	
<div><div>• <3</div><div>• Good!</div></div>	